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ANACHER, GREAT FORRESTER OF FLANDERS

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WHILE making historical investigations for Mr. Volney W. Foster, of Evanston, Ill., I found that no adequate genealogy of this very prominent and important family had ever been compiled. In collecting data for his branch I secured much of the other branches, and finally decided to compile this volume, which was done after a year's work. A number of small pamphlets in relation to the various branches of the Fosters have been printed, and have been available. Town, city, county, State, and probate records have been examined, from which much valuable information has been obtained, and many heretofore disputed points settled. The work makes a volume nearly double the size of the one contemplated, and includes all Fosters whose ancestors were in this country prior to 1700. The history of the English branch is intensely interesting, and the Americans may well feel a pride in their ancestry.

The arrangement of the matter is the same style as in my former publications; copied after the style in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, it is the simplest, best, and most comprehensive. My thanks are due to all those who have so generously aided me in this compilation, and especially to Volney W. Foster, Evanston, Ill.; Mrs. Silas A. Pierce, Grafton, Mass.; F. L. Ora, Esq., Chicago, Ill.; Frederick Foster, St. Paul, Minn.; Seymour Morris, Chicago, Ill., and others.

Very truly,

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ORIGIN OF THE NAME FOSTER.

THE first that is known of the name Foster was about the year 1050, when Sir Richard Forester, called then by his Latinized name, Forestarius, went over to England. He accompanied his brother-in-law, William the Conqueror, and his father, Baldwin the IV, the forester, called "Le Debonnaire," whose wife was Adela, daughter of Robert, King of France, and participated in the victorious battle at Hastings.

We find the name first Forester, then Forester and now Foster. In France it is Forester; in low Latin, Forestarius, from Foresta, a wood. In old German it is Forestari, Forstare and now in Germany we find it Vorstare. The meaning is, one who has charge of a forest or forests; one who has charge of growing timber on an estate, as in Gesta Romanorum, p. 226: "I am forester of the Emperoures in this forest." Or one who lives in a forest or wild wooded country.

"Where foresters and shepherds dwell."—Wordsworth's White Doe of Rylstone.

Or, a forest tree as in Evelyn Silva: "This niceness is more conspicuous in flowers and the herbaceous offspring than in foresters." Or, a member of the benefit society so called. It has within its pale some hundred thousand members.

The Encyclopedic Dictionary has this: Foster, v. t. and i. [a. s. fostrian from fostor, fostor—nourishment; from foda—food; cogn. with Dan., fostre—to bring up; foster—offspring; Icel., fostr—nursing; fostra—to nurse; Sw., foster—Embryo; fostra—to foster.]

A.—Transitive.

1. To feed, to nourish, to support, to bring up, to nurse.

"Some say that ravens foster forlorn children."—Shakespeare, Titus Andronicus.

2. To promote the growth of; to sustain and promote; to forward.

"Western winds do foster forth our flowers."—Gascoigne; Complaint of Philomelie.

3. To encourage, to pamper.

"A prince of great courage and beauty, but fostered up in blood by his naughty father."—Sidney.

4. To cherish, to harbor, to indulge; as to foster ill-feeling.

B.—Intransitive: To be fostered or brought up together.

Crabb, in Eng. Synom thus discriminates between to foster, to cherish, to harbor and to indulge: "To foster in the mind is to keep with care and positive endeavors; as when one fosters prejudices by encouraging everything which favors them; to cherish in the mind is to hold dear or set a value upon; as when one cherishes good sentiments, by dwelling upon them with inward satisfaction; to harbor is to allow harm in the mind, and is generally taken in the worse sense, for giving admission to that which ought to be excluded; as when one harbors resentment by permitting it to have a resting-place in the heart; to indulge in the mind, is to give the whole mind to, to make it the chief source of pleasure."

Foster, fostre, fostra—a nurse or foster mother or father, a fosterer.

"God was my foster, / He fostered me / Under the book of the Palm tree."—Longfellow.

Foster, forester. A contraction of forester in which form it still exists as a proper name. It is several times used by Spenser, and is found in the romance of Bavis of Hampton. Percy explains the word as: "Foresters of the King's Desmesne" (Nares).

"A foster was he soothly."—Chaucer.
Lower's Family Names.—Foster—sometimes a contraction of Forester; but there is an origin at least equally probable; viz., fosterer, one who feeds and has the charge of children instead of their parents. "When a gesithcund- 
man left his land, he was at liberty to take away his Reeve, his smith and 
his child's Fosterer." Laws of Ina, King of Wessex, Thrope, i, 145; Arch-
EOLOGY, xxxiii, 277.

Prof. John Fiske, the most eminent historian in the country to-day, in writing 
to the author in relation to the origin of names, says: The origin of surnames is 
not perfectly clear. The largest and most familiar groups of surnames are either 
(1) patronymics, such as Johnson, Jones, Wilson, etc.; or (2) names of villages and 
estates, such as Washington, Frothingham (a corruption of Fotheringham), Green-
ough (green field), Holmes (meadow), Etherston (Adder's Stone), Stanley (stony 
pasture), etc.; or (3) names descriptive of occupation or social position, such as 
Mason, Carpenter, Franklin (country squire), Baker and its feminine Baxter, 
Thatcher and Thaxter, Weaver and Webster, Draper, Smith, Fletcher (arrow-
maker), Chapman (merchant), Cooper, Butler, Cartwright, Sargent, Waterman, 
Sawyer, Chandler, Bishop, Abbot, Clark, Constable, Spencer (steward), Grosvenor 
(chief huntsman), Woodward (forest-keeper), Youmans (yeoman), etc.

The earliest use of family names in England was about the beginning of the 
eleventh century. Long before that time, indeed, clan names were common, and such 
were always patronymics, e. g., Fotherings, the descendants of Fother; Beormings, 
the descendants of Beorm; Icklings, the descendants of Ickel. At the time of the 
Anglo-Saxon conquest of Britain (fifth and sixth centuries) it was customary for a 
clan to settle in a stockaded village by itself, and all English towns whose names 
end in ham or ton, preceded by ing, were originally the abodes of single clans; e. g., 
Birmingham, home of the children of Beorn; Icklington, town of the children of 
Ickel. Besides these general clan names no others were in use except individu-
al names, such as Alfred or Edith.

The use of family names, beginning in the eleventh century, increased slowly. 
It was not until the fifteenth century that such names became nearly universal, and 
also stationary. At first they were shifting in usage. Thus, the same man might 
be called Henry Wilson, because his father was named William, or Henry Frothing-
ham, because he lived at the village of Fotheringham, or Henry Draper, because of 
his occupation. If the son of this Henry were named Robert, and were any kind of a 
worker in metals, from an armorer to a blacksmith, he might be known as Robert 
Harrison or Robert Smith. Surnames had not ceased to fluctuate in this way until 
the fifteenth century, and it was not until late in the sixteenth that more importance 
began to be attached to the family surname than to the individual baptismal name. 
It appears, therefore, that in tracing back the Foster genealogy into the ninth cen-
tury, we are approaching the time at which difficulty must arise from fluctuations of 
surname. In the thirteenth century we should be quite likely to encounter such 
confusion and to find the helpfulness of surnames in tracing genealogies vastly 
reduced.

Surnames derived from estates or localities seem to have been the first to be-
come stationary, and next after them the surnames derived from trade or office, 
since sons have so commonly followed their fathers in business.

We are at first struck with the fact that barbarians commonly use such names, 
both for individuals and for clans. Such individual names as Grey Wolf or Yellow 
Raccoon often owe their origin to some personal peculiarity or to some irrecoverable 
incident. Among American Indians, and in general among barbarians all over the 
world, the clans are apt to have such names as Wolf, Eagle, Salmon, Turtle, etc.; 
the totem, or symbol of the Wolf clan, the idol or image of its tutelar deity, is likely 
to be a rude image of a wolf or wolf's head; and in many cases the clan is supposed 
to have had a wolf for its first ancestor.

Shall we say, then, that animal surnames in modern English are survivals of 
ancient heathen clan-names? To this view there seems to be a serious objection. 
The conversion of our English forefathers from heathenism to Christianity was 
completed in the seventh century, at least four hundred years before the earliest 
use of surnames in England. The old clan system, moreover, had crumbled to 
pieces long before the Norman Conquest. It is not likely, therefore, that habits of 
 naming characteristics of the old heathen clans could have persisted long enough to 
give rise to a whole class of surnames so late as the eleventh and twelfth centuries.

Between the ancient systems of totem devices and the heraldry of the Middle 
Ages there were many analogies and doubtless some points of connection; though, 
on the whole, the former must be regarded as the predecessor of the latter, not as
its ancestor. The medieval heraldry was growing up in England during the eleventh and twelfth centuries, and it made an extensive use of conventionalized heads of familiar animals, not merely lions, wolves, and bulls, but many kinds of bird and fish, as well as such imaginary creatures as dragons, griffins, and cockatrices. For example, Lucy is the heraldic name for pike, and the shield of the De Lucy family bears on a field gules three lucies or. From this emblem the family surname is likely to have arisen, just as Geoffrey Plantagenet was so called from the sprig of broom or genesta plant worn in his helmet. The familiar name of Pike, as well as that of the Puritan magistrate, Sir Thomas Lucy, who arrested Shakespeare for poaching, has probably come from the heraldic use of pikes or lucies.

The explanation which serves for one of this class of animal surnames might perhaps serve for all; but there is another point to be considered. Heraldic devices were used not only upon banners and coat-of-arms, but also upon signboards, not merely of inns but of other places of business. In days when reading and writing were not common accomplishments, such devices were in general use, and they survived down to a recent time. For tavern signs they are not yet extinct. In old times, as often at the present day in Europe, the shop and the homestead were usually contained in the same building. Thus in the seventeenth century the father of John Milton, who was a solicitor, notary public, and law-stationer, had his office and his home in a certain house known as the Spread Eagle, in Bread Street, Cheapside. Over the front door was the figure of an eagle with outstretched wings. For four or five centuries before Milton's time, in going through any town, you would have passed by a succession of such signs of hawks, cranes, dolphins, salmon, lambs, and bulls, thus finding your way to the particular shop and homestead of which you were in quest. The principle upon which the signs were chosen is not always obvious. Sometimes a family name may have suggested the sign, as if a man named Crow were to paint a black crow over his door; but in early times the sign undoubtedly preceded and suggested the name. The family which dwelt at the sign of the crow came to be called Crow, in the same way that a family which dwelt at a country house called Greenough or Greenhalge (green field) came to be called by the name of the house.

THE EARLY FORESTERS.

Below will be found the English and Flemish ancestors of Reginald Foster and undoubtedly of all the other emigrants to Massachusetts in an early day, and in fact every one now bearing this name in the world. The first of the name was:

1. ANACHER GREAT FORESTER of Flanders died in 1806, had son.

2. BALDWIN I, OF FLANDERS (Anacher Great Forestre), the Forester called "Iron Arm" on account of his great strength, some say on account of his being constantly in armor. He married the Princess Judith, daughter of Charles, the Bald, King of Aquitena and Neustria, or in other words the greater part of modern France. He built castles at Bruges and Ghent to defend the country against the Normans. He died at Arras in 877, and was succeeded by his son.

3. BALDWIN II, OF FLANDERS (Baldwin I, Anacher Great Forestre), the Forester, married the Princess Alfrith, daughter of Alfred the Great, King of England. He made war against Endes, Count of Paris, who usurped the French crown and defeated him. He died in 970 and was succeeded by his son, Arnulf of Flanders, the Forester, who was succeeded in 985 by his son.

4. BALDWIN III, OF FLANDERS (Baldwin II, Baldwin I, Anacher Great Forestre), the Forester, called "of the handsome beard," married the daughter of

*See Galway, Ireland, "Vindicator" of Oct. 20, 1866, for genealogical chart of the Blake Forester branch.

† Charles II, the Bald, King of France, was son of Louis I, the Pious, King of France, who was son of Charlemagne, Emperor of the West, who was son of Pepin le Bref, King of France, who was son of Charles I, King of France.
the Count of Luxemborg. He was a great warrior and defended his country against the united forces of the Emperor Henry, King Robert of France and the Duke of Normandy. He died in 1024 and was succeeded by his son, A. D. 1191, a party of

5. BALDWIN IV (Baldwin III, Baldwin II, Baldwin I, Anacher Great For- ester), the Forester called "Le Debonaire," married the Princess Adela, daughter of Robert, King of France, by whom he had issue.

6. i. BALDWIN V, the Forester.

7. ii. ROBERT FORESTER, surnamed "the Frislander," from his having conquered the Principality of Frisland.

8. iii. MATILDA or Maud, m. William I, surnamed the Conqueror of Eng- land. William, Duke of Normandy, was born in 1024. He was surnamed the Conqueror, from his triumph over Harold at Hastings, on the 14th of October, 1066; and was crowned King of England by Al- dred, Archbishop of York, at Westminster Abbey on the 29th of De- cember in the same year. His children were: 1. Robert, surnamed Courthouse, successor to the Duchy of Normandy, d. at Cardiff Castle, Feb. 19, 1134. 2. Richard, killed by a stag in the New Forest, and d. a youth. 3. William Rufus, successor to the crown of England, known as William II, d. Aug. 2, 1100. 4. Henry, successor to the crown of England, after his brother, known as Henry I. He d. from eating too freely of lampreys Dec. 2, 1135. 5. Cicely, who took the veil at the monastery of Fescamp, and was afterward abbess to the Holy Trinity at Caen, where she d. in 1145. 6. Constantia, m. Alan Pergnat, Earl of Brittany, and d. Sept. in 1126. 7. Alice, contracted to Harold. 8. Adela, m. Stephen, Earl of Blois, and d. c. ch. 9. Agatha, d. umm., but betrothed to Alphonzo, King of Galicia. 10. Gundred, m. William de Warren, Earl of Surrey, and d. May 27, 1085.

9. iv. SIR RICHARD FORESTER, called in those days by his Latinized name of Forstarius. Sir Richard and his father, Baldwin IV, passed over to England with his brother-in-law, William the Conqueror, and received the honor of knighthood after the decisive battle of Hastings, being then in his sixteenth year, from whom sprung the Foresters of Etherston and Bamborough Castle in Northumberland, and the Blake Foresters of Ashfield and Knockmoy Abbey, County of Galway and Inchoery Castle, County of Clare.

The Forester family were the principal chieftains in Northum- berland and allied by marriage with all the eminent northern families, viz., the Fetherstones, Grays of Chillingham, the Fenwicks, the Lord Barous of Hilton, the Mitfords, Barons of Mitford, from whom the Earl of Redesdale, the Collingswoods of Dislington, the Radcliffes, Earls of Derwentwater, the Haggerstons of Haggerston; the Russels from whom the Duke of Bedford, and others too numerous to mention. Many of the family were distinguished for their deeds of chivalry and warfare, in the battles and sieges of the Saxons, and the Sieges of the Saracens, having sallied forth and surrounded King Richard, he would have been overpowered and made prisoner had not Sir John Forster, who seeing from a distance the danger in which the King was placed, pushed forward with cowed lance followed by his retainers shouting, "To the rescue! a Forester! a Forester!" The King then cut down the Saracen leader whose troops retreated before Sir John, who for his bravery and timely assistance received from King Richard a grant to bear a Chevron vert on his shield. There is a monument to his memory in Bamborough Abbey bearing his effigy in full armor. In a song on the battle of Otherbowne, in 1238, the Foresters are placed first of the clans mentioned:

"The Forster, Fenwick, Collingwood, the heroes of Renown,
High in the ranks of Lord Percy, the war axe hewed down,
The Percies in that vengeful fight, both were prisoners taken,
But for the Douglases' dead body were yielded up again."

The Forsters of Bamborough Castle were Lords of Blanchland in Northumberland, and for several generations they were Knights Bannerets, Lords Warden of the Middle Marches, High Sheriffs of Northumberland and hereditary Governors of Bamborough Castle from the reign of James I to that of George I. The Forsters of Etherston—the head of this house—from whom those of Bamborough
descended, won their honors on the field of battle; and their descendants, of Huntdon (Hunsdon), by their profound skill in legal knowledge, Sir Richard Forester, the son of Baldwin IV, was succeeded by his son.

10. SIR HUGO FORESTORIOUS OR FORSTER (Sir Richard, Baldwin IV, Baldwin III, Baldwin II, Baldwin I, Anacher Great Forester), who marched against Magnus, King of Norway, when he invaded England A. D. 1161. In the battle that ensued King Magnus was slain and his troops routed. Sir Hugo d. in 1121, leaving issue.

11. i. SIR REGINALD. He was knighted by King Stephen for his valiant conduct at the battle of the Standard, fought Aug. 22, 1158. He died in 1156, leaving a son and successor.

12. ii. SIR HUGO, a person of great eminence during the reign of King Stephen, who appointed him Chief Guard of the Royal Forests of England. In 1152 he witnessed a deed in Northumberland in which he is styled Foresturious (the Latinized name of Forster). He bore for arms a shield argent, three bugs or stringed gules.

13. SIR WILLIAM FORSTER (Sir Reginald, Sir Hugo, Sir Richard, Baldwin IV, Baldwin III, Baldwin II, Baldwin I, Anacher Great Forester). He took an active part in suppressing two formidable insurrections that broke out in Wales A. D. 1153 and again in 1165. In 1166 he took his departure for France, the people of Brittany having rebelled against their Duke Conan, but the insurrection was quelled by Henry II with his usual promptitude, and afforded him a pretext for taking the government into his own hands. Sir William was then about returning to England, but Henry becoming involved in hostilities with Louis VII he remained and took part in all the engagements; but the war terminating by the peace concluded at Montmirail, Jan. 6, 1169, he returned to England and d. in 1176. He was succeeded by his son Sir John.

14. SIR JOHN FORSTER (Sir William, Sir Reginald, Sir Hugo, Sir Richard, Baldwin IV, Baldwin III, Baldwin II, Baldwin I, Anacher Great Forester). He accompanied Richard I to Palestine, where he received the honor of knighthood for his valor. He was one of those who compelled John to sign the Magna Charta in 1215. He d. in 1220 and was succeeded by his son.

15. SIR RANDOLPH FORSTER (Sir John, Sir William, Sir Reginald, Sir Hugo, Sir Richard, Baldwin IV, Baldwin III, Baldwin II, Baldwin I, Anacher Great Forester). He accompanied Prince Richard, brother of Henry III, to France in 1225, the Prince being sent by the King for the purpose of regaining his French provinces. After a year's fighting an armistice was agreed upon, but the French King dying before its expiration, the hostilities were again renewed, but ended in very little result. He d. in 1256 and was succeeded by his son.

16. SIR ALFRED FORSTER (Sir Randolph, Sir John, Sir William, Sir Reginald, Sir Hugo, Sir Richard, Baldwin IV, Baldwin III, Baldwin II, Baldwin I, Anacher Great Forester). He assisted Prince Edward after his escape from the rebel barons in raising an army for the purpose of releasing his father, Henry III and Prince Richard from their confinement, and was appointed one of the King's officers. Having collected his army Prince Edward fought the battle of Eversham Aug. 4, 1265, in which he was victorious. Sir Alfred received the honor of knighthood on the battlefield. He d. in 1284 and was succeeded by his son.

17. SIR REGINALD FORSTER (Sir Alfred, Sir Randolph, Sir John, Sir William, Sir Reginald, Sir Hugo, Sir Richard, Baldwin IV, Baldwin III, Baldwin II, Baldwin I, Anacher Great Forester). He fought at Bannockburn in 1314, and d. in 1328 and was succeeded by his son. His descendants were great chieftains, many being knighted, and being closely allied to the Royalty in Scotland, Ireland, Wales and England. Sixty-one (61) of this family held the offices of mayors or sheriffs of the town of Galway. Frances Blake Forster left five (5) children, two (2) sons and three daughters, who still survived and one of whom, Capt. Blake Forster, J. P. of Forster Street House in this city (Galway) and Bally Keale, County Clare, is the present (1866) head of this (Blake Forster) family. There is a monument to the memory of Sir John Forster (of the time 1190) in Bamborough Abbey, being his effigy in full armor. Sir Reginald's son was:

18. SIR RICHARD FORSTER (Sir Reginald, Sir Alfred, Sir Randolph, Sir John, Sir William, Sir Reginald, Sir Hugo, Sir Richard, Baldwin IV, Baldwin III, Baldwin II, Baldwin I, Anacher Great Forester). He fought at Cricy Aug. 25, 1346, and at Poitiers Sept. 19, 1356. He was knighted for his valor. He d. in 1371, leaving a son.
19. SIR WILLIAM FORSTER (Sir Richard, Sir Reginald, Sir Alfred, Sir Randolph, Sir John, Sir William, Sir Reginald, Sir Hugo, Sir Richard, Baldwin IV, Baldwin III, Baldwin II, Baldwin I, Anacher Great Forster). He took an active part against the French for Henry V, by whom he was knighted. He was succeeded by his son.

20. SIR THOMAS FORSTER (Sir William, Sir Richard, Sir Reginald, Sir Alfred, Sir Randolph, Sir John, Sir William, Sir Reginald, Sir Hugo, Sir Richard, Baldwin IV, Baldwin III, Baldwin II, Baldwin I, Anacher Great Forster). He was of Etherston Castle, Knight, b. 1397, married Joan Elwerden, co-heiress to the Earldom of Angus, which is now in abeyance. He was succeeded by his son.

21. SIR THOMAS FORSTER (Sir Thomas, Sir William, Sir Richard, Sir Reginald, Sir Alfred, Sir Randolph, Sir John, Sir William, Sir Reginald, Sir Hugo, Sir Richard, Baldwin IV, Baldwin III, Baldwin II, Baldwin I, Anacher Great Forster). He was knighted, and married the daughter of Petherstonbaugh, of Stanhope Hall, Durham, Chief of the Fetherston clan. This family is of Saxon origin, and was seated at Fetherston, in Northumberland, before the Conquest; that part of the country having been allotted to its progenitor, a Saxon officer, for his gallant conduct against the Britons. The house in which the family resided was formerly upon a hill, where were two stones—called fether stones. The house was destroyed and a new edifice erected under the hill, which valley was locally denominated a haugh, hence the name Fetherstonbaugh. Sir Thomas' children were:

22. i. SIR THOMAS. He was knighted, was of Etherston, and married the daughter of Lord Baron Hilton, of Hilton Castle. His children were:

24. i. Sir Thomas, m. Dorothy Ogle.
25. 2. PATRICK.
26. 3. ROGER.
27. 4. REGINALD.
28. ii. SIR ROGER.
29. 24. Sir Thomas, Sir Thomas, Sir Thomas, Sir Thomas, Sir William, Sir Richard, Sir Reginald, Sir Alfred, Sir Randolph, Sir John, Sir William, Sir Reginald, Sir Hugo, Sir Richard, Baldwin IV, Baldwin III, Baldwin II, Baldwin I, Anacher Great Forster). He was of Etherston, Knight, who was High Sheriff of Northumberland in 1564, and also in 1572 married Dorothy, dau. of Ralph, Lord Ogle of Ogle, and Baron of Bothall of Bothall Castle by Mary his wife, daughter of William Gastroigne of Lawthrop, Knight in Yorkshire. His children were:

28. i. SIR THOMAS FORSTER, m. Feorina Wharton.
29. ii. SIR JOHN FORSTER, Knight of Bamborough Castle.
30. iii. REGINALD, who left only a daughter.
31. iv. ROLLAND, who left only a daughter.
32. v. ROBERT, ancestor of the family of Forsters of York, Baronets.
33. vi. ELIZABETH.
34. vii. AGNES.
35. viii. DOROTHY, who m. Henry Neville, b. of Sir John Neville of Levassy.
36. 28. Sir Thomas, Sir Thomas, Sir Thomas, Sir Thomas, Sir Thomas, Sir William, Sir Richard, Sir Reginald, Sir Alfred, Sir Randolph, Sir John, Sir William, Sir Reginald, Sir Hugo, Sir Richard, Baldwin IV, Baldwin III, Baldwin II, Baldwin I, Anacher Great Forster). He was a Knight of Etherston, married Feorina, dau. of Thomas, Lord Wharton of Wharton. He was of Adderstone, High Sheriff of Northumberland. Will dated April 4, 1589, and had children:

36. i. SIR THOMAS FORSTER.
37. ii. CUTHBERT FORSTER, m. Elizabeth Bradford.

36. i. SIR MATTHEW FORSTER, knighted April 24, 1617.
37. ii. THOMAS FORSTER of Brunton Esquire, who m. Margaret Forster, dau. of Richard of Zungwell Hall, Esquire, and had one dau., Elizabeth: he married

*The Ogle family, is of very great antiquity in the county of Northumberland in England. Sir Robert Ogle, Knight of Ogle, was the eighth in lineal descent from Humphrey Ogle who settled at Ogle at the Conquest; his wife was the daughter of Lord Bothall.
2nd. Elizabeth Carr, dau. of William Carr of Ford, Esquire, and will dated June 19, 1648, and had issue.

40. 1. EPHRAIM FORSTER.
41. 2. JOHN FORSTER.
42. 3. REGINALD FORSTER m. Judith—and Mrs. Sarah Martin.

THE FORSTERS OF BAMBOROUGH AND ETHERSTON.

Sir Walter Besant, the celebrated English novelist, has written an intensely interesting novel entitled "Dorothy Forster." Of the family history in his second chapter he has this to say:

There are in Northumberland (one may thank heaven for it) as many Forsters as there are Fenwick's, and more. First it hath been said (but irreverently) the Lord may add to them; and then he made the Forsters. They are, indeed, as ancient a family as any in the county, as ancient in the county as the Percys, who belong also to Sussex, or the Radcliffes, who came from Cumberland. The ancient and original seat of the Forsters from time immemorial has been at Etherston, which is being interpreted, the Adder's Stone. An old ring of the family, now in possession of John Forster, Esquire, of Etherston, commemorates the origin of the name, being shaped like a twisted viper with tail in mouth, and set with a precious stone. There is a snake or dragon connected with many old and illustrious families. The legend of the Forsters' adder is lost. Mr. Hillyard once made for me a ballad or a song about it, but so full of knights, shepherds, nymphs, and cool grots (of which there are not many in our part of the county), that I thought it fantastical, although ingenious: The shield of the Forsters is: argent: a chevron vert between three bugle horns stringed gules, and for crest a bent arm and a hand bearing a broken lance. The Etherston quartering is also argent: on a bend cottised sable three martlets. The motto is "Si fractus fortis;" but, like the Fenwicks, we have our family legend, namely,—

Let us dearlie then holde
To mynde ther worthines
That which our parents olde
Had left us to posses.

There are branches of the Forsters everywhere; at Bamborough, at Stokesley in Yorkshire, at East Bolton, at Tuggall Hall, at Aldermanston, in Berwick, in Jamaica, descended from Claudius, nephew of Sir Claudius Forster, in London, and I know not where else. With these branches we have nothing here to do, save to mention them with respect as flourishing offshoots of a brave old stock. Especially however to be considered is the noble branch of Bamborough, founded by Sir John Forster, the valiant and trusty Warden of the March, under good Queen Elizabeth for twenty-seven years, and Governor of Bamborough Castle. It was to his son, Sir Claudius, that King James made a grant of the castle and manor. This made him a man of greater importance than his first cousin, Mr. Forster, of Etherston. Yet it is a proud thing to be the head of the house, which will ever be the happiness of the Forster who holds Etherston.

They have always been, like most Northumbrian families, blessed with numerous progeny. One of them had twenty-one sons and a daughter; being unsurpassed in this respect, even in Northumberland, except by Sir William Swinburne's father, who, to be sure, had thirty children. How great a happiness to bring up so many valiant sons to fight England's enemies and maintain the glory of the country! By marriage, especially before the Reformation, into which many noble Houses of the North would never enter, the Forsters were connected with nearly every family of gentle birth in the North; videlicet, Lords Crewe, Wharton, Hilton, and Ogles, the Radcliffes, Shaftes, Swinburnes, Chaytors, Selbys, Herons, Carnabys, Crasters, Ridleys, Fenwicks, Salkelds, Greys, of Chillingham and of Howick; Coles of Bracepeth, and Ordes. By marriage with a Radcliffe, the Forsters of Bamborough acquired the Manor of Blanchland; and by marriage with a
Selby, that of Thornton. One of the Forsters was Lord Chief Justice of England, another was a puisne judge; many of them were sheriffs and knights of the shire. Their history is, in a word, part and parcel of the history of Northumberland itself that is to say, of the great and glorious realm of England.

This book is written for no other purpose than to set forth the true character of a gallant and honorable gentlemen which hath been much defamed; and especially by one who hath eaten his bread, drunk his wine and received many favors at his hands. The name of this gentlemen is Thomas Forster, generally called the Younger. It was he who commanded the princes English forces during the unhappy Rebellion. The hand which writes his history is that of his sister. She is unpracticed in the penman's art, therefore unskilled in the trick of making the false appear the true. Yet she can narrate faithfully the things which happened, she can show hypocrites and villains, stripped of their disguise, the horrid wretches which they are, and she can tell how gallant gentlemen and loyal subjects of the lawful sovereign of these realms (whom God may restore!) were betrayed to their own undoing.

No one should be able to speak of a man so well as his own sister. As for his wife she knows him only when he has arrived at manhood, and has no knowledge of the time when he was a stripling, inexperienced and ignorant, though perhaps full of brave intentions, or a boy at school under ferule and discipline, or a curly-headed laughing child. The sister remembers the growth of her brother's mind; she has watched (if she be an elder sister) the hesitations of the boy, his first doubtful flights, seeming, like the needle when the compass is shaken, to incline now here, now there, until it settle toward a steady north, as toward the straight and narrow path of honor which leadeth to heaven. To a wife a man presents himself completed; at his best; like a finished work, a picture framed, a poem written and printed. As for myself, it is true that I remember not my brother Tom as a child, because he is older than myself, but I knew him as a young man while he wore his own hair still tied up by a ribbon, and went about dressed in gay sagathy and woolen stockings, and great thick shoes for week-day use; with broadcloth and silver buttons, thread stockings, silver buckles in his shoes, and a silk ribbon for his hair on Sundays and holy days. A brave and gallant lad he was, better at hunting than at reading, fonder of sport than of books, hearty with all, ready with a laugh and a friendly word with rich and poor; and gifted with a natural love for friendliness, companionship, and good-fellowship, which made him beloved of all. He is dead now, and his fortunes broken and gone, and his enemies may say, as in the Otterbourne Ballad:

Now we have carry'd all Bambrughshire,
All the welthe in the world have we.

Many have drawn comparisons between Mr. Forster and his gallant companion-at-arms, Lord Derwentwater, who, it must be owned, drew all hearts by qualities as rare as they are admirable. But she makes bold to maintain that if loyalty, fidelity, and courage may command respect, then we must give respect to the memory of Mr. Thomas Forster. These virtues were conspicuous in him, as in all his line. Like a river in a champaign country which runs evenly between its banks, so is the race of Forsters like the River Coquet, which is now deep, now shallow, now gliding through open fields, now running under rocks, now under high hanging woods, is the race of the Radcliffes: and, like that river, they are most beautiful just before the end.

The father of this Thomas Forster was Thomas Forster, commonly called the Elder, of Etherston. He remained a private gentleman, taking no office until after the death of his cousins of Bamborough. Then he became sheriff of the county and, between the years 1706 and 1710, knight of the shire. In the House of Commons he made no greater figure than a gentleman of Tory and High Church principles generally desires to make. Thus he was never a prater, nor did he waste the time of the House with idle talk and argument, being always well advised beforehand which side was the right, whose arguments would be the better, and prepared to vote, when called upon, with his friends. He, therefore, acquired the respect which Parliament is always ready to accord to members who sit silent and vote with their party. It would, indeed, have pleased him best could the measures have been brought forward silently, and voted without any speeches at all. It was a poor reward, he said, for the fatigue of a journey from Etherston to Newcastle, and from Newcastle to town, to sit out a long and tedious debate, when one's mind was already made up, and argument can produce no more effect than swanshot on the back of a tortoise. He married, while in his twenty-first year, his second cousin Frances, daughter of Sir William Forster of Bamborough. By her he had issue,
nearly, Thomas Forster, aforesaid; John, who is now the possessor of Etherston; Margaret, the eldest of the family, married to Sir William Bacon, of Staward; Elizabeth and William, who both died young; and Dorothy. It was the misfortune of these children that their mother, who was as virtuous and prudent as she was beautiful, died while they were all of tender years, and Dorothy, but a little Jassie, indeed, too young to feel the blow which fell upon her, and too ignorant to join in the resentment which filled the breasts of her elders when her father, forgetting the incomparable virtues of the wife he had buried, married a second time. This marriage lasted but a short while, ending most tragically in the shooting of madam. Would not one think that any man would plainly see in the death of two wives the plain injunctions of Heaven to wed no more? Yet my father tempted Providence and married a third time, his wife being now a certain Barbara Lawes, from the South Country, whose birth was not such as to warrant this elevation and who understood not the Northumberland people, or their speech or their ways. She brought her husband two children, Ralph, who lived to be thirty years of age, and Mary, now married respectfully to Mr. Proctor.

As to my father, he was the easiest and kindest of men; all he asked for in the world was rest and a quiet life; to this he was surely entitled by reason of his birth, his fortune, and his good health. As for his fortune, it was moderate; an estate, some few hundreds a year, and a house as good as any, except the great castles in the county. Etherston Hall is a mile or so from the little hamlet of Lucker and four miles from Bambrugh. It is a large, square house, as full of modern conveniences as any gentleman may desire; the sitting-rooms are wainscoted with walnut wood; it has sash windows, glazed with crown glass, which make the rooms light and pleasant in all weathers; there are stoves to burn a coal fire, as well as andirons for wood; in the parlor where we took our meals there was a high-backed chair for madam, and a great oaken settle for my father, who loved the wooden seat of the North Country, with its cupboard below, in which were kept all kind of stores there was a shelf of books if any wanted to read; there were stillroom, dairy, and great cellar well stocked with ale, both small and October, wine, both French, Spanish, and home-made, and whisky, brandy, and Hollands. Outside there was a stately garden full of fruit trees and planted with every kind of flower, fruit and herb; and to screen the house from the cold north and east winds there was a thick plantation, call it rather a small wood or copice, containing all the trees that afford thick foliage and shelter, as, outside, firs and pines, and within, yew elms, sycamore ash, rowan, and so forth. Why, my father would say, looking around him, "there is no better house in Northumberland for the entertainment of one's friends, nor, upon my word, doth a pipe of tobacco anywhere taste so well, whether it be in the settle by the fire, or in the garden beneath a tree. Go fetch me one, Dorothy my girl." Seeing how much he loved to be at home it may be thought surprising that he should have endured so long the fatigues of Parliament, the discomforts to a country gentlemen of living in London, and the burden of the long journey to London and back again. Yet a gentleman must not shrink from the duties imposed upon him by his position, and when it became necessary for him to become knight of the shire, he accepted the office with courage.

I have no cause for repentance as regards the Fifth Commandment, and am easy in my conscience concerning my duty to my father. The Fifth Commandment, although it hath been held by some to enjoin submission to all one's superiors in rank, fortune, place, affinity, or age, yet surely was never intended to include step-mothers. If it was, Heaven forgive the Forsters, for they have greatly sinned. Still, without seeking, like Adam in that pitiful excuse of his, to shift the blame upon another, it is not unjust to say that the beginnings of the quarrels were generally made by madam, who desired to rule her step-children, now growing tall and beyond her control, as if they were still little ones, and her own. My sister Margaret, the eldest, a girl of uncommon spirit, was quite able to hold her own. Perhaps madam was wrong when she charged her with inciting the younger ones to disobedience, but I am sure that Tom was right when he, grown too big to be beaten, even by his father, stood between madam and his little sister Dorothy, swearing that he would not let madam lay finger upon her, whether she deserved it or not. Let her go beat her own children as much as she pleased.

"Dame," cried her husband, when madam complained, "must I forever be going about with a whip in my hand, like an overseer in a negro plantation? Do you let the children alone, and they will let you alone."

Then would she sit glum in a corner till Dorothy went to ask pardon, and all for a time would go well again, and over a pipe of tobacco and a pot of October my
father would talk with Tom about his horses and his hounds. When my sister Margret married and went away, the household became more peaceful. Between Tom and Dorothy, she being a child and he a lad who was always ready to promise anything, besides that he regarded his younger sister with singular affection, it was presently arranged and understood that when they grew up they would live together away from Etherston House, and quite apart from madam. The compact was made long before it seemed likely that it would ever be carried out; but then, who knows the decrees of Fate? Nothing, according to the French proverb, is more certain than the unforeseen.

"We will live together," said Tom. "Cheer up, Dorothy. We will go and live somewhere as soon as I come of age to do what I please. Then madam will have no one to flout but Jack—poor Jack!"

It is sad to remember the quarrels which occurred daily between these jealous children and their step-mother. She would rush into my father's presence loud in complaint, scolding like a mad woman, though perhaps it was but a mere trifle, calling loudly for rods and whippings, lamenting the day that ever she came into a house where the children were so disobedient, upbraiding her husband for his lack of severity, and calling on the precepts of Solomon, what is nowhere so clear as on this point of punishing children. (Yet Reboboam, who was, no doubt, very soundly flogged, did not turn out altogether such a son as the wisest of men and fathers could regard with pride.) On the other side stood Tom and Dorothy, she hanging her head and holding her brother by the hand; he angry, flushed, with fiery eyes, meeting accusation with denial or with charges of his own. When the angry wife flung out of the room, the poor father would turn a perplexed face to his children.

"It is hard," he would say, "that a man cannot come home and hang up his wig and find peace without quarrels and fault-findings. Tom, you villain, why anger madam?" Dorothy, child, go ask pardon for both, and then sit down and let us be happy."

Peace was attained presently when, in a happy day, Mr. Hilyard came to the house. No one, before his arrival, understood how to treat the fancies of a whimsical woman, to humor her prejudices, and to keep her in good temper. Of Mr. Hilyard more presently. For the moment, sufficient to note that my father soon learned to trust in him for the maintenance of an unclouded sky at home; my step-mother looked to him for such personal services and attentions as were necessary to keep her in good temper; my brother Tom, for such money (to be begged of my father) as he wanted for his personal pleasure; Jack, for mediation in order to save him from punishment; and Dorothy, for amusement and instruction, combined with the fingering of the spinet, of which she was always fond, and over which she attained, thanks to Mr. Hilyard, a proficiency (she may fairly say) equalled by few. There was never, sure, such a tutor in any family as Mr. Antony Hilyard.

By my mother's side we came from the Bambarough Forsters, a branch of the family more distinguished in the world than the mainstock, and remarkable for the gifts of politeness and love of learning. Madam Frances Forster was the elder daughter of Sir William Forster, of Bambarough and Blanchland, by Dorothy Selby, his wife, daughter of Sir William Selby, and granddaughter of Ferdinando, Lord Fairfax. There were nine children of this marriage, viz., William the eldest, who married his second cousin, Elizabeth Pert Forster, but died in 1698 without issue (she afterward married Lord Stavell, and enjoyed a charge of £50 a year upon the estate); John, the second son, who died unmarried in 1699, aged thirty-one years; Ferdinando, of whom more immediately; Frances, my mother; and Dorothy, the youngest, whose birth caused the death of her mother.

This Dorothy, my aunt, grew up a most incomparable beauty, the equal of whom was not to be seen anywhere in the county. In those days, and until the death of Ferdinando, there was open house kept at Bambarough, with so much company and such prodigality and lavishing of good things as no other house in the county could show. It was ever a distinction between the Forsters of Etherston and those of Bambarough, that the former were quiet gentlemen, lovers of home, and not profuse of expenditure, while the latter were large-handed, hospitable, and never so happy as when they were spending money with open hands and both hands. True, they had a great estate. Sir William first and his sons afterward lived as freely as if they had an endless revenue. They were not spendthrifts, nor did they throw money away in riotous living; but they lived at a great rate; their house was always open for any one who chose to enter; their stables were full of horses; their cellars full of wine; their rooms full of company; grooms and valets in plenty lived upon them; they even went to London. Madam, I remember, was forever wonder-
ing how the Bamborough people could afford, even with their means, this great expense, and looking forward to a sudden end with the satisfaction at other people's misfortunes which makes many women rejoice to play the part of that Trojan princess who constantly foretold disaster. But she was one of those who concern themselves continually with the affairs of other people, and are never so well pleased as when they have some one's fresh misfortune to discuss, or some certain disaster to foretell.

To the beautiful Dorothy the coming and going of fresh company meant the arrival and dismissal of so many lovers, for all men fell in love with her at first sight. Those who were too old lamented their youth; those who were married wished they were single for her sake; those who were rich trusted in their acres; those who were poor hoped she would accept their poverty. In a word, they all with one consent began to ask her in marriage before she was seventeen years of age. But she would have none of them, not from pride, nor from a desire to make a great match (because, being a Forster, she knew that she could marry no one better than a plain Northumberland gentleman), but because she was young and happy, contented to wait single for a while, and because of all the lovers there was none who touched her heart.

"My dear," she said once long afterward, to her niece, "a maid so young is simple and expects more than she can get; this man is too tall, that man too short, another too fat, another is boorish, another drinks too much wine, another has a hasty temper—as if she must needs have a man made on purpose for her. The gentlemen pleased me well enough to converse with, though sometimes they were coarse in their talk (a thing which gentlewomen cannot too strongly reprehend), but I liked not the prospect of spending my whole life with any one of them all. I desired, in short, more than a plain gentleman can be expected to give. Heaven hath granted my desire, save for one small particular, which, perhaps, I forgot to pray for, or I might have had that as well. My husband, most admirable in all other respects, had lost what many young women would prize the most—his youth. Yet he gave me a great place and high rank, with great learning and piety, beyond what may be looked for, even in a bishop; wisdom more than one expects, even in the House of Peers; and, my dear, unfailing love and consideration for woman's weakness, which is as rare as it is delightful." And with that her beautiful eyes filled with tears, but not of sorrow.

For there came to Alnwick when she was staying in their house in that town, being then but just eighteen, the great Bishop of Durham, Lord Crewe, upon a confirmation. Perhaps, but I am not sure, she was herself confirmed by him on that occasion. He was then fifty-six years of age, and, though there is so great a disparity between fifty-six and eighteen, and between a grave bishop and a giddy maiden, his lordship fell in love like any young country squire with Dorothy, and proposed to marry her. To me it seems a truly awful thing to marry a bishop of the English church, and I am not surprised that Dorothy refused him. Being still in her youth, she was naturally inclined to gayety, mirth, laughter, dancing, and the company of the young, which is a quite sufficient reason for her refusal, and we need seek no further. Yet it was a great match, for he was not only Bishop of Durham (that is, a Prince Palatine, with power to appoint his own sheriffs, and almost sovereign in his own diocese), but he was also a great statesman (he had made many enemies in his political career), and, besides this, a peer of the realm by birth and succession, the only member of his sacred profession who could boast of that distinction.

When his lordship found that his suit did not prevail he went away, and presently married a widow—Penelope, the relict of Sir Hugh Tynne. But when, ten years later, she died, he found that he still remembered the beautiful Dorothy—probably he had never forgotten her—and he again offered her his hand and title.

"Child," she told her niece, "when one arrives at twenty-eight, the pleasures of youth have all been tasted. I had been to London, and seen the glories of the Park, the theater, the Row, the gaming-table, and the town of London. Nothing is solid, I had already learned, except the joys of rank, dignity, and wealth. When my lord came to me again he was, it is true, ten years older—he was sixty-six—but I assure you that he bore himself still with the uprightness and strength which most men show at forty, having no shadow of ailment or weakness, or touch of infirmity. I was, therefore, sensible of the great honor he proposed to me when he asked me again to become his wife. My dear, that venerable hand which I presumptuously rejected at eighteen I accepted with gratitude at eight-and-twenty, and have had no reason since for a single day to regret my decision. Pray Heaven my lord hath continued to regard his marriage with the same feeling of satisfaction!"
Of that, indeed, there could be no doubt, because the bishop remained to the end an ardent lover.

Such then, was the family of the Forsters—a goodly trunk, with many vigorous boughs—their original seat at Etherston, with many stately houses and broad lands, belonging to the off-shoots and younger branches: a house received with the respect due to an equal by all the great Northumbrian families, one which is numbered among those whose origin mounts to the time of the Conqueror or earlier. Their name is not like that of the Fenwicks or the Swinburnes, of territorial origin, but is, perhaps, a corruption of Forster. They were, Mr. Hilyard says, the family who first seized upon the Forest, or they were the King's Forsters. In the old times, when they were always fighting, there was need of as many as could be produced, for the men were mostly doomed to early death fighting on the Border, and the women, more to be pitied, doomed to mourn for husbands, sons, and brothers. So that to both alike fate was unhappy. But that time has passed away. There is peace upon the Marches; and if wicked men stir not up the waters of strife, it is a time for sitting every man beneath his own fig-tree, his wig hung upon one peg, and his sword upon another; his helmet placed beside his forefathers' monuments in the church, above the old coat of mail; a pipe of tobacco in his mouth, a brown tankard of October cider upon the table, with him a friend or two, and talk grave or cheerful, as the time and mood may suggest, while the sun slopes westward, and the shadows lengthen, and the dark crypt of Bamborough Church draweth nearer every hour.

The way in which Tom Forster, junior, of Etherston, became Tom Forster, of Bamborough, was as follows:

On August the 22d, in the year of grace seventeen hundred and one, Mr. Fernando Forster, the youngest and only surviving of the three brothers, Member of Parliament, was entertaining a company of gentlemen to dinner at the Black Horse Tavern in Newcastle. Now, there had been anger (for what reason I know not, and have never heard) for a long time between Mr. Forster and Mr. John Fenwick, of Roch. It has always been maintained that Mr. Forster was a gentleman of easy and cheerful disposition, who bore no malice, and was unfriendly to no one; also that he was ready and willing to an amicable settlement of their differences whatever they might be, hating nothing so much as bad blood, and being ready to forgive private injuries so far as his honor would allow. Unfortunately Mr. Fenwick was of an opposite temperament, being choleric, vindictive, and hot-headed. Also, conceiving that he had been wronged, he went about demanding vengeance, and breathing threats whenever he should meet his adversary. Was it not, therefore, a most unfortunate accident that he should be in Newcastle on that same August morning? And what should be said of the mischievous wretch (reported to be Mad Jack Hall) who informed to this angry man that his enemy was at the Black Horse? Neither he rushed, maddened by his great wrath, and bursting into the room where Mr. Forster sat with his friends, did assail him with reproaches, insults, curses, and foul names of so outrageous and intolerable a kind that there was nothing for a man of honor to do but (having first called upon his friends to take notice that the quarrel was forced upon him) to rise and follow the aggressor into the open street. At the White Cross they stood, and both drew their swords. Mr. Hall, who had followed Mr. Fenwick, drew his sword as well, with intent to act as second. Just then, before the weapons had crossed, Mr. Forster's foot slipped, and he fell upon the stones. What followed is dreadful to tell, and shows how rage may even make an honorable gentleman blind and mad. For Mr. Fenwick, without awaiting for his adversary to recover, or to be in a position to defend himself, instantly ran him through the heart, so that he fell dead. It has always been said that Mr. Hall should have prevented this cruel murder by striking upon Mr. Fenwick's sword with his own, and there are not wanting those who call him as much a murderer as the unhappy man himself who did the deed. I know not how this may be; but so much is certain, that nothing afterward ever prospered with Mr. Hall; but he was pursued with continual disaster to the day of his violent and untimely end—a clear mark of Heaven's displeasure. They seized Mr. Fenwick red-handed, so to speak, and lodged him in prison. A month later he was led forth and hanged for the murder—a melancholy and disgraceful end for a gentleman of his birth and fortune.

The intelligence of this terrible crime was brought to Etherston by Mr. Hilyard the next day. He lay at Bamborough that night, and so heard the news among the first. Madam was sitting in the garden with the two boys, and Dorothy, Tom being then seventeen and Jack five years younger.
"Alas!" she cried, when she heard the news—the children looking at each other in amazement, not knowing what to say. "Alas! sure some great wickedness, boys, must have been committed by your mother's family. First it is John, then William, and now Ferdinando; all gone in three years. Of nine children there remains but one. These things, we are assured, are visited upon the third and fourth generation. Tom, it would become thee to repent, lest it be visited upon thee as well."

"When I find out what I am to repent of," said Tom, sullenly, because he loved not to hear the least reflection upon his mother's family, "I will repent. My mother's family have brought some but honor to us, as far as I know. Meanwhile, there is some credit in being worth notice. Now, a Lawes might steal a pig and be hanged for it, and his grandchildren never a penny the worse."

"With submission, madam," Mr. Hilyard interposed hastily, to prevent further words, "this crime may lead to your step-sons's singular advantage. For, if Mr. Ferdinando had left no will, I mistake much if the estates do not devolve upon him, or upon him and Lady Crewe together."

"Will Tom have Bamborough?" madam asked. "Then he must not have Etherston as well. That," she added, thinking of her own son, not yet born, "should be divided among all the other children, however many there may be. The law is unjust as regards the younger sons. No woman would ever be a second wife did she know how her own children would be served."

"I doubt not, madam," said Mr. Hilyard, "that should the occasion arise, his honor will prove as just and as generous as you would desire."

"Their father," madam replied, tossing her head, "would give all to Dorothy had he his own way. When justice is to be done, Mr. Hilyard, come to me about it."

"As for me," cried Tom, the brave lad, his face suddenly flushing "it will be my business to avenge the death of my uncle. What! The breath only just out of his body, and we are talking of his succession!"

"Nay," said Mr. Hilyard. "as for the murderer, he is in prison; they say that he will be tried for his life. Let me advise you rather to keep this melancholy story before your eyes as an example, never to be forgotten, of the danger of ungoverned wrath, which Lactantius calls a cruel tempest of the mind. Thus, as is recorded, began the madness of Ajax."

They brought the body of Mr. Forster to Bamborough, and buried him in the crypt below the chancel. It was observed that no longer procession had ever been known at the funeral of any one; nay, it is even said that when the coffin was borne into the church, the tail of the long line of mourners was yet a whole mile away from the porch, and they had to wait till all had reached the church, though all could not find room within, before they began the words of the Funeral Service. The chief mourner was my brother Tom, and after him my father, at the head of so great a gathering of Forsters that you might think them an army in themselves. Then came the county gentlemen and private friends, and lastly the tenants and the common people, who wept tears of unfeigned sorrow, for they had lost a landlord and friend of a kind heart, although one who spent at a great rate and lived beyond his income. The foxhunters gave their brother sportsman the last view holloa, as one fires a volley over the grave of a soldier; and the Manor House provided a noble supper for all the mourners, of high and low degree, with as much drink of all kinds as their grief could crave, so that few, indeed, departed sober from that last tribute of respect to the murdered man.

It was proved to be as Mr. Hilyard thought, Mr. Forster had made no will. Therefore, the Bamborough estates fell to Lady Crewe and Tom as co-heirs, each to take a moiety.

"Dorothy," Tom cried, "what we agreed to do shall be done. As soon as I am of age, and can go to live at the Manor House, thou shalt come too, and we will live together."

A noble inheritance indeed, even if one only had a moiety or half part! Not only did it include the manors of Bamborough and Blanchland, but also the rectory and monastery of Sholette, the manor of Thornton, houses at Alnwick and elsewhere, fishing rights on Tweed and Derwent, and presentations to four livings and chaplaries. Tom never wearied of enumerating his lands and possessions.

"As to her ladyship," he said, "she may have children and she may not. If she have none, then the whole will be mine. And whatever happens, we shall live in the Manor House, Dorothy, and we will have a noble time—you and I together. She has a dozen palaces and castles; she will surely not grudge me the simple Manor House of Bamborough."
But as yet he wanted three years of twenty-one, and for the present he must needs have patience.

Presently, little by little, there began to leak out uncomfortable reports that all was not as it should be with the estate. For first he heard of a charge of £350 a year in favor of Will Forster's widow—a monstrous and most greedy jointure, truly, when one considers that on many estates as large a poor £40 a year is all that a younger son or daughter may look for. Next he heard of a rent-charge of £600 a year created by the late Sir William Forster to pay for some of his profuse expenditure. This was bought up by Lord Crewe, no doubt at her ladyship's expressed desire, for £10,000. But the bishop was one of the most wealthy men in the kingdom, and could well afford even so great a sum. Here, however, was a goodly cantle cut out of the estate. Half the annual rent gone at once. Tom, for his part, showed little or no concern about it. "There remains," he said, "another £600 a year, beside the houses. There is a good deal to be done with the half of £600 a year. And I am the heir of Etherston as well." He looked on his heritage of Bamborough as a means for living as he wished until the Etherston property fell in.

Yet he ought to have felt that there is a sad falling-off from the £1,600 or so of revenue enjoyed by Sir William to the enjoyment of only a moiety of £600 a year. There were other creditors and claims upon the estate also, of which we knew nothing and, happily as yet, suspected nothing for some time.

The heir of both Bamborough and Etherston was a much more important person than the heir of Etherston alone. Lady Crewe, who, to speak the truth, took little notice of her sister's children while her brothers were living, now showed a very particular interest in Tom, and wrote many letters upon his course of life, both to him and to his father. She begged earnestly that he might go to Cambridge, pointing out that, although her nephew's inclination lay not so much, as she understood, in the direction of books, it would be well for him to make the acquaintance at that ancient seat of learning of the young men, his contemporaries, and to learn how matters of importance are regarded outside Northumberland. Tom went to St. John's College with Mr. Hilyard for his tutor. Here, however, he remained but three or four terms. Then her ladyship pointed out that a country gentleman has to become a magistrate, so that it is most desirable for him to know law, and entreated him to enter at Lincoln's Inn, and reside in London for a part of each year, in order to study the Acts of Parliament and the powers of a justice of the peace. To this, however, Tom objected, saying that his father and his grandfather had been justices without going to Lincoln's Inn, or knowing any law at all, and that, to his mind, a gentleman should not dirty his fingers with the quibbles and shifts of lawyers. In this he continued, although he was reminded that one of his cousins had been Sir Thomas Forster, Justice of Common Pleas under King James I., and another, Sir Robert Forster, no less than Lord Chief Justice of England under Charles I. Then Lady Crewe wrote another letter, in which she clearly told her nephew that his rusticity and that of his friends was such as to unfit him for the posts of distinction open to the owner of Bamborough (her brothers, indeed, especially Ferdinando, had been gentlemen of most courtly and finished manners, acquired in the most polite society of St. James's), and that if he would neither study law nor letters, it behooved him, under proper tutelage, such as that of Mr. Hilyard, to travel into Italy, and so to acquire the manners of the great world. I knew not at the time, and none of us were courtiers enough to discern, that her ladyship, in taking all this trouble, was endeavoring to make her nephew understand that it was her design to make her nephew, the successor of her brothers, no loser by their expenditure, provided only he would show himself worthy of her bounty.

This project she never abandoned, being always most jealous for the honor of the Forsters, although the events which followed prevented her from carrying it into effect. Yet Tom was so foolish as to fall into a great rage upon receiving this letter, alleging that, as for his manners, he was not ashamed of them, and they were those of his father and his friends, that he was not for his part going to become a London beau, and as to traveling in foreign parts, to be sure the prince was in France, but what had an English gentleman to learn from a set of many French and scurvy Italians? And as for distinction and the holding of high posts, he might show her ladyship some day that he was as capable of distinguishing himself as any man in Northumberland rusticity or no rusticity.

"Thou wilt not be guided by the wisest of women, boy," my father said. "She is the wisest of women because she is led by the wisest and most crafty of men. Thou wilt neither to London nor to foreign lands, though here is Mr. Hilyard longing to go with thee. Well, stay-at-homes have little wit; ignorance breeds conceit;
I have myself been to London and seen the Court, but as for you, Tom, thou art pure rustic. Besides, though I am a simple and unlearned person, content to stay at home, they will not, I fear, suffer thee the same liberty. "For thou hast more to lose, and where the carcass is thither the eagles gather."

Then Lady Crewe privately exhorted Mr. Forster to take care lest his son, through ignorance of the world, should be tempted into some rash enterprise, like that of Sir William Fenwick, who was executed for treason in the year 1690; to remember that fierce spirits were always abroad, endeavoring to stir up immature risings, and to hatch foolish plots for the destruction of unhappy gentlemen; and to be assured that though her own favor and that of her husband would be continued to her nephew should he move prudently, that favor would certainly be withdrawn should rashness plunge him into difficulties with the Government, with much more to the same effect.

"Her ladyship is right," cried my father. "None so hot for the sovereign as my lord bishop till King William comes to the throne. Then he must needs run for it and try the air of France. Running is a very noble exercise when you are young. My lord is out of favor now, and he is getting old, and would fain stay where he is, and I think he would like to taste once more the sweetness of court smiles, but still one who loves the old house. This should be the safest plan, Tom. Be guided by the bishop. He will never go over to the other side, and yet he will never put his neck in the noose. Wherefore my son, remember that conspiracies are hatched by men who have got nothing to lose; it is easy for an Irishman who has got his neck and little else to talk wild and vapor, but for us, who have a name and an estate which we have held together for seven hundred years and perhaps more, the risk is too great. I do not say, neither, that we are to turn Whigs. We who fought for the Stuarts stand by them still. They made my grandfather sheriff and knight; they gave Sir Claudius the Manor of Romborough; saving our religion—and our estates, Tom—and our estates, boy, mind that—we follow the Stuarts always. When the voice of the country is clearly for the prince, the Forsters will come with the rest. But when thwacks are going, let those who began get first their share of the hammering, while we stand by and see which way the battle is likely to go. Therefore, when thou art of age, Tom, take care to write nothing, to promise nothing, to sign nothing. As for what may happen, we know nothing. The Dutchman hath no children: let us wait; the Princess Anne may follow but we know not. Let us wait, and meantime lie snug all."

However, there were two years to wait before the coming of age, which was in the year 1702. By consent of Lady Crewe, Tom was allowed during this time to use the Manor House as if it was already his own, and many were the days which we spent in the old place, sometimes with Mr. Hilyard for tutor and companion, spending whole weeks there. The house was not larger than Etherston Hall, but it was, in a way, more splendid. There were portraits on the walls of Sir Claudius his nephew, Sir William, his three sons, the wife of the eldest, my own mother, and the beautiful Dorothy. Truly there never was a more lovely and charming face than that of this portrait, the original of which I had as yet never seen except when a baby. It represented her at the age of twenty or twenty-one. She had a face round rather than oval; a sweet, rounded, dimpled chin; a mouth more like a rosebud than the lips of a woman; light brown, curling hair, lying in a cluster about her forehead, which, Mr. Hilyard said, was too ample for the Greek idea of beauty, their Venus being low of forehead; the nose was full; the eyes were dark brown, and of a singular brightness. (I reflected with inexpressible joy, when looking upon this sweet face, that my own eyes were of the same color and brightness, and my own hair of the same hue, and the same tendency to twist and curl itself about my forehead.) When gentlemen, past the age of thirty or so, came to the Manor House, they gazed at the portrait and sighed, remembering her beauty, and thinking, no doubt, how great a thing it would have been to marry so lovely a woman. When the young men came, they looked upon the portrait with such wonder as they might experience in looking upon that of Helen, Cleopatra, or fair Dido. "She moves," said Mr. Hilyard, "a goddess confessed. Never, since those fair women of old, has there been her like. Sometimes I think that Sappho may have had those eyes, which are yours also, Miss Dorothy; and Lucretia that look, in which you greatly resemble your aunt; and Venus herself that dimpled chin, which I am glad to see remains still in the family."

There were other portraits, but these were the best. The house itself is of two stories, and is built in the modern fashion, having square sash windows, two on one side the door and one on the other. It looks from
the front upon a triangular green, planted with a clump of trees, having a pant at the end, and a field at the base. On the right is the church, and on the left is the broad street leading to the castle. At the back is a garden, not so big or so well provided as that of Etherston, because, by the seaside, everything will not grow; but it has a great store of herbs and fruit trees, with currants, gooseberries, and strawberries in season, lavender and other plants for strong waters and perfumes, and herbs for medicine, though Nature hath been so benevolent as to plant things, for suffering man's solace in every hedge, so that, though there is plenty of tooth-ache in the world, there is also plenty of trefoil, yarrow, and groundsel root; and, though none may catch a cough, there is no fear of using up all the ground ivy; and, though men will cut themselves, their wives can gather for nothing as much comfrey, self-heal, and valerian as will cure their wounds.

A goodly garden and ancient, with a trim lawn as well, on which bowls could be played; and a sundial, which had marked the flight of time for many hundreds of years; and a fountain which was stopped, and would work no longer till Mr. Hilyard set it going; and then one marveled how we could have found the garden perfect without the pleasant splash of that jet of water and its rainbow sparkle in the sun.

In every season—summer, winter, or autumn—it was pleasant to walk in the garden, and to look over the low wall at the end of it, and the green meadow beyond it, across he broad sea which stretches away till sea and sky meet. A stormy sea it is when the northeast winds blow, and many have been the wrecks upon the rocks and islets off the shore. To live in the Manor House was in itself a help to cure our rustic ways of thought and speech. For not only were there portraits, but also pictures brought from abroad, pictures of Roman Catholic saints—there was a martyr, I remember, set up as a target for the arrows of his persecutors—of hunting parties, of battles by sea and land. Mr. Hilyard would stand before these pictures and discourse with great learning to me upon the Italiens, Spanish, French, and Dutch schools, and the chief merits of each. There was also tapestry, but not much. Mr. Hilyard told me of the famous tapestry wherein is represented the Norman Conquest. There was a cabinet full of curiosities brought home by travelers in foreign parts—among them a stone picked up in the Garden of Gethsemane, and a garland of thorns bought in Jerusalem. This cabinet afforded Mr. Hilyard the opportunity of many a discourse. There were also books—not one shelf only, as we had at Etherston—but many shelves. There were Baker's "Chronicle," Holinshed's "History," Sibbe's "Soul's Confidant," a volume of Jeremy Taylor, Camden's "Britannia," Grey's "Chorography," a "History of the Lives, Travels, and Sufferings of the Apostles," with pictures, very moving; Record's "Arithmetic," the "Marrow of Mathematics," Hartmann's "True Preserver of Health," Burton's "Melancholy," Drake's "World Encompassed," Evelyn's "Gardener's Almanack," the "Paradise Lost" of Milton, the Plays of Shakespeare, Bacon's "Essays," Quarles's "Emblems," Butler's "Hudibras," in which Mr. Hilyard greatly delighted—I know not why, because I could never read it with pleasure—and a great many more. I read in most of these books, and, I hope, sucked as much profit from them as was to be expected of a girl. To be sure, I had beside me always a most patient, learned, and kind commentator, who spared no pains to make me understand obscure passages, and to illustrate places which, before he spoke of them, seemed unintelligible. An ignorant reader is like a poor man with empty purse, who walks along a valley strewn with diamonds and precious stones, which he neglects because he knows not how priceless are the stones beneath his feet. Pity it was that Tom would neither read nor listen.

On Sundays, when we all went to church in the morning, there was a great and noteworthy difference after Tom became the half owner of Bamborough. For, as often happens in old churches, this of ours was divided and parcelled out among the gentry. The north transept belongs to the Greys of Howick, the south transept to the Radcliffe's, although they are Papists; the north part of the nave belongs to the ministers, the south to the Forsters of Etherston, and the chancel to the Forsters of Bamborough. While, therefore, my father, with madam and Jack, and the children, sat in their pew below the pulpit, Tom, and I with him, and Mr. Hilyard, because he was the tutor, walked proudly into the chancel and sat in a great pew raised three feet above the ground, so that you mounted by steps. The seats were lined with red velvet, very worn. Above us hung our own scutcheon, showing the Radcliffe Neurde-lis among the Etherston martlets; on the other side was the great marble monument of Sir Claudius, who died at Blanchland; and, hanging on the wall, the helmet and iron coat of some other Forster long since dead and gone.
Beside us was the stone effigy, with crossed legs, of Sir Lancelot du Lac, concerning whom Mr. Hilyard had a great deal to say, as to whether he was not a Forster, and thus misnamed from the tradition of some great exploit or deed of arms.

It is an old and crumbling chancel. Among other things it contains an ancient window, through which the unhappy lepers outside could formerly see the elevation of the Host within. Separating chancel from nave is an open screen of carved white stone, a good deal broken. When we stood up for the reading of the Psalms and the singing of the hymn I could see through this screen the back of the vicar at the reading-desk, and in the pew below the pulpit my father's best Sunday wig in the crispest curl, and madam's hat and ribbons. Beyond the pews of the gentlefolk were the seats of the common people, worn black and shiny by generations of the humble worshippers. I suppose that in Heaven there are no velvet-lined pews, with steps to mount, and stools to keep one warm in winter; but it seems fitting thus to separate gentle and simple, and doubtless even in Heaven there are degrees—one cannot understand that a prince and a scullion will ever sit side by side. As for me, I confess that it was with great pride that I sat beside Tom in the chancel, reflecting that, although my father was the head of the older stock, the noblest and best of the family came from Sir John, the great Warden of the March and Governor of Bamborough Castle—the most splendid possession of his grandchildren.

There was never a day, when I was at the Manor House, but I passed some of it within the old walls, clambering, exploring, and running from one broken chamber to another until I knew every chamber and every vault in the great pile. When I climbed the broken stairs and stood upon the giddy top of the half-roofed keep, I used to look around me with such pride as a Percy should feel at Alnwick or at Arundel. I was prouder even than my brother of the stately place, though he never wearied of rehearsing the greatness of his folk. A noble castle, indeed! This is none other than the Castle of King Ida, called the Royal House. King Edwin lived here; miracles were worked here by saints for the preservation of the castle; William Rufus sat down before it; David Bruce was a prisoner in it; the breaches in the broken walls were caused by the cannon of the Yorkists. Why, whenever I read the history of England in Holinshed or Baker, I turned over the pages and looked out the places where the castle is mentioned, and then my foolish heart would glow with pride. But surely there could be no more delightful place for a young girl's playground and place of meditation. The keep alone remains entire out of all the towers, bastions, forts, and strong places which once stood here; but their ruins still stand. In some places there are broken stone steps leading up to chambers whose floors are gone, windows gaping wide, and roof long since torn off; in others there are deep dungeons, open now to the light of Heaven. At night, I used to think, the groans of dead prisoners still ascend to the sky. From the top of the keep one may look out to sea and behold the Farnes lying beneath one as on a map; to the north is Holy Island, with its ruined church and castle on a hill; to the south is black Dunstanburgh, where the Seeker may be seen nightly by those who look for him; and inland lie the fields and woods belonging to the Forsters. In early summer the rock on which the castle stands, black and terrible in winter, is covered, wherever the least ruggedness affords space for a morse of earth, with tufts of grass and flowers. There are the thrift, the bell campion, and the trefoil, crimson, white, and blue, very pretty to look upon. Later on, the sandhills, about which the rabbits keep running all the year round in thousands, are covered with flowers of other kinds, the names of which I knew and their properties, thanks to Nurse Judith and Mr. Hilyard.

Often Mr. Hilyard came here with me, telling out of his vast knowledge stories of the days when this place, now so silent and ruinous, was filled with knights and valiant men-at-arms, when the courts resounded with the hoofs of horses, the voices of the soldiers, and the clank of iron heel. He could restore the castle as it used to be, and would mark out for me the inner baiiy, the outer baiiy, the portcullis, the postern, the outworks, the chapel, the stables, the kitchens, and all, until in imagination I knew the castle as it was when the Percys were its governors. No others came to the old castle except myself and Mr. Hilyard; it was quite lonely and deserted. In stormy weather the waves leaped up to the very walls, while the gulls flew screaming and the wind whistled. In the evening, when the twilight fell, I would sit among the fallen stones, seeing in the shadows of the pile grim spirits of the dead, and hearing in the breeze the voices of departed saints, kings, knights, bishops, and prisoners, brave men, and fair ladies, whose ancient joys and sufferings made this place as sacred as the churchyard.

As for Tom, he cared little about the antiquity of the Castle or its past history,
his chief desire being for the time to arrive when he could call the place his own and be out of tutelage, and his principal occupation being hunting of fox and of otter, riding, shooting, fishing, badger-drawing, stalking the wild bulls of Chillingham, cock-fighting, dog-fighting, with the other manly sports in which young men delight. He took great pleasure, in those days, in the wild-fowl shooting on the islands; many a time he has taken me with him when he had no other companion (Mr. Hilyard's stomach being unable to stand the motion of the boat). Then we would sail through the waves to those wild and desolate rocks covered with the nests of the sea-birds which rise screaming from under the feet of the rare visitor. The cries of the birds, the whirr of their wings, the whistling of the wind, the dashing of the waves are the only sounds upon these lonely islands where St. Cuthbert built his hermitage. They are, indeed, a truly fitting place for the gloomy recluse, who (though doubtless a holy man) dared to call the half of the Lord's creatures unclean, and forbade a woman even to set her foot upon the place where he resided. Many pious women have gone into voluntary retreat and hermitage, but one never yet, I believe, heard of a woman thus speaking of man as to call him unholy or unclean. The walls of St. Cuthbert's house yet stand in ruins on his deserted island, but there are now no human beings within their shelter.

I learned to know all the birds by their flight, their cry, and their feathers—the St. Cuthbert ducks, who make nests of the seaweed, the Tom Noddies, the skouts, the guillemots, the shags, the kittiwakes, the gulls, the brockits, the rock pigeons, the sealarks, and the jackdaws who build in the rabbit-holes. In those days, who so brave and handsome as young Tom Forster, leaping lightly from rock to rock, fowling piece in hand, his long hair tied in a ribbon, and blown behind him by the sea breezes, his gray eyes bright, and his cheeks ruddy? What but a great and splendid future could await a lad so gallant? As for the girl that ran behind him, as agile as her brother, dressed in short petticoats and thick shoes with woolen stockings, she was a slip of a thing then, with dark brown eyes (like those of her aunt), and long fair curls flying under her hat. Her brother, though he sometimes swore at his grooms and thrashed the stable boys, never had a harsh or unkind word for her, nor she any thought for him but of tender and true affection. 'Tis pity it was that one of natural abilities so good would never read and acquire wisdom.

**BAMBOROUGH CASTLE.**

The English Home of the Fosters for Many Years—A Description of this Gigantic Medieval Castle—Of Its Interior and Exterior—Bamborough Church and the Buried Fosters—The Farne Islands.

Bamborough is on the eastern coast of Northumberland, about fifteen miles from Alnwick. The castle stands upon a rising eminence of basaltic rock, which at this point is of great thickness.

By some writers it is thought not unlikely that Bamburg was one of the Roman Stations in the reign of the Emperor Agricola. But be this as it may, there are no remains about the works of the present castle that will in any way bear out this supposition. It is not till the time of the Saxons that the page of history begins to dawn upon

"Ida's castle, huge and square."

This king began his reign in the year 550, and with his name the castle of Bamburg has for centuries been associated.

If there are no remains about the castle associating it with the Romans there is equally little to justify us in connecting it with the Saxons. But this is not surprising, as most of the defenses of that period were composed of wood.

It was not till the time of the Normans that a different state of things crept in, and when wood was superseded by stone.

About the earliest mention we have of Bamburg is by the venerable Bede, who says, "in the year 625 the nation of the Angels, living on the lands northwards of the Humber, with the king, Edwin, received the Christian faith through the mission of Paulinus, by whom the royal convert, with the nobility of his nation, and many
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people were baptized at York on the 12th April, 627," and that after this event the Holy Bishop tarried with Edwin for more than a month at the northern stronghold.

Bamburgh, "the royal burgh," is supposed to have derived its name from "Bebbas," one of the early queens of Northumbria. But its greatness, antiquity and renown is derived from the fact that it having been the place where the good Bishop Aidan spent much of his time.

Oswald had not been long on the throne ere he commissioned Aidan, one of the brethren of the convent of Iona, to instruct the people of his kingdom in the way of religion. Previous to this there was no church or altar in Northumbria.

In 651 the Mercians, under Penda, inflicted great hardships and cruelties upon the inhabitants. The invaders, on arriving before the walls, endeavored to take the place by surprise, but being thwarted in the attempt they next proceeded to encompass the fortress on the land side with wood and thatch, and setting fire to this, the flames suddenly rose above the highest towers and ramparts. Aidan, at that particular time, was upon the island of Farne, where he was wont to resort at particular periods, and anticipating the deadly havoc that would befall those within the walls, at once invoked the divine aid to counteract the subtle machinations of the enemy; nor were the prayers of the bishop allowed to go unheeded, for all of a sudden the wind became changed, which caused the flames to rage violently amongst the besiegers. This was regarded as an intervention on the part of Providence, as it had the effect of causing the siege to be raised.

It was at Bamburgh where one of the first Christian churches in Northumbria was reared, and within this small wooden structure Aidan was peacefully reclining when his spirit was summoned to "the abode of the just."

There can be little doubt that during the whole of the Saxon rule in this country, the castle of Bamburgh would play a very important part, often will it have shared in victory and adversity. There are instances in its history when its towers, walls and ramparts successfully resisted the attacks of the enemy. Its geographical position would betoken much strength and resistance, and in more recent times this was amply exemplified on the occasion, when for nearly three months it withstood the formidable assaults of the soldiers of Edward IV.

Bamburgh, like other neighboring towns, experienced in the past all the evils attendant upon civil and warlike commotions. On more than one occasion its walls and places of habitation were burnt to the ground, and the inhabitants subjected to the greatest cruelties, but most heroically were those infestions borne, for as soon as the storm was over there arose from the ruin a fortress stronger and more formidable than the one it supplanted.

During the Saxon times the castle was famous for the great advantages it possessed in the shape of a stronghold; this was chiefly owing to its situation. But great as the fortress was in those times, there can be little doubt that the castle at a subsequent period became still more famous for its walls and towers of defense. It is rather remarkable that a place so rich in lore and traditional associations should possess no remains of the sturdy Saxons who first settled within its domain, yet at the same time it must not be forgotten that Bamburgh forms no exception to the general rule, for of all the monuments raised in Northumbria by this brave people, very few now remain to tell of their existence. In the invasion of England, 1091, by Malcolm, King of Scotland, Bamburgh is brought into prominence, for it was here that Mowbray, Earl of Northumberland, took refuge when he refused allegiance to William II. A good deal of the masonry of the castle may be attributed to that period, notably the towers and walls facing the mainland.

The King and his army pursued Mowbray to the outer walls of the castle, but after tarrying a few days, they found it impregnable and consequently resolved to move southwards; but before leaving he took precautionary steps to guard and watch the movements of the insurgents. The King caused a wooden structure to be erected not far from the castle, and this was called "Malvoisin," which signifies the "bad neighbor," and in this town were quartered a number of soldiers. There can be little doubt but that Mowbray was fully aware that due vigilance was exercised by the King's troops over his movements, but he was not only a good soldier, but also fully cognizant of all the strategic qualities which go to make an experienced warrior. Endowed with such qualities he was not slow to take advantage of the position, but in this case he allowed himself to be entrapped in a net of his own making. Mowbray, by means of secret correspondence with the garrison of Newcastle, grew impressed with the idea that by a little effort on his own part he might easily make himself master of that town. Starting from Bamburgh for that purpose, and under cover of night, he had not journeyed far before he ascertained that
his movements were watched. Harassed and disheartened, the Earl, by the time he arrived at Newcastle, found the gates of the town closed against him, and being driven to despair he took shelter in the monastery of St. Oswin, at Tynemouth; but the King was so exasperated at his conduct that he wantonly disregarded the sanctity of the asylum by ordering his soldiers to drag him forth.

Mowbray, on his leaving Bamburgh, had committed the custody of the castle to one Moreal, and amongst the inmates was the Earl's wife. After several unsuccessful attempts on the part of the King to induce the garrison to surrender, he resolved upon a last resource, which was to lead Mowbray forth before the walls of the castle, there to be subjected to the torture of having his eyes put out. On this being communicated to the commander, the garrison at once surrendered. Moreal, for his bravery, received a free pardon from the King, but Mowbray was sent to the castle at Windsor.

In the conditions of peace between King Stephen and David I, the Earldom of Northumberland was settled upon Henry, David's son, but the castles of Bamburgh and Newcastle were reserved to the Crown of England. Amongst royal visits we find that King John spent three days at Bamburgh in 1201, and 1213 he again visited this northern stronghold. In the latter year the sum of £117, 8s. 4d. was spent in repairs about the castle, which was probably incurred by reason of the King's visits.

During the reign of Edward I, Bamburgh enjoyed all the privileges of a duly constituted borough. In addition to the holding of fairs, markets and other judicial powers, it returned two members to the Parliament held at Westminster, on the 13th November, 1295, and which was prorogued by Royal Writ to the 27th of the same month.

It was at this castle where John Baliol, King of Scotland, was summoned in 1296 to do homage to the King of England, and it was here in 1312 where the partisans of Henry de Percy induced Henry II to confer upon that nobleman the office of custodian of the castle.

After the battle of Durham, David Bruce, King of Scotland, was confined for a while at Bamburgh; and in 1355 the Earl of Murray, previous to being removed to the castle of Windsor, was retained here as a prisoner. In 1356 a convention was entered into between the King of England and the King of Scotland, and about this time there are several important transactions, all of which are dated Bamburgh.

In the wars of the fifteenth century, between the rival houses of York and Lancaster, Bamburgh is made to form the scene of some of the deadly encounters that were to determine the struggle. After the disastrous battle of Lawton, 1401, Henry VI and his queen sought refuge in Scotland, and although the fortune of the Red Rose was upon the wane in the southern parts of the kingdom, yet for all this, many a heart in the north country beat heavily for the cause of the deposed monarch, and this is most emphatically shown by the garrisons of the castles of Alnwick, Dunstanburgh and Bamburgh refusing to surrender to the troops of Edward IV, a determination that was not overcome till after the battle of Hexham, when all hope for the cause of Henry was blasted. For nearly three months Sir Ralph Grey, after the battle of Hexham, successfully defended the castle from the fierce attacks that were made against it by the soldiers of the King. It is estimated that at one time King Edward's forces amounted to upwards of 10,000 men, and it was not till the commander of the fortress had been bodily disabled by the falling of one of the towers that the garrison surrendered. The siege to which the castle was subjected during the fifteenth century may justly be regarded as one of the most disastrous that it ever had sustained. After the surrender of the castle by Sir Ralph Grey, it was found that the walls and ramparts had suffered very much from the onslaught; and this is the more apparent by the fact that in the 42d of Edward III we find that commissioners were appointed to examine and repair the great tower and other parts of the building, but from all accounts these repairs only appear to have been of a partial character, for subsequent events all go to prove that the castle after this period began rapidly to sink into decay.

In the time of Queen Elizabeth Sir John Forster, Warden of the Marches, was Governor of Bamburgh Castle, and in the reign of James I, Claudius, a grandson of Sir John, received from the Crown a grant of the castle and manor. After this a good deal of the history of the castle is associated with the Forsters.

Before making any further remarks concerning the Forsters, and their afterwards disposing of the castle and manor, we will give a brief outline of the celebrated fortress.

Of all the castles in the north Bamburgh may be said to be far superior to any other in regard to strength and position. The castle is built upon an overlying
mass of basaltic rock, and the whole of the buildings go to form a triangle. Adjoining the mainland the basalt rises very high, and judging from the walls that traverse this part of the line, there are indications that different parts of the masonry have at times undergone repairs, and this may have been caused by parts of the cliff giving way.

The principal entrance to the castle is by way of a steep embankment that runs in a winding direction by the south end of the building. At the latter stands the barbican, or outer gateway. On the northwest side of the walls stood the postern, or sally-port. At stated intervals the walls are strengthened and protected by towers and bastions, some of these being remarkable for their strength, boldness and uniqueness, and this is nowhere seen to greater advantage than in that finely conceived and almost impregnable pass that leads to the keep. As you enter by the barbican you will at once perceive how difficult it would be for an assailant to effect a foiling from this point. Independent of the approach by the keep being protected by a portcullis and two circular towers, it was also strengthened by a deep ditch, which was cut through a narrow gut or strip of rock, and made to communicate with the mainland. If the assailants effected an entrance into the inner baly, they would next find themselves exposed to the greatest danger, for this point was in reality the pass to the keep, and thus formed a second gateway; behind this again was a strong circular tower, constructed in such a way as at the shortest notice to have been used to great advantage against the enemy. The keep, a massive square building, is situated in the miner baly. This part of the castle may be said to differ very considerably, in an architectural point of view, from the whole of our Northumberland Castles. Its chief object has been defense. Situated on a lofty eminence and commanding a wide expanse of sea and inland scenery it could not fail to impart a beauty and grandeur to all around it. At each of the four angles of the keep are exploring turrets, and from the summit of these a wide stretch of country is commandable.

In addition to the keep there were in the inner baly several other towers of a miscellaneous character, and in olden times it would be in this part of the castle where the garrison would be quartered. There was also within the walls a small chapel, the remains of which were discovered last century when certain alterations were being effected, but there were no remains amongst them that would warrant the assumption that the building had been older than the early part of the commencement of the twelfth century.

From a recent survey it has been found that the castle occupies eight acres of land, and in addition to this there are within the walls fifty-six acres of rock, warren and hills.

Returning to the Forsters we may state that this family is old origin, dating back to the thirteenth century. For several centuries they have been connected with Northumberland. Sir John, one of the most distinguished of the name, was warden of the Middle Marches in the time of Queen Elizabeth. From Sir John sprang Claudius, who received a grant of the manor from King James. The castle and manor of Bamburgh remained in the hands of the Forsters till 1700, when they were sold to Nathaniel Crewe, Lord Bishop of Durham, for the sum of £10,000. Lady Crewe was the daughter of Sir Wm. Forster, and aunt of Thomas Forster, Esquire, M. P., who was implicated in the rebellion of 1715. Of all the great and renowned names associated with the castle of Bamburgh, none have achieved a greater distinction than that of Lord Crew, thus verifying the words of the poet:

"Peace hath its victories as great as war."

The Crews were an old family who resided at Stene, in Northamptonshire. John Crew, father of the Bishop, was rewarded with a peerage for the services he had rendered to the restoration of Charles II.

Nathaniel Crew was the fifth son of John Crew, having been born on the 31st January, 1693. At the age of nineteen he went to Oxford, where he was not long before he took his first degree. In due time he became a fellow of the college, and in 1663, after taking his Dr.'s degree, he entered the church, having been ordained by the Bishop of Winchester. It is said that it was about this time that the young cleric first met the King, and report avers that the monarch was so impressed with the amiableness of his character, that he ever afterwards entertained a warm affection for him. Be this as it may, Crew's preferment in the church was not only

* The Right Rev. Nathaniel Crewe, Lord Bishop of Durham, was known as 3d Lord Crewe of Stene. This prelate stood so high in the favor of James II and so strenuously supported that prince's measures that he found it easy task to make his peace after the Revolution. He died in 1721 without issue.
rapid, but lucrative. In 1668 he was elected Rector of Lincoln College, and this was followed up by the King appointing him Clerk of the Closet. But these preferments did not suffice, for in 1669 he was made Dean of Chichester, and two years after this (1671) Dean Crewe was promoted to the See of Oxford. There is some doubt as to the exact time that the Bishop was translated to Durham. Hutchinson, a very reliable authority, has given the date 1674. At that time a great deal of jealousy had arisen in regard to the Bishop's preferment. Nor was this the solely confined to the clergy, but the same discontent would seem to have been shared by many of the courtiers of the King. The calumniators of the Bishop did not scruple to aver that this prelate owed his promotion to the Duke of York. In 1675 Bishop Crewe made his customary public entry into the then princely palatinate of Durham. Lord Crew, father of the Bishop, having died in 1679, he was succeeded by his eldest son.

James II having ascended to the throne in 1685, one of his first acts was to make Bishop Crewe a member of the Privy Council. From this date, down to 1689, a great deal of intrigue and jealousy was carried on between the rival factions of the courtiers of James, and which in the end tended much to militate against the actions of the Bishop. But the Revolution placed Bishop Crewe in a still worse position, and although he voted in convocation that James had abdicated the Kingdom, yet he was excepted by name, so Gibson says, "out of the pardon granted by William, Prince of Orange, and Mary." At this critical moment the Bishop fled to Holland, where his friends said he had gone for a tour, but his enemies entertained different ideas, and not a few were of the opinion that he would never subscribe allegiance to the new Government. Amongst this number was Bishop Burnett. It is said the latter almost counted for a certainty upon being translated to Durham; but in this he was disappointed, as Bishop Crewe arrived in London on the day previous to the expiration of the time prescribed in the proclamation for taking the oath. After this event he was graciously received by the King and Queen. During the reign of the Revolution Government, Bishop Crewe would seem to have retained a passive demeanor, and there are reasons for assuming that at this important period in his life he contemplated retiring from the giddy uncertainties that are ever to be found in the train of political strategies, and this would appear the more certain, as about this time he was about to be married to one Miss Croft, a daughter of Dr. Croft, but the union never took place, as the lady died before the nuptial day. The Bishop next directed his attention to Dorothea Forster, and whom Surtees describes as a "lady of great beauty." She was a daughter of Sir William Forster, who was then one of the members for Northumberland. But the historian asserts that the suit went off, as she refused, being too young. But the next attempt was more successful, as in 1691 the Bishop was married to Lady Tynte, a widow of Sir Hugh Tynte, and daughter of Sir Philip Trowde.

In 1697 Bishop Crewe, who was then in his sixty-sixth year, succeeded his brother Thomas in the title and estates of his family. He was summoned to Parliament as Baron and Bishop. For several years he made it a practice to reside at Tene for a given space.

In the month of March, 1700, Lady Crewe died at Stene, and strange to relate, that in four months from the date of the decease of his first wife, the Bishop was married to the object of his first choice, Miss Dorothea Forster.

For a moment let me revert to the Forsters and their connection with the castle at Bambergh. It is a remarkable fact that the whole of our local historians have fallen into the grievous error in regard to the time when Lord Crewe purchased the possessions of the Forsters. All of them have fixed the date after the attainder of General Forster, whereas it was six years previous to that event, 1709.

Lord Crewe died at Stene in the year 1722, having attained the patriarchal age of 89. During an active life the Bishop had been no idle looker-on in the conflict that was warred between the rival claims of the Stuarts and the house of Hanover. In every sense of the word he might be termed a partisan of the latter; whilst his sympathies may be said to have been in most cases adverse to those opinions held by the bulk of his countrymen. Notwithstanding this, his courtesy, piety and finely cultured mind secured him that respect he so justly deserved.

Lord Crewe bequeathed nearly the whole of his personal property to charitable purposes in the Diocese of Durham, for the due administration of which he appointed five trustees. Since the death of the Bishop the property in trust has become very enhanced in value, and after a lapse of 162 years we are able to estimate the great amount of good that has occurred from such a noble benefaction.
On the death of Lord Crewe the duties devolved upon the trustees in devising some scheme for carrying out the trust, and out of this rose the propriety of restoring a part of the castle, and their object was to make it the castle for the scheme which they were about to inaugurate. But in order to accomplish this, many obstacles had to be removed, which were not finally overcome till 1758, when Dr. Sharp, Archdeacon of Northumberland, was appointed a trustee in the place of his father.

After disposing of that part of the Bishop's will which related to certain charitable bequests, the trustees next applied themselves to the restoration of the keep, together with some other towers within the walls.

After the fifteenth century, the castle was allowed to get into a dilapidated state. This is confirmed by an inquisition that was made in 1571, when it is stated, "that the drawbridge and gates were then broken down and the castle was only accessible through a breach. Such of the walls as were standing were decayed, and the buildings within the ramparts were for the most part in ruins, except the great tower, and the walls of the massive structure were suffering through the lead having been torn from the roof. Since the time of Sir John Horsley, the then last Governor, the chapel and some turrets had become roofless and ruined."

From the foregoing it will be seen that during the time that the castle was held by the Forsters, they had done little or nothing in the way of repairs, so that when Dr. Sharp resolved to grapple with the work of restoration the prospect would be anything but encouraging, as at that time the whole of the towers were not only in a dilapidated state, but what was nearly as bad, every chamber was completely filled with soil.

Archdeacon Sharp possessed a warm attachment for the great northern fortress, and in order to give effect to this he was anxious that the castle should be one of the principal mediums in transmitting to future generations the noble and philanthropic deeds of one of the greatest of the many prelates that have adorned the princely palatinate of Durham. Actuated by such laudable motives, the Archdeacon and the other trustees resolved upon restoring the keep, so that it might be used as a temporary residence of the trustees, whose business demanded their attendance. But before this part of the work could be accomplished, a good deal else of a miscellaneous character would have to be attended to. At that time the keep was the most entire part of the whole building, and if this was to be attended to, then it was necessary that the gateway, towers and ramparts should be all examined, and if necessary, utilized and made subservient to the wants of the newly formed trust. Thus Bamburgh, grim and mighty in the past, was in the future to become still more glorious in becoming the asylum for all that is great, noble and good.

The amount of interest Dr. Sharp took in the charity will be best gathered from Hutchinson, who writing in 1776, says: "He resides for many months in each year in the castle of Bamburgh, superintends the charity, and he has his eyes upon every new channel by which he may give relief or consolation to his suffering fellow creatures. The shipwrecked and diseased are comforted by his visitation, and the calamities are alleviated by his care, and his residence there diffuses blessings over the neighboring coast." After the approaches to the castle had been opened out, the chambers and buildings in the inner b Aly cleared of the sand that had accumulated in and about them, and the breaches in the walls were repaired, the general appearance of the entire structure began to assume something of its former greatness.

In adapting the charity to the requirements of the times the trustees were actuated by the most disinterested motives. They caused a considerable sum to be set aside for education and other benevolently organized schemes. At the castle, apartments were furnished and set apart as a surgery and dispensary. On certain days in each week the poor in the neighborhood are allowed medicine gratuitously, and the privilege of consulting a duly qualified medical practitioner. Formerly meat, flour, coals, and other gruties, were, with the consent of the trustees, distributed at stated times amongst the sick and deserving poor. To guard against shipwrecks and other casualties that are constantly occurring on our coast, great care and provision was observed, but amongst the most laudable objects inaugurated was that which provided for the cause of education. In addition to a regular school for the use of boys and girls in the village, there was another set apart at the castle for clothing and educating thirty poor girls. By means of these agencies a great and lasting good has been accomplished, for it is only by acts such as these that you practically assist the poorer classes of the community.

In 1778 a public library was established within the castle. In that year the whole of the valuable books belonging to the Rev. Thomas Sharp, incumbent of
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Bamburgh, were purchased by the trustees, and went to form the nucleus of what is now a very extensive collection.

Dr. Sharp, by his will, bequeathed the whole of his books to the newly formed library at Bamburgh, which was available to residents within a radius of twenty miles.

The works about the castle which are associated with the name of Dr. Sharp, are to a certain extent scattered over a large portion of the entire range of the building. But it was to the keep where he directed his main efforts, and unfortunately it is here where the greatest mischief was done. Externally, there was little opportunity afforded for changing the general character of the keep; but not so when they came to gut and mutilate the interior. The remodeling of the areas of the principal chambers is the point where the evil commenced. In order to give the apartments a more lofty and imposing aspect, every sacrifice was made, whereby the harmony and grandeur of the interior was likely to be lessened, but this was the one prevailing idea of the eighteenth century. Time accomplishes much, and let us hope that ere long something may be done that will cause this fine old mediaeval structure to stand forth as in the days of yore.

“To tell the soul of all that once hath been.”

The restoration of the castle was commenced by Archdeacon Sharp in 1770, and the internal arrangements of the present keep may be said to date from that period. The several apartments may be enumerated as follows: Entrance Hall, Waiting or Servant’s Hall, Court Room, Armory, Kitchen, Library, and Twelve Bedrooms, two of the latter only dating from the late Archdeacon Sharp’s time. Access to the upper apartment is gained by the principal staircase, whilst a third communicates with the north turret. As an instance of the strength and solidity of this part of the building, we may state that the thickness of the walls varies from eleven to nine feet. The staircases pierce through a mass of solid masonry, and thus communicate with the whole of the apartments. It is very probable that previous to the alterations in the last century, the whole of the turrets possessed auxiliaries similar to the north turret. Within the curtain wall are still to be seen the ruins of a small church dedicated to St. Peter.

Several of the towers within the baly are now used for the following purposes, viz.: dispensary, offices and household accommodation for the resident agent, and school house in which thirty poor girls are educated, boarded and trained in domestic duties.

About ten years ago certain changes were introduced into the management of the trust by order of the Court of Chancery.

Amongst the changes made was that every boarder should contribute £5 annually towards her maintenance; another was the power of the trustees to let the keep for stated periods, subject to the approval of the said trustees; the application to be made to C. Rowlandson, Esq., agent to the trustees.

DESCRIPTION OF THE INTERIOR OF THE KEEP—ENTRANCE HALL.

The chief attractions in this chamber are two large massive chains, which are described as “King Ida’s Watch Chains.” These were formerly used for the raising of sunken vessels. A Sedan chair, covered with leather and studded with nails, was the one used to carry the good and amiable Archdeacon Sharp from the castle to the church.

There is also in the chamber a genealogical map, or tree, of the Kings of Scotland from the earliest times. In the chamber now used as a Servant’s Hall is a very good portrait of Lord Crewe, Bishop of Durham. Another portrait of interest is that of the old man who discovered the well in the interior of the castle during the alterations that were carried out in 1770 by Archdeacon Sharp, the depth of which was upwards of 150 feet, and this was carried through a rock of basalt, measuring in thickness about 75 feet.

COURT ROOM.

The paintings in this apartment are nearly all of a local character. Over the fire-place are two finely executed portraits, one of Lord Crewe, and the other of his noble consort Lady Crewe. Over the doorway that leads to the Armory is a portrait of the venerable Archdeacon Sharp. The next picture that commands attention is a very clever portrait of the Reverend Sir George Wheeler, Knight. Near to the latter we have a portrait of another eminent north country divine, the most Rev. Dr. John Sharp, Lord Archbishop of York, grandfather of Dr. Sharp. Another picture of
interest is that of Thomas Sharp, D. D. He was son of Archbishop Sharp, and was Archdeacon of Northumberland, Rector of Rothbury, and Prebendary of Durham. He died in 1758. The next two portraits are those of ladies, but neither of the subjects are known, although it is supposed, by some, that they are relations of the Forster family. We have in this apartment a beautiful piece of statuary miniature representing Archdeacon Sharp. There is also a rare and valuable collection of engravings. Among other objects of interest will be found

THE TAPESTRY

consisting of four pieces, which are intended to illustrate some of the principal incidents in the life of the Emperor Justinian. They were brought about the year 1788, from the Deanery of Ripon. They are of considerable dimensions, the two largest measuring 15 feet by 8 feet, and containing several figures as large as life. The colors at one time have been extremely vivid, but are now faded in some degree from age; upon the whole, however, they are in excellent preservation and exhibit such correct drawing and good composition that it is evident the paintings or designs from which they were worked must have been the production of no common master. The first of the series I imagine to represent the Emperor Justinian, seated at a large table and engaged with his compatriots in forming the celebrated Digest of Roman Law. A remarkable figure standing behind his chair may probably represent Trebonianus. Two of the lawyers are in oriental costume, and one of the two may be supposed to be Basilides, who had been Prefect of the east. In the second the Emperor is seen advancing in royal apparel to an open temple of Janus. Slaves newly manumitted are crowding round him, and kissing the hem of his garment. Other persons are also introduced as spectators of the scene. Justinian may here be conjectured to be in the act of proclaiming, immediately after one of the great victories gained by Belisarius, the "eternal peace," which by the way lasted two years. The third is a coronation: the Emperor kneels on a cushion with the scepter in his right hand, while a stately figure on a scarlet robe is placing a crown upon this head, before him stand two Flamens holding an open book, on which may be distinguished the words "Lex Romanas." Between the priests and the Emperor lies a naked sword wreathed with olive. On another cushion, and beside it, a kneeling page throws the light of a torch on the open volume. This transaction is represented as taking place at night on a terrace, and the populace are gathered in a court below. In the fourth piece of tapestry, Justinian appears, not exactly in a hunting dress, but with a hunting spear in his hand, in a wild country, with only two attendants; he has come suddenly upon two of his hounds, which lie dead, and apparently poisoned, on the ground. A chased bowl stands near them, and a stream of water gushes from the rock at a small distance. The countenance and attitude of the Emperor are strongly expressive of surprise and regret.

A good deal of the furniture is very old and curious. Among this will be found several pieces of carved. One piece deserves special mention, and this is an old sofa "covered with work in tent stitch."

THE ARMORY

occupies the entire length of the keep, and upon the walls are displayed some very good examples of pictures, swords, halberds, guns, pistols, and other specimens of ancient armory.

Among the pictures probably none attracts the attention of the visitor more than an oil painting of "Bamburgh Castle, by Moonlight," by James Wilson Carmichael, taken in 1863, and presented to the trustees by Mrs. Bland, wife of Archdeacon Bland. For effect and coloring the picture may be said to be unique, and a fine example of the work of one of England's greatest marine painters. Another very interesting picture in oil of Bamburgh Castle in 1758, is by G. Sykes. There is also a very fine lot of old engravings in this part of the castle, and along with these may be mentioned a complete list of Lord Crewe's trustees, from the date of the Bishop's death down to the present time. A rare engraving of the right Hon. James, Earl of Derwentwater, will be found in this room. James, or as he is more aptly termed the last Earl of Derwentwater, having been implicated in the Rebellion of 1715, was beheaded on Tower Hill in 1716.

THE OLD BANQUETING HALL

is supposed to have been on the flat, now partly used as a kitchen, for there is still to be seen the gallery of the minstrels. Scott, in his "Lay of the Last Minstrels," gives a fine portrayal of the last of the ancient Border Minstrels.
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THE LIBRARY.

In this apartment there is an admirable portrait of "General Thomas Foster," who was implicated in the Rebellion of 1715. Another portrait is that of "Miss Dorothea Foster," sister of General Foster.

Thomas Foster, the Rebel General, was the eldest son of Francis Forster. It is stated that General Forster owed his escape from Newgate to his sister Dorothy. The latter is reported to have ridden from Adderstone in company with one Purdy, a blacksmith. On her arrival in London and after an interview with her brother, she managed to array the General in the clothes she was theu wearing, and by this means he escaped to France, where he remained to the time of his death in 1738, when his body was brought to England and buried in the family vault in Bamburgh church, where the bodies of sixty other Forsters are interred.

In all, the number of books in library amounts to about 4,000, which are divided into two sections, one known as the "modern library," which is in the keep, and the "old library" is in that part of the building now occupied by the charity children. The books in the library at Bamburgh are a fine collection, embracing many hundreds of rare and valuable works, and to the student and antiquary are of immense importance; but this valuable depository of learning is not sufficiently taken advantage of in Northumberland. I am sure that the librarian, the vicar of Bamburgh, would only be too glad to give any information respecting the class of books on the shelves, as well as the conditions on which they are issued.

TRUSTEES.


In a sense, all the ground about Bamburgh may be termed "classic," for every step unveils some hidden treasure, reminding us of the time when the Saxon, Dane and Norman met in open feud and deadly combat. From the castle and embankments the scenery is magnificent and full of interest; upon a fine day when the sky is clear the different islands, which are so familiar to the mariners who frequent our coast, are seen to advantage. To the south in mellow decay are the crumbling walls of "Dunstanburgh's cavernous shore," and beyond there again stand "Warkworth, proud of Percy's name."

To the north the prospect is of the same pleasing description, embracing Lindisfarne, with its many memories and hallowed associations, and to the north of this again is the good old border town of Berwick, around whose history still hovers much that relates to ancient lore and reminiscence; while on the west a wide expanse of beautiful country imparts a charm to the landscape, and combines in casting a halo around a scene already rich in valiant deeds and historic associations.

Few watering places in the north of England afford a more pleasing aspect than Bamburgh. Great and illustrious in the past on account of its historic associations, it has in modern times become the favorite resort of the tourist, the pleasure seeker, and those in quest of health. From a geographical point of view, the situation of the village may be termed exceptionally good. It is built on the brow of a hill, which gradually slopes from the sea embankments upwards. To the west it is sheltered by a beautiful grove of trees which greatly enhance the entrance to the principal street. To the east it lies nestled, as it were, under the shadow of the great Norman Fortress. On the north and south sides of the castle a fine stretch of sandy beach can hardly fail to please the most fastidious taste. This place is most frequented during the summer months, by numbers of visitors who never tire in exploring a locality almost inexhaustive in its associations of the past.

OLD MANOR HOUSE.

The Old Manor House, formerly the residence of the Forsters, stood on the site of what is now known as the "Hall," and which adjoins the parish church. The old building was anciently used as a religious house, but after the Dissolution it became the adopted home of the Forsters. Several of the pictures which grace the walls of this house, together with much valuable furniture, were removed in 1709, thus verifying an old saying, "that the Manor House shared the vicissitudes of a once powerful family." In prosperity as well as in adversity, the castle and manor of Bamburgh have become interwoven with the history of the Forsters. The
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Church, as dedicated to St. Aidan, first Bishop of Lindisfarne, and may justly be termed a fine structure of the early part of the thirteenth century. It is bold in design, chaste in proportion and arrangement, and the same characteristic runs throughout the entire structure. Before attempting to deal with the architectural features of this great historic church, let me briefly state that it was at Bamburgh where one of the first Christian Temples in ancient Northumbria was reared. Shortly after Aidan's appointment, in 635, to the see of Leindisfarne, he appears to have made Bamburgh one of his chief places of resort. Previous to that time, Bede says, "There was no altar throughout the Kingdom of Northumbria." It was through Oswald's influence that the Bishop was induced to leave the "sea-girl island of Iona" with the view of converting the natives from heathenism to Christianity. For nine years Aidan labored in the northern kingdom, and it was during those short eventful years that a church, chiefly composed of wood, was first built at Bamburgh. At the west end of the structure was a small apartment, and it was here where the Bishop was reposing, his head reclinng against a buttress which supported the erection, when the news arrived of the death of Oswin. St. Aidan felt the blow so keenly that he soon sickened and died. That a church dating from Saxon times existed at Bamburgh at the time of the Conquest is certain, but there are no remains about the present structure that can be associated with those times. In the absence of any I am led to infer that the ancient church was composed principally of wood. This opinion would almost apply to what is known as the Norman period; for if there are no existing proofs of a Saxon church, neither is there any trace of Norman remains. If this conjecture is right then we may readily conclude that the Saxon church did duty down to the time of the twelfth century, when it was superseded by the present graceful edifice.

One of the most interesting objects connected with this church is the small Crypt which exists under the floor of the chancel. For many years all trace of this fine mediaeval remain was hidden, and it was not till 1837, when certain repairs were being carried out about the chancel, that some workmen engaged upon an opening in the floor which led to chambers underneath. After an entrance had been affected, the apartments were found to be filled with rubbish, this device having no doubt been resorted to shortly after the death of Mr. B. Foster, who is reported as having been the last of the name buried in this part of the church. The discovery of this chamber in 1837 led to further excavations being made, which resulted in a passage being exposed at the east end of the structure that led to the underground chamber. This approach, which is in close contiguity to the chancel, may be described as a narrow passage, and being a good depth under the surface of the churchyard, is almost unique in style and arrangement. At the terminus of the passage a beautiful pointed doorway opens into the chamber.

There is evidence about this interesting remain to show that in ancient times when border feuds and state intrigues were constantly being fermented, it would be used by the brethren at the adjoining monastery as a chapel or altar, and it was not of the time, nor the remains that it came to be used as a charnel house for the dead.

As much interest is centered in the Crypt, not only from an architectural point of view and the use for which it may have been intended, but more especially as being so closely connected with the Forsters of Northumberland. We have, through the kindness of the Rev. Arthur Octavius Medd, formerly vicar of Bamburgh, been fortunate in getting access to some papers in the possession of Miss E. Carr of Bamburgh, which belonged to her father, the late Mr. Wm. Carr, who died in 1861, aged 76 years. Of course, architecturally, the documents are not of much value, but historically they are full of local interest, especially the following, showing the state of the Crypt and its contents as discovered on Tuesday, July 25, 1837.

"Examined the vaults beneath Bamburgh Church, sometime called the Death House, and sometime the vault of the Forsters."

"The oak planks which supported the floor were entirely decayed, and on their removal there appeared a flight of stone stairs, leading to the apartments below. On examination this was found to pass through the original wall of the vaults and terminate in a long-arched chamber, like a passage of worked stone, the arch having been finished with plaster resting on a cornice, and with a narrow window at the east end."

"The different proofings of the floor, apparently through light rubbish, under and near the window, seem to favor the tradition current at Bamburgh that there was a subterranean passage from the religious house, directly opposite to the east end of the chancel."
"At the foot of the steps was a square opening which led to a second chamber, the sides of which had been rudely broken, and which had the appearance of having been a doorway. This apartment, which possessed a groined stone roof, and other peculiarities of the gothic period, may justly be termed a fine chamber. At the east end on a stone platform were laid five coffins which were made to rest from north to south. Between the south wall and the column there was an intermediate space of about two and a half feet. In the south wall was a piscina, which was lighted by a narrow lancet window. At the east end are two other windows of a similar character, and on the south side was a large doorway, traces of which may be seen on the walls of the chancel. In the roof was a staple, probably for suspending a lamp. We could not find a floor, and sticks went down three feet without interruption. This apartment has undoubtedly been a chapel. The chambers and passage are well ventilated and entirely free from dampness."

The foregoing coffins are enumerated as follows:—
1. Mr. B. Forster, of Adderstone, 1705; the body of John or Wm. had been removed so as to make room for this coffin.
2. Fernando Foster, murdered at Newcastle Aug. 22, 1701, by John Fenwick, of Rock.
3. John or Wm. Forster, 1700.
4. General Forster, implicated in the Rebellion of 1715. This distinguished individual would seem, after his escape from Newgate, to have settled down in France. He died in 1738, and his remains were brought to England. His funeral was entirely private. In addition to the hearse drawn by one horse, a confidential servant of the deceased was all that made up the funeral cortège when the remains of the rebel General were consigned to their last resting place in Bamborough church.
5. Dorothy Forster, married in 1729, to one of the name of Armstrong. The latter is described as having been a man of "inferior person." Mr. Armstrong and his wife lived for a while at Bamborough Friars. Dorothy died at Crookham, in this county, on the 5th of May, 1771.

The first coffin was perfect; the second, of wood only, had fallen to pieces, but there remained the whole trace of a figure, the legs and thigh bones entire, and in place of the skull, on which the coffin lid had fallen, was mass of white dust, like lime. The third was in much the same state, but in this case the skull of the figure had not crumbled to dust. The fourth was perfect, except only the cloth covering the outer coffin of elm, and was entire and strong. It is reported that thirty years previous to this an opening had been made near the foot to ascertain the presence of this body, which had been disputed. It rested in sawdust closely packed; the linen clothes were there, and the legs were fleshy and perfect. No further examination at that time was made. Mr. Embleton thought he detected the smell of harts-horn near this coffin. The fifth was in a bad state, having fallen to pieces, so the remains were not exhumed. A few years ago a coffin was dug up in the chancel, it never having had a body in it, which strengthened the supposition that General Forster's body was not in the vault. This said General Foster was condemned to death, and only delivered from prison by the intrepid devotion of his sister Dorothy, who now lies by his side in the vault. It is generally averred that a mock funeral took place at Bamborough some few years previous to the death of General Forster in 1738, and the coffin discovered in the chancel, and alluded to in Carr's notes, most probably points to this event. A somewhat similar report to this is given by Amelia, Countess of Derwentwater, as she styled herself after the death of the only son of James, the last Earl of Derwentwater. This lady alleged that the reported death of the Earl's son was a complete fabrication, and only intended to divert the animosity that was in those days evinced against those who espoused the cause of the Stuarts. This good lady further alleged that the young scion of "Radcliffe's fair domain," ultimately banished himself to a foreign land, where he lived to an old age, and died in the greatest obscurity. With regard to the murder of Fernando Forster, one of the members of Parliament for the county of Northumberland, we get a very accurate account of the quarrel from Alderman Hoarby's manuscript notes to Brand: "He says he takes for his authority Edward Collingwood, Esq., Recorder of Newcastle, who informed me that his father was present when the quarrel happened. The company consisted of the whole or part of the Grand Jury of Northumberland, and probably during that state of conviviality which prevailed much on these occasions about that period, Mr. Fenwick came in singing a favorite song, the burden of which was, 'Sir John Fenwick, the flower among them.' This brought on some altercation betwixt him and Mr. Forster, but the company interfering, the matter was supposed to be quite settled. The next morning the
parties met accidentally near the White Cross, the alteration was renewed, swords were drawn, and Mr. Forster killed."

One of the windows at the west end of the church contains full length figures of St. Aidan, the apostle of Northumbria, and St. Cuthbert. Both of the saints are arrayed in their episcopal robes. In the arms of St. Cuthbert is the head of St. Oswald. This window was manufactured by Messrs. Hardman, of Birmingham, and was the gift of Mrs. Forster, of Tuggal. In the interior are several chaste and beautiful tablets, monuments, and tombstones. On the north side of the chancel and within the altar rails is a tablet to the memory of Sir Claudius Forster, Bart. He was created a baronet on the 7th of March, 1619, and it was to this same Sir Claudius that the castle and manor were granted in the reign of James I. The following inscription in Latin appears upon the tablet:

\[ \text{Scio quod Redemptor M' vivit in Celto Sta: Sal: D.} \]


Memoriam sacrum lugenos posuit uxor egies Dwa: Elizabetha.

Gulielma Fenwick d Wallingtonia, Equitis Aurati.

The following inscription will be found on a monument to the Forsters in the chancel: "In the vault below lie buried the bodies of William, John and Ferdinand, sons of Wm. Forster* of Bamburgh, Knt., by Dorothy,† daughter of Sir Wm. Selby, of Twisdale, Bart., and Eleanor, daughter of Ferdinand, Lord of Fairfax, of Denton. William was born 28th July, 1666; married Elizabeth, dau. of Wm. Pert, Esq.; died 1st September, 1709, without issue. John was born 21st September, 1668; died 15th November, 1669. Ferdinand, born 14th February, 1699; died 22d August, 1701. Both unmarried."

They had another brother, Nicolas, who died young, and was buried in the Church of Saint Mary in the South Bailey at Durham. So also five sisters: Eleanor and Dorothy, who died young; Frances married Thomas Foster, of Etherstone, Esq., by whom she had several children; Mary who died unmarried; and Dorothy, wife of the Right Hon. Lord Crewe, Lord Bishop of Durham, of whom their mother died. She being the only one remaining of the family, set up this monument in memory of her dear brothers, as a last respect that could be paid them for their affection to the church, ye monarchy, their country, and their sister, A. D., 1711; this being the burying place of their ancestors.

On the north side of the chancel, and within the enclosure, is hung the helmet, breastplate, sword and glove of Ferdinando Forster, Esq.

In 1857 a paper was found in the helmet of the aforesaid Ferdinando Forster, Esq., and upon it was written the following: "Prayer and blessing to you and your wife, your son Dawson and his wife, hoping these few lines will find you in good health at present, prayed be God for it. I have it to testifie of, I have sent you some hose yarn and a yard of — and I desire you to send me money of ——butter—— comes to 10s for having to —— money for my husband left me betwixt 5 —— to pay when he died, and I do intend a deed (or gift) of all I am of, &c."

Before leaving the structure, there are certain legends and traditions about the building to which I will allude. The first of these is concerning the slight deflection in a southerly direction of the chancel arch; a similar divergence also exists in one of the transept arches. Mr. Wilson, in his "Churches of Lindisfarne," says: "That some authorities regard the deflection as depicting the 'head of Christ as He hung upon the cross.' "Others again imagine that it is intended to mark a spot in the sky, at which the sun rose on the day of the death of St. Aidan. To those who are fond of ancient and legendary lore, few ideas can be more congenial than these here advanced; but in most cases wherever deflections exist, either in arches or main walls, they may possibly be found to have been caused by some temporary derangement, such as the making of vaults and graves in close contiguity to the principal walls of the building. Concerning the lychscoeses on the north and south sides of the chancel, which are marked by a low narrow window with trefoil

* Born Nov. 12, 1624, P. R.
† Died 30th September; B. 30, 1672, P. R.
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heading, there are some who think that the openings may have been intended to emit the light which burned before the altar, in order that it might scare the evil spirits from the graves of the newly buried in the churchyard. Another tradition exists, which is that a subterranean passage connected the monastery with the church; but up to the present have been found about the building to favor such a conjecture.

Only once, between the reign of Henry I., and that of John, 1197, is there any mention of the church. and this is during the time of Richard Coeur de Lion, when Bamburgh contributed five marks toward the exchequer.

In 1725 the church was still in a bad state, the following document, supplied by the Rev. Canon Carr, of Whichham, and Rural Dean of Ryton, which bears upon the state of the church during the early part of last century will read with interest. Canon Carr procured a copy of the report from one in the possession of the Rev. G. Wilkinson, of Harperley Hall, in the county of Durham. The survey was made in the above year by the Rev. Dick, or Dickson, who was Vicar of Norham. In this report it is stated that "Bamburgh is a curacy, and that the income from all sources amounted to £125. 3s. 4d." It is further stated "that the living is endowed, and has belonging to it a chapel of ease, four miles from the mother church, called Beadnell, where there is divine service once a month only, in the afternoon. It is in the gift of the five trustees." "The Church of Bamburgh was in a very bad condition, a great part of it being uncovered and lying exposed to any profanation; but since this Archdeacon’s visitation, the isles that were down are rebuilt, and cover’d with lead, the floor is new flag’d, and the walls plaster’d and whitewash’d, and all things therein are decent and becoming. The church is large, and the chancel very spacious, wh was some yrs ago repaired and beautified by the late Ld Rp of Durham. There is also in the vestry a small parochial library, consisting of about 60 vols., wh was lately begun, and is now increasing by the voluntary subscriptions of the gentlemen of the parish." "The parish is of gt extent, and very populous, and as wealthy. There are a few Dissenters in it of any denomination. There is a small glebe, and no means remaining, for wh reason the gentlemen of the vestry, from time to time, and now, have settled upon the curate a commodious farm, with a good house upon it, for wh he is to pay 12l per annum into the vestry for the repairs of the Ch and procurings the elements for the H. Communion.

The gt Tythes are in the possession of the Earl of Tankerville,
Mr. Henry Neville Grey,
Mr. Forster, of Adderstone,
And some other gentlemen."

The document is interesting, as it gives a good deal of information upon the state of the church during the early part of the eighteenth century. From this record we gather that the building was rescued from the dilapidated state it had fallen into through the munificence of Lord Crewe. Previous to the time of this Bishop, the church had got into a bad and ruinous condition. That the Forsters would take a great interest in the building is only natural, so that after Lord Crewe’s marriage with Miss Dorothea Forster, it is not surprising that one of his first acts in the parish was to restore the ancient structure. In the year following his marriage he strengthened the family ties when he purchased a rent charge of £500 a year on the estates of the Forsters, and for which he paid the sum of £10,000. This bill was sanctioned by the Court of Chancery for the payment of certain debts that had been secured on the property. And this was followed up in 1704 by several creditors presenting another bill, in which they petitioned the court to have the whole of the estates sold for the payment of debts incurred by William and Ferdinando Forster. The court complied with the petition, and the whole of the property was offered for sale, whereupon Lord Crewe was declared to be the purchaser, for the sum of £20,679 10s. In the latter sum was included in the purchase a life rent charge of £350 a year, payable to Elizabeth, widow of Wm. Forster. It was not till 1709 that the deed confining the sale was enrolled in Chancery, and that after all debts had been paid there only remained for Lady Crewe and Thomas Forster, the rebel general, the sum of £1,028, 15s. 7d. Thus it will be seen that six years previous to the Rebellion of 1715, the Forsters had nearly exhausted the whole of their once wide possessions.

How the church acquired possession of the Powberry estate, there appears to be no record. But as this would form part of the ancient manor, it is not improbable that it would be conferred by Lord Crewe about the time that he became the purchaser of the estates of the Forsters.
FOSTER GENEALOGY.

There were two chantries in Bamburgh Church, one of which was endowed by the ancient Earls of Devilstone or Derwentwater, from lands held by them at Spindlestone. This altar stood in the north transept, and for several years was the burying place of the Greys of Shoreston Hall. The registers of Bamburgh Church commenced in 1653, and from this time down to 1750 are very imperfect. Among Miss Carr's papers the following occurs: "Thos. Forster of Edderstone had a daughter bap. Eliz., Aug. 14, 1684. Godfather was Mr. Ralph Forster of Halton's son who stood up for Mr. John Forster. Godmothers were Mrs. Betty Forster, Mr. Francis Forster's daughter, of Durham, and Mr. Grey's younger daughr. Thos. Forster of Aderstone had son bap., Willm., Nov. 1, 1685. Godfathers were Esq. Forster of Balmbro, Mr. Robt. Heburn of Heburn, and Mrs. Mary Forster, Mr. Ralph Forster, Halton's daughr. Thomas Forster of Etherston Esqe had a daughter baptized Dorothy, Mr. Ralph Forster of Halton, Mrs. Mary Forster, his Lady's sister, her aunt Mrs. Grey of Durham, and Mrs. Magdalen Grey's daughter of Howick were the Gossip's. Feb. 3, 1686, Thomas Forster of Etherston, Esquire, had a son born, John, bap. fifth of July, 1653, Mr. John Forster, Mr. Ferdinando Forster, his lady's brothers were Godfathers, and Madam Margaret of Durham, Godmother."

FARNE ISLANDS.

These islands are situated to the southwest of Bamburgh, and at a distance of two miles from the latter place, while from Monkshouse, which is the nearest point from the mainland, the distance is about one and a half miles. It is estimated that the number of islands vary from fifteen to twenty-five; this, in a measure being due to the flow and ebb of the tide. It is remarkable the effect that this evolution has upon these tiny spaces of land. At full tide several of them are covered with water, but when the tide begins to recede they are again united, and form one distinct island. But the transformation is perhaps more apparent at full tide, for then the several islands are reduced to three or four. There are two groups of islets, separated from each other by the Ox Scar Road, which is one mile in breadth, and from five to eight fathoms deep, affording facilities to vessels of almost any size to pass, but not without danger. Several of the names associated with the island are of ancient origin, and may be traced back to Saxon times. Amongst these are Farne, Wedum, Staple, Brownsman, South Wamses, North Wamses, Harcar Scarar, Crumstone, Longstone, Megstone, Noxes, Nivestone, Clive Car, Swedman, Outcarres, Nameless Rock, Roddam, and Green, Northern Hares, etc.

Farne is derived from the German word "Ferhern," signifying, as Raine says, to "rest from labor, and thus applicable to the early recluses, who repose from the labors and struggles of the world."

Farne is very frequently applied to the whole of the islands, and probably this is the most correct way of designating them, as in Saxon times they were only known as Farne Is. In several charters and documents the inner island is termed the "House Island." In the twelfth century it was styled the "Stapol-l-land," and in more recent times it occurs as "Stapeland" and "Stapel." There can be little doubt that the inner island owes much of its greatness to St. Cuthbert, although previous to this time it had been the resort of St. Aidan. During the time that St. Cuthbert was connected with Lindisfarne he often visited Farne, and his example in after years was followed by Ethelwold, who at one time was a monk at Ripon. He came to Farne in 687, and continued there to his death in 695. After Ethelwold came Felgeld, Elwin, Bartholomew and Thomas ex-Prior of Durham.

The greater portion of Bamburgh Estate, including the Castle, has been purchased by Lord Armstrong, C. B., of Cragside, Rothbury, from the trustees of Lord Crewe.

It was in the early part of the year 1894 that the public first learned that this historic domain was likely to change hands. But sudden as the announcement was, public anxiety was relieved when the name of the popular purchaser became known. At the Audit dinner held in connection with the Court Leets of the Manor of Bamburgh and Bamburgh Castle on April 24, 1894, at which several of the trustees were present, the following letter was read by the chairman, the Rev. Dixon Brown, from which may be gathered to a large extent, the particular use that his lordship was intending to make of the Castle:
Extract from Lord Armstrong's letter:

"The preservation of Bamburgh Castle as a historic monument, and its restoration to a more dignified position than it at present holds, are the chief inducements that have led me to contract for its purchase. I therefore have no objection to enter into a covenant to run with the land, that I will do nothing to change the historic character of the Castle. But it seems difficult to decide what would and what would not be a change. I think it would be desirable to put on record what I intend to do. First, I intend to restore the Great Hall of the Castle, in the style of the period in which it was built. Second, I intend to convert the adjoining buildings into a charitable institution, to be approved of by Lord Crewe's trustees. These buildings have only of late years been used as a boarding school for girls, and are now used for seaside lodgings. The institution will most probably be for the benefit of convalescent patients, who will have the advantage of using the restored Great Hall for exercise and recreation.

From the foregoing may be gathered the motives of this generous benefactor. In addition to alterations to the Castle, Lord Armstrong contemplated doing a great deal for the entire estate. But our aim on the present occasion is to deal more particularly with the Castle. Those who are familiar with the architectural features of this fine old stronghold, will be aware that during the early years of the Trust, nearly the whole of the building was subjected to many violent changes, and that while the mere outlines may not have been much interfered with, this does not apply to several internal alterations that were carried out. Such being the case it was only natural that Lord Armstrong should seize the first opportunity for having the fortress restored to what it was in pre-historic times. Owing to certain arrangements a start has first been made with some of those towers and chambers situated on the southeastern part of the wall, and in close proximity to the eastern part of the keep. At this juncture it is rather difficult to give a foreshadowing of all that is contemplated. But this to a certain extent may be gathered from the remarks of that eminent architect, Mr. C. J. Ferguson, F. S. A., who only last year at a meeting at Bamburgh, said "that with the help of Mr. Gibbings and Mr. Hart, he was endeavoring to qualify himself for either classification, and had commenced his education by making a careful plan and drawings of the Castle as it now existed, for nothing unfolded the history of a building so thoroughly as a careful plan. All great variations in the style of building arose from some new or improved method of construction. The medieval art was a transition from concrete to masonry, as the walls got thinner and thinner and the masonry better in quality and finish. The greater part of the outer walls of Bamburgh Castle and the towers which stand upon them were ancient. The muniment tower was a fine example of a thirteenth century tower, and had two original windows of great interest, but it had unfortunately been partially refaced, but great care would be taken to preserve as much of the old work intact as possible. The kitchen, though somewhat hidden under modern additions, was the old kitchen of the Castle, and had the peculiar feature of having vents or flues for ventilation formed over each of the windows. To the west of it stood the old King's Hall, the site now being occupied by a laundry, wash house, and other offices. These would be taken down and the hall rebuilt, probably the same size, seventy feet by thirty feet. It would not be the old hall, but would occupy the site, and be a lasting monument of its predecessor. The lower parts of the old halls had unfortunately been refaced some time ago, and so had lost some of their original expression. Great care, however, would be taken to preserve whatever of it was left. From the foregoing it will be seen that the ancient King's Hall was on the east side of the keep and to west of the old kitchens. After its demolition the site was utilized by the erection of a dairy, laundry, and other offices. These are all being swept away, and the walls of a new hall, almost on the identical lines of the old one, are being erected. Of the history of this particular part of the Castle, Mr. Bates says it was in existence at the time of the Conquest, and may be said to have witnessed much of the chivalry and martial achievements that are associated with its history. "It," as this same authority facetiously remarks, "may have been associated with one of the most distinctive Northumbrian tenures in supplying logs for its hearth." Nor is it at all unlikely "that it was probably at this hearth that the Countess Judith tested the miraculous properties of St. Oswin's hair. The history of Ida's Castle at Bamburgh carries our minds back to the days of feud, war, and turmoil, and it was not till the time of Oswald that better things were ushered in, when the godly influences of Aidan and that noble band of Iona Missionaries caused the glad tidings of the gospel to be felt. At the present time there are nearly 200 workmen employed about the building, and as the work
progresses we may expect to see this number still more augmented. Some of the alterations in progress at the present time are formidable difficulties, especially where the basilica has to be excavated for specific purposes. One of the most arduous undertakings has been the cutting out of a passage that will afford communication between the kitchens and the keep, and where by means of a hydraulic lift erected under the floor of the latter every facility will be afforded for rapidly supplying the good store for "my lord's table." The stones for the work of reconstruction are being brought from Lord Armstrong’s quarries at Craigside, and judging from the color and nature of the dressed ashbars, they will assist in imparting a still bolder effect to the exterior. The whole of the works are being executed from plans specially prepared by Mr. Ferguson, and we may say that in the hands of such a competent authority, full justice will be done to the undertaking. The Clerk of the works is Mr. Laidler, who is imbued with a keen relish for the project before him.

During the last twelve months a considerable amount of expense has been incurred over certain repairs and alterations that are going on at the Church. This was caused in a great measure by the roof of the chancel having gotten into a dilapidated state. For some time past the present Vicar who had under consideration a plan for raising both the roof of the chancel and the nave to their original height, such as existed previous to the fifteenth century. Bamborough Church, like a good many more in Northumberland, joined in the transition from the high pitched roof to the low flat-roof, and the change was no doubt brought about by the fact that the low roof was better adapted to our northern climate than the other. It is a somewhat knotty point, and one over which a great difference of opinion exists. Be this as it may, the architect, Mr. Wm. Searles Hicks, is to be congratulated on the manner in which the work is being executed. The Church is worthy of careful study. There are no traces about the present building that can be associated with the early Saxon Church, but in the absence of such we are almost safe in assuming that the pre-existing structure would be chiefly composed of wood. There is no part of the present building that dates earlier than the middle of the thirteenth century, whilst the chancel and crypt are both somewhat later. The transepts which show indications of an extension, date from about the early part of the fourteenth century. The small pointed doorway at the southwesternmost part of the south facade has often led to a good deal of conjecture. Judging from the importance of the place, and with a monastery of no mean significance close at hand, it is not improbable that the western part of the nave and a portion of the south aisle may have served as an altar. These were formerly to be found oftener at the east end of our churches, but we have instances, as at Durham, where the west end was occasionally resorted to.

BAMBOROUGH CASTLE.

As It Appeared in 1896 when Visited by Mrs. Sophie Foster Symes—An Interesting Account of the Early Home of the Family.

'Twas in making a tour of the Cathedral towns in the summer of '96 that we came to Northumberland. We had spent the Sunday at York and at noon of a beautiful August day—quite like our own September ones—we alighted from the train at Belford. With another party bent upon visiting the famous old Bamboro’ Castle we occupied a wagonette and made the distance of eight miles in time almost too quick for any lingering enjoyment of the landscape, diversified by an occasional glimpse of the North Sea, very fierce and wild at that point of the coast.

Arriving at the village of Bamboro', neither the Victoria Inn nor the Crewe Arms, could afford us accommodation, so we sought and found refuge in a cottage within the shadow of the Castle walls. In the absence of the family, we were attended by the care-taker of the domicile, a maiden who bore the name of Short, but who at the same time was possessed of a face so long and of a nature so melancholy, that we only endured her serving of the goose-berries and mushrooms—abundantly bestowed by kind neighbors—for two meals of the day, taking our dinners at the Inn, patronized by H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, so the sign board read.

Bamboro’ village is a typically English one, of primitive aspect, two streets, one leading to the stage road and the other to the Manor house and the Church, uniting in one, and terminating at the Castle. Then, like any other well regulated English
village, it has a "Lord of the Castle" and a "gray haired Vicar" and the "Squire"—the rest of the inhabitants seemed like simple honest folk, many of whom live their short, or their long lives—it matters little which—with never going from the boundary of their native hamlet; yet the history that events have made in this remote corner of England I can only refer to—for does it not take the greater part of the seven gigantic volumes of the History of Northumberland to record?

As the roads, so does interest, center at the Castle, one of the most ancient in all England. King Idla's reign began in the year 550 and prior to that "a castle huge and square" existed; to the antiquarian and student of architecture, the various epochs in building, Roman, Saxon and Norman, afford an interesting study.

Bamboro' derives its name from Babba, one of the early Queens of Northumbria. It was by a grant from William the Norman that the Forsters became possessed of this splendid fortress, retaining it until 1709. In the spring of 1805 the property was purchased by Lord Armstrong, of Armstrong gun fame, and he has by this time, I presume, completed the restoration to its old time splendor, this castle "superior to any other in strength and position."

As the Forsters were so identified with all pertaining to Bamboro' it was with no ordinary interest our little party of four climbed the winding path that morning, when, by Lord Armstrong's courtesy we were to have entrance within the Castle walls. Eight acres are enclosed and the principal gate of Norman build is very imposing. On this our first visit, we passed in quick review the moat, the portcullis, the towers and bastions, all remarkable for their impregnable, and hastened to the keep, a massive square building outwardly, and its interior of grand proportions. In the year 1700 some efforts at repair were made, but since then, till the more recent ownership, it has been somewhat neglected. Much of the elegant furniture remained, also the famous Justinian tapestries, the armor, plate, and china, {Oh, how we coveted the possession of one cup!}. The family portraits were most interesting, especially that of Sir Walter Besant's heroine, Dorothy Forster, and that of her revolutionary brother, General Tom Forster. We peered down the well 150 feet deep, accidentally discovered in 1770 and located in a small passage way. We only had, it seemed to us, a brief time in the library, with its many priceless volumes, its missals and illuminated texts, centuries old. We had to carefully pick our way down the old worn stone steps at the further end from that we entered, viewing, on the ocean side of the Castle's domains, the scene of Grace Darling's exploits.

The Vicar of the parish, dear old Canon Long, welcomed us as long wandering children returning to their native heath and 'twas at once our privilege and pleasure to go to the rectory for our afternoon tea and hear him tell of Bamboro' and of the brave, adventurous Forsters; then to walk with him through the high walled garden, once belonging to a convent, but destroyed by Cromwell—and along the same paths trod by the gentle nuns centuries before, and later on by beautiful Dorothy Forster and her handsome, chivalrous lover, the Earl of Derwentwater and who, because one would not give up the Protestant religion and the other his Roman Catholic faith, were never wed. This garden is directly across from the Manor House included in the original grant to the Forster family, now the home of "the Squire," and where we were most hospitably entertained, meeting many of the Bamburghers.

One of the first Christian churches in that part of England was built in Bamboro' in 635, the present one is believed to have been erected in the twelfth century and has many fine, unusual features. Some of the windows are exquisite in color. The young lady of our party went to the crypt "the graveyard of the Forsters" 'tis called, where sixty-six of that name are buried. This was only discovered and opened within a few years.

On the following Sunday the American descendants of this once famous family were accorded seats in the Forster pew and over the ashes of her ancestors, they listened to a memorial sermon to a fair, sweet girl called to another world the year before. After service we lingered in the little churchyard reading the quaint inscriptions on many of the monuments, especially that of Grace Darling's, whose memory is justly held in great reverence, love and pride.

And then the little old caretaker of the church asked us to go and see her yet older and crippled mother, who would tell us so much of the Forsters and show us some gifts that had been held in her family for generations.

From time immemorial Bamboro' has been visited by the grandest and the greatest of the realm on hostile and peaceful intent bent, happily only of the latter kind for many a year now, and there are many who in the summer seek this retired
spot for the rest it affords. In the days of our stay there Sir Henry Irving was wont to pace the beach or county road, book in hand, studying the lines of Cymbaline.

How vividly does the last night of our stay at Bamboro' come to mind! At low tide we wandered far out on the sands and looking backward viewed for the last time, this grand old Castle and fortress, the scene of so many struggles, fierce and destructive, by sea and by land, yet like a mighty Sphinx immovable, calm and majestic with the rays of the setting sun resting in glory upon tower and turret. As for centuries it has stood, so it will stand, when we, like those whose memory we came to reverence, have passed on and generations will have followed us.

Sophia Foster Symes

ST. AIDAN'S CHURCH.

A Description of the Old Parish Church of the Forster Family in Bamburgh, Northumberland Co., England—The Chancel and Crypt Cover the Remains of Sixty-three of the Forsters.


Bamburgh is now a small place, inhabited chiefly by agricultural laborers, and the distressed state of the land in England renders owners incapable of doing much for church restoration—especially as the old churches have required so much repair of late years. Lord Armstrong has purchased Bamburgh Castle, and will live there part of the year—partly as a change from his property at Craigside, Rothberry, and partly to overlook a Convalescent Home for decayed gentlefolks, which he will raise on the Castle Hill at Bamburgh. Will you tell your friends that all the armor belonging to the Forsters, with family pictures, and other relics, have been in the hands of the 'Crewe Trustees'—five clergymen elected for the purpose of Lord Crewe's charities under his will. Lord Crewe was the Bishop of that name who married Dorothy Forster, the aunt of the Dorothy, Walter Besant's heroine. The Crewe Trustees have been forced in these bad times to part with Bamburgh's Castle and some farms near it to Lord Armstrong, but they retain the family pictures, etc., and the valuable library, which contains some early printed books of the greatest rarity and value.

Your ancestors' name is highly thought of in this part of England (and everywhere amongst educated people). Lord Armstrong, I am sure, would give people leave to go through the old buildings, as well as Adderstone Hall, five miles from Bamburgh, where the Forsters partly lived. He has recently restored the Hall and has presented it to some members of his family. This whole part is very full of historical interest, and would, I am sure, afford great delight. Allow me to add that nothing touches the hearts of Englishmen so much as the love of the American people for the old country and its antiquities.

The old Castle still under restoration; but nothing has been done to impair its character—and the drawings of the restored buildings will assure you of Lord Armstrong's reverence for antiquity. The chief architect, Mr. Ferguson, of Carlisle, is the famed restorer of Haworth Castle, the seat of Lord Carlisle. That work of restoration is a most skillful and successful attempt to harmonize new and old. The old characterizes the building and the new looks old.

We are engaged in the work for the restoration of Bamburgh Church. The chancel is approaching completion—so far as the roof goes—but the interior will require a large outlay. The chancel and crypt cover the remains of sixty-three Forsters.

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Bamburgh, on the mainland, with Holy Island and the Farne Islands off the coast, is the chief source of English Christianity. Bamburgh Crag, a natural fortress of volcanic rock, formed, in Saxon times, the seat of a Kingdom which stretched from the Humber to the Forth, with a protectorate or ascendancy over almost the whole Heptarchy. Ida, the founder of the Kingdom, landed with his followers, the Angles, above the Tweed, and seized the magnificent rock known to the Britons as Dingueroy, and afterwards to the Anglians as Bebbanburgh, or Bamburgh, from Beba, the wife of Ida's grandson. Here dwelt Oswald, the Royal Saint, to whose zeal and guidance we owe the rise and march of English Christianity—as distinct from foreign importations. Not long after his accession, Oswald invited S. Aidan from the island monastery of Iona, and gave him a commission to evangelise his realm. And so it was, remarks Professor Bright, that, in the summer of 635, S. Aidan approached his task. From the outset, the Saint maintained his Celtic views and practices—the Celtic Easter, Celtic monasticism, Celtic discipline, the Celtic tonsure, and the Celtic form of Baptism. His first settlement, indeed, betrayed his preferences; for he carried with him the remembrance of Iona, his island home, reproducing it in Lindisfarne or Holy Island. Here his position corresponded with his origin: he became a Missionary Bishop, of the same type as the Monks of Iona, and was sent without foreign authority from the neighboring Scottish Church, at the summons of the Northumbrian King.

As the friend of S. Oswald, the Saint spent much of his time at Bamburgh, where he raised a Church of wood, as the Anglian manner was, and died in a small cell at the west end, in view, tradition says, of the Altar, and within hearing of the Vesper Service.

The above Church, passing through Norman and later stages, is the successor of the wooden church, occupies the same site, and perpetuates the same associations. Its Christianising influence was great. From the group of Lindisfarne, the Farne Islands, and Bamburgh—all united in religious work—missionaries flowed over most of the Heptarchy. The same spirit of independence which marked S. Aidan and the Celtic school characterised their work; and thus the whole of England bears witness to S. Aidan's impress.
In this view, the Church of S. Aidan, at Bamburgh, is a center of national interest; and Churchmen in every part of the Anglican world have a right to share in its history, by contributing to the preservation and increasing the beauty of this great Church memorial.

The Church is a noble structure many feet in length, and stands on a slope rising towards the Budle Hills, in view of Holy Island and the Farnes, with which it forms a group of sacred places. The site dips eastwards, and in the hollow is a Crypt, probably built at first at the eastern extremity of the Saxon Chancel. The present Chancel, 60 feet in length, was built over the Crypt and over the site of the older Chancel. The authors of this change were the Augustinian Canons from the Priory of Nostell, in Yorkshire, to which, as the parent of similar institutions in the North, Henry I. assigned the Church and land in Bamburgh. These Canons raised for themselves a monastery east of the Churchyard (on the site afterwards belonging to the Forsters, and associated with the life of Dorothy Forster), and carried out the subsequent alterations in the church—such as the enlargement of the transepts for Chantry Chapels, and the widening of the South Aisle for parochial purposes.

The internal walls of the Chancel are adorned with a beautiful arcade which frames 13 lancet windows of exquisite design; but the eastern windows were, at some time, dwarfed to suit the low roof which now remains and needs renovation. It is proposed to restore the windows to their original height, as shown by existing traces, and to raise the roof to its ancient pitch.

The effect will be a great accession of dignity to the Church, and the improvement of the building for acoustic purposes. In place of the plaster-work on the inner wall at the east end of the Chancel, it is intended to erect canopies of Caen stone, enclosing historical figures of S. Aidan, S. Oswald, S. Cuthbert, and other missionaries who spread Christianity from this part of Northumberland, or contributed to its annals.

A Faculty has issued from the Bishop's Court authorising the above alterations in the Church.

In the Churchyard, it is proposed to raise a bronze canopy over Grace Darling's monument, in place of the stone cover which was blown down in the terrible gale of November, 1893. The monument is a raised tomb, supporting a recumbent figure of the heroine, whose character is beautifully expressed in the humble modesty and Christian strength of the face and form:

"Fions and pure, modest, and yet so brave;
Though young, so wise; though meek, so resolute."

ST. AIDAN'S CHURCH, INTERIOR.
OTHER ENGLISH FORSTER BRANCHES.

The name Forster, Foster is by high and most competent authority identified with Forester, which, in English opinion, is quite an aristocratic surname. A Reginaldus le Forester was in the House of Commons in 1547.

The Forsters in England were a very numerous family and besides occupying many large estates in that country emigrated to Ireland and the Island of Jamaica. We give below a few of the prominent branches:

FOSTERS OF SHROPSHIRE—This ancient Shropshire family springs from Richard Forestarins, who lived in the reign of Henry III. John Forster, of Wolling Street, Co. Salop, held from Henry VIII. a grant of the privilege of wearing his hat in the royal presence, the original of which grant is now in possession of Lord Forster. From this John lineally descended, Francis Forster, of Dothill, Co. Salop, who m. Mary, dau. of Richard, Lord Newport, of Ercall. His son, Sir Wm. Forster, Knt., of Dothill, m. Cecilia, dau. of James, 3d Earl of Salisbury, and was s. by his son, Wm. Forster, Esq., who m. 1714, Catherine, dau. of Wm. Brooke, Esq., and had issue: Brook Forster, Esq., who m. in 1734 Elizabeth, only dau. and heir of Geo. Weld, Esq., of Welley Park, Co. Salop, by whom he had two sons, Geo. (who d. unm. in 1711, and devised his fortune to his nephew, the late peer) and Cecil Forster, Esq., who m. dau. and co-heir of Robert Townsend, Esq., by whom (who died at an advanced age, 24th May, 1825) he had Cecil Weld Forster, Esq., who inherited the estates of his uncle, and was elevated to the peerage, as Baron Forster, of Welley Park, Co. Salop, 17th July, 1821. His lordship m. 16th June, 1800, Katherine Mary, second dau. of Charles, 4th Duke of Rutland, by whom (who d. 10th May, 1820) he had issue: John George Weld, present peer. Geo. Cecil Weld, M. P., b. 16th May, 1807, an officer in the house guards. Chas. Robert Weld, b. 25th December, 1811, lieutenant of the Twelfth Lancers. Orlando Watkin Weld, b. 18th April, 1813, in holy orders. Emilius John, an officer in the army. Henry Townsend, b. 19th January, 1821, in the guards. Anne Elizabeth, m. 1802, to the Earl of Chesterfield. Elizabeth Katherine, m. 1822, to the Hon. Robert John Smith, and d. 22nd July, 1832. Isabella Elizabeth Annabella, m. 30th November, 1830, to the Hon. George Anson. Henrietta Maria, m. 6th July, 1833, to Lord Albert Co. Selina Louisa. The baron d. 1828. Creation 17th July, 1821. Arms Quarterly: first and fourth, quarterly, per fesse, dancettee, ar and sa, in the first and fourth quarters, a bugle horn of the last, garnished, or for Forester, second and third, as a jesse embattled, between three crescents, two and one, erm. for Weld. Crest of Forsters, a talbot, passant, ar, collar, sa and line reflexed, ar. Crest of Weld, a wavern, sa., gatte’s-d’or, collar, and interior of the wings of the last line reflexed over the back, gu. Supporters, two talbots, ar., collar, sa therefrom pendant a bugle horn, as in the arms, line reflexed over the bark, erm. Motto, semper eadem.

Seal, Welley Park, Shopshire.


Lineage.—Until a century back the Forsters were settled in Worcestershire.

William Foster, of Birtsmorton in that county, m. Margaret Smith, a descendant and co-representative of Capt. John Smith who 1603 was in the service of Sigismond, Duke of Transylvania, and left one son, Charles Foster, Esq., who d. at Walsall, in Staffordshire, 25th June, 1815, leaving issue, Charles Smith, his heir; John of Hanch, Co. Stafford. The elder son Charles Smith Foster, of Lysways Hall, Co. Stafford, J. P. and D. L., M. P. for Walsall, high sheriff 1835, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Richard Emery, Esq., of Burcott, House Shropshire, and left at his decease, 17th November 1850, one son, Charles, now of Lysways Hall, and one dau., Ellen Catherine, m. to Richard Dyott, Esq., of Freeford.

FOSTER OF JAMAICA, EGHAM AND KEMPSTONE.—Foster, the Rev. Frederic Adolphus La Trobe, of Kempstone, Bedfordshire and of the Boym and Lancaster Estates, Jamaica, Rector of Little Munden Herts, b. 12th October, 1820; m. 2d May, 1849, Annie Hulbert, dau. of the Rev. William Reed, of Stone Easton,
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Co. Somerset, domestic chaplain to His late R. H. the Duke of Kent; and his issue: i. Frederick La Trobe, b. 31st July, 1853. ii. Henry Reed, b. 25th January, 1860. v. Annie Louisa; vi. Caroline Nora; iii. Hellen Mary; iv. Lelia Kate.

Lineage.—This family claims to be descended from the ancient and distinguished house of Forster or Foster of Etherstone Castle, Lucker and Bamborough Castle, Northumberland, the ancestor of which, according to tradition, was De Forestor, a Norman cavalier who came over with William the Conqueror. Thomas Foster, of Etherstone, b. 1397, d. 1425, was father of Thomas Forster, who m. a Featherstone-haugh. His son, Thomas Forster, m. the sister of the Blind Baron of Hilton. His son, Sir Thomas Forster, was high sheriff of Northumberland 1564 and 1572; and m. Dorothy, dau. of Lord Ogle. His son, Sir Thomas Forster, b. 1518, m. Frances, sister of Thomas, Lord Whitton. His brother, Sir John Forster, was a distinguished military leader in the fields between the English and Scottish Borderers, and was governor of Bamborough, and warden of the Middle Marches; he signed the treaty concluded in 1563 between Queen Elizabeth and Mary Queen of Scots. He m. Jane, widow Robert 3rd Lord Ogle and eldest dau. of Sir Cuthbert Radclyffe and Margaret his wife, dau. of Henry, Lord Clifford. He d. 1602, leaving (with a dau., Eleanor, m. to Sir Francis Russell whose son was 1st Earl of Bedfordshire) a son, Sir Nicholas Forster, governor of Bamborough, Lord of Blanchland. He m. Jane, dau. of Sir Anthony Ratcliffe, and d. 22d July, 1613. His son, Sir Claudius Forster, Bart., m. Elizabeth, dau. of Sir William Fenwick; d. 1623, and was father of Sir William Forster, who m. first Dorothy, dau. of Sir William Selby, Bart. of Twomblad, and secondly Eleanor, dau. of Ferdinand, Lord of Northumberland. He m. William, d. s. p.; John, M. P. for Northumberland, d. unm.; and Ferdinand, M. P. for Northumberland, d. unm. His nephew, Thomas Forster, of Etherston and Lucker, b. 1639, m. his cousin, Francis, dau. of Sir William Forster of Bamborough Castle. He was high sheriff of Northumberland, and d. 1723. His son, Thomas Forster, b. 1653, by whom and from whose time the spelling of Foster has been used, was M. P. for Northumberland. His estates forfeited for the part he took in the rebellion of 1715, and were granted to Lord Crewe, Bishop of Durham, who had m. Dorothy Foster, the aunt of the said Thomas Forster. In 1715 he surrendered, together with Lord Derwentwater and others, and was sent to London and committed to Newgate on the charge of high treason, whence he was reserved through the aid intrepidity of his sister Dorothy, and fled to the continent. He d. leaving no male representative of this branch of the family, but the descent is traced in the Harl MSS. from Roger Forster, the brother of Thomas Forster above mentioned, as having m. the sister of the Blind Baron of Hilton. Roger Forster m. a dau. of ——Hussey; his son, Thomas Forster, of Hunsdon Herts, yeoman of the great chamber to Queen Elizabeth, m. Margaret Browning, and d. 1571. His son, Sir Thomas Forster, of Hunsdon, b. 1545; m. Susan, dau. of Thomas Forster of Iden, Co. Sussex. He was chief justice of the Court of Common Pleas, and d. 1612. His second son, Sir Robert Forster, of Great Fosters Egham, b. 1559, was chief justice of the Court of King's Bench, and d. 1665. Thomas Forster, eldest son of Sir Thomas, m. Ann Baskerville, and had issue. His second son, Col. John Foster of Egham, held a military command in the expedition to Jamaica under Penn and Venables, 1655. He received a grant of extensive estates in the parish of S. Elizabeth in that island, the greater part of which are still in the possession of the family. His son, Thomas Forster, perished in the earthquake at Port Royal, 1692. His son, Col. John Foster, of Egham, Surrey and of Elim, the Bogue, Two Mile Wood, Lancaster, Waterford, The Island and other estates in Jamaica, resided in Elim in that island. He was b. July, 1651, and d. 30th August, 1731. He m. Elizabeth Smith of Barbadoes, and by her (who m. secondly Dr. Henry Barham of Jamaica) had issue: i. Thomas, b. 1720, d. s. p. He resided upon the family estate at Egham, Co. Surrey, and was M. P. for Dorchester. His will give rise to a lengthy litigation. ii. William, of whom presently. iii. John, b. 1723, d. unm. 1744. iv. Samuel, b. 1725, m. and had issue: 1. John of Egham, Surrey, and of Elim, Lancaster and Two Mile Wood, Jamaica, m. and had issue: George, who m. and had issue, a son, George John Henry, capt. Twenty-third regt., m. and had issue: Henry, rector of Col. Rogers, Gloucestershire canon of Gloucester, m. Ellen, youngest dau. of the late Rear-Admiral Sir Michael Seymour, Bart., K. C. B., and had issue: John, Her Majesty's chaplain of the Savoy, rector of Stambourne, m. Laura, dau. of Col. Lapsley, R. A., and d. 1868, having had issue. 2. Samuel Warren, had issue; 3. Richard, d. unm. 1. Elizabeth, m. to John Venner, Esq.; 2. Phora, m. to her cousin, John Foster, Esq., of Brickhill House, Beds. v. Joseph: b. 1729, afterward took the name Barham in addition to that of Foster, and had
issue: 1. Mary, m. Florentius Vassal, Esq., whose granddau., Elizabeth Vassal, m. first Sir Godfrey Webster, Bart., and afterwards Henry Richard, 3d Baron Holland; 2. Margaret, m. to Conlin Campbell, Esq.; 3. Elizabeth, d. 1729, vi. Sarah, m. William Mathew Burt, governor of Shanta Cruz, captain-general and governor-in-chief of the Leeward Islands. The second son, William Foster, b. 1722, d. 1768; he m. first Elizabeth Vassal, but by her had no issue, and second, 8th February, 1743, Dorothy Gale, of Acomb, near York, and of Lucena in the island of Jamaica, of an old distinguished family, and of the acknowledged line of Grove House, Chalfont, St. Giles, Buckinghamshire and St. Pol in the Pyrenees, b. 19th August, 1752, had issue by his first wife, Deborah Senior: 1. Thomas, and second, William, both d. unm. 1. Elizabeth Deborah m. to Rear-Admiral Sir Thomas Ursher, K. C. B. and K. G. H.: 2. Maria Catharine, m. to William Pennefather, Esq.; 3. Dorothy Valina, m. first to Capt. Fergus, R. N., secondly to Robert Strong, Esq., and thirdly to Baron d’Eisendecker; 4. Emma Louisa Keith, m. to James Edsdaile Hammet, Esq. By his second wife, Elizabeth Overend, the above named Thomas Foster, of the Grove, had issue: 1. Marianne, m. to her cousin, Herman Von Zeschwitz, capt. in the Saxon cavalry; 2. Harriet, m. to her cousin, Edward Von Zeschwitz, major in the Saxon army, chamberlin to the King Saxony. The male line in this the eldest surviving branch thus became extinct. ii. Frederic William, of the Bouge Estate, Jamaica, a bishop of the Moravian Church, b. 1760, m. 1791 Anna Louisa Eleanor La Trobe, of a noble refugee family from Languedoc, and d. at Ockbrook, Co. Derby, 1835, having had issue: 1. John Frederic, of whom presently; 2. William of Ockbrook, Co. Derby, b. 1797; m. Marianne, second dau. of Sir William Bayshawe of the Oaks and Wormhill Hall, Derbyshire, and d. 1829, having had issue, one son, Frederck William, b. June, 1818, d. April, 1838; 3. Isaac Henry, b. 1800, d. unm. 1827. 1. Anna Dorothy, m. to John Amery, Esq., banker at Stonebridge; 2. Mary Louisa, m. to her cousin, the Rev. P. La Trobe of Ely Place, London, secretary to the Moravian Missions; 3. Margaret Eleanor, d. unm. 1833. iii. John, of the Bogue Estate, Jamaica, and of Brickhill House, and Lord of the Manor of Marston, Co. Bedford (see Foster of Brickhill). 1. Elizabeth Dorothy, m. to W. H. Weber, Esq.; 2. Sarah, m. to Baron Christlieb, Friedrich Von Zeschwitz of Taubenhem and Deutsch Baslitz in Upper Lusatia, an ancient distinguished Saxon family, and had issue. iii. Anna Benigna, b. 1758, d. unm.; iv. Mary Helen, m. to John Roederer, Esq., of Neuwied on the Rhine. The eldest son of Frederck William Foster, John Frederic Foster, Esq., of the Bogue Estate, Jamaica, and of Kempstone, Co. Bedford, barrister-at-law, J. P. for Lancashire and Cheshire, and D. L., chairman of the Quarter Sessions for the hundred of Salford, Co. Lancaster, b. 18th June, 1795, m. 13th May, 1817, Caroline, eldest dau. of the late Sir William Chambers, Bagshawe of the Oaks and Wormhill Hall, Co. Derby, and of Coats Hall, Co. York, and had issue: i. John William Bagshawe, b. 1818, d. 1828; ii. Frederic Adolphus La Torbe, now of Kempstone; iii. Thomas Barnham, civil engineer, b. 8th July, 1827, m. 15th September, 1858, Mary Anne, dau. of Samuel Taylor, Esq., J. P. and D. L of Ibotsholme, Co. Westmoreland, and Eccleston, Co. Lancaster, and had issue, Frederck Barnham, b. 27th June, 1859, iv. William Henry, commissioner of crown and public lands, warden of the gold fields, and protector of the Chinese, and J. P. in the colony of Victoria, b. 25th April, 1832, m. 2d September, 1858, Catharina McLean, dau. of Alexander Patterson, Esq., and has issue, John Frederick, b. July, 1859. i. Caroline Louisa, m. to Edward Loyd, Esq., banker, of Prestwick Lodge, Co. Lancaster, and Lillisdene, Kent, J. P. and D. L.; ii. Mary Eleanor, m. 29th April, 1851, to James Collier Harter, Esq., of Oak End, Co. Lancaster, and d. 24th December, 1857; iii. Margaret Helen, m. to Arthur, son of Sir Benjamin Heywood, Bart. Mr. Foster d. 9th April, 1858.

FOSTER OF BRICKHILL.—Foster, Morgan Hugh, Esq., of the Bogue, Lancaster and Two Mile Wood Estates, Jamaica, and of Brickhill near Bedford, Companion of the Order of the Bath, b. 1815, m. 1838 Mary, dau. of George Flint, Esq., and has surviving issue: i. Algermon Craufurd, b. 1st December, 1839; ii. Edward, b. 1841, d. young; iii. Arthur, b. 21st July, 1847; iv. William Erskine, b. 21st October, 1847; i. Alice, d. young; ii. Edith Margaret; iii. Florence Amelia.

Lineage.—The same as the preceding family down to John Foster of the Bogue Estate, Jamaica, and of Brickhill House, Bedfordshire, Lord of the Manor of Marston in the same county, a magistrate in England and in Jamaica, for many years chairman of the Central Agricultural Society in London, b. 21st June, 1831. In consequence of the eminence of his public services he had rendered to agriculture, as well by his speeches as by his writings, he was presented with two magnificent pieces of plate, one by the agriculturists of Co. Bedford and the other by the agriculturists of the
whole of England. He m. first Margaret, dau. of Thomas Place, Esq., recorder of York, and had issue: William, who d. unm.; Thomas, d. young; Edward, d. young; Margaret, m. to the Rev. Maurice Farrel, rector of Woughton Bucks. John Foster, m. secondly his cousin, Flora Foster, but by her had no issue; thirdly Amelia, dau. of John Morgan, Esq., barrister-at-law, recorder at Maidestone, and sister of the Countess of Carhampton. Of this last marriage there was issue Algernon, b. 1811, d. 1829; Arthur Fitz John, heir to his father; Morgan Hugh, now of Brickhill House; Mary Amelia, m. to the Rev. Henry Fuller, rector of Thornehaugh and Wansford, Northamptonshire; Flora, m. to the Rev. Alfred Dawson, rector of Fletwick, Bedfordshire. The eldest surviving son, Arthur Fitz John Foster, Esq., of the Bogue Estate and of Brickhill, barrister-at-law, and member of the House of Assembly, Jamaica, b. 1813, d. unm. 1842, and was s. by his brother, the present Morgan Hugh Foster of Brickhill, near Bedford.

FOSTER, BARHAM BRANCH.—Joseph Foster, Esq. (youngest son of Col. John Foster), b. 1729, d. 1789. He took the name of Barham, and m. first Dorothea, dau. and eventual heir of Erasmus Vaughn, Esq., of Treecwn, Co. Pembroke; secondly Lady Hill of Hawkstone. The eldest son of the first marriage, Joseph Foster Barham, Esq., of Treecwn and of Stockbridge Hants, b. 1760, M. P. for that borough. m. 1792 Lady Caroline Tufton, dau. of Sackville 8th Earl of Thanet, and had issue, several sons and daus. The eldest son, John Foster Barham, who was M. P. for Stockbridge and afterwards for Kendal, m. Lady Katharine Grimston, dau. of the Earl of Verulam, who survived her husband, and is the present Countess of Clarence. The second son, William Foster Barham, d. unm. The third son, the Rev. Charles Henry Barham, how of Treecwn, nephew and sole representative of Henry, last Earl of Thanet, m. first Miss Ince, and secondly Miss Massey, but has no issue. There are also two daus., Mary who m. Count Gaggiotti, and Caroline who m. the Rev. Sanderson Robins, rector of Shaftesbury.

FOSTER OF BALLYMASCANLAN.—Foster, Fredrick John, Esq., of Ballymascanlan House, Co. Louth, J. P. and D. L., High Sheriff 1845, m. 22d October, 1827, Isabella, fourth dau. of Peter Vere, Esq.


FOSTER OF WADSWORTH BANKS.—Foster, Henry, Esq., of Wadsworth Banks and Tolling Royd, Co. York, J. P., b. 29th May, 1795.

Lineage.—The ancestors of this family came from Wensleydale, N. R. of Yorkshire, about 400 years ago, to the Slack near Heptonstall, which they obtained by purchase. The Slack estate is still retained by a branch of the same family, and the present occupier and owner is John Foster, Esq., who m. the only dau. and heir of Henry Lord, Esq., of Bacup, Lancashire. John Foster, Esq., of Slack, and son of Thomas Foster, Esq., of the same place, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas Greenwood, who erected the chapel at Slack at his own expense and preached in it gratuitously: by this lady Mr. Foster had, with a dau., three sons: John, from whom the present John Foster, Esq., of Slack; Henry, of whom presently; and William, who d. s. p. The second son, Henry Foster, Esq., removed from Slack to his own estate at Wadsworth Banks, about the year 1870. He m. Ann Townsend of Heptonstall, and had, with a dau. Mary, who d. s. p., aged 73, a son. John Foster, Esq., of Wadsworth Banks, who m. 23d December, 1790, Sarah, dau. of William Howorth Gent of White Lee, and had (with dau. Elizabeth who d. young) an only son, the present Henry Foster, Esq., of Wadsworth Banks. Mr. Foster d. 12th September, 1812, aged 51.

FOSTER OF THURNBY.—Foster, Hon. William John, of Thurnby, Newton, New South Wales, prime Judge of the Supreme Court of N. S. W., b. at Rathescar, Co. Louth, 13th January, 1831, m. 8th August, 1854, Matilda Sophia, dau. of John Williams, Esqs., of Landigige, Pembroke shire, South Wales, by Jane Makeig his wife, and has issue: i. Arthur William John, b. 24th June, 1855; ii. William Henry, b. 24th May, 1856, m. 1886 Ella, dau. of George Clift, Esq., and has issue, a daugh-
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ter; iii. Thomas Chichester James, b. 5th September, 1858; iv. Edward Pokenham, b. 25th June, 1860; v. Frederick Leopold, b. 18th April, ——; vi. Charles Ernest, b. 1st December, 1871; vii. Rodolph Wellesley, b. 26th September, 1874. i. Catherine Jane, m. 1st August, 1852, Lieut. Henry John Jeffreys, R. N.; ii. Welhelmina Rosalind, m. 29th September, 1886, William McIntyre St. Clair Maclardy, Esq., of Sydney; iii. Helen Mary Elizabeth, unm. Mr. Justice Foster was educated first at Cheltenham College; settled in Victoria in 1854 (having visited the colony two years previously), and engaged for a short time in agricultural pursuits; subsequently studied for the bar and was admitted 13th May, 1858; the following year was appointed crown prosecutor for the northern district, and in 1870 crown prosecutor for Sydney, which office he resigned December, 1877, and became attorney-general under the Farnell administration, with a seat in the Legislative Council, which he resigned in 1880; afterward became M. P. for Newton; in 1881 minister of justice in the Parke's ministry; and again in 1887 attorney-general, which office he subsequently resigned in February, 1888, was appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of N. S. W. Mr. Justice Foster has written a treatise on the District Courts Act, which is still regarded as the standard work on that subject. He has been a member of every diocesan provincial and general synod of the Church of England constituted in New South Wales.

Lineage.—Mr. Justice Foster traces his descent through the families of Fortescue, Chichester and Bonchier, back to King Edward III. According to tradition his paternal ancestors were formerly seated in Berkshire, whence they migrated to Ireland. John Foster, Esq., of Dunlier, Co. Louth, for many years M. P. for that borough, m. 10th December, 1704, Mary, youngest dau. of William Fortescue, Esq., of Newlough, Co. Louth, who was grandfather of William Henry, first Earl of Clermont and son of Sir Thomas Fortescue, Knt. of Dromeskin, Co. Louth, lieutenant-colonel of Prince Charles' Horse Guards, and governor of the Castle of Carrickfergus, and by her (who d. 29th October, 1762, aged 77 years) left at his decease, 16th May, 1747: i. Anthony (Right Hon.), of whom hereafter; ii. Thomas (Rev.), D. D., rector of Dunlier, b. 16th November, 1709, m. 1740 Dorothy, dau. of William Burgh, Esq., of Birt, Co. Kildare, and was s. by his son, John Thomas, of Dunlier, some time M. P., who m. 2d April, 1776, Lady Elizabeth Hervey, dau. of Fredrick Augustus, fourth Earl of Bristol, Lord Bishop of Derry, and d. 1795, having had by her (who m. secondly, 19th October, 1809, William, fifth Duke of Devonshire, K. G., but d. s. p. by him 20th March, 1842): 1. Fredrick Thomas, b. 2d October, 1777, M. P.; 2. Augustus John (Right Hon. Sir), Bart., P. C., G. C. H. of Stonehouse, Co. Louth, b. December, 1780, was appointed envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the United States t.12, and subsequently to Sweden, Denmark and Sardinia. He was created a baronet 30th September, 1831; he m. 18th March, 1814, Lady Albina Jane, dau. of the Hon. George Vere Hobart, second son of George, third Earl of Buckinghamshire, and d. 1st August, 1838 (his widow dying 28th May, 1867) having had: i. Fredrick George (Sir), who s. as second baronet, b. 3d January, 1810, and d. unm. 25th December, 1857; ii. Cavendish Hervey (Rev. Sir) of Glyde Court, Ardee, Co. Louth, rector of Theydon Garnow, Essex, Co. Essex, 1843 to 1857, b. 7th May, 1817; educated at Eton and Magdalene College, Cambridge (B. A. 1841); s. his brother as third baronet 25th December, 1857; m. 15th January, 1844, Isabella, youngest dau. of the Rev. John Todd, curate of Frankley and S. Kenelm, Halesowen, Co. Salop, and by her (who d. 3d June, 1883) has: 1. John Frederick, J. P. and D. L., high sheriff Co. Louth 1875, late major Sixth battalion Royal Irish Rifles (Louth militia) and formerly of the Thirteen Hussars, b. 15th January, 1847, educated at Marlborough and Magdalene College, Cambridge; m. 20th April, 1871, Caroline Emily, eldest dau. of Thomas Coxehead Chesendale Marsh, Esq., of Gaynes Park, Co. Essex, and has issue: Augustus Vere, b. 30th March, 1873; Emily Albinea, Mary Isabella and Alice Jane Blanche. 2. Hervey, lieutenant Royal Irish Rifles, b. 20th June, 1851, d. unm. 31st March, 1887; i. Jane Vere, m. 2d October, 1872, to Robert Boothby Heathcote, Esq., of Friady Hill Chingford, Co. Essex. iii. Vere Henry Louis, b. 25th April, 1819. iii. William, M. P. for Dunlier, who m. 1743 Patience, dau. of John Powke, Esq., of Dublin, and d. 24th August, 1783, leaving issue: 1. John William of Castlering, Co. Louth, D. L., M. P. for Dunlier, b. 1745; m. 1788 Rebecca, only child of Hamilton McClure, Esq., of Dublin, and d. 1809, having had issue: i. Fredrick John of Castlering and Ballymascanlan, Dundalk, Co. Louth, J. P. and D. L., high sheriff Co. Louth 1845, b. 1790, m. 22d October, 1827, Isabella, fourth dau. of Peter Vere, Esq., of Carletonian, Trent, Co. Nottingham; ii. William Hamilton, d. 1813; iii. Henry, d. 1820; iv. Charles Thomas, d. 1822. i. Elizabeth Susan; ii. Louisa
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Jane, m. 26th October, 1819, Thomas Span, second Baron Plunket, P. C., D. D., Lord Bishop of Tuam, Killala and Achonry, being so consecrated in 1839; and had issue, female (seeBurkes Peerage); ii. Emily Anna, d. 1874. 2. Henry. i. Patience, m. 1866 to John McClintock, Esq., M. P.; 2. Elizabeth, m. to John Longfield, Esq., M. P. i. Margaret. m. to Stephen Sibthorpe, Esq., of Brownston; ii. Charlotte, m. 1738 to Nicholas Forster, Esq., of Tullaghan, great grandfather of Sir Thomas Oriol Forster, Bart. of Coolderry, Co. Monaghan, Ireland. The eldest son, the Right Hon. Anthony Foster, Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer, Ireland, from 1776 to 1777, b. 12th December, 1765, m. first 25th February, 1786, Elizabeth, dau. of William Burgh, Esq., of Bert, Co. Kildare, and by her (who d. 30th July, 1744) had: i. John (Right Hon.) Baron Oriel, so created 17th July, 1821, P. C. Great Britain, chancellor of the exchequer, and last speaker of the Irish House of Commons from 1785 to 1801, barrister-at-law of the Middle Temple, b. 28th September, 1740, m. 14th December, 1764, Margaret Amelia, dau. of Thomas Burgh, Esq., M. P. of Bert, Co. Kildare. She was created a peeress of Ireland as Baroness Oriel in 1790 and Viscountess Ferrand 1797. Lord Oriel d. 16th August, 1828, having had issue, besides a dau. Anne Dorothea who m. James Blackwood, Esq., an only son, Thomas Henry, afterward Thomas Henry Foster Skeffington, Viscount Forard, who m. 29th November, 1810 Harriet (nee Skeffington), Viscountess Massereene, only dau. Chichester, fourth Earl of Massereene, and d. in 1843. The Viscountess d. 2d January, 1831, leaving issue. Their eldest son, John Skeffington, became Viscount Massereene, Viscount Farrard and Baron Oriel (seeBurkes Peerage, Massereene Viscount). ii. William (Right Rev.) of whom presently. i. Margaret, b. 1737, m. 1759 the Hon. and Right Rev. Henry Maxwell, D. D., Bishop of Dromose, 16th March, 1765, and of Meath 15th April, 1776, third son of John, first Baron Farnham of Farnham, Co. Cavan, Ireland, and father of John, fifth Lord, and of Rev. Henry, sixth Baron Farnham. She d. 7th October, 1798. The Lord Chief Baron m. secondly 1740 Dorothea, dau. of Thomas Burgh, Esq., of Oldtown, Co. Kildare (see Burkes Landed Gentry, De Burgh of Oldtown), and d. 3d April, 1778. His second son, Right Rev. William Foster, D. D., Bishop of Clogher, Ireland, was consecrated 14th June, 1759, Bishop of Cork and Ross, translated to Kilmore 1790, and to Clogher 1796, b. 1774, m. Catharine Letitia, dau. of Rev. Henry Leslie, D. D., of Ballybay, Co. Monaghan, prebendary of Tullycorbet Clogher, and afterward prebendary of Tandragee in the Cathedral of Armagh (see Leslie of Ballibay inBurke's Landed Gentry), and d. November, 1797, having by her (who d. 1814) had issue: John Leslie (Right Hon.) of Rathescar, Co. Louth, M. P. for that county for nearly twenty years, baron of the exchequer of Ireland, m. 1814, Hon. Letitia Vesey Fitzgeral, dau. of the Right Hon. James Fitzgerald, P. C., by Catharine his wife first Baroness Fitzgerald and Vesey, and sister of Lord Fitzgerald and Vesey, and d. 1842 having by her (who upon the death of her brother Henry, third Lord Fitzgerald and Vesey in 1860 in accordance with the will of her brother William, second Lord Fitzgerald and Vesey, assumed for herself and her issue the surnames of Vesey after that of Foster, and d. 1866), had issue: i. William Foster Vesey Fitzgerald of Moyvane, Newton, Sandes, Co. Kerry, Kilmurry, MacMahon, Kilmihil, Co. Clare, and Mullacloe, Co. Louth, J. P., Cos. Clare and Kerry, b. 12th July, 1815, educated at Trinity College, Dublin (B. A. 1839), m. 27th April, 1847, Sarah Anne, only child of Henry Quilter, Esq., of Monken Hadley, Co. Middlesex, and had issue: i. John Vesey, barrister-at-law, b. 25th February, 1848, educated at Eton and Balliol College, Oxford; ii. William Vesey, b. 25th March, 1850; iii. Henry Martin, b. 1st April, 1852. 2. John Foster Vesey Fitzgerald (Hon.), J. P., b. in Dublin 1818, educated at Trinity College, Dublin, and emigrated to Australia in 1840. He was twice colonial secretary of Victoria, Australia; acting governor of Victoria in 1854; the following year was elected to the first legislative assembly under the new constitution, and held office as treasurer in the first O'Shanassy ministry in March, 1857; finally leaving the colony for Europe. He m. 1850 Emily, dau. of Rev. John Joseph Fletcher, D. D., of Dunran, Co. Wicklow, and has issue: i. John, b. 1864; ii. Emily Henrietta Louisa; iii. Anna. 3. James Foster Vesey Fitzgerald of Moyriss Quin, Co. Clare, J. P. Cos. Clare and Galway, D. L. Co. Clare, and high sheriff of Clare 1868, b. 5th May, 1821, educated at Trinity College, Dublin (B. A. 1842), m. 4th December, 1845, Henrietta Louisa, dau. of the late Sir Ross Mahon, Bart. of Castlegar, Co. Galway, by his third wife the Hon. Maria Geraldine Fitzgerald, dau. of the Right Hon. James Fitzgerald of Incheroman, Co. Clare, prime sergeant in Ireland, by Catharine, his wife, Baroness Fitzgerald and Vesey, and had issue: i. James. B. A. of Trinity College, Dublin, barrister-at-law, b. 1846; ii. George, captain Clare artillery, b. 1849. i. Henrietta Mary Emily, m.
1870 George Barrington Godbold, Esq., late captain Twenty-seventh regiment, and d. 24th December, 1877; ii. Geraldine Sophia, m. 1872 Robert Hume Crowe, Esq., Toorah. J. P. Co. Clare. i. Letitia; ii. William Henry, Rev., of whom hereafter.
i. Catharine, m. 1805 William Drummond Delap, Esq.; ii. Anna, m. Jonas Stowell, Esq., of Old Court, Co. Cork, and had amongst other issue a son, afterward Sir William Foster Stowell, K. C. M. G. of D'Estaville, Kew, Melbourne, ex-Chief Justice of the Colony of Victoria, second son, who was b. in Co. Cork June, 1815; educated at Trinity College, Dublin (B. A. 1837), called to the Irish bar 1839; emigrated to Victoria, arriving in Melbourne 1843, and afterward held large squating interests near Avoca and between Lake Wallace and Gleneily; appointed attorney-general of Victoria 1851; returned to the legislative assembly of Victoria for Melbourne in 1856, and succeeded Sir William A. Becket as chief justice in 1857, remaining in that office until 1886, when he was appointed lieutenant-governor of the colony of Victoria. Sir W. F. Stowell was knighted in 1857, and created K. C. M. G. in 1886. In 1873 the University of Dublin conferred upon him the degree of LL.D. He m. January, 1856, Mary Frances Elizabeth, only dau. of the late William Pomeroy Greene, Esq., of Collen House, Collen, Co. Louth, Ireland, and afterward of Woodlands, Victoria, Australia, formerly lieutenant, R. N. (see Greene of Greystone), and had issue: i. Jonas Molesworth; 2. William; 3. Charles Leslie; 4. George Cooper; 5. Richard Rawdon; 6. Rodolph de Salis. i. Anne Catharine; 2. Mary Letitia; 3. Henrietta; 4. Melian. ii. Henrietta, m. 1810 Jerome Fane, Count de Salis, and d. 1856, leaving issue: William Fane de Salis, who emigrated to Victoria, but afterward returned to England and became chairman of the board of directors of the Peninsula and Oriental Steam Navigation Company; and the Hon. Leopold Fane de Salis, member of the Legislative Council of New South Wales. iv. Elizabeth, m. Rev. James McCright, and had issue, a dau., Letitia, m. Edward Jeffreys, Esq.; v. Letitia, m. John Henry North, Esq., Q. C., sometime M. P. for the University of Dublin, and d. s. p. The second son, Rev. William Henry Foster, Lough Gilly, Co. Armagh, and of Altamenah, Donegal, Ireland, rector of Lough Gilly, Co. Armagh, and formerly midshipman, K. N., m. 18th December, 1821, Catharine, dau. of James Hamilton, Esq., of Brown Hall, Balintra, Co. Donegal (who was maternally descended from the Scottish royal house of Stewart), by the Hon. Helen Pakenham, his wife, sister of Thomas, Earl of Longford, Major-General Sir Edward Michael Pakenham, G. C. B., Lieutenant-General Sir Hercules Robert Pakenham, K. C. B., and Catharine, wife of Arthur, the first and great Duke of Wellington, and d. 1861, leaving issue, a son.

having had by her (who was b. 1803 and d. 1873): i. Arthur Hamilton William, of Bell Isle and St Ernan's, Co. Donegal, J. P. Co. Donegal, b. 1824; educated at Trinity College, Cambridge; m. Arabella Rose, dau. of John Hamilton, Esq., of St Ernan's and Brown Hall, Co. Donegal, J. P. and D. L., high sheriff 1826 (see Burke's Landed Gentry, Hamilton of Brown Hall), and has issue, four daughters: ii. William John (Hon.) of Thurnby, Newton. i. Catharine Helen, m. 1849 John James Verschoyle, Esq., of Tassayvard Saggard, Co. Dublin, and of 36 Upper Mount street, Dublin, Ireland, J. P. Co. Dublin, who was educated at Trinity College, Dublin; third son of the late John Verschoyle, Esq., of Stillorgan House, Co. Dublin (who d. 1840), by Margaret his wife, dau. of John Stuart, Esq., of Dromespil, Co. Tyrone, and has issue, besides five daughters, two sons, the elder of whom is the Rev. John Stuart Verschoyle, B. A., of Pembroke College, Cambridge, curate of Holy Trinity, St. Marylebone, London, b. 1808; ii. Catharine Wilhelmina, unm.; res. Thurnby Newton, New South Wales, Australia.

Foster.—Foster, the Rev. Sir Cavendish Henry, of Stonehouse, Co. Louth, rector of Thoydon, Garon, Essex, b. 7th May, 1817; s. his brother as third bart. 25th December, 1857; m. 15th January, 1844, Isabella, youngest dau. of the late Rev. John Todd, cura' e of Frankley and St. Kenelm Halesowen, and by her, who d. 3d June, 1881, has: i. John Fredrick, D. L., late Thirteenth Hussars, major Sixth battalion Royal Irish Rifles, b. Jan. 18, 1847, m. 20th April, 1871, Caroline Emily, eldest dau. of T. C. Chirenhal Marsh Augustus Vere, b. 30th March, 1852; Emily Albina, Mary Isabella, Alice Jane Blanche; ii. Hervy, lieutenant Royal Irish Rifles, b. 20th June, 1851, d. unm. 31st March, 1887. i. Jane Vere, m. 2d October, 1872, to Robert Boothby Heathcote, Esq., of Friday Hill, Chneford, Essex.

Lineage.—John Foster, Esq., M. P. of Dunlir, Co. Louth, m. 10th December, 1704, Elizabeth, youngest dau. of William Fortescue, Esq., of Newark, Co. Louth, and d. 16th May, 1747, leaving issue: i. Anthony (Right Hon.), Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer, Ireland, m. first 1736 Elizabeth, dau. of William Burg, Esq., of Bert, Co. Kildan, and had issue: i. John, Baron Oriel, so created 1821, Chancellor of the Exchequer and last Speaker of the Irish House of Commons, m. Margaret,
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dau. of Thomas Burgh, M. P. of Bert, who was created a Peeress of Ireland as Baroness Oriel in 1700, and Viscountess Ferrord 1757 (see Massereene v); 2. William (Right Rev.), Bishop successively of Cork, Kilmore and Clogher, m. Catharine Letitia, dau. of Rev. Charles Leslie, D. D., of Ballybay, Co. Monaghan, and d. 1797, having by her (who d. 1814), had issue: John Leslie, M. P. Co. Louth, Baron of the Exchequer, Ireland, m. 1814 Hon. Letitia Vesey Fitzgerald, sister of Lord Fitzgerald and Vesey, and d. 1842, having by her (who assumed the additional surname of Vesey Fitzgerald, and d. 1866), had issue: 1. William Foster Vesey Fitzgerald, m. Sarianne, only child of Henry Quilter, Esq., of Monken Hadley, Middlesex, and has issue; 2. John Foster Vesey Fitzgerald, m. Emily, dau. of Rev. John Joseph Fletcher, D. D., of Dunran, Co. Waterford and has issue: 3. Margaret Foster Vesey Fitzgerald, of Moyrиск Quin, Co. Clare, J. P., D. L., b. 5th May, 1821, m. 4th December, 1845, Henrietta Louisa, dau. of Sir Ross Mahon, Bart. of Castlebar, Co. Galway, and has issue (see Burke's Landed Gentry); 4. Letitia. William (Rev.) rector of Loughgilly, Co. Armagh, m. Catharine, dau. of James Hamilton, Esq., of Brownhall, Co. Donegal, and had issue. Catharine, m. 1805 to William Drummond Delap, Esq. Anna, m. to Jonas Stowell, Esq., Henrietta, m. Jerome Fane, Count de Salis, and d. 1856, leaving issue. Elizabeth, m. to Rev. James Mereight Letitia, m. John Henry North, Esq., Q. C., M. P. 1. Margaret, m. Most Rev. Henry Maxwell, Bishop of Meath (see Farnham B), and d. 1792. The Lord Chief Baron of Ireland, Eliza Fitz-Henry, dau. of Thomas Burgh, Esq. by his marriage, d. 1778. ii. Thomas, of whom presently; iii. William, M. P. of Dunlier, who m. Patience, dau. of John Fowke, Esq., of Dublin, and d. 24th August, 1783, leaving issue, two dau.s., Patience, m. to John McClintock, Esq., M. P., and Elizabeth, m. to John Lordfield, Esq., M. P., and two sons of whom the elder, John William, M. P., b. in 1745, m. Rebecca, dau. of Hamilton McClure, Esq., of Dublin, and had Fredrick John of Ballymacshulan, Co. Louth, J. P. and D. L.; Louisa Jane m. to Thomas, second Lord Plunket; Elizabeth and Emily, i. Margaret, m. to Stephen Sibthorpe, Esq., of Brownston; ii. Charlotte, m. to Nicholas Foster, Esq., of Tullaghan. The second son, the Rev. Thomas Foster, D. D., rector of Dunlier, b. 16th November, 1709, m. 1740 Hon. Mary, dau. of William Burgh, Esq., of Birt, Co. Kildare, and was s. by his son, John Thomas Foster, Esq., of Dunlier, sometime M. P. Vesey m. 2d April, 1776, Lady Elizabeth Hervy, dau. of Fredrick Augustus, fourth Earl of Bristol, Bishop of Derry, by whom (who m., after his decease, William, fifth Duke of Devonshire, and d. in 1824) he had issue: Fredrick Thomas, b. Oct. 2, 1777, M. P.; Augustus John. Mr. Foster d. in 1795. His second son, the Right Hon. Augustus John Foster, P. C., G. C. H., b. December, 1780, was appointed envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the United States 1812, and subsequently to Sweden, Denmark and Sardinia. He was created a baronet 30th September, 1831; he m. 15th March, 1815, Albina Jane, dau. of the Hon. George Vere Hobart, second son of George, third Earl of Buckinghamshire, and by her (who d. 28th May, 1867) had: Fredrick George, second bart., Cavendish, Harvy, present bart.; Vere Henry Louis, b. 25th April, 1819; Sir Augustus John, d. Aug. 1, 1848, and was s. by his eldest son. ii. Sir Fredrick George, who was b. 3d January, 1816, and d. unm. 25th December, 1837.


Lineage.—William Foster, Esq., of Norwich, b. in 1762 (son of William Foster of the same place by Sarah his wife, dau. of Robert Pratt also of Norwich), m. first 24th August, 1787, Mary, dau. of Jehosophat Postle, but by her had no issue; and secondly in June, 1794, Anastatia, dau. of John Beevor, M. D., of Norwich, by whom he left at his decease in 1821: 1. Lambert Blackwell of Brundal, Norfolk, in holy orders, b. 27th June, 1795, m. 22d November, 1821, Mary Greene, dau. of the Rev. R. E. Browne of Elsing, and d. 16th March, 1863, having by her (who d. June, 1870) had issue: 1. Lambert Blackwell, b. Feb. 1, 1824; 2. William, b. 24th July, 1825. 1. Mary, d. unm. 29th November, 1842; 2. Anastasia, d. unm. 14th December, 1835; 3. Charlotte Frances. ii. William, created a baronet in 1838. 1. Anastasia, m. first
20th April, 1829, Giovanni Pietro Guillo Francesco Cucchi Piedemonte, who d. 11th August, 1835, and secondly in 1841 to Emesto Baldassare Luigi Penotts Piedemonte. She d. July, 1855. The second son, T. William Foster, Esq., of the city of Norwich, b. 16th June, 1798, was created a baronet 3d August, 1838. He m. 14th June, 1821, Mary Anne, dau. of Starling Day, Esq., of Norwich, banker, and by her (who d. 28th December, 1855) had issue: i. William, present bart.; ii. Charles (Thorpe Norwich), b. 12th November, 1828, m. 18th May, 1858, Charlotte, third dau. of Capt. T. G. Willis, R. N.; iii. Frances Gostling (Norwich), b. 3d July, 1830, m. first 16th August, 1853, Lucy, third surviving dau. of Capt. William Gwyn, R. N., of Tashburg Lodge, Norfolk, and by her (who d. 1894) had issue: Herbert Francis, b. July 10, 1860; Charles Blackwell, b. 13th September, 1861; Lucy Maud, m. 1886; Lucas Temple Cobbold, Esq., of Ipswich; and Alice Mary. He m. secondly 5th September, 1865, Bertha, second dau. of the late Timothy Steward, Esq., of Hugham Lodge, Norfolk. and has a son, Reginald Stewart, b. 8th January, 1867; and two dau.s, Winifred Bertha and Eveline Margaret. 1. Emily, d. in 1846; 2. Julia, m. 11th April, 1867, Herbert William Day, Esq., of the Heath, East Durham. Sir William d. 2d December, 1874; creation 3d August, 1838.

FOSTER OF BRICKHILL.—Foster, Arthur Fitz John, Esq., of Brickhill Co. Bedford, b. 14th January, 1813, s. his father 30th June, 1851.

Lineage.—There is a strong presumptive evidence of the descent of this family from the Fosters of Bamforumbour Castle in Northumberland, but the link of connection has not been precisely ascertained. The immediate ancestor of the branch before us having forfeited his estates in England during the political troubles of the period in which he lived, joined the expedition of Pennand Venables in 1655, and obtained a grant of a considerable tract of land in the Island of Jamaica, which is now enjoyed by his descendants, the Fosters and Barhams. His son and successor, Col. John Foster, of the Island of Jamaica, d. there 30th August, 1731, aged 50, leaving four sons and three daus; viz.: i. Thomas of the Grange; ii. William, of whom presently; iii. Samuel, who m. twice; iv. Joseph, who assumed the additional surname of Barham. He m. and had issue: i. Joseph, his heir, of Stockbridge Hants, M. P., m. in 1793 Lady Caroline Tufton, dau. of the eighth Earl of Thanet, and d. having issue. 1. John of Trecwn, Co. Pembroke, and Stockbridge Hants, J. P. and D. L., high sheriff for Co. Pembroke in 1834, and M. P. for Kendal, b. in 1800, m. in 1834 Lady Katharene Grimston, but d. s. p. in 1838: 2. William; 3. Charles; 4. Mary, m. in 1839 to the Rev. Mr. Robins.

F. H. Foster, cashier of the Claremont. N. H., National Bank, in writing to the author, in March, 1898, says:—

In response to your request I enclose extracts which I made of data given in "Fosters and Forsters of No. of Eng.," about which I wrote you. You will notice that this particular line which I traced in the above work ends in one Reynold, fourth child of Thos. of Bronton, whose (Thos.) will was dated June, 19, 1618. The possibility occurred to me that this Reynold might have been our Reginald as the name in N. E. is spelled in various ways, viz.: Renall, Rennoll, Renol and Reginal, and there would seem from the date of his father's will that there would be no anachronism in the way. The book gives no data other than those quoted and I am absolutely without any clue or evidence which would serve to support a hypothesis on the matter. The only tangible clue I found in my search in Boston Library was a note in Emerton and Water's gleanings from Eng. records about N. E. Families—Salem Press, 1880, p. 40, viz.:—

"Margaret Foster of Shrewsbury, Salop, May 15, 1620, widow of Thos., late of Reddington aged — Grandchildren Reginald and Leighton Foster. Estate at Edmundon, Middlesex. D. Newell Foster, dau. Judith Hosier. The name of Judith Hosier occurs as witness to the will of Isabella Foster in 1631."

Also another note, p. 82, Part I, Vol. I, of same work, has extracts from will of Elizabeth Hailes of lower Shadwell at Stepney, in County of Middlesex, widow, 28th September, 1664. Proved March 22, 1664. "To my cousin John Foster at Tower Hill. . . . . . To my cousin William Foster at New England the full sum of ten pounds. . . . . To my cousin Isaac Foster's daughter. . . . . As you will see neither of these "gleanings" has any apparent connection with the line which I traced from "De Buckton." The "cousin William at New England" might be the third son of Reginald, who would have been about 31 years old at the date of Elizabeth Hailes's will above mentioned. This seems to me the most tangible clue of anything I have been able to find, but I do not know just how any one could follow it out without the assistance of some one on the other side.
Extract from "America Heraldica," Page 137. Boston Pub. Library. Bates Hall Genealogical reference books, No. 1022-4. Published in 1886. Foster.—Reginald Foster of Little Badow, Co. Essex, Eng., landed at Ipswich, Mass., 1638. He belonged to the Foster family of Bamborough and Etherstone Castle, Co. Northumberland. Reginald brought with him five sons and two daughters. We find also in the old burial ground at Charlestown, Mass., the tombstone (with the arms we give) of the wife of Richard Foster, Jr., 1724. He was the grandson of Wm. Foster, known to have been in Charlestown about 1650. These arms are those of the Fosters of Brickhill, Co. Bedford, and the Bogue, Co. Lancaster. Also represented by the Fosters of Jamaica in the West Indies. Various ancient silver articles with the Foster arms are preserved in America. Among others a large tankard with the arms beautifully engraved and the tinctures clearly indicated. It is in the possession of Edward Ingersoll Browne of Boston, the lineal descendant of the Browns of Watertown. Crest, an arm in armor embowed holding in the hand a broken tilting spear, proper.


Col. L. Vivian of London, England, in 1891 and 1892 made a search for the ancestry of the emigrant Reginald Foster, but it proved unsuccessful.

Col. Chester of London, recently deceased, was employed at one time by, I think, John Foster of Boston, but failed to accomplish anything in this direction. Col. Vivian's researches were made in both Devonshire and Suffolk. Later he writes: "I have given up Devonshire as being in no way connected with your family." Col. Vivian writes that Harlow records have been stolen or destroyed. He examined as to Bocking in Essex, whence came the Whipples of Ipswich, and where Rev. Nathaniel Rogers of Ipswich settled. Later he reports that the "Registers of Bocking prior to 1655 are lost." "The Ipswich Registers all begin before 1600, but a general search through them has proved useless." "The births also have been examined at Norwich for Essex births, but nothing can be found to give any clue to Reginald Foster who emigrated to New England." He writes 27th April, 1892, "It struck me suddenly on finding the loss of certain Parish Registers in Essex, that I might get something from the Subsidy Rolls. I therefore yesterday looked up the Hundred of Hinkford which has forty-nine parishes, all of which I most carefully examined with this result, that Foster was a family living at Felstead in the reign of King James I. and King Charles I."

"r Essex, 2r, James I. Parish of Felstead, Michael Foster on lands valued £3 paid 8s tax." "2 Essex, 3 and 4, Charles I. Parish of Felstead, Andrew Foster on lands £4, paid 4s tax."

"I chose the above period as being near Reginald Foster and it is clear there were Fosters at Felsted holding land between 1600 and 1630." Col. Vivian, however, felt that he was on the right track, writing: "Felstead is in the same hundred as Bocking and Harlow, all within a circle of about twelve miles in diameter. I looked up ninety-nine (99) parishes. Felstead was the only one that had the name of Foster." Col. Vivian interviewed Joseph Foster of London. He writes: "Mr. J. Foster of London has not printed anything to help you, he told me he felt no interest whatever in Reginald Foster." Col. Vivian also interviewed Mr. Waters, and writes: "I understood Mr. Waters to say last week when I saw him that the great difficulty was there are too many Reginald Fosters about the period named, and that it would cost a lot of money to look them up."
"Fosters of Dowsby and Moulton, Co. Lincoln," compiled by Everard Green, Esq., F. S. A. Reprinted from the 'Miscellaneous Genealogica et Heraldica,' of November, 1875, for W. E. Foster, Esq., London. Mitchell & Hughes, Printers, 24 Wardow Street, W., 1875.

Arms.—Sable, a chevron engrailed ermine, between three broad arrows, or feathered argent.

Crest.—An antelope's head, erased argent, attired or colored and chained of the last.

Motto.—"Inconcusser Fides."

FOSTER LAND GRANTS IN NOVA SCOTIA.

List of all grants of land issued to the name of Foster; from the Index to Grants of Nova Scotia from 1707 to 1854 (inclusive). N. B.—New Brunswick was a part of Nova Scotia until 1785.

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FOSTERS IN AMERICA.

ALLEN FOSTER'S SONS. Early in the 17th century four sons of Allen Foster, of England, viz., Jonathan, David, Ephraim and Samuel, came to this country. One settled in Maine, another on Long Island, another in northern New Jersey, and Samuel in Cape May, south New Jersey, from whom sprang most all the Fosters in the lower county of West Jersey. One of Samuel's sons was Nathaniel, who had a son Salathiel, who had a son Reuben, who had a son Reuben, Jr. He m. Nov. 20, 1804, in Cape May, N. J., Nancy Edmunds, who died in her 74th year, Aug. 6, 1855. He d. in his 90th year June 24, 1870, leaving Robert Edmunds Foster and Downs E. Foster. The latter was b. Oct. 20, 1807; m. Ann Lawrence Hughes, b. Nov. 9, 1817; d. Feb. 26, 1865. He was a contractor and builder, and d. Oct. 20, 1886.

Ch. 1. JANE ANN FOSTER; res. Cape May, N. J.
2. SAMUEL L. FOSTER; P O. address, Norfolk, Va.
3. DOUGLASS FOSTER; res. Baltimore, Md.
4. ELLA FOSTER; res. Cape May, N. J.
5. RHODA FOSTER; res. Cape May, N. J.
6. MARY C. FOSTER; res. Cape May, N. J.
7. REUBEN FOSTER, b. Cape May Co., N. J., Oct. 28, 1839; m. Sarah L. Head. He is general manager for the Chesapeake and York river lines of steamboats. Res. 2301 Charles St., Baltimore, Md.

Ch. 1. ENOCH EDMUNDS FOSTER, b. Sept. 2, 1867; m. Oct. 25, 1894.
2. ARTHUR D. FOSTER, b. Nov. 9, 1872; m. Nov. 30, 1898.
3. REUBEN CARL FOSTER, b. July 16, 1875.

ANDREW. He died in Andover May 7, 1885, ae. 106. See notice of descendants in this book.

CHRISTOPHER. Coming from England he first located in Lynn, but soon removed to Long Island, where he was an early settler. Descendants in this work.


EDWARD. Born in England, came to America about 1650, m. in Springfield, Mass., Dec. 26, 1661, Esther Bliss, who lived with John Pynchon. She d. June 12, 1683; m. second Jan. 17, 1683, Mrs. Sarah Miller, who d. Mar. 9, 1708. He was a freeman in 1660, and d. in Springfield Feb. 22, 1720, s. p.

CAPT. THOMAS. Son of John, b. in Kingsware, England, about 1642, m. in New London, Conn. He was a master mariner and sailed between Boston, New London and the Barbadoes. See notice elsewhere.

EDWARD. Brother of Capt. Thomas; res. in Marblehead, Mass., Middletown and Guilford, Conn. His descendants are given in this work.
BARTHOLOMEW. Brother of Capt. Thomas, resided in Gloucester, Mass. Was engaged in maritime pursuits like his brothers. See notice in following pages.

SERTG. THOMAS. Son of Rev. Thomas, b. in England, came to America, resided in Boston, Weymouth, Woburn, Braintree and Billerica. Was one of the early Baptists. Descendants in this work.

CAPT. WILLIAM. Brother of Sertg. Thomas, in England, resided in Charlestown, Mass.: was a master mariner, was captured with his son by the Turks, while enroute to Bilboa. See descendants elsewhere.

HON. SAMUEL. Born in England, came to America, located in Dedham, married there, moved to Wenham and finally settled in Chelmsford. Was the ancestor of a large family. See descendants in this book.

JOHN, SR. Came from England and settled in Salem, Mass. It is said he was closely related to Samuel of Chelmsford and Andrew of Andover, but I do not think so. See descendants in these pages.

REGINALD. Born in Brunton, England, came to America, settled in Ipswich, Mass., and was the ancestor of a numerous posterity. His ancestry is traced back to 1617, and his descendants fully given in this work.

WILLIAM. Born in England, was of Ipswich, Mass., and Newport, Rhode Island; may have been brother or relative of Reginald. He had land granted him in Ipswich in 1635, says Felt. He was disarmed Nov., 1637, as a follower of Wheelwright, and supporter of Mrs. Hutchinson. "Yet he was a man with the prefix of respect; and was in Sept. foll. informed that we conceive him not fit to live with us; therefore he was wished to depart bef. the Gen. Court in Mar. next. Yet he may have, like not a few of his associate misbelieve, made his peace or been too much respected for his est. and that less dangerous soon after." I think on account of his religious difficulties he moved to Newport, R. I., in 1639. In the earlier records we find the name spelt indifferently Foster and Forster—the former spelling being the more common. The "r" has now been entirely dropped, except by the descendants of Jacob Forster, of Charlestown, Mass., who was the first I believe, to write the name always in this manner.

COL. JOHN. Born Alesbury, Bucks Co., England, came to America, located in Boston; m. Lydia ——, who d.; m. second Abigail ——, who d. Aug., 1711. He d. Feb. 9, 1711. He was one of the wealthiest merchants in Boston, and one of the most influential men of his day. John, Boston, an emin. merch. from Alesbury Co., ar. co. 1679, of the council of safety 1689, rep. 1690, at May session, for Portsmouth, where the inhab. earnestly desir. to continue the union with Mass. after the overthrow of Andros; Col. of Boston reg. named in the Chart, of William and Mary by approb. of Increase Mather. 3. cous.—Savage. John Foster (1670), of Boston, was an eminent merchant from Alesbury, Bucks county, England, and was admitted a freeman in 1682. He joined the artillery company immediately after his arrival, and became very prominent in the affairs of the company from 1690 to 1695. He was of the Council of Safety in 1699; was representative for Portsmouth in 1696; one of Gov. Dudley's (1677) councillors; named in the charter of William and Mary in 1692; one of the first council under it, in which office he continued until his death. He is mentioned in the Boston records, the first time, March 15, 1679-80, when being elected constable, he was fined for refusing to serve; and was selectman in 1690, 1691 and 1692. On the 7th of December, 1692, he was appointed a justice of the inferior court of Common Pleas for Suffolk county, and served in that office until his decease. He is called "Capt." in the Boston town records, 1696-8, and Mr. Savage says he was colonel of the Boston regiment, a wealthy merchant and of a most fair and unblemished character.

John Foster. Adm. to estate of Col. John Foster, late of Boston, dec'd, granted to son-in-law, Thomas Hutchinson, merchant of Boston, Mar. 26, 1711. Lib. 17, Fol. 220.

Will—Abigail Foster, relict widow of John Foster late of Boston—niece Mrs. Hannah Ruck wife of Mr. John Ruck, Merchant—Abigail Ruck, daughter of said John and Hannah—Peter, Hannah and Elizabeth, three other children of said John and Hannah Ruck—niece Mrs. Elizabeth Hutchinson—Mrs. Lydia Hutchinson daughter of my aforementioned husband, and now wife of Mr. Edward Hutchinson—Mr. John Foster Mariner—and my kinswoman his present wife—Abigail Salter wife, of Jabesh Salter, Jr. and Mary Foster the two daughters of my aforesaid kinswoman Sarah Foster—John Richardson, Woodmansey Richardson, Elizabeth Richardson the three children of my cousin John Richardson, dec'd—and to his Widow, Mrs. Margaret Richardson my kinswoman, Mrs. Johanna Perry
widow—nephew Capt. Thomas Hutchinson—and his son Foster Hutchinson—

Foster Genealogy.

Dated Mar. 1, 1710-11.


Ch: i. MARY, b. Mar. 13, 1678.

ii. LYDIA, b. Oct. 22, 1680, d. in infancy.

iii. JOHN, b. Feb. 5, 1681, d. in infancy.

iv. JOHN, b. July 27, 1684, m. Sarah ——, was a mariner. Had two daughters.

v. SARAH, b. Jan. 29, 1686, m. Gov. Thomas Hutchinson. He was the eldest son of Col. Elisha, whose father, Capt. Edward, was wounded in King Philips war in 1675, at Brookfield, and died in a few days at Marlboro. Thomas was born Jan. 30, 1674, and was bred to mercantile pursuits. He was early a member of the provisional legislature, and thirty years a member of the council. He was distinguished for independence of character in times of great party excitement; was much esteemed for his integrity and for his liberal benevolence on all occasions when the public exigencies required his aid. Snow says that in 1713 he built at his own charge the Grammar school in Bennet street, and he was a liberal contributor to Harvard College. He died Dec. 3, 1739, much lamented. His eldest son, 1, Foster Hutchinson, who was graduated at Harvard in 1721 died early; 2, Thomas, b. 1711, governor of Massachusetts; 3, Foster; and dau., 4, Mrs. Rev. William Welsteed; 5, Mrs. Rev. Samuel Mather; 6, Mrs. Rev. Rogers, and 7, Mrs. Davenport.

Gov. Thomas Hutchinson, of Massachusetts Bay, under the second charter, as stated above, was b. in 1711. He was admitted to Harvard College when only twelve years of age. His progress in study was a subject of particular notice and applause. In 1727 he received his bachelor’s degree, but instead of entering a learned profession, he engaged in mercantile pursuits. Not being successful, he studied law and was elected a selectman in 1738. He visited London and effected the settlement of important matters for Boston. On his return he was elected to the legislature and annually re-elected for ten years, three of which he was speaker. In the assembly he possessed the charm of oratory beyond any man in that body. There was with him fluency and pathos. He could argue as well as declaim. He took an important part in that body; later he was Judge of Probate. In 1753 he was appointed lieutenant-governor, and in 1760 Chief Justice of the State. The governor having the precedence, Lieutenant-Governor Hutchinson presided as Chief Magistrate and at this time held the offices of Judge of Probate, Councillor, Chief Justice and Lieutenant-Governor. He was a friend of England, sympathized with the mother country, and just prior to the Revolution was particularly obnoxious. Aug. 26, 1775, a drunken mob visited his residence, split the doors of the house to pieces, destroyed or cast into the streets everything which was in the house and kept possession of it until daybreak. He was that night at the castle. The damage was estimated at £2,500, besides many public and private papers. He was paid by the government £3,104. 17s. 6d. for his damage and loss. In 1768 British troops arrived in Boston and intensified the feeling against Mr. Hutchinson. The following year, the governor leaving the province, the administration devolved upon Mr. Hutchinson as lieutenant-governor. The following year occurred the Boston Massacre, and this further inflamed the public mind. A long discussion with the assembly followed on proroguing that body to Cambridge by order of the King. The council was opposed to him. In March, 1771, his commission as governor was received from England. He accepted it, and from that time until his departure for England, in 1774, he was in constant dispute with the assembly and council. While he was governor, Dec. 11, 1773, occurred the Boston Tea Party, when a number of citizens, disguised as Indians, threw three hun-
dred and forty-two chests of tea from the ships into the sea. The King intended to re-appoint Mr. Hutchinson governor, but he left for England where he afterward resided, receiving a pension for life from the British government. He was a man of good character unwearied industry and highly respectable talents. As a judge he was irrefragable and evinced great ability. But it was his fortune to live at the time of that revolution, and in the very center of popular ferment. He was on the wrong side, and fell a martyr to the cause in which he was engaged. He published many volumes of an historical character, and after his death his grandson, Rev. John Hutchinson, published his third volume of Massachusetts history. He died at Broughton June 9, 1780. His daughter died Sept. 21, 1771; his son William Feb. 20, 1780. His son Thomas died at Heavitree, near Exeter, in 1811, ae. 71, and his son Elisha at Burton Parsonage, Trentham, Staffordshire, in 1824, ae. 80.

vi. LYDIA, b. Feb. 25, 1657, m. Col. Edward Hutchinson. He was born in 1678, bred a merchant. He was much in public business, was selectman of Boston, representative in the legislature, colonel of a regiment, judge of the court of common pleas, judge of probate of Suffolk county, and for thirty years treasurer of Harvard College. He was highly respected, and died in 1752. He left three children: 1, Edward, who graduated at Harvard in 1748, lived a great invalid for many years and died unmarried; 2, Sarah, who lived to a great age unmarried; 3, Elizabeth, who m. in 1757 Rev. Nathaniel Robbins, of Milton, who was father of Hon. Edward Hutchinson Robbins, who graduated at Harvard College in 1775, speaker of the house of representatives, judge of probate court and lieutenant-governor.

JAMES was b. in England. He was a mariner and d. unm. in Yarmouth, Barnstable Co., Mass., in 1695. His will, which is the first one entered on the Barnstable records, is found in Vol. 1, Page 1, and is as follows:

From Probate Records of Barnstable Co., Vol. 1, Page 1.

In the Name of God, Amen, I, James Foster late of London being weak in body but of disposing mind and memory, Blessed be God and not knowing how soone it may please Almighty God to calle me hence by death, do therefore make and ordain this my last will and testament, as followeth:

First I bequeath my soul to God that gave it me, and my body to the dust from whence it was, in deaemt burial, and for that outward and temporal estate which God of his goodness hath given me my will is that my funeral charge be paid and al other charges and reasonable dues belonging to any person by reason of my sickness and board since I came to New England be also paid by my Executors hereafter named.

I give to Mr. Robert Goss my hoope ring and to each person whose turn it hath been to watch with me in this time of my sickness I do give five shillings, I do give to Elisha Hedg Jut. ten shillings and I do give Charles Knight his freedom and whereas I have bought the liberty of purchas of an island called Quinset being in or near Manomoyet and have been at considerable charge about the same, my will is that purchas of sd island be made if it may be obtained for eighteen pounds in money, and all the writings and conveyances of it to be entered in the Court Rowles at New Plymouth; and said Quinset Island I do give to my sister Elizabeth Wopshot the daughter of Elizabeth Torlton lately living in Jacobs Streete in Southwolke near London and to the heirs of her body but in case shee die without issue then I give it to my honnourd mother Elizabeth Torlton the wife of Mr. John Torlton living in Jacobs Streete, and I do give to my servant Edward Ames the one half of the price I am to have for him which part is five pounds in shooes at money price, and to my other two servants Larrance bustob and Christopher West I do give twenty shillings apiece.

Concerning my debts that lie in Antego for the receiving of which Mr. John Norman is my attorney with order to shipe them for Bostowm in New England, and my will is that the produce of what he sends to Boston (after the charge thereabout is paid) be sent home to England to Mr. Robert Torlton lately living in Pewter Hall in Lime Streete in London to be disposed according to former order given to him. And to my well beloved friends Capt. John Thacher and Mr. Elisha Hedges both of Yarmouth I do give two guinnes to make each of them a ring. And in defect of the gould the value thereof in silver, and lastly I do ordin and appoint
the said Capt. John Thacher and Mr. Eliaiah Hedge Executors to this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I the said James Foster have hereunto set my seal and made my marke (my hands being so weak I cannot write,) this eleventh day of February 1685

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James Foster.

Signed sealed and declared in presence of:
Joseph Rider,
Samuel Howes.
Proved July 13, 1686.
A true copy of the record.

COLLEGE GRADUATES BY NAME OF FOSTER.

Below will be found a list of persons by the name of Foster who have been graduated at the various colleges in this country:

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.—The following is a list of graduates of Harvard College by the name of Foster. The first date is the year of graduation and the second the date of death. The residences of the living are given where known:

John, 1667; Josiah, 1671; 1682; Jedediah, 1744, 1779; Thomas, 1745, 1777; George, 1752, 1759; Jacob, 1754, 1768; Abel, 1756, 1806; Isaac, 1758, 1811; Dwight, 1754, 1823; Edmund, Yale 1778, 1784, 1826; Daniel, Dart 1777, 1785, 1795; M. Bossenger, 1757, 1810; John, 1757, 1820; Freeman, 1799, 1863; Andrew, M. D., 1800, 1834; John, 1802, 1853; Thomas, M. D., 1805, 1831; Jacob, 1806, 1817; John, 1813, 1836; Alfred Dwight, 1816, 1852; Charles Phinehas, 1825, 1879; George Emerson, 1829, 1842; Andrew, 1833, 1879; Samuel Conant, M. D., 1834; Charles Francis, M. D., 1835, 1865; Jacob Collier, 1841; Francis Charles, 1850, 1851; Oxford, Cambridge, Mass.; Jacob Post Girard, 1847; Charles Amos, 1853; Charles Marsh, 1863, Topeka, Kans.; Charles Mattoon, 1867; Hubbard Aug., 1871; Alfred Dwight, 1873, 87 Milk St., Boston; Francis Hugo, Prof., Rev., 1873, Pres. Theo. Sem., Oakland, Cal.; George Russell, 1875; Charles, 1877; Jacob Richards, 1877; Charles Chauncey, M. D., 1880, 5 Riedesel Av., Cambridge, Mass.; Charles H. W., 1881, Upland Road, Brookline, Mass.; John McGraw, Rev., 1882, Boston, Mass.; Warren Worden, 1882; Samuel Lynde, A. B., 1885; Burnside, M. D., A. B., Yale 1882, 1886; Eugene Hiawatha, A. M., A. B., Antioch 1858, 1859; Chauncey Charles, A. B., 1887; George Waldo, A. B., 1887; Clarendon Atwood, M. D., 1889; Arthur Fay. LL. B., 1886; Stephen Austin, LL. B., A. B., Tufts, 1887, 1891; Herbert Darling, A. M., A. B., Dart 1885, 1892; Sumner Hatherly, LL. B., 1895; Herbert Baldwin, A. B., 1805; Benjamin Oliver, A. M., 1807; Herbert Ira, A. B., 1808; Lindsey King, A. B., cum laude, 1808; William Albert, LL. B., S. B., Dart 1805, 1898.

YALE COLLEGE, NEW HAVEN, CONN.—The list of graduates by the name of Foster from this institution is as follows: Isaac, M. A., 1770, 1807; Benjamin, M. A. 1781, 1774; Brown, 1786, D. D. Brown 1792, 1798; Dan, M. A., Dart, 1774, 1809; Isaac, M. A., Dart, 1775, 1776, 1794; Edmund, M. A., 1778, 1826; Eleazer, M. A., 1803, 1819; Lemuel, 1828, 1872; Lewis, 1831, 1839; Eleazer Kingsbury, 1834, 1877; Stephen Clark, 1840; Thomas Edwin, M. A., 1840, 1851; Charles, 1844, 1877; Dwight, M. A., LL. D. 1871, 1882; William Edward, 1880; Henry W. W., 1861; Eleazer Kingsbury, Judge Cir. Ct. Florida, 1863; William L., lawyer, 1865; John Pierpont Coddington, M. D., 1869; Lauren M., 1871; Frank Wade, 1874; William, LL. B., 1874; Roger, LL. B., Columbia 1880, M. A. 1883, 1878; George Forris, 1879; Samuel Monell, 1879; Burnside, M. D., 1882; Reginald, LL. B., 1884; Lambert, 1885, 1890.

BROWN UNIVERSITY, PROVIDENCE, R. I.—The following are the graduates by the name of Foster from this institution:

Henry Foster, A. M.; A. B. Oxford university; Clergyman Church of England; curate and lecturer St. Andrew Wardrobe, Blackfriars 1769-80; curate St. James, Clerkenwell 1804-14. Author Grace displayed and Saul converted, 1814; The Bible preacher, 1824. Born 1745; died 1814. Darlington's cyc. bib., Manning and B. U.

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1778-95. Author Sermon at ordination of Joshua Crosby; Mass. election sermon, 1795.


Theodore Dwight Foster, A. M. Died 1802.

Theodore Adolphus Foster, A. M.

Lafayette Sabine Foster, LL. D. 1851. Teacher, Providence, R. I.; principal academy, Queen Anne co., Md., 1829-50; admitted to bar 1831; lawyer, Norwich, Conn., 1831-33, '35-80; Hampton, Conn., 1833-35; member Conn. house of representatives 1836-44, '46-48, '54-55, '70; speaker three terms; mayor Norwich 1851-53; member U. S. senate 1855-57; president pro tempore 1856-57; appointed professor Yale college 1857, but declined; justice Conn. supreme court 1870-76; commissioner from Conn. to settle boundary with N. Y. 1875-79; one of three commissioners to negotiate with N. Y. for purchase of Fisher's Island; member commission on simpler procedure for the state courts 1873; vice-president American Bible society. Born Franklin, Conn., Nov. 22, 1806; died Norwich, Conn., Sept. 19, 1880. Cyc. Am. biog., Cong. direct., Nec. 1881.

George Foster. From Cambridge, Mass.; died 1817.


Joseph Coggin Foster, A. M.; D. D. Central university of Iowa 1883. Baptist clergyman; pastor, Brattleboro, Vt., 1843-56; First church, Beverley, Mass., 1856-73; Randolph, Mass., 1873-82; associate editor Watchman, Boston, Mass., 1882; member school committee Brattleboro 1845-56; Beverly 1882-73; Boston correspondent Watch tower, New York, N. Y., 1879-81. Author Uncertainty of Life, obituary discourse, 1840; Baptists and communism, tract, 1850; Providence illustrated, historical discourse, dedication of Baptist meeting house, Brattleboro, Vt., Dec. 25, 1870; Accountableness for evils of intemperance, tract, 1875; Lowliness of Christ, sermon, 1892. Address, South Main St., Randolph, Mass. Died 1890.

Louis Tucker Foster. Cotton manufacturer. Address, 6 Olive St., Providence R. I.

William Eaton Foster, A. M. Librarian public library, Hyde Park, Mass., 1873-76; cataloguer Turner free library, Randolph, Mass., 1876-77; librarian public library, Providence, R. I., 1877. Author Literature of civil-service reform in the U. S., 1881; The civil-service reform movement, 1881; Libraries and readers, 1883; Stephen Hopkins, a R. I. statesman, 1884; Early attempts at R. I. history, comprising those of Stephen Hopkins and Theodore Foster, edited, in Collections of the R. I. historical society, vol. 7, 1885; References to political and economic topics, 1885; References to the history of presidential administrations, 1886-1885; 1886; Town government in R. I., 1880; References to the constitution of the U. S., with an appendix, 1890; Public support of public libraries, 1891; Address before R. I. society of the Sons of the American Revolution, 1891, 1892; Some R. I. contributions to the intellectual life of the last century, 1892; besides various periodical articles, partially enumerated in Annual report of the American historical association, 1885, Address, Public Library, Providence, R. I. Am. hist. assoc., P.

Austin Powers Foster, A. M. Principal high school, Candia, N. H.; classical department, Grove school, Dallas, Tex.; examiner public school teachers Dallas; publisher and wholesale book dealer. Address, 312 Main St., Dallas, Tex. P.
Irving Lysander Foster, A. M. upon examination 1894. Instructor French, Brown university 1893-94; student, Leipsic, Germany. Address, care Fr. Dr. Buch, Leplay Str. 8, Leipsic, Germany.

Theodore Clyde Foster, More Waterman St., Providence, R. I.

Albert Orson Foster, 86 Lansing St., Utica, N. Y.

Marsden Rhodes Foster. In charge of Methodist Episcopal Church, Drownville, R. I. Address, Drownville, R. I.


FOSTER GENEALOGY.


WILLIAMS COLLEGE, WILLIAMSTOWN, MASS.—The following are the Foster graduates from this college with the year of graduation: Festus, 1800; John, 1834; Joseph Crane, 1857; Addison Pinneo, 1863; Russell Burroughs, 1869; Arthur Lewis, 1870; Mathias Lancton, 1881; William James, 1884; Harold (Harry?) Ernest, 1895.

Joseph Crane Foster was born in Carmel, N. Y., July 20, 1822. After his graduation at Williams he studied theology at Andover, and was licensed to preach by the Presbytery at Bedford, and installed pastor of the church at Red Mills, N. Y., in ——, and remained there until 1859. He d. July 23, 1860, aet. 38.

AMHERST COLLEGE, AMHERST, MASS.—The graduates of Amherst college by the name of Foster are: Benjamin Franklin, 1829, d. 1868, aet. 65; Galen, 1831, d. 1855, aet. 57; John Phelps, 1834, d. 1851, aet. 44; Andrew Butler, 1840, d. 1891, aet. 71; Edgar Lowell, 1864, d. 1872, aet. 44; George Byron, 1883; Edgar Lowell, 1887; Nellis Barnes, 1898.

Non-graduate students: George Emery, 1867; William Phillips, 1879, d. (?); George Wilson, 1883.

Andrew Butler Foster, who graduated in 1840, was son of Andrew Butler and Clairesa (Davenport) Foster; was born in Brookline, Dec. 6, 1819, and was fitted for college at Phillips Academy. He studied theology at Andover Theological Seminary and East Windsor, now Hartford Theological Seminary, 1840-43. He was ordained at Orford, N. H., in 1844, and was pastor there until 1847; was pastor at Petersham, N. H., 1853-5, and preached after that at Westminster, Vt., and at Orange, Mass. In 1870 on account of infirm health he retired from the ministry and became a druggist at Orange. He retired from business in 1889 and devoted the remainder of his life to traveling for his health. He d. of cancer of the stomach at Orange, Feb. 25, 1891. He was m. Oct. 5, 1843, to Irene C. Cooley, dau. of Moses D., of Amherst, who d. Aug. 12, 1884. They had two ch., both deceased.


BELoit COLLEGE, BELOIT, WIS.—There was only one graduate of Beloit by the name of Foster, viz: George T. Foster, M. A., class of '75, who d. at Cherokee, Ia., Feb. 23, 1895.

FOSTERS IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR.

FOstERS FROM MASSACHUSETTS.

During the past few years it has been quite the thing to join one of the patriotic-hereditary societies. Following is the list of those by the name of Foster who took part in the struggle for American Independence from Massachusetts:

— FOSTER, Ipswich (West Parish). Drummer on Lexington Alarm Roll of Capt. Abram How's co., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Ipswich (West Parish); service 2 days.

— FOSTER. Lieutenant. On list of men drafted from companies commanded by Capt. Gore, Mayor, White and May, who served at Nantasket in June, 1776, under Lt. James Morton, driving ships from Boston harbor; service 3 days.

— FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Amos Foster’s co., Col. Cyprion How’s regt.; detached from 7th Middlesex co. regt.; enlisted July 28, 1780; discharged Oct. 10, 1780; service, 2 mos.; 13 days travel included.

AARON FOSTER, Ipswich. Clerk, on Lexington Alarm Roll of Capt. Jonathan Cogswell Jr.’s co.; marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Ipswich; service, 3 days.

AARON FOSTER. Rank not given; on warrant to pay officers in Capt. Richard Dodge’s co., Col. Putnam’s regt.; 3 mos. service in 1781 at West Point; rolled dated Feb. 22, 1785.

ABEL FOSTER, Townsend. Private, on Lexington Alarm Roll of Capt. Samuel Douglass’ co., Col. James Prescott’s regt., which marched on alarm of April 10, 1775, from Townsend; service, 5 days. On muster roll of Capt. Henry Farwel’s co., Col. Wm. Prescott’s regt.; dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted April 25, 1775; service, 98 days. Reported enlisted April 10, 1775, on return of Capt. Hugh Maxwell’s co.,—Col. John Bailey’s regt. in service before Aug. 15, 1775—Corporal on return of Capt. Maxwell’s co.—in camp near Valley Forge, Jan. 24, 1778. On Continental army pay accounts of Col. Bailey’s regt.; service, from June 1, 1777, to Dec. 31, 1777; credited to Fitchburg; reported 3 mos., 4 days service as private, and 27 mos., 26 days as corporal.

*ABIAL FOSTER, Billerica. On list of men enlisted into Continental Army from Capt. Wm. Thurlow’s co.; dated Fitchburg Dec. 20, 1777; enlisted for Fitchburg for 3 years; joined Capt. Fox’s co., Col. Henley’s regt.; on receipt for bounty paid by town of Billerica, to serve 3 years, dated April 8, 1782.

ABIJAH FOSTER. Private, Capt. Stephen Smith’s co.; enlisted Sept. 13, 1775; service, 3 mos., 28 days; discharged Dec. 31, 1775; stationed at Machias; also on muster and pay roll of Capt. Joseph Seavey’s co., Col. Benj. Foster’s (Lincoln co.) regt.; enlisted June 22, 1777; discharged July 16, 1777; 23 days service; ordered on duty for defence of Machias; also from July 16 to Oct. 10, 1777; 2 mos., 24 days; also 1 day in Dec., 1778.

ABIJAH FOSTER. Private, on pay roll of St. John Scott’s co., for 1 mos., 8 days service at Machias, between Aug. 31 and Nov. 20, 1779; 6th Lincoln co. regt.


ABRAM FOSTER. Private, on return of Capt. Thomas Wighill’s co., Col. L. Baldwin’s regt.; service in 1775, wages for month of August also for service in January, 1776.

ABRAHAM FOSTER (or FORSTER). Reading. Rank not given on roll of Capt. John Flint’s co., Col. David Green’s regt.; 10 days service; roll dated Reading, Dec. 10, 1775; also on muster roll of Capt. John Bacheller’s co., Col. Bridge’s regt., as sergeant, dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted April 24, 1775; service, 3 mos., 14 days; also on order for advance pay—roll dated Cambridge, June 22, 1775.

ABRAHAM FOSTER. As sergeant in the Training band, in Reading, under Capt. Thomas Eaton.

ABRAHAM FOSTER. On list officers chosen by their respective cos. and field officers; 1st lieu, in James Bancroft’s (4th) co. of 2d Middlesex co. regt.; commissioned by council May 6, 1776; dated Woburn March 26, 1776; a Reading co.

ABRAHAM FOSTER. Commissioned Capt. in 4th co. of 2d Middlesex co. regt. August 20, 1777; on muster and pay roll Capt. A. Foster’s co., Col. Jonathan Fox’s regt.; dated Woburn Aug. 31, 1777; enlisted Aug. 1, 1777; marched to Bennington; also in Col. Samuel Bullard’s regt.; enlisted Aug. 14, 1777; discharged Nov. 30, 1777; 3 mos., 28 days service; travel allowed; service near Stillwater under Gen. Gates; on abstract of rations due men Col. Ballard’s regt. from Aug. 14 to Dec. 11, 1777; and on list of officers claiming traveling expenses for his company of 62 men in Col. Samuel Bullard’s regt. from Scarsdale to their home, in council, Nov. 4, 1778.

ABRAHAM FOSTER. Corporal, on pay abstract of Capt. Pettengill’s co., Col. Baldwin’s regt.; for service in Feb., 1776; dated New York April 19, 1776; also for service in March, June, 1776; also in service Nov. 29, 1776; reported advanced to sergeant May 8, 1776; on list of men having lost goods on evacuation of New York, Sept. 14, 1776.

*Also called Abel and Abiel.
ALEXANDER FOSTER, Attleborough. 1st lieutenant on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Stephen Richardson's co., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Attleborough; service 9 days; on list of officers ordered to be commissioned in council March 21, 1776; chosen by the 4th regt., March 18, 1776, as 1st lieutenant in Capt. Stephen Richardson's co., Col. John Daggett's (4th) Bristol co. regt.; on an order dated July 5, 1776, for wages, etc., on Ephraim Newell, town treasurer of Attleborough; service on alarm caused by battle of Bunker Hill; on muster and pay roll of Capt. Elisha May's co., Col. John Daggett's regt., for service at Rhode Island; enlisted Aug. 23, 1775; discharged Sept. 2, 1776; service, 11 days.

ALEXANDER FOSTER, Capt. On muster and pay roll of Capt. Alexander Foster's co., Col. John Daggett's regt.; service in R. I. on alarm of Dec. 5, 1776; service, 25 days; warrant allowed in council June 5, 1777; also in Col. Thomas Carpenter's regt. For service on alarm in R. I. enlisted July 27, 1775; discharged Aug. 12, 1776; service, 17 days. Also enlisted July 27, 1780; service, 7 days. Reported marched to Tiverton, R. I., on six days campaign. Also on pay roll of Col. Isaac Dean's regt.; enlisted July 31; discharged Aug. 8, 1780; service, 10 days. On list of officers of Massachusetts militia as captain of the 4th Bristol co. regt.; commissioned July 31, 1777.

ALEXANDER FOSTER, Attleborough. Private, on muster and pay roll, Capt. Samuel Robinson's co., Col. Wales' regt.; service in R. I.; enlisted June 21, 1775; discharged July 15, 1775; service, 22 days.

ALLEN FOSTER, Ipswich (West Parish). Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Abraham How's co.; marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Ipswich (West Parish); service, 2 days.

ALLMA FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Enoch Robinson's co., under Capt. Commandant Samuel Fisher; enlisted Aug. 12, 1770; discharged Sept. 13, 1770; service at R. I., 1 mo., 2 days; roll sworn to at Attleborough.

AMOS FOSTER, New Salem (possibly). Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Ebenezer Goodall's co., Col. Woodbridge's regt.; marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from (possibly New Salem); service, 4 days.

AMOS FOSTER, Tewksbury. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Edward Farmer's co., Col. Jonathan Reed's regt.; enlisted Sept. 20, 1777; discharged Nov. 8, 1777; service, 41 days; marched to reinforce the northern army by resolve of Sept. 22, 1777.

AMOS FOSTER, Beverly. Private, on muster roll Capt. Trescott's co., Col. J. Brewer's regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted July 6, 1775; service, 25 days. Also on return dated Prospect Hill Oct. 6, 1775, and on order for bounty coat or equivalent due for the 8 mos. service in 1775 in above co. and regt.; dated Prospect Hill Oct. 25, 1775, payable to L.t. Nathaniel Cushing.

AMOS FOSTER, Boston. On descriptive list; age, 54 years; 5 ft., 8 inches, light complexion; arrived at Springfield Aug. 1, 1780, 3rd division marched to camp Aug. 2, 1780, under Lieut. Benj. Pike.

AMOS FOSTER, Tewksbury. Ensign, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Jonathan Brown's co., Col. David Green's regt.; marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Tewksbury; service, 7 days. On list of officers of Massachusetts militia, chosen by company and accepted by council May 31, 1776, as 2d lieutenant in Joshua Baldwin's co., Tewksbury East co. (8th) of Simeon Spaulding's regt. 7th Middlesex co. regt. On list of officers of Massachusetts militia as captain in the 8th co. of the 7th Middlesex co. regt.; commissioned June 29, 1780; commanded by J. Brown. Captain on muster and pay roll of Capt. Amos Foster's co., Col. Cyprian How's regt., 7th Middlesex co. regt. for service at R. I. on alarm by a resolve of June 22, 1780; enlisted July 4, 1780; discharged Oct. 30, 1780; service, 4 mos.; 10 days.

ANDREW FOSTER, Freetown. On descriptive list of men raised on resolve of Dec. 2, 1780; received at Taunton March 8, 1781, by Sergeant Ebenezer Crocker to be conducted to Springfield and delivered to Col. Wm. Shepard; age, 21 years;
stature, 5 ft. 3¾ inches; complexion, light, eyes blue, hair light, occupation farmer; served in Norton’s co.; enlistment during war.

ANDREW FOSTER, Lynn. Private, Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Ezra Newhall’s co.; marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Lynn; service, 21 days.

ANDREW FOSTER, Lynn. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Nathaniel Bancroft’s co.; marched from Lynn on alarm of April 19, 1775; service, 2 days.

ANDREW FOSTER, Andover. On list of men enlisted into Continental army from Capt. James Gates’ co. of 8th Worcester co. regt.; enlisted for Ashburnham for 3 years; joined Capt. Summers’ co., Col. Greaton’s regt.; enlisted before May 26, 1777. On return from service from Jan. 1, 1777, to May 1, 1777; credited to Reading as 15 mos. service as sergeant and 13 mos. as private; reported deserted.

ANDREW FOSTER, Cambridge. Appears on descriptive list of men enlisted from Middlesex co. under resolve of Dec. 2, 1780; age, 14 years; stature, 4 ft. 6 in.; complexion light, hair light, blue eyes; laborer; enlisted July 1, 1784, for 3 years; reported rejected.

ANDREW FOSTER, Newton. On list of men enlisted into Continental army from co. of Middlesex; enlisted for Newton.

ANDREW FOSTER. Seaman, on pay roll of officers and crew of Ship Protector, John F. Williams commander; enlisted March 25, 1780; discharged Aug. 17, 1780; service, 4 mos., 23 days.

ANDREW FOSTER. Private, on muster roll of Capt. Francis Green’s co., Col. Joseph Vose’s (1st) regt. for Feb. and March, 1781; enlisted Feb. 15, 1781, for during the war; on roll dated West Point April —, 1781; reported left April 3, 1781, confined for desertion; on another roll, dated at West Point, in April, he was reported dead.

ANDREW FOSTER, Concord. On descriptive list of enlisted men; age, 19 years; stature, 5 ft.; complexion, light; occupation, farmer; mustered by Ensign Phelon; return made by Nathaniel Barber, Muster Master, Suffolk co., Boston, Sept. 25, 1780, Col. Henry Jackson’s regt.

ANTHONY FOSTER, Marblehead. Private, on muster roll of Capt. Haynes’ Co., Col. J. Brewer’s regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775; service, 15 days. Also on order for bounty coat due for the eight months service in 1775, dated Cambridge Oct. 25, 1775, payable to Capt. Haynes.


ANTHONY FOSTER. Private, in Capt. Aaron Haynes’ co., Col. Asa Whitcomb’s regt., at Ticonderoga, roll dated Dec., 1776; reported discharged Jan. 1, 1776; service, 11 mos.

ASA FOSTER, Ware. Private on muster and pay roll of Capt. Samuel Fairfield’s co., Col. Nathan Sparhawk’s regt.; enlisted Oct. 1, 1778; service, 2 mos., 17 days, at Dorchester.

BARTHOLOMEW FOSTER. On order for bounty coat, or equivalent in money, given by Mary Foster (widow), admx, dated Boston Nov. 20, 1776, payable to Jabez Fisher; bounty due for service in Capt. John Boyd’s co., Col. John Greaton’s regt.; service certified by Lieut. Ebenezer Dean; reported as having marched to Quebec in Capt. Hubbard’s co., Col. Arnold’s regt.

BARTHOLOMEW FOSTER. Prize Master. On muster and pay roll of officers and crew of the brigantine “Tyrannicide,” commanded by Capt. Jonathan Hearaden; enlisted March 20, 1775; service, 1 mo., 9 days; reported died May 5, 1778.

BENJAMIN FOSTER. On list of officers of Massachusetts militia, appointed by Brig.-Gen. Michael Farley as quartermaster of Col. Cogswell Jr.’s regt., in Brig.-Gen. Farley’s brigade; drafted from training band and alarm list of Essex co. militia, and ordered to march to Horse Neck under resolve of Sept. 12, 1776; dated Ipswich Sept. 30, 1776.

BENJAMIN FOSTER, Boxford. Sergeant. On muster and pay roll of Capt. Jonathan Evan’s co., Col. Nathaniel Wade’s regt., for service in Rhode Island (North Kingstown); enlisted July 1, 1778; discharged Jan. 1, 1779; service, 6 mos., 7 days.

BENJAMIN FOSTER, Wilmington. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Timothy Walker’s co., Col. Green’s regt., which marched from Wilmington on alarm of April 10, 1775; service, 7¾ days. Also on receipt for advance pay, dated camp at Cambridge, June 22, 1775, payable to himself for services in Capt. Harrden’s co., Col. Bridge’s regt.; autograph signature; reported corporal.

BENJAMIN FOSTER. Corporal. On muster and pay roll of Capt. John
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Crawford's co., Col. James Couvers' regt. for service in R. I. on alarm; enlisted July 23, 1777; discharged July 26, 1777; service, 4 days. Also in same co. marched to Bennington on alarm of Aug. 20, 1777; enlisted Aug. 20; discharged Aug. 23, 1777; service, 5 days (travel included). Also on pay roll of Capt. Crawford's co., Col. Job Cushing's regt.; enlisted Sept. 7, 1777; discharged Nov. 29, 1777; service, 3 mos., 3 days, travel included.

BENJAMIN FOSTER, Leicester. Chaplain. On muster roll of Col. Samuel Denny's regt., which marched to reinforce northern army Aug. 19, 1777; service, 5 days.

BENJAMIN FOSTER, Oakham. Private, on a pay abstract of Capt. Nathan Hamilton's co., Col. Samuel Brewer's regt.; service, from Aug. 3 to Sept. 30, 1776; 1 mo., 20 days. Also on receipt for wages for Oct., 1776, dated Ticonderoga Mills, Nov. 3, 1776, in above company. Also on pay abstract for mileage from Fort Edward to his home in Oakham, dated Brookfield, Feb. 6, 1777.

BENJAMIN FOSTER, Reading. On return for equipments made by Capt. Amos Upton dated at Reading, April 21, 1775; John Flint captain instead of said Upton. Also on roll of Capt. Flint's co., dated Dec. 19, 1775; service, 4 days.

BENJAMIN FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. John Dodge's co., Col. Jacob Gerrish's regt. from April 1, 1776, to July; also from July 2, 1778, to July 12, 1778; guard duty at Cambridge; autograph signature for wages for 2 mos. service in April and May, dated camp Winter Hill, June 21, 1778. Also on muster and pay roll Capt. Samuel Huse's co., Col. Jacob Gerrish's regt. of guards; enlisted July 26, 1778; discharged Dec. 14, 1778; guards at Cambridge, 4 mos. 21 days.

BENJAMIN FOSTER. On list of men on return of Capt. John Harendel's co., May 11, 1775. (Nothing more.)


BENJAMIN FOSTER, Machias. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Jabez West's co. (raised at Machias for expedition against St. Johns); enlisted May 22, 1777; discharged July 17, 1777; service, 1 mo. 25 days.

BENJAMIN FOSTER. Appears on list of officers of the Massachusetts militia, chosen by the legislature Jan. 30, 1776, as colonel of 6th Lincoln co. regt.; concurred in council Feb. 8, 1776. On a return, dated Gouldsborough, March 20, 1777. Also on pay roll, date not given; service at Machias between May 20, 1777, and Aug. 20, 1777; service, 1 mo. 11 days. Also service at Machias, as engaged, Aug. 20, 1777; discharged Oct. 10, 1777; 1 mo. 21 days.

BENJAMIN FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Wm. Green's co., Col. Cyprian How's regt; for service in R. I.; enlisted July 30, 1780; discharged Nov. 1, 1780; service, 3 mos. 7 days.

BENJAMIN FOSTER. On list of field officers of Massachusetts militia as quartermaster of Col. James Frye's regt.

BENJAMIN FOSTER, Boxford. Drummer, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Wm. Pearley's co., Col. James Frye's regt., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Boxford; service, 7 days; enlisted Feb. 16, 1775. On muster roll of above co., dated Aug. 1, 1775, his time of enlistment is given as April 26, 1775; service, 1 mo. 1 day. Also on receipt for advance pay, dated Cambridge camp, June 22, 1775. On order for bounty coat, dated Cambridge, Nov. 14, 1775. As quartermaster sergeant on return dated at Cambridge camp, May 17, 1775, was appointed quartermaster Jan. 23, 1776; commissioned March 13, 1776, Col. Isaac Smith's regt.

BENJAMIN FOSTER, JR., Machias. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Stephen Smith's co., stationed at Machias; enlisted Sept. 13, 1775; service, 3 mos., 25 days; discharged Dec. 31, 1775. Also private in Capt. John Scott's co.; enlisted Nov. 28, 1776; discharged Dec. 21, 1776–24 days. Also on muster and pay roll of Capt. Joseph Sevey's co., Col. Benjamin Foster's regt.; enlisted June 23, 1777; discharged July 16, 1777–23 days. As corporal in Capt. Sevey's co.; enlisted July 16, 1777; discharged Oct. 10, 1777; service, 2 mos. 24 days. Also one day's service between Dec. 6 and 25, 1778.

BENJAMIN FOSTER, JR. On list of men in the training band in Reading under Capt. Thomas Eaton.

BENNET FOSTER, Cambridge. Private, on muster roll of Capt. Abijah Child's co. Lieut. Wm. Bond's regt.; in camp at Prospect Hill for Aug. and Sept., 1775; reported as having supplied the place of George Wellington, who was dis-
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charged July 28, 1775; enlisted July 28, 1775. Also on a pay abstract of Capt. John Minott's co., Col. Dike's regt., for equipments for Dec., 1776, and Jan. and Feb., 1777, on return of this co. from Jan. 9, 1777, to March 1, 1777.

BENNETT FOSTER, Menotomy. Matross, on Continental pay accounts of Capt. John Wells' co., Col. John Crane's (artillery) regt.; service, from March 1, 1777, to Dec. 31, 1779; enlisted for 3 yrs.; credited to Capt. David Allen's co. on muster rolls for Sept., 1777, and Jan. 1, 1778. Also on pay accounts of Capt. Jackson's co., Col. Crane's regt.; service, from Jan. 1, 1780, to March 1, 1780.

BENNET FOSTER, Marine. On list of officers and crew of the state ship Tartor, commanded by John Cathcart; enlisted Aug. 3; discharged Nov. 21, 1782; service, 3 mos. 18 days; autograph signature.

*BENNING FOSTER. Private. Served in Capt. Dyer and West's co., that marched to St. Johns May, 1777; service, 1 mo. 25 days. On another roll enlisted July 15, 1777; discharged Dec. 13; service, 4 mos. 28 days. Also enlisted Dec. 13, 1777; discharged June, 1778,—5 mos. 18 days. —A company of artillery. Service under Col. John Allen, commander-in-chief of the Indians, eastern department. On pay roll of artillery co. under Col. John Allen, entering June 1, 1778; discharged Dec. 1, 1778; 6 months stationed at Machias.

BENONI FOSTER, Concord. Private, on muster roll of Capt. Joseph Butler's co., Col. John Nixon's regt.; dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted April 29, 1775; service, 3 mos. 9 days. On Sept. report is reported sick in hospital. Also on order for bounty coat, or equivalent, due for the 8 months' service in 1775, dated Winter Hill, Dec. 20, 1775.

BENONI FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Joseph Seavey's co., Col Benj. Foster's regt.; on duty at Machias between Dec. 5 and 25, 1778; service, 13 days.

BENONI FOSTER. Seaman. On muster and pay roll of officers and crew of Brig. Hazard, commanded by Capt. John F. Williams; enlisted May 12, 1779; service, 1 mo. 9 days; reported as one of the crew placed on board the Ship Putnam, or who left the brig on her arrival at Boston.

BOSTON FOSTER, Boston (probably). Appears on an enlistment agreement, dated Boston, June, 1780; signed by said Foster and others, engaging themselves to serve in Continental army for the term of 6 months from time of arrival at place of rendezvous—Capt. Wells' co.—age, 36; stature 5 ft. 8 in.; complexion, black. Received bounty of Edward Proctor, colonel of Boston regt. On descriptive list given on his arrival at Springfield, July 2, 1780; age, 32; complexion, negro. He also enlisted July 22, 1780, to serve in the militia under Brig.-Gen. John Fellows. Was private on muster and pay roll of Capt. Alexander Hodgdon's co., Col. Ebenezer Thayer's regt., for service in R. I.; enlisted July 31, 1780; discharged Oct. 30; service, 3 mos. 3 days (3 days' travel included).

C. FOSTER. On a receipt, dated March 25, 1752, for £6 given by Isaac Burnham, sergt.

CALER FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. John Kettle's co., Maj. Heath's regt. of Guards doing duty in and about Boston; enlisted Aug. 21, 1775; discharged Sept. 25, 1775; service, 1 mo. 12 days.

CATO FOSTER, Andover. On pay abstract of Capt. Benjamin Farnum's co., Col. Ebenezer Francis' regt.; rations allowed from date of enlistment, March 8, 1777, to time of arrival at Bennington; credited with allowance to March 28, 1777—33 days, including 11 days for 220 miles travel. On muster return of Capt. Farnum's co., Col. Benj. Tupper's regt., dated Jan. 24, 1778, was reported unfit for duty for want of clothes. On return of enlisted men, dated Andover, Feb. 16, 1778, enlisted for 3 yrs.; on pay accounts of Capt. Stephen Abbot's co., Col. Tupper's regt.; service from March 8, 1777, to Dec. 31, 1779; reported enlisted April, 1778, for 6 mos. during the war.

CATO FOSTER, Andover. On descriptive list of men belonging to Andover; age, 22 yrs.; stature, 5 ft. 5 in.; complexion, black; hair, black; enlisted May 12, 1779, for the during the war; joined Capt. Daniel Lunt's co., 10th regt., rank of Drummer; enlisted by Capt. Abbot; on pay accounts of Capt. Abbot's co., for service from Jan. 1, 1780, to Dec. 31, 1780; service, 9 mos. as Private, and 3 mos. as Corporal; also on roll from Jan. 1, 1781, to Jan. 1, 1782, as Private.

CATO FOSTER, Salem. On list of men of the 1st regt.; entitled to 200 acres of land or $20 in money, by resolve of court, March 5, 1780.

CHANDLER FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Isaac

*Name Benen on roll.
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Marsh's co., Col. Sear's (Berkshire co.) regt.; enlisted July 21, 1781; discharged Nov. 2, 1781; service, 3 mos. 12 days; stationed at Fort Plains, Tryon co., under Brig.-Gen. Starks.

CHARLES FOSTER, Kingston. Appears among a list of prisoners on board the Guard Ship "Adams," by the Board of War as returned by Joseph Dobel, Sept. 8, 1777; reported received Aug. 26, 1777.

CHILLINGSWORTH FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Benj. Berry's co., Maj. Zenas Winslow's regt. (Harwich militia); 3 days' service; served at Bedford and Palfmouth, on alarm of Sept. 7, 1778.

DANIEL FOSTER, Groton. Private, on muster roll of Capt. Henry Farwell's co., Col. Wm. Prescott's regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted April 25, 1775; service, 98 days. Is also on the October return, and on order for bounty coat or equivalent in money due for the 8 months' service, dated Sewall's Point, Nov. 16, 1775.

DANIEL FOSTER. Sergeant, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Zadock Buffington's co., Col. Samuel Johnson's regt.; enlisted Aug. 15, 1777; discharged (at Cambridge) Nov. 30, 1777; 3 mos. 16 days' service at the Northward.

DANIEL FOSTER, Rutland. Private, autograph signature for advance pay, dated July 13, 1775, due for services in Capt. Adam Wheeler's co., Col. Doolittle's regt.; on the company return, dated Winter Hill, Oct. 6, 1775; also in Capt. Joseph Livermore's co., enlisted July 7, 1779; discharged Oct. 2, 1779; 2 mos. 26 days' service as Guard at Rutland.

DANIEL FOSTER. Private, on pay abstract of Capt. Barnabas Dodge's co., Col. Baldwin's regt., for service in Nov., 1775; reported enlisted Nov. 22, 1775; also for service in Dec., 1775; enlisted Dec. 1, 1775; also reported as enlisted for 1 year from last of Dec., 1775; also on list of men who did not pass muster, dated at Chelsea, Jan. 3, 1776; on list of men who received ammunition Jan. 24, 1776; on return of men receiving advance pay for Jan., 1776; on pay abstract for service in April, 1776, also for May, June and July, in camp at New York; also on list of men agreeing to serve 6 weeks from Dec. 31, 1776, dated at Trenton; also on list of those returning guns into public store at Chatham, Feb. 12, 1777.


DANIEL FOSTER. Seaman, on muster and pay roll of the Frigate Boston; enlisted June 27th (year not given).

DANIEL FOSTER, Ipswich. Private on muster and pay rolls of Capt. Jeremiah Putnam's co., Col. Nathaniel Wade's regt.; enlisted July 15, 1778; service to Dec. 31, 1778, 5 mos. 21 days in R. I.; also served as Corporal in Capt. Putnam's co., Col. Nathan Tyler's regt. from Dec. 1, 1779, to Jan. 1, 1780; service, 1 mo. 5 days; also from July 8, 1779, to Dec. 1, 1779, 4 mos. 23 days.

DANIEL FOSTER, Ipswich. On descriptive list of 6 months' men to reinforce Continental army, by resolve of June 5, 1780; age, 18 yrs.; stature, 5 ft. 9 in.; complexion, ruddy; arrived at Springfield July 5, 1780; marched from Ipswich June 22, 1780; discharged Jan. 9, 1781; service, 7 mos.

DANIEL FOSTER. On muster and pay roll of Capt. Joseph Bates' co., as Sergeant; enlisted July 9, 1780; discharged Jan. 9, 1781, dated at West Point.

DAVID FOSTER, Boxford. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Jacob Gould's co., Col. Samuel Johnson's regt.; marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Boxford; service, 6 days; also on a pay abstract of Capt. Richard Peabody's co., Col. Edward Wigglesworth's regt., for service in 1776 for travel allowance from Ticonderoga home to Boxford.

DAVID FOSTER, Gloucester. On descriptive list, dated June 9, 1780, of officers and crew of Ship America, commanded by John Somes; age, 37 yrs.; stature, 5 ft. 4 in.

DAVID FOSTER, Watertown. Private, on muster roll of Capt. Asa Prince's co., Col. Mansfield's regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted May 8, 1775; service, 3 mos.; also on order for bounty coat or equivalent for the 8 months' service, 1775, Capt. Prince's co., Col. Hutchinson's regt.

DAVID FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. John Dix's co., Col. McIntosh's regt.; service in R. I.; enlisted Aug. 1, 1778; discharged Sept. 12, 1778; service, 1 mo. 15 days, 4 days' travel allowed.

DAVID FOSTER, Winthrop, Me. Private, on muster roll of Capt. Samuel McCabe's co., Col. Nixon's regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted June 1, 1775; service,
2 mos. 5 days; also on receipt for advance pay, dated Cambridge, July 26, 1775; at Winter Hill, Oct. 7, 1775. Is on a list of men returned with a petition of inhabitants of Winthrop, dated March 10, 1777, asking consideration on account of their exposed condition, as having voluntarily enlisted in the army in 1775.

DAVID FOSTER. On a list of men returned as having served on Main Guard at Prospect Hill, July 16, 1775, under Col. L. Baldwin; rank, Private.

DAVID FOSTER, Westminster. Corporal, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Noah Miles' co., Col. John Whitcomb's regt., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Westminster to Cambridge; service, 5 days; then enlisted into the army; commissioned Ensign, June 12, 1775, of Capt. Edward Bemis' co., Col. Asa Whitcomb's regt.; given as 2d Lieutenant on the Oct., 1775, return.

DAVID FOSTER, Harwich. On list of officers of Massachusetts militia; chosen by election of the company, 1st Lieutenant in Abijah Bang's co., of 2d Barnstable co. regt.; consented to in Council, April 20, 1776; 7 days' service performed during Sept., 1776, on alarm at Bedford and Falmouth; also on pay abstract, dated Nov. 7, 1776; 2 days' service guarding prisoners from Ship Somerset at Harwich, and thence to Yarmouth.

DAVID FAUSTER (or FOSTER). Mariner, on descriptive list, dated May 16, 1780, of officers and crew of schooner Betsey, commanded by George West, Jr.; age, 29 yrs.; stature, 5 ft. 7 in.; complexion, dark.

DAVID FOSTER, 2d Attleborough. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Stephen Richardson's co., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Attleborough; service, 6 days.

DAVID FOSTER. On list of Massachusetts State Pensioners, pensioned June 12, 1800, for life, amount $70; reported dead, last warrant June 7, 1801.

DAVID FOSTER. (Rank not given, probably Corporal), on muster and pay roll of Capt. Miles Greenwood's co., Col. Jacob Gerrish's regt. (of guards); enlisted Nov. 11, 1777; discharged Feb. 2, 1778; service, 2 mos. 22 days; also enlisted Feb. 3, 1778; discharged April 3, 1778; service 2 mos. 1 day; dated, camp at Winter Hill.

DAVID FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay rolls of Capt. Cadwalladar Ford's co., Col. Brook's regt. (guards at Cambridge); enlisted Nov. 5, 1777; discharged Feb. 3, 1778; service, 2 mos. 29 days. On Nov. report, reported sick—absent; enlisted Feb. 2, 1778; discharged April 3, 1778; service, 2 mos.; order for wages, dated Reading, Feb. 26, 1778.

DUDLEY FAUSTER, Boxford. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. William Pearley's co., Col. James Frye's regt.; marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Boxford; service, 7 days; enlisted Feb. 16, 1775; on muster roll dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted April 26, 1775; service, 3 mos. 8 days; on order for bounty coat or equivalent in money due for the 5 months' service, dated Cambridge, Nov. 14, 1775.

EBENEZER FAUSTER, Oatham. Appears on list of officers of Massachusetts militia; recommended by field officers and accepted by Council, May 31, 1776, as Adjutant in James Converse's regt. (4th Worcester co. regt.), dated Brookfield, May 14, 1776; commissioned in Council, May 31, 1776, also given as June 4 and 5, 1776.

EBENEZER FOSTER (FAUSTER) Rochester. Private, on muster roll of Capt. Earl Clap's co., Col. Theophilus Cotton's regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted May 2, 1775; service, 3 mos. 6 days; also on a return of men enlisted into the Continental army from above regt., dated Feb. 19, 1778, to serve 3 years; joined Capt. Turner's co., Col. Bradford's regt.; reported commissioned Ensign, June 1, 1777; reported killed, Sept. 19, 1777.

EBENEZER FOSTER, Westford. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Timothy Underwood's co., Col. Wm. Prescott's regt.; marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Westford; service, 8 days. On muster return of Capt. Solomon Kidder's co., Col. Brook's regt., for service at White Plains, year not given, possibly 1776; on pay accounts of Capt. W. H. Ballard's co., Col. Brooks' regt.; service from May 1, 1777, to Oct. 1, 1777; reported died Oct. 1 or 7, 1777.

EBENEZER FOSTER, Wilmington. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Timothy Walker's co., Col. Green's regt., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Wilmington; service, 3½ days.

EBENEZER FOSTER, (probably Willington). On list of men, date 1 July 8, 1776, who hired men to serve on Crown Point expedition; hired John Gowin, Jr.


EDMUND FOSTER, Reading. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. 6
John Bacheller's co., Col. Ebenezer Bridge's regt.; marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Reading; service, 11 days.

EDMUND FOSTER, Wrentham. Sergeant, on muster roll of Col. Joseph Read's regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted April 27, 1775; service, 3 mos. 12 days; on order for bounty coat due for the 3 months' service in Capt. Oliver Pond's co., Col. Read's regt., dated Roxbury, Dec. 27, 1775.

EDWARD FOSTER, Beverly. Private, on muster roll of Capt. John Low's co., Col. Mansfield's regt.; enlisted May 12, 1775; service, 2 mos. 25 days; autograph signature on receipt for advance pay, dated Cambridge, June 30, 1775; on order for bounty coat due for 8 mos. service, dated Winter Hill, Oct. 21, 1775.

EDWARD FOSTER, Dorchester. Sergeant, on muster rolls of Maj. Thomas Pierce's co., Col. Gridley's artillery regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted May 8, 1775; service, 3 mos. 1 day. On order for bounty coat or equivalent in money, dated Roxbury, Dec. 30, 1775; also on muster and pay roll of Capt. Hopestill Hall, Col. Robinson's regt.; enlisted Jan. 29, 1776; service, 23 days; roll dated Roxbury, March, 30, 1776; also on muster and pay roll of Capt. Seth Summer's co., Col. Benjamin Gill's regt.; enlisted June 12, 1776; service, 3 mos.; also on Lieut. Wm. Foster's co., Col. Pierce's muster and pay roll; enlisted March 1, 1778; discharged April 8, 1778; service, 1 mo. 9 days; stationed at Moon Island.

EDWARD FOSTER, Milton. Matross, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Daniel Vose's co., Col. Robinson's regt., which marched from Milton to Roxbury; service, 14 days; at battle at Concord before standing army was completed.

EDWARD FOSTER, Sturbridge. Corporal, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Timothy Parker's co., Col. Warner's regt., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Sturbridge; 14 days; also on muster and pay roll of Capt. Abel Mason's co., Col. Jonathan Holman's regt.; service, in R. I. on alarm; enlisted Dec. 10, 1776; discharged Jan. 20, 1777; service, 1 mo. 14 days, 3 days travel included; also on muster and pay roll of Capt. Benjamin Freeman's co., Col. Holman's regt.; enlisted Sept. 26, 1777; discharged Oct. 18, 1777; service, 1 mo.; service at Northern Dept., rank given both as Clerk and Sergeant.

EDWARD FOSTER, Beverly. 2d Mate, on descriptive list of officers and crew of the privateer brig. Stark, commanded by Ezra Ober, dated June 14, 1780; age, 23 yrs.; stature, 5 ft. 8 in.; complexion, dark; also on a list dated Aug. 22, 1780, as 2d mate of the brigantine Fanny, commanded by Herbert Woodbury; no description.

EDWARD FOSTER, Jr. On a return of Capt. S. Richardson's 4th co. (2d Artletboough co.), in service as 2 mo. men at York in 1776; reported "died returning." ELIAS FOSTER. Private, on a pay abstract of Capt. Jonathan Minott's co., Col. Baldwin's regt., for travel allowance, dated Cambridge, Jan. 12, 1776.

ELIJAH FOSTER, Ipswich (W. Parish). Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Abraham How's co., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Ipswich (W. Parish); service, 2 days.

ELIJAH FOSTER, Bolton. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Benjamin Hastings' co., Col. John Whitchomb's regt.; marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Bolton to Cambridge; service, 13 days.

ELIJAH FOSTER, Jr., Bolton. On return of men enlisted into the Continental army from Capt. David Nurse's co., Col. Whitney's regt., dated Jan. 2, 1778; enlisted for Bolton for 3 yrs.; joined Capt. Daniel Barn's co., Col. Bigelow's regt.; also on pay accounts for service from May 15, 1777 to July 5, 1779; reported deserted on muster rolls, dated Van Schaick's Island, Sept. 1, 1777; enlisted May 15, 1777; reported sick in General Hospital for March and April, 1779, dated Providence, reported sick in General Hospital.

ELPHALET FOSTER, Winthrop, Me. Sergeant, on muster roll of Capt. McCobb's co., Col. Nixon's regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted June 1, 1775; service, 2 mos. 5 days; on return for cartridge boxes, dated Cambridge, June 24, 1775; autograph signature on receipt for advance pay June 26, 1775; at Winter Hill, Oct. 7, 1775; returned, with a petition of inhabitants of Winthrop, dated March 10, 1777, asking consideration on account of their exposed condition as having voluntarily enlisted in the army in 1775; lieutenant, on muster and pay roll of Capt. John Blunt's co., Col. Samuel McCobb's regt.; enlisted June 28, 1779; discharged Sept. 28, 1779; service, 3 mos.; 2d lieutenant, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Timothy Foster's co., Maj. William Lithgow's regt.; service, 1 mo. 7 days, between Sept. 1st and Nov. 4, 1779; service in Lincoln co.

ELISHA FOSTER, Brookfield. Enlisted out of Col. converse's regt. for western enlistment; list dated Brookfield, Sept. 15, 1775. Enlisted into army out of Capt. Daniel Gilbert's co., list dated Feb. 17; 1778; enlisted in 1777 for town of Brookfield for 3 yrs; on pay accounts of Col. Nixon's regt., for service from Feb. 25, 1777, to Dec. 31, 1779; on muster roll, dated Peekskill, Feb. 16, 1779; roll for May, dated Highlands; enlisted Feb. 15, 1777; on pay accounts for service from Jan. 1, 1780, to Dec. 31, 1780; reported Sergeant; commissioned in council as Ensign, June 15, 1781; on descriptive list of men belonging to Brookfield, dated West Point, Jan. 29, 1781; age, 21 yrs; stature, 5 ft. 9 in.; complexion, light; hair, light; eyes, light. Enlisted Dec. 23, 1779, during war; joined Capt. Pike's co., Lieut.-Col. Smith's regt.; also given Col. Thomas Nixon's regt.; reported Sergeant; autograph signature on pay abstract, dated Boston, June 22, 1781, for service for October to December, 1780. On return for wages for service for Jan. to Dec., 1781, reported appointed Ensign June 14, 1781; also on return for wages for January to December, 1782, with rank of lieutenant.

ELISHA FOSTER, Harwich. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Bangs' co., Col. Nathaniel Freeman's regt., for service on alarm in R. I.; enlisted Oct. 1, 1777; discharged Nov. 1, 1777; service, 31 days.


ELISHA FOSTER, Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Daniel Grout's co., Col. John Rand's regt.; enlisted July 7, 1780; discharged Oct. 9, 1780; service, 3 mos. 11 days, travel allowed; marched to Claverack; discharged at West Point.

ELISHA FOSTER, Worcester. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. John Cutler's co., Col. Luke Drury's regt.; enlisted Aug. 20, 1781; discharged Nov. 25, 1781; service, 3 mos. 16 days, travel included; joined regt. at West Point, Aug. 25, 1781.


ELISHA FOSTER, Scituate. Sergeant, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Galen Clapp's co., Col. Anthony Thomas' regt., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Scituate; service, 4 days. Also on muster and pay roll of Capt. Joseph Stetson's co., Col. Thomas' regt.; enlisted March 24, 1776; discharged March 29, 1776; service, 5 days; marched on alarm from Scituate to Hingham after taking of Dorchester Heights. Commissioned 2d Lieutenant May 10, 1776. Lieutenant, on muster and pay roll of Lt. Anthony Waterman's co., Col. John Cushing's regt.; enlisted Dec. 10, 1776, on alarm at R. I.; marched to Bristol, R. I.; service, 15 days. Also on pay abstract of Capt. Hayward Peirce's co., Col. Cotton's regt.; service, 1 mo. 1 day, between September and November, 1777; expedition to Tiverton, R. I.

ELISHA FOSTER, Dorchester. On order for bounty coat or equivalent in money given by Thomas Foster (father), dated Dorchester, April 10, 1776, payable to Capt. Ebenezer Withington; bounty due on account of service in Capt. Elijah Vose's co., Col. Heath's (later) Col. Greacon's regt.; service, certified to by the selectmen of Dorchester; reported enlisted in April, 1775, and died in Dec., 1775.

ELISHA FOSTER, Seaman, on muster and pay roll of officers and crew of brigantine "Independence;" enlisted July 18, 1776; discharged Sept. 22, 1776; service, 2 mos. 4 days. Also on another roll as discharged Jan. 20, 1777; date of enlistment not given; service, 3 mos. 23 days; crew sent to convey prize brigantine Nancy to Plymouth; rolls dated Plymouth.

EPHRAIM FOSTER, Boxford. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. John Cushing's co., Col. Samuel Johnson's regt.; marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Boxford; service, 4 days.

EZEBIEL FOSTER, Bernardston. Private, on muster roll of Capt. Agrippa Wells' co., Col. Asa Whitcomb's regt.; enlisted May 1, 1775; service, 3 mos. 8 days.; on receipt for wages for Sept., 1775, dated Prospect Hill, Nov. 17, 1775. Also on October return as Private; on order for bounty coat or equivalent, due for the 8 mos. service, dated Prospect Hill, Dec. 22, 1775; payable to Capt. Wells.

EZEKIEL FOSTER, Bernardston. Ensign, on list of officers in Col. Asa Whitcomb's regt.; commissioned June 12, 1775; 2d Lieutenant, on muster roll
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dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted May 1, 1775; service, 3 mos. 8 days; on report dated Prospect Hill, Nov. 17, 1775, reported Lieutenant.

EZKIEL FOSTER, Greenfield. Lieutenant, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Agrippa Wells' co., Col. Samuel Williams' regt., which marched from Greenfield on alarm of April 19, 1775 (marched April 20th); service, 10 days; enlisted into the army May 1, 1775.

EZKIEL FOSTER. 2d Lieutenant, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Daniel Pouroy's co. (a detachment from a Hampshire Co. regt. serving under Gen. Starks in Northern Dept.); enlisted July 7, 1778; discharged Oct. 31, 1778; service, 4 mos. EZKIEL FOSTER. 2d Lieutenant, on list of officers of Massachusetts militia of 6th Lincoln Co. regt., commissioned July 11, 1776. Lieutenant, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Joseph Sevey's co., Col. Benjamin Foster's regt.; enlisted July 16, 1777; discharged Oct. 10, 1777; service at Machias, 2 mos., 24 days.

EZKIEL FOSTER, (perhaps) Greenfield. Sergeant, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Timothy Child's co., Col. David Leonard's regt.; enlisted Feb. 24, 1777; discharged April 10, 1777; service, 1 mo. 17 days.

EZKIEL FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Amasa Sheldon's co., Col. Elisha Porter's regt.; enlisted July 10, 1777; discharged Aug. 8, 1777; service, 39 days.

EZKIEL FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Benjamin Larrabee's co., Col. Mitchell's regt., which marched on expedition to Penobscot; enlisted July 9th; discharged Sept. 12, 1779; service, 2 mos. 3 days.

EZKIEL FOSTER, JR., Greenfield. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Agrippa Wells' co., Col. Samuel Williams' regt.; marched (April 20th) on alarm of April 10, 1775, from Greenfield; enlisted into the army May 1, 1775.

EZKIEL FOSTER, JR. Corporal, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Amasa Sheldon's co., Col. Elisha Porter's regt.; enlisted July 10, 1777; discharged Aug. 8, 1777; service, 1 mo. 4 days, travel included; service in Northern Dept.

EZRA FOSTER, Tewksbury. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Samuel Tarbox's co., (Lieut.-Col. Webb's regt.; enlisted Sept. 12, 1781; discharged Dec. 1, 1777; service, 3 mos. 11 days, travel included.

EZRA FOSTER appears on receipt for bounty paid him by Capt. John Trull, for class No. 3, for town of Tewksbury, to serve in Continental army for 3 yrs.; receipt dated Boston, June 14, 1782.

EZRA FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Col. Benjamin Tupper's (10th) regt.; enlisted May 29, 1782; service, 7 mos. 3 days; roll made up to Jan. 1, 1783.

EZRA FOSTER. Private, on return of Capt. Matthew Chamber's co., Lieut.-Col. Calvin Smith's regt. (6th); in service for December, 1782, for wages.

EXRA TRASK FOSTER, Beverly. Private, on Lexington alarm, roll of Capt. Larkin Thordike's co., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Beverly to Concord; service, 2½ days.

FLETCHER FOSTER, Sturbridge. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Timothy Parker's co. of minute men, Col. Warner's regt., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Sturbridge; service, 14 days.

FLETCHER FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Abel Mason's co., Col. Jonathan Holman's regt.; service in R. I. (stationed at Providence); enlisted Dec. 10, 1776; discharged Dec. 28, 1776; service, 22 days, 3 days travel included.

FENNER FOSTER, Granville. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Lebbens Ball's co. of minute men, which marched April 20th, on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Granville; service, 9 days; reported "Enlisted" into army April 29, 1775. Private, on muster roll of Capt. Ball's co., Col. Danielson's regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775; service, 3 mos. 10 days; on order for bounty coat or equivalent due for the eight mos. service, dated Roxbury, Dec. 22, 1775. On muster roll of Capt. Aaron Cole's co., Lieut.-Col. Timothy Robinson's regt., dated in garrison at Ticonderoga, Feb. 24, 1777; enlisted Dec. 25, 1776. On list of men enlisted out of Capt. Coe's co., list dated March 31, 1779; enlisted for 3 yrs.; joined Capt. Keep's co., Col. Shepard's regt. On muster roll of Lieut. John Wright's co. (formerly Capt. Keep's) for July and Aug., 1775; reported with the guard. On roll dated Providence, Nov. 13, 1778, reported with the commissary; on Dec., 1778, roll, as butcher; on Continental army pay accounts of Capt. Keep's co., for service from April 5, 1777, to Dec. 31, 1779; on pay accounts of Capt. Webb's co., Col. Shepherd's regt., for service from Jan. 1, 1780, to April 4, 1780.

GEORGE FOSTER, Hubbardston. Autograph signature on order for advance
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pay, dated July 13, 1775, Charlestown camp, due on account of service in Capt. Adam Wheeler's co., Col. Doubled's regt.

GEORGE FOSTER, Sutton. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Arthur Daggett's co., Col. Larned's regt.; marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Sutton; service, 15 days. On petition, dated Roxbury, June 21, 1775, signed by said Foster and others, who had enlisted to form an artillery company, stating their unwillingness to serve under John Wiley as captain, owing to their belief in his incompetence; petition addressed to the Provincial Congress. Matross, on muster roll of Capt. Ezra Badlam's co., Col. Richard Ridley's regt.; enlisted May 11, 1775; also on roll dated Sewall's Point, Oct. 8, 1775; also on order for bounty coat or equivalent, dated same place, Dec. 26, 1775, due for the 8 mos. service. On list of men mustered in Worcester Co. to serve in Capt. Burbank's co., Col. Crane's regt.; enlisted during the war; mustered April 30, 1777. Sergeant, on rolls of Capt. Jonathan Drury's co., Col. Crane's regt., from Sept., 1777 to Jan. 1, 1778; on muster roll of Capt. David Cook, dated Feb. 5, 1779, reported on furlough; on roll dated April 7, 1779, reported sick—absent; on pay accounts of Capt. Cook's co., for service from March 8, 1777, to Dec. 31, 1779, credited to Sutton, res. Plymouth. Reported served 33 mos. 23 days, as Sergeant. On pay accounts for service from Jan. 1, 1780, to April 1, 1780; reported deserted April 1, 1780.

GEORGE FOSTER, Private, on company return of Capt. Nathan Peter's co., Col. Timothy Danielson's regt., dated Oct. 6, 1775; reported deserted.

GEORGE FOSTER. On list of prisoners sent from Newport on the Lord Sandwich prison ship, and landed at Bristol, March 7, 1778.

GEORGE FOSTER, Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Samuel Sloper's co., Col. Israel Chapin's regt.; enlisted Nov. 5, 1775; discharged Nov. 22d; service, 22 days; 5 days travel included; stationed at Claverack.

GERSHOM FOSTER, Middleborough. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Isaac Wood's (2d) co.; marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Middleborough to Marshfield; service, 3 days. Private, on company return of Capt. Isaac Wood's co., Col. Theophilus Cotton's regt., dated Oct. 6, 1775; on muster and pay roll of Capt. Abner Brown's co., Col. Ebenezer White's regt.; service in R.I., on an alarm; marched Aug. 1, 1780; discharged Aug. 9th; service, 9 days.

GERSHOM FOSTER. Lieutenant, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Timothy Ingraham, from March 1st to May 1, 1778, 61 days; stationed at Dartmouth at the fort.

GIDEON FOSTER, Andover. Private, Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Joshua Holt's co.; marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Andover to Cambridge; service, 1½ days.

GIDEON FOSTER, Danvers. 2d Lieutenant, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Samuel Epes' co., Col. Pickering's regt.; marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Danvers; service, 2 days; enlisted as Capt. in Col. John Mansfield's regt., May 6, 1775; commissioned May 21, 1775; commissioned Capt. of 3d co., 8th Essex co. regt. of Massachusetts militia, May 3, 1778.

HACHALIAH FOSTER (credited to Granville, residence not given). On list of men enlisted into army out of Capt. Aaron Coe's, John Hamilton's and William Coolidge's co's., dated March 31, 1779; enlisted for 3 yrs; joined Capt. Keep's co., Col. Shepherd's regt. Sergeant of Lieut. Wright's co., for July and August, 1778, reported wounded; also on October return, dated Providence, Nov. 13, 1778; and on pay accounts of Capt. Keep's co.; service, from March 1, 1777, to Jan. 1, 1779. Name spelled Hakalah in this roll.

HETHERLY FOSTER, Georgetown. 2d Lieutenant, Capt. John Berry's co., Col. McCobb's (1st) Lincoln co. regt.; commissioned July 1, 1776; roll dated Georgetown, Nov. 16, 1779.

ISAAC FOSTER, Tewksbury. Private, on muster roll of Capt. Furbush's co., Col. Bridge's regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted May 25, 1775; service, 2 mos. 12 days; on order for bounty coat or equivalent due for the 8 mos. service in 1775, dated Cambridge, Nov. 21, 1775. Corporal, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Moses Barn's co., Lieut.-Col. Pierce's regt.; service in R. I.; enlisted May 1717; discharged July 1, 1779; service, 1 mo. 14 days.

ISAAC FOSTER, Tewksbury. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Thomas Hovey's co., Col. Nathan Tyler's regt.; service in R. I.; enlisted July 10, 1779; discharged Dec. 1, 1779; service, 4 mos. 21 days, also 27 days in December. On descriptive list of men raised to reinforce Continental army, for term of 6 mos., on resolve of June 5, 1780. Age, 19 yrs; stature, 5 ft. 7 in.; complexion, light. Arrived at Springfield July 9, 1780; marched July 4, 1780; discharged Jan. 8, 1781; service, 6 mos. 16 days.
ISACA FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. John Joslin's co., Col. Job Cushing's regt.; marched from Loomerston to Bennington, last of July, 1777, to join Col. Seth Warner; no service given; reported deserted; roll dated Loomerston, Dec. 29, 1777. ISACA FOSTER, Tewksbury. Descriptive list of men from Middlesex co., under resolve of Dec. 2, 1780. Age, 18 yrs.; stature, 5 ft. 3½ in.; complexion, light; hair, brown; eyes, gray; farmer: enlisted Jan. 1, 1781 or 82, enlisted for 5 years.

ISACA FOSTER, Chelmsford. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Col. Moses Parker's co.; marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Chelmsford; 16 days' service; marched under command of Lieut. Benjamin Walker. Corporal, on return of Capt. John Minott's co., Col. Dike's regt.; service, from Dec. 13, 1776, to March 1, 1777. Sergeant, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Minott's co., Col. Josiah Whitneym's regt.; service in R. I.; arrived at Providence May 10, 1777; discharged July 9, 1777; service, 2 mos. 9 days.


ISACA FOSTER. On list of men who delivered firelocks, dated Jan. 1, 1776. ISACA FOSTER, Greenfield. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Daniel Winchester's co., Col. Ruggles Woodbridge's (Hampshire co.) regt.; enlisted Aug. 17, 1777; discharged Nov. 20, 1777, 8 days travel included; service in Northern Dept. On muster and pay roll of Capt. John Wells' co., Col. Timothy Robinson's regt.; enlisted Dec. 23, 1776; discharged April 1, 1777; 100 days detached and marched to Ticonderoga. On muster and pay roll of Capt. Timothy Child's co., Col. David Field's regt.; enlisted Aug. 14th; discharged Aug. 19, 1777; service, 4 days, on alarm at Bennington.

ISACA FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Abijah Bang's co. (Maj.) Zenas Winslow's (2d Barnstable co.) regt; 5 days' service during Sept., 1778; marched on alarm at Bedford and Falmouth.

ISACA FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Abram Washburn's co., Col. Jacob Gerrish's regt.; enlisted July 27th; discharged Dec. 14, 1778; service, 4 mos. 18 days; service at and near Boston.

ISACA FOSTER. Deputy Director General in the Eastern Hospital on Continental army pay accounts, for service from April 10, 1777, to Dec. 31, 1779, and from Jan. 1st to Sept. 30, 1780.


ISACA FOSTER. On return of 4th Massachusetts regt. in New Windsor Hospital, Feb. 1784.

ISACA FOSTER. Probably Sergeant, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Simon Hunt's co., Col. Gerrish's regt.; enlisted July 14, 1778; discharged Dec. 16, 1778; service, 5 mos. 3 days; roll dated Winter Hill, regt. of Guards.

ISACA FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Edmund Longley's co., of Col. Cogswell's regt.; enlisted Oct. 1, 1778; discharged Dec. 31, 1778; service, 3 mos. 1 day; Guards near Boston.

ISACA FOSTER. Corporal, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Moses Barn's co., Lieut.-Col. Solomon Pierce's regt.; enlisted May 17, 1779; discharged July 11, 1779; service, 1 mo. 14 days.

ISACA FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Isaac Parson's co., Col. Prime's regt.; enlisted June 2, 1780; discharged Dec. 11, 1780; service, 6 mos. 10 days; roll dated North Yarmouth; service at Eastward, under Brig.-Gen. Wadsworth.

ISACA FOSTER, JR., Greenfield. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Child's co., Col. Field's regt.; enlisted Aug. 14, 1777; discharged Aug. 18th; service, 4 days; on alarm at Bennington.

ISACA FOSTER, JR., Lunenburg. On list of men drafted from Worcester co. militia to go to Horse Neck under Col. Converse, who did not join regt.; drafted to Capt. William Edgell of Westminster.

*ISIAH FOSTER, Chelmsford. On descriptive list of enlisted men. Age, 22 yrs.; stature, 6 ft.; complexion, light; occupation, farmer. Enlisted April 25, 1775; joined Capt. John Ford's co., Col. Bridge's regt. Private, on roll dated Aug. 1, 1775; service, 3 mos. 14 days; on receipt for wages from Feb. 5th to April 1, 1776, dated Chelmsford, April 19, 1776; on return of men in Capt. Solomon Kidder's co., Col. Brook's regt.; service at White Plains; endorsed 1776.

*Probably Jr.
ISAIAH FOSTER. Peperellborough. On receipt for bounty for 2d class, paid by Samuel Booth for Peperellborough, to serve in Continental army for 3 years; receipt dated Peperellborough, April 13, 1772. On descriptive list; age, 47; stature, 5 ft. in. complexion, light; hair, light; eyes, blue; occupation, carpenter; enlisted April 13, 1782, for 3 years; joined Capt. James Tisdale's co., 3d Massachusetts regt., dated Hufts, New Boston, May 13, 1782. Private, on muster rolls dated Nov. 9, 1782, Feb. 24th, March 11th and Oct. 14, 1783; on accounts of clothing delivered, dates from Nov. 20, 1782, to Dec. 16, 1783.

ISAIAH FOSTER, JR., Chelmsford. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Oliver Barron's co., Col. David Green's regt., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Chelmsford; service 6 days.

ISAAC FOSTER, Bolton. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Robert Longley's co., Col. Asa Whittcomb's regt., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Bolton; service, 3 days; discharged April 20, 1775.

ISAAC FOSTER, Beverly. Appears on a petition dated Beverly, July 15, 1778, signed by Joseph Wood, Town Clerk, in behalf of selectmen of Beverly, asking consideration on account of men who have moved into or from said town or have died since return, under resolve of Dec. 9, 1776, or are unable to contribute toward raising the town's quota. Reported: moved from Marblehead and is unable to contribute; reported: Israel Foster moved out of town.

JACOB FOSTER, Andover. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Henry Abbott's co., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Andover; service, 1½ days.

JACOB FOSTER, Berwick, Me. Chaplain, on company return of Col. James Scammon's (30th) regt., not dated, probably October; return reported: enlisted May 31, 1775; on muster roll of Col. Edward Phinney for Nov., 1776, dated Fort George, Dec. 8, 1776; appointed Jan. 1, 1776; reported, resigned Feb. 26, 1776.

JACOB FOSTER, Bridgewater. Matross, on muster and pay roll of Capt. David Lothrop's co., Col. John Bailey's regt., from April 10, 1775, to May 2, 1775; service, 3 weeks 2 days; Gunner, on muster roll of Maj. Thomas Pierce's co., Col. Gridley's regt.; enlisted May 26, 1775, on October return of Capt. Lothrop's co. is ranked private; reported, enlisted in the artillery May 30, 1775; enlisted as Private in Capt. Abram Washburn's co., Col. Abijah Stearn's regt., April 11, 1778; service, 2 mos. 24 days, at Castle Island.

JACOB FOSTER, Lincoln. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. William Smith's co., Col. Abijah Pierce's regt., which marched from Lincoln on alarm of April 19, 1775; service, 8 days; on muster and pay roll of Capt. John Hartwell's co., Col. Eleazar Brook's regt.; service, 5 days; date of enlistment not given; called March 4, 1776, to fortify Dorchester Hills.

JAMES FOSTER, Boston, (probably). On an enlistment agreement, dated Boston, June, 1750, signed by said Foster and others, engaging themselves to serve in the Continental army for the term of 6 months from the time of arrival at place of rendezvous, Capt. Hodgdon's co.; age, 44 yrs.; stature, 5 ft. 8 in.; complexion, light; received bounty of Edward Proctor, colonel of Boston regt.

JAMES FOSTER, Harvard. Private, on pay abstract of Capt. Abijah Bangs' co., Col. Dike's regt., for gun and blanket money, dated Boston, Feb. 24, 1777; on return for service, from Dec. 13, 1776, to March 1, 1777; pay abstract service, Nov. 7, 1778, 2 days guarding prisoners from Ship Somerset, at Harvard, from thence to Yarmouth.

JAMES FOSTER, Rockingham, N. H. Autograph signature on receipt for advance pay given by company, dated Cambridge, June 10, 1775, on account of service in Capt. Joseph Butler's co., Col. Nixon's regt. Private, on muster roll dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted May 23, 1775; service, 2 mos. 13 days; also on return dated Winter Hill, Sept. 30, 1775; reported, discharged; on order for bounty coat or equivalent due for the 8 months' service, dated Winter Hill, Dec. 20, 1775.

JAMES FOSTER, Reading. On list of men in Capt. Amos Upton's co., showing equipments, dated Reading, April 21, 1775; on list of men in Capt. John Flint's (3d) co., Col. Baldwin's regt., dated May 15, 1775; also on roll of Capt. Flint's co., dated Reading, Dec. 19, 1775; service 6 days.

JAMES FOSTER. Appears on a report of the Enlistment Committee of Worcester; appointed to reinforce the Continental army at Canada. As captain, marched with his company under Col. Jona Smith, July 22, 1776, report dated Watertown, Sept. 6, 1776.

JAMES FOSTER, Machias. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Stephen Smith's co., enlisted Sept. 15th; discharged Dec. 31, 1775; service, 3 mos. 23 days.
at Machias; also on pay roll of Capt. Jabez West's co.; enlisted May 22, 1777; discharged July 17, 1777; service 1 mo. 25 days; expedition against St. Johns, N. S. Also on muster and pay roll Capt. West's co., as enlisted July 15, 1777; discharged Aug. 15, 1777; service, 1 mo. On a certificate (year not given) signed by Capt. Jabez West, stating that Capt. Stephen Smith, muster master for Lincoln co., paid said James Foster, and other men belonging to Capt. West's co., the bounty allowed them for engaging to serve on expedition against St. John.

JAMES FOSTER, Marblehead. 2d Sergeant, on company return of Capt. Curtis' co., Col. Glover's regt., probably October return, 1775; on order for bounty coat or equivalent in money due for the 8 months' service in 1775, dated Cambridge, Dec. 21, 1775.

JAMES FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Joseph Roe's co.; enlisted Aug. 5, 1776; service, 2 mos. 23 days; roll dated Beverly; ordered to serve at the lines at Beverly, July 20, 1776.

JAMES FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. William Cooley's co., Col. John Mosley's regt.; elapsed Aug. 17th; discharged Aug. 19, 1777; service, 4 days. A Hampshire co. regt. marched on alarm toward Bennington; roll sworn to at Granville.


JAMES FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Barnabas Doty's co., Col. Ebenezer Sprout's regt.; enlisted Sept. 13, 1778; discharged Sept. 17, 1778; 5 days' service on alarm at Falmouth, Barnstable co.

JAMES FOSTER. Appears on an order, dated Cambridge, Sept. 23, 1778, signed by Capt. John Walton, directing Sergt. Samuel Butterfield to detach said Foster and others from Capt. Walton's co., to join Capt. Frost the following day at Cambridge and to march thence to Boston to serve there or elsewhere, as directed by the Council, until Jan. 1, 1779, unless sooner discharged.

JAMES FOSTER. Private, on Continental army pay accounts of Capt. McFarland's co., Col. Nicholas' invalid corps, for service from June 2, 1780, to July 17, 1780; reported discharged, July 17, 1780.

JEDEDIAH FOSTER. On a receipt, dated June 26, 1776, for 2 months' wages; service in the winter of 1775-6, in Capt. Selah Heart's co., Col. Erastus Woolcot's regt.

JEREMIAH FOSTER, Suffield Ct. Private, on muster roll of Capt. Nathan Peters' co., Col. Timothy Danielson's regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted April, 26, 1775; service, 3 mos. 13 days; also on October, 1775, return; and on order for bounty coat or equivalent due for the 8 months' service, dated Roxbury, Nov. 20, 1775.

JEREMIAH FOSTER. Corporal, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Joseph Rael's co.; enlisted July 25, 1776; service, 3 mos. 3 days; roll dated Beverly.

JEREMIAH FOSTER. Sergeant, on muster and pay roll of Capt. John Lane's (Seacoast) co., Col. Joseph Foster's regt.; enlisted Jan. 10, 1776; discharged Feb. 15, 1776; service, 1 mo. 5 days; enlisted in Capt. Giddings' co., Col. Foster's regt., Feb. 15, 1776; service, 1/2 mo.; service to March 1, 1776. 2d Lieutenant, on muster and pay roll Capt. Giddings' co. from Feb. 29, 1776; service, 3 mos.; stationed at Gloucester; commissioned March 18, 1776; reported as serving in the room of Moses Atkinson; also on pay roll for service from June 1, 1776, 3 mos., and from Sept. 1, 1776, 2 mos. 18 days; discharged Nov. 18, 1776.

JEREMIAH FOSTER. Corporal, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Samuel Clark's co., Col. John Brown's regt.; enlisted June 30, 1777; discharged July 26, 1777; service, 27 days. Also enlisted Sept. 7, 1777; discharged Sept. 30, 1777; service, 24 days in same co., but Col. Benjamin Symond's regt.; Col. Brown's regt., enlisted July 18, 1750; discharged Oct. 23, 1780; Capt. John Spoore's co.; service, 3 mos. 10 days, 4 days travel included; a Berksire co. company.

JEREMIAH FOSTER. Appears on a petition, dated Boston, Feb. 2, 1781, as 1st Lieutenant on board the ship "Betsey," commanded by Philemon Haskell; age, 23 yrs; height, 5 ft.; complexion, dark; black hair.

JEREMIAH FOSTER, JR., Boxford. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Jacob Gould's co., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Boxford; service, 3 days.

JEREMIAH FOSTER, JR., Williamstown. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. John Spoore's co., Col. John Brown's regt.; enlisted July 18, 1780; dis-
charged Oct. 23, 1780; service, 3 mos. 10 days, 4 days' travel included. On descriptive list of enlisted men; age, 17 yrs.; stature, 5 ft. 4 in.; complexion, dark; hair, black; occupation, laborer. Enlisted for 3 years; joined Capt. Whipple's co., Col. Simond's regt.; dated Lenox, Aug. 20, 1781. On muster roll of Capt. Luke Day's co., Lieut.-Col. John Brook's regt.; at West Point from June to July, 1781. On roll dated Camp Continental Village, Oct. 1, 1781; enlisted April 1, 1781; reported combined; also appears on rolls for Oct., Nov., Dec., 1781, to April, 1782.

JOSEPH FOSTER, Plymouth. Private, on muster rolls of Capt. Mayhew's co., Col. Cotton's regt., dated Aug. 1 and Oct. 7, 1775; enlisted July 18, 1775; and on order for bounty coat or equivalent due for the 8 months' service, dated Roxbury, Nov. 8, 1775.

JOHN FOSTER, Ashby. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. John Jones' co., Col. James Prescott's regt., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Ashby; service, 7 days.

JOHN FOSTER, Andover. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Joshua Holt's co., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Andover to Cambridge; service, 1½ days. On muster and pay roll of Lieut. William Foster's co., Col. Pierce's regt.; enlisted March 1st; discharged April 4, 1778; service, 35 days. Lieutenant, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Amos Foster's co., Col. Cyprian How's regt., for service in R. I., on alarm; appointed Oct. 11th; discharged Oct. 30, 1780; service, 2 days.


JOHN FOSTER, Attleborough. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Moses Willmarth's co., Col. John Daggett's regt.; marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Attleborough; service, 9 days. On order, dated July 5, 1776, for wages on Ephraim Newell, town treasurer of Attleborough; service on alarm caused by battle of Bunker Hill.

JOHN FOSTER, Billerica. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Jonathan Stickney's co., Col. Bridge's regt.; marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Billerica; service, 6 days; regt. of minute men. Also on rolls dated Aug. and Sept., 1775, and on order for bounty coat or equivalent due for the 8 months' service, dated Cambridge, Nov. 16, 1775. On a return of men enlisted into Continental army from Capt. Edward Farmer's co., 7th Middlesex regt., dated Feb. 16, 1778; joined Capt. Elijah Dunforth's co., Col. Nixon's regt. Corporal, on return dated camp near Peekskill; in service Aug. 15, 1777; on muster roll of Lieut.-Col. C. Smith's co., Col. Nixon's regt., dated Highlands, June 12, 1779; enlisted April 7, 1777; service, 2 yrs. 2 mos. 5 days; reported enlisted for 3 years. Also on rolls for Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec., 1779; on pay accounts for service from April 9, 1777, to Dec. 31, 1779; on pay accounts, service from Jan. 1, 1780, to April 7, 1780; discharged April 7, 1780; autograph signature on receipt for clothing, etc., dated Peekskill, Dec. 5, 1780.


JOHN FOSTER, Boston. Gunner, on muster roll of Capt. Burbeck's co., Col. Gridley's regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted June 9, 1775; service, 1 mo. 24 days. Also on Sept. return and on order for bounty coat or equivalent due for the 8 months' service in 1775, dated Jan. 6, 1776.

JOHN FOSTER, Boston (probably). On an enlistment agreement, dated Boston, July 2, 1783; join Capt. Gridley's regt.; signed by said Foster and others, engaging themselves to serve in the militia under Brig.-Gen. John Fellows for term of 3 months from time of arrival at rendezvous, Capt. Loring's co.; age, 15 yrs.; stature, 5 ft. 3 in.; complexion, light. Received bounty of Edward Proctor, Col. of Boston regt. Drummer, on muster and pay roll of Lieut. William Bird's co., Col. Thayer's regt.; enlisted July 19, 1780; discharged Oct. 10, 1780; service, 3 mos. 3 days; stationed at West Point.
JOHN FOSTER, Needham. On descriptive list of men raised to reinforce Continental army, for term of 6 months, by resolve of June 5, 1780; age, 37 yrs.; stature, 5 ft. 8 in.; complexion, light; arrived at Springfield July 16, 1780; marched to camp same day, under command of Sergeant Thomas Kench.


JOHN FOSTER, Dorchester. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Lieut. Hopestill Hall's co.; marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Dorchester; service, 7 days. On muster roll of Capt. Edward Webber's co., Col. John Fellows' regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted May 10, 1775; service, 3 mos. 25 days. Also on return dated Oct. 7, 1775, and on order for bounty coat or equivalent, dated in camp at Dorchester, Dec. 25, 1775. Also on pay roll of Capt. John Robinson's co., Col. Benjamin Gill's regt.; 2 days' service in March, 1776, guarding lines near Dorchester Heights. On muster and pay roll of Capt. Seth Sumner's co., Col. Gill's regt., ordered to march to Moon's Island June 12, 1776, 3 days' service. On pay abstract of Capt. Isaac Tuckerman's co., Col. Ebenezer Francis' regt., for mileage; dated Nov. 28, 1776. On return of Capt. Oliver Lyman's co., Col. Dike's regt.; service from Dec., 1776, to March 1, 1777. On muster and pay roll of Capt. Sumner's co., Col. Gill's regt.; service in R.I.; marched April 17, 1777; service, 23 days. On muster and pay roll of Capt. John Bradley's co., Col. Gill's regt.; enlisted Aug. 14, 1777; service, 3 mos. 28 days (12 days' travel allowed); marched to Manchester, Vt., to join Northern army. On list of men enlisted to serve 9 months in Continental army, under Gen. Washington, dated Dorchester, May 19, 1775; autograph signature. On descriptive list of enlisted men; age, 41 yrs.; stature, 5 ft. 7 in.; complexion, dark; hair, dark; eyes, gray; occupation, weaver; enlisted June 11, 1778, to serve 9 months from arrival at Fishkill, from Capt. Sumner's co., Col. Gill's regt.; received from Maj. Stephen Badlam and delivered to Brig.-Gen. Jonathan Warner at Fishkill by Capt. Robert Davis, under resolve of April 20, 1778, dated Roxbury, June 5, 1778.

JOHN FOSTER, JR., Dorchester. Fifer, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Abraham Wheeler's co. of minute men, Col. Lemuel Robinson's regt., which marched on alarm of April 10, 1775, from Dorchester; service, 12 days. On muster and pay roll of Capt. Hopestill Hall's co., Col. Lemuel Robinson's regt.; enlisted Jan. 29, 1776; service, 25 days; also 12 days' service in March, 1776, in Capt. John Robinson's co., Col. Benjamin Gill's regt.; on muster and pay roll of Capt. Sumner's co., ordered to march to Moon's Island June 12, 1776; service, 3 days. On muster roll of Capt. Thomas Wellington's co., Col. Asa Whitcomb's regt., dated in camp at Ticonderoga, Nov. 27, 1776; enlisted Oct. 1, 1776; service, 1 mo. 26 days. On muster and pay roll of Capt. Sumner's co., Col. Gill's regt.; service in R.I.; marched April 17, 1777; service, 25 days. Muster and pay roll of Capt. Lemuel Clap's co.; enlisted May 19, 1779; discharged Aug. 10, 1779; service, 2 mos. 23 days. A detachment of Guards under Maj.-Gen. Nathaniel Heath, at Dorchester Heights: also from Aug. 11th to Oct. 31, 1779—2 mos. 21 days; also from Nov. 1, 1779, to Jan. 31, 1780—3 mos.; also from Feb. 1, 1780, to May 1, 1780—3 mos.

JOHN FOSTER, Littleton. On descriptive list of men raised in Middlesex co. to reinforce Continental army, for 9 months, by resolve of April 20, 1778; age, 35 yrs.; stature, 5 ft. 6 in.; belonged to Col. Reed's regt.; arrived at Fishkill June 25, 1778.

JOHN FOSTER, Gloucester. 3d Sergeant, on muster and pay roll of Capt. William Pearson's co., stationed at Gloucester; enlisted Jan. 9, 1776, to May 31, 1776; also 1 mo. 25 days between June 1st and Aug. 31, 1776. Commissioned 2d Lieutenant of Capt. Samuel Page's co., Col. Ebenezer Francis' regt., Feb. 3, 1777. On a petition as lieutenant, dated Van Schaick's Island, Aug. 31, 1777. Autograph signature on an order, dated camp near Valley Forge, April 8, 1778, on Board of War for clothing to replace that lost on retreat from Ticonderoga in Col. Benjamin Tupper's regt., Gen. John Paterson's brigade; also on order for clothing, order dated Danbury, Oct. 12, 1778; name cancelled from roll. Lientenant, on muster roll of Maj. William Lithgow's co., Col. Tupper's regt., dated West Point, April 5, 1779, for March, 1779; appointed or enlisted Nov. 6, 1776; service, 2 yrs. 4 mos. 29 days; reported, transferred to light infantry co., April 1, 1779. On Continental army pay accounts of Col. Tupper's regt., for service from Jan. 1, 1777, to July 14, 1779; reported, resigned July 14, 1779.

JOHN FOSTER, Machias. On muster and pay roll of Capt. Stephen Smith's
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c. ; enlisted Sept. 13, 1775; discharged Dec. 31, 1775; 3 mos. 25 days' service, stationed at Machias. Reported advanced to Corporal, Oct. 25, 1775. Sergeant, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Jabez West's co.; enlisted May 21st; discharged July 19, 1777; service on expedition against St. Johns, 1 mo. 28 days.

JOHN FOSTER, Marblehead. Private, on muster roll of Capt. Francis Symonds' co., Col. John Glover's regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted June 15, 1775; 1 mo. 10 days' service.

JOHN FOSTER, Marblehead. Private, on muster roll of Capt. Haynes' co., Col. J. Brewer's regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted July 17, 1775; service, 15 days. On company return, dated Prospect Hill, Oct. 6, 1775, says he belonged to Newburyport. On order for bounty coat or equivalent due for 8 months' service, dated Cambridge, Oct. 25, 1775.


JOHN FOSTER, Roxbury. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Lemuel Chil's co., Col. William Heath's regt.; marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Roxbury; service, 15 days; dismissed May 3, 1775.


JOHN FOSTER, Rutland. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. David Bent's co., Col. Nathaniel Sparhawk's regt.; marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Rutland to Cambridge; service, 6 days; marched April 20th. Also on muster and pay roll, same regt. detached, Aug. 20, 1777; marched from Rutland to Bennington on alarm; service, 11 days.

JOHN FOSTER, St. George or Vassalboro. On list of men enlisted into Continental army from Capt. T. Nash or S. Ward's co., dated Weymouth, Jan. 2, 1775; enlisted for Weymouth for 3 years; joined Benjamin Burton's co., Col. Sherburne's regt. Also on a list dated Gardnerstown, Feb. 2, 1778, as belonging to Winthrop, and drafted from Col. Joseph North's (2d Lincoln co.) regt. On return of men mustered in Suffolk co., dated Boston, June 8, 1777; received £20 bounty. On return of men in Col. Henry Sherburne's regt., certified to in Boston, June 15, 1779, by Capt. Benjamin Burton; enlisted April 18, 1777, for 3 years or during war. Private, belonged to Vassalboro. On pay accounts of Col. Sherburne's regt.; service from March 8, 1777, to Dec. 31, 1779; also from Jan. 1, 1780, to March 17, 1780; reported discharged March 17, 1780.

JOHN FOSTER, appears on a petition dated Boston, Sept. 4, 1777, requesting that he be appointed 1st Lieutenant of a sloop called the Revenge, commanded by Nathaniel Colt Webb.

JOHN FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Joseph Seavey's co., Col. Benjamin Foster's regt. (Lincoln co.); enlisted July 10, 1777; discharged Oct. 10, 1777; service, 2 mos. 24 days; service at Machias when British ships lay without the harbor.

JOHN FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. John Oliver's co., Col. Nathaniel Sparhawk's regt., from Sept. 28, 1777, to Oct. 18, 1777, service, 28 days; marched to reinforce Northern army at the reduction of Burgoyne.

JOHN FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. John Crawford's co., Col. Job Cushing's regt.; enlisted Sept. 7th; discharged Nov. 29, 1777; 2 mos. 25 days' service, travel allowed.

JOHN FOSTER. Sergeant, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Alexander Foster's co., Col. John Daggett's regt.; service in R. I., on alarm of Dec. 8, 1776; service 25 days.

JOHN FOSTER, Marblehead. On list of men who delivered firearms, dated Feb. 23, 1776; reported, "Of the selectmen of Marblehead."

JOHN FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. John Hartwell's co., Col. Eleazar Brook's regt., called March 4, 1776, to fortify Dorchester Hills; 5 days' service; marched from Lincoln. On receipt dated Lincoln, Sept. 21, 1776, for wages due, signed by self and others in above co.

JOHN FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Abram Washburn's
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col. John Cushing's regt., stationed at Newport, R. I.; enlisted Sept. 20, 1776; service, 59 1/2 days. Roll dated Bridgewater, Nov. 28, 1776; also on muster and pay roll of Capt. Francis Cushing's co., Col. John Cushing's regt.; 11 days' service, marched to Bristol, R. I., on alarm of Dec., 1776.

JOHN FOSTER. Sergeant, on pay abstract of Capt. James Prentiss' co., Col. Samuel Brewer's regt., for travel allowance from place of discharge, Saratoga, home; allowed in council, Feb. 3, 1777; roll indorsed "travel from Fort Edward."

JOHN FOSTER. Sergeant, on muster and pay roll of Capt. John Stutson's co., detached Dec. 10, 1777; discharged March 1, 1778; service, 2 mos. 22 days; Maj. Edward Proctor's detachment of guards at Boston, under Maj.-Gen. Heath.

JOHN FOSTER. Seaman, on list of prisoners sent from Newport, R. I., on the Lord Sandwich prison ship and landed in Bristol, March 7, 1778.

JOHN FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Adam Henry's co., enlisted Jan. 5th; discharged March 31, 1779; service, 2 mos. 29 days; a company of guards detached to guard troops of Convention at Rutland, detached from militia.

JOHN FOSTER, Salem. On descriptive list dated June 17, 1780, of officers and crew of Privateer Brigantine Addition, Joseph Pratt commander; age, 21 yrs.; stature, 4 ft. 6 in.; complexion, dark.

JOHN FOSTER, Coxhall. On list of men in an account of bounties paid to soldiers, raised by town of Coxhall, by resolve of court, Dec. 2, 1780.

JOHN FOSTER. Private, on muster roll of Capt. Charles Parson's co., Col. Goose Van Schaick's (1st N. Y.) regt., for Jan.-March, 1781, dated West Point; enlisted for during war.

JOHN FOSTER, Wells. On receipt for bounty paid by Paul Chadburn for a class for town of Wells, dated Wells, Aug. 20, 1782.

JOHN FOSTER. Private, on a return of Capt. Caleb Chapin's co., for clothing.

JOHN FOSTER, JR., Dorchester. Private, on pay abstract of Capt. Isaac Tuckerman's co, Col. Ebenezer Francis' regt., for mileage, etc., dated Nov. 28, 1776.

JOHN FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Abel Richard's co., Col. Benjamin Hawes' regt.; enlisted Sept. 25th; discharged Oct. 28, 1777; service, 1 mo. 7 days; marched on secret expedition to R. I., 3 days' travel allowed; roll sworn to at Dedham.

JOHN WOODEN FOSTER, Machias. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Stephen Smith's co.; enlisted Sept. 13, 1775; discharged Dec. 31, 1775; service, 3 mos. 24 days; stationed at Machias. On muster and pay roll of Capt. John Scott's co.; enlisted Nov. 20, 1776; discharged Dec. 21, 1776; service, 23 days; raised to reinforce Col. Jonathan Eddy at Cumberland, against British garrison there. On muster and pay roll of Capt. Joseph Sevey's co., Col. Benjamin Foster's regt.; enlisted June 23, 1777; discharged July 16, 1777; 23 days' service. Also enlisted same co. July 16th; discharged Oct. 10, 1777; service, 2 mos. 24 days. Corporal (on roll as John W.), on muster and pay roll, 1 day's service at Machias, between Dec. 5 and 25, 1778; also 6 days' service between Aug. 31st and Nov. 20, 1779. Note, his middle name is also given Woodin and Wooding.

JONATHAN FOSTER, Ashby. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. John Jones' co., Col. James Prescott's regt.; marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Ashby (marched April 20th); service, 7 days.


JONATHAN FOSTER, Shirley. On descriptive list; age 23 yrs.; stature, 5 ft. 9 in.; complexion, dark; hair, dark; occupation, yeoman; birthplace, Shirley; enlisted April 28, 1782, for 3 years; joined Capt. Benjamin Heywood's co., 6th regt. Private, on muster and pay roll of Col. Benjamin Tupper's (10th) regt.; enlisted April 28, 1782; service, 8 mos. 3 days; roll made up to Jan. 1, 1783; transferred to 6th regt. Dec. 17, 1782.

JONATHAN FOSTER, S. E. Tewksbury. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Jonathan Brown's co., Col. Green's regt.; marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Tewksbury; service, 1 day.

JONATHAN FOSTER, Tewksbury. On list of men raised for 6 months' service, returned by Brig.-Gen. Paterson as having passed muster, return dated Camp Fotoway, Oct. 25, 1780. On pay roll of 6 months' men raised by Tewksbury for service in Continental army during 1780; marched July 4, 1780; discharged Dec. 9, 1780; service, 5 mos. 17 days.
JONATHAN FOSTER, Lenox. 1st Lieutenant, on list of officers of Massachusetts militia in Capt. Oliver Belding's co., 2d Berkshire Co. regt.; commissioned May 3 or 4, 1776. Also on muster roll of Capt. Erastus Sergeant's co., Col. Benjamin Simond's regt., dated in camp at Ticonderoga, Feb. 25, 1777; appointed or enlisted Dec. 16, 1776. On a return dated Sheffield, May 1, 1777, signed by John Fellows of a detachment from said Fellows' (Berkshire co.) brigade, made agreeable to order of General Court to reinforce Continental army and which marched the beginning of Jan., 1777. On muster and pay roll of Capt. Jesse Bradley's co., Col. John Brown's regt.; entered service June 30th; discharged July 26, 1777; 27 days' service. Autograph signature on list of officers who petition to General Court, dated Camp above Stillwater, Sept. 15, 1777, requesting that clothing may be furnished them to replace that lost on retreat from Ticonderoga. On muster and pay roll of Capt. Oliver Belding's co., Col. Brown's regt.; enlisted Sept. 21st; discharged Oct. 14, 1777; service, 24 days, service at Northward. Also on muster and pay roll of Capt. Charles Dibble's co., Col. Rossiter's (3d) regt.; enlisted Oct. 14, 1780; discharged Oct. 17th; service, 3 days on alarm to the Northward. Also on list of officers in Massachusetts militia; 1st Lieutenant in Capt. Samuel Goodrich's co. of 3d Berkshire co. regt.

JONATHAN FOSTER, Ashby (?). On a list of men draughted Aug. 19, 1777, to serve 3 months.

JONATHAN FOSTER. Appears on a receipt for advance pay, dated Cambridge, June 30, 1775, due on account of service in Capt. John Low's co., Col. Mansfield's regt.


JONATHAN FOSTER, Beverly. Mate, on descriptive list, sworn to Sept. 11, 1780, of officers and crew of the brigantine Freedom, commanded by Benjamin Ober; age, 24 yrs.; stature, 5 ft. 9 in.; complexion, dark.

JONATHAN FOSTER, Boxford. Lieutenant, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. John Cushing's co. (of minute men), Col. Samuel Johnson's regt., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Boxford; service, 6 days. Commissioned Feb. 3, 1776, captain in Col. Huntington's regt. of Massachusetts militia. Also on list of an Essex Co. regt. commanded by Col. Wade, detached for Providence; commissioned July 24, 1778; enlisted July 1st; discharged Oct. 17, 1783; service, 109 days. On roll made up to Jan. 1, 1779; reported, stationed at Middletown, R. I., for 6 months.


JONATHAN FOSTER, Dudley. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Nathaniel Healy's co. (minute men), Col. Ebenezer Larned's regt.; marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Dudley; service, 8 days. Also on muster roll, same co., dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted April 27, 1775; service, 3 mos. 1 week, 4 days. Also on October return; on order for bounty coat or equivalent due for the 8 months' service in 1775, dated Roxbury, Nov. 2, 1775.

JONATHAN FOSTER, Ipswich. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Nathaniel Wade's co., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Ipswich to Cambridge; service 21 days; April 10th, marched to Mystic; on April 20th, ordered to Salem; on 21st, to Ipswich; from there to headquarters at Cambridge. Corporal, on return of same co.; in service June 5, 1775. On muster roll, same co., Col. Little's regt.; dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted May 10, 1775; service, 11 weeks, 5 days. On order for bounty coat or equivalent, dated in camp, Dec. 21, 1775. Sergeant, on a return of above co. (not dated); enlisted Nov. 21, 1775. On pay abstracts of said regt., for wages for Feb. and March, 1775. Autograph signature on receipt dated Long Island, June 9, 1776, for allowance to April 30, 1776. Also on receipt dated same place, July 14, 1776, for provisions from April to July 3d, given by company.

* This list was found among old papers in town of Ashby.

JONATHAN FOSTER, Ipswich. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. David Low's co., 3d Es-ex Co. regt.; engaged Sept. 30, 1777 (marched Oct. 2, 1777); discharged at Cambridge, Nov. 7, 1777; service, 40 days; service in a reg't commanded by Maj. C. Smith, in Northern Dept., and guarding Gen. Burgoyne's army to Prospect Hill. On descriptive list of enlisted men; age, 29 yrs.; stature 5 ft. 10 in.; complexion, light; hair, light; engaged for Ipswich for 9 months; Col. Jonathan Cogswell's reg't, raised by resolve of Gen. Assembly of April 20, 1780; arrived at Fishkill June 12, 1778. On list of deserters from 5th Massachusetts reg't, Col. Rufus Putnam, dated Nov. 20, 1780; age, 25 yrs.; stature, 5 ft. 8 in.; complexion, light; hair, brown; enlisted for 3 years; deserted March, 1779.

JONATHAN FOSTER, Medford. On a list of men in Medford, who paid money to persons to go to Canada, dated Oct. 8, 1776.

JONATHAN FOSTER, Reading. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. John Walton's co., Col. David Green's reg't.; marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Reading; service, 1 day. Private, on list of men in the Reading Training Band, under Capt. John Walton, May 13, 1775.

JONATHAN FOSTER, Winchendon. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Moses Hale's co., Col. Nathan Sparhawk's reg't., marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Winchendon to Cambridge; service, 14 days.

JONATHAN FOSTER. Sergeant, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Isaac Martin's co., Col. Ezra Woods' reg't.; marched to R. I. on alarm of Dec. 8, 1776; service, 9 days.

JONATHAN FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Lieut. Josiah Wilson's co., Col. Porter's (Hampshire co.) reg't.; enlisted Sept. 23d; discharged Oct. 17, 1777; service, 1 mo. 2 days, 7 days' travel included; marched on alarm to reinforce Maj.-Gen. Gates at the Northward.

JONATHAN FOSTER. Private, on pay roll of Capt. Job Shattuck's co., Col. John Robinson's reg't., dated Cambridge, March, 1776; service, 6 days; service from enlistment to date of marching to camp. Also on muster and pay roll of Capt. Aaron Jewett's co., Col. Samuel Bullard's reg't.; enlisted Aug. 15, 1777; discharged Nov. 29, 1777; service, 3 mos. 26 days, 11 days travel included; marched to Saratoga; roll dated Littleton.

JONATHAN FOSTER, Dracut. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Joseph Bradley Varnum's co., Col. McIntosh's reg't.; enlisted Aug. 1, 1778; discharged Sept. 11, 1778; service, 1 mo. 15 days; expedition to Rhode Island, 5 days' travel included.

JONATHAN FOSTER, JR., Ipswich (W. Parish). Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Abram How's co.; marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Ipswich (W. Parish); service, 2 days.

JOSEPH FOSTER, Andover. Appears on a list of men enlisted into Continental army from Jonathan Glover's reg't., dated Nov. 7, 1777; enlisted for Marblehead for 3 years, or during war; joined Col. Benjamin Tupper's reg't. On muster roll of Capt. Stephen Abbot's co., said reg't., dated West Point, April 3, 1779; Private, reported transferred to Capt. Samuel Page's co., light infantry, April 1, 1779. On muster roll of said co., dated West Point, April 3, 1779; service, 2 yrs. 22 days. On pay accounts of Capt. Abbot's co., for service from March 13, 1778, to Dec. 31, 1778. Sergeant, on pay account; service from Jan. 1, 1780, to Dec. 31, 1780; reported 1 mo. 20 days as Private, 10 mos. 10 days as Sergeant. On descriptive list of enlisted men; age, 21 yrs.; stature, 5 ft. 8 in.; complexion, light; hair, light; occupation, husbandman; enlisted Oct. 26, 1779, during war; birthplace, Andover; enlisted by Capt. Abbot at West Point. On muster and pay roll made up from Jan. 1, 1781, to Jan. 1, 1782; 12 mos service; reported, Feb. 7, 1782, reduced; May 1, 1782, promoted to Sergeant. On an account of rations, small stores, etc., delivered officers and soldiers of 10th Massachusetts reg't., by E. Lunt, state commissary, year not given.

JOSEPH FOSTER, Becket. Sergeant, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Peter Porter's co. (minute men), Col. Paterson's reg't., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Becket to Cambridge (marched April 23d); service, 1 mo. 1½ days.

JOSEPH FOSTER, Beverly. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Lieut. Peter Shaw's co., of minute men; marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Beverly; service, 2 days. Autograph signature on receipt for advance pay given by company, dated Cambridge, July 1, 1775, payable to himself, pay due on account of service
in Capt. John Low's co., Col. John Mansfield's regt.  On muster roll of Capt. John Low's co., dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted May 12, 1775; service, 2 mos. 25 days; also on October, 1775, return, and on order for bounty coat or equivalent due for the 8 months' service, dated Winter Hill, Oct. 21, 1775.

JOSEPH FOSTER. Private, on list of men enlisted in Seacoast co., of Beverly, as returned by Lieut. Joseph Wood; enlisted Nov. 25, 1776. Also on muster and pay roll of said co., as enlisted May 12, 1777, stationed at Beverly.

JOSEPH FOSTER, Atteborough. Corporal, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Stephen Richardson's co., minute men; marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Atteborough; service, 9 days. On order, dated July 5, 1776, for wages, etc., on Ephraim Newell, town treasurer of Atteborough, for service on alarm caused by battle of Bunker Hill. On return of Capt. Stephen Richardson's co., Col. Daggett's regt., in service as 5 months' men, at Dorchester in 1776. On receipt for wages, dated Dorchester, Oct. 9, 1776, given by Capt. Hodge's co., from Aug. 12th to Oct. 1, 1776; also for months of October, Nov., 1776. For muster and pay roll of Capt. Alexander Foster's co., Col. Daggett's regt.; marched to Rhode Island on alarm of Dec. 5, 1776; service, 25 days. On muster and pay roll, same co., Col. Thomas Carpenter's regt.; service in campaign at R. I., from July 27th to Aug. 12, 1775, 17 days. Also on muster and pay roll of same co., Col. Isaac Dean's regt.; marched on alarm to Tiverton, R. I., July 31, 1750; discharged Aug. 8, 1750; service, 10 days.

JOSEPH FOSTER, Beverly. Appears on a return of men enlisted into Continental army from 2d Beverly co. of Essex co. regt., dated Beverly, Feb. 13, 1775; enlisted for Beverly for 3 years; joined Capt. William Porter's co., Col. Francis' regt. On pay abstract of said regt., for subsistence money from time of enlistment, Feb. 17th, to time of arrival at Bennington, 36 days' travel included; roll sworn to March 6, 1777.

JOSEPH FOSTER, Billerica (probably). Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Jonathan Stieckney's co. of minute men, Col. Bridge's regt.; marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Billerica (probably); service, 8 days. Also on muster and pay roll of Capt. Edward Farmer's co., Col. Jonathan Reed's regt.; enlisted Sept. 20th; discharged Nov. 8, 1777; service, 41 days; company marched to reinforce Northern army, by resolve of Sept. 22, 1777.

JOSEPH FOSTER, Chelmsford or Kitty. Private, on Continental army pay accounts of Col. Sprout's regt.; service from Jan. 1, 1777, to July 6, 1777; enlisted for during war; reported prisoner since July 6, 1777, also reported dead.

JOSEPH FOSTER, Dorchester. Matross, on muster roll of Maj. Thomas Pierce's co., Col. Gridley's regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted July 15, 1775; service, 2 weeks 3 days. Also on return dated Sept. 29, 1775. On order for bounty coat or equivalent due for the 8 months' service, dated Roxbury, Dec. 27, 1775. Also on return, dated Roxbury Camp, Dec. 16, 1775, of men enlisted for the ensuing year under the new establishment; Capt. Thomas Pierce's co. Col. Knox's artillery regt.

JOSEPH FOSTER, Danvers. Appears on a return of men raised under resolve of Dec. 2, 1780; raised March 12, 1781, for 3 years.

JOSEPH FOSTER, Dudley. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. David Batcheller's co., Col. Ezra Wood's regt., enlisted June 5, 1778; discharged Jan. 29, 1779; service, 8 mos. 13 days; raised for 8 months, service at North River. Autograph signature on order, dated Dudley, April 12, 1779, for wages, etc. On muster and pay rolls of Capt. Thomas Fish's co., Col. Nathan Tyler's regt.; enlisted July 1, 1779, to Dec. 1, 1779; 4 mos 20 days' service in R. I.; also from Dec. 1 to 25, 1779, 28 days; also from Nov. 30, 1779, to Jan. 1, 1780, 1 mos. 3 days, travel allowed.

JOSEPH FOSTER, Dunbarton, N. H. Matross, on muster roll of Capt. Callender's co., Col. Gridley's regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted June 30, 1775; service, 1 mos. 4 days. Also on order for bounty coat or equivalent, due for the 8 months' service in 1775 in Capt. William Perkins' co., Col. Richard Gridley's regt., dated Nov. 6, 1775, payable to Capt. Perkins.


JOSEPH FOSTER, Kittery. On list of men enlisted in York co., to serve in Capt. James Donnel's co., Col. Samuel Brewer's regt.; return made by Joseph Bragdon, muster master, March 31, 1777; enlisted for 3 years. Received State and Con-
continental bounty; on muster return, dated Camp at Valley Forge, Jan. 25, 1778; on Continental army pay accounts of Col. Sprout's regt.; service from Feb. 20, 1777, to Dec. 31, 1779, and from Jan. 1, 1780, to Feb. 20, 1780.

JOSEPH FOSTER, Lunenburg. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. George Kimball's co.; marched (April 20th) on alarm of March 19, 1775; from Lunenburg; service, 6 days.

On muster roll of Capt. John Fuller's co., Col. Asa Whitcomb's regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted April 25, 1775; service, 3 mos. 1½ days. Also on receipt dated Prospect Hill, Oct. 4, 1775, for wages from Aug., 1775; also on receipt dated same place, Nov. 17, 1775, wages for Sept., 1775; also on the October return.

JOSEPH FOSTER, Sudbury. On return of men enlisted into Continental army from Capt. Maynard's co., Col. Ezekiel Howe's regt., to serve during war; not dated.

JOSEPH FOSTER, Ware (probably). Captain, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Joseph Foster, Col. Ruggles Woodbridge's regt., which marched (April 20th) on alarm of April 10, 1775; service, 25 days.

JOSEPH FOSTER, Rehoboth. Appears among a list of men raised agreeably to resolve of Dec. 2, 1775; received at Taunton, Dec. 24, 1775, by Oliver Sooper to be conducted to Boston and delivered to Maj. Pettingall; age, 25 yrs.; stature, 5 ft. 8 in.; complexion, light; occupation, farmer; enlisted Dec. 19, 1775, for 3 years; reported deserted Dec. 22, 1781. Appears on receipt for bounty paid him by Philip Miller for town of Rehoboth.

JOSEPH FOSTER, Tewksbury. On descriptive list, age, 19 yrs.; stature, 5 ft. 6 in.; complexion, dark; enlisted for 9 months; joined Capt. Trull's co., 7th Middlesex co., regt., dated Lincoln, July 21, 1777.

JOSEPH FOSTER, Ware. Sergeant, on pay abstract of Capt. Elijah Dwight's co., for billeting money to and from camp. On list of officers, dated March 16, 1776, as returned by Col. Samuel Howe, rank 2d lieutenant, Capt. William Brackinridge's (Ware) co.; commissioned April 1, 1776. Lieutenant, on muster and pay roll of said co.; engaged July 9, 1777; discharged July 29, 1777; service, 26 days. Also on muster and pay roll of Capt. Samuel Fairfiel'ds' co., Col. Nathan Sparhawk's regt.; entered Sept. 22, 1778; 2 mos. 24 days' service at Dorchester.

JOSEPH FOSTER, Surgeon, on list of officers in Cambridge Hospital, approved of by a committee of Congress, July 5, 1775.


JOSEPH FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Joseph Rae's co.; enlisted July 25, 1776; service, 3 mos. 3 days; roll dated Beverly; service at Beverly.


JOSEPH FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Peter Porter's co., Col. Benjamin Simonds' regt.; entered service April 26, 1777; left service May 20, 1777, 25 days; company marched to Saratoga; Berkshire co. regt.

JOSEPH FOSTER. Marine, on muster and pay roll of officers and crew of brigantine Hawk, commanded by Capt. Jonathan Oakes; service with fleet under Com. John Manley; enlisted May 3d; discharged June 1, 1777; service, 1 mo.

JOSEPH FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. John Thompson's co., Col. Leonard's regt. (Hampshire co.); enlisted May 7th; discharged July 8, 1777; service, 2 mos. 10 days, 9 days' travel included; marched to reinforce Northern army.

JOSEPH FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Ebenezer Goodale's co., Lieut.-Col. Samuel Williams' regt.; enlisted July 1, 1777; discharged Aug. 12, 1777; service, 1 mo. 9 days, travel allowed; marched to join Northern army.

JOSEPH FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. John Moore's co., Col. Jonathan Reed's regt., from enlistment April 2, 1778, to July 3, 1778; service, 3 mos. 2 days, guards stationed at Cambridge.

JOSEPH FOSTER. Appears on instructions of council to commissary of pris-
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ons, dated Dec. 20, 1777, to permit James Coates, master of the brigantine Fame, to proceed to Providence, R. I., to go in a flag of truce from thence to Newport, provided Maj.-Gen. Spencer shall allow him one for that purpose, he giving his parole upon his arrival at Newport or New York, to procure the liberation of said Foster taken in the brigantine "Defence," commanded by Capt. Pickering, and then detained as a prisoner in New York; or in case said Foster should have been released to return a prisoner of equal rank, or to return personally in one month's time. Also appears on a petition, dated Boston, Dec. 19, 1777, signed by his brother, William Foster, requesting that the above Joseph may be released from the guardship at New York where he has been a prisoner since April, 1777. Also on list of prisoners, dated Feb. 24, 1778, to be exchanged for British prisoners, under parole to be returned by Col. Johonott, said Joseph Foster to be exchanged for James Coates, Master Brig. "Fame."

JOSEPH FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Moses Will-

marsh's co., Col. John Daggett's regt.; service, 2 mos. 25 days; service at R. I.;

enlisted for 3 mos. Jan. 1, 1778.

JOSEPH FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Samuel Merri-

man's co., Col. Israel Chapen's regt.; enlisted Oct. 15th; discharged Nov. 21, 1779;

service, 1 mo. 14 days, travel included.

JOSEPH FOSTER. Appears on a list of officers of Massachusetts militia, as

1st Lieutenant of the 2d (Leominster) co., 8th Worcester Co. regt., commissioned

July 6, 1780.

JOSEPH FOSTER. Appears on a pay roll for wages for services as Com-

mander of the troops stationed at Gloucester for defense of the sea coast for 11

months and 7 days, dated Gloucester, Nov. 26, 1777; service from Dec. 13, 1775, to

Nov. 19, 1776. Also on a petition dated Boston, Oct. 10, 1778, given by Winthrop Sargent and others, asking for the commission of the above named "Foster" as Command

of the brigantine "General Mercer," commissioned by council Oct. 11, 1780.

Also on a petition dated Boston, Feb. 19, 1781, signed by Winthrop Sargent in behalf of himself and others asking that said Foster be appointed Commander of the

"Polley"; granted in council Feb. 20, 1781.

JOSEPH FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Samuel John-

son's co., Col. Johnson's regt.; enlisted Aug. 14th; discharged Nov. 30, 1777; serv-

ice, 4 mos. 13 days, travel included; service with Northern army; roll sworn to at

Andover.

JOSEPH FOSTER. Ensign, on return of officers in Col. Wigglesworth's regt.;

allowed by order of court of March 13, 1778.

JOSEPH FOSTER. Corporal, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Elias Park-

man's co. (a detachment of guards); engaged July 2d; discharged July 17, 1778;

service, 15 days.

JOSEPH FOSTER. Seaman, on list of prisoners sent to Boston in the Cartel

Snow Swift, from Halifax, Sept. 30, 1778.

JOSEPH FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll, Capt. not given; enlisted

Aug. 1st; discharged Oct. 31, 1779; service, 3 mos., stationed at Beverly.

JOSEPH FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Adam Henry's

co.; enlisted Jan. 6, 1779; discharged April 4, 1779; service, 3 mos.; a company of

guards detached from militia to guard troops of Convention at Rutland.

JOSHUA FOSTER—Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Jonathan Ayer's

co., Col. Nathaniel Wade's regt.; enlisted July 14th; discharged Oct. 10, 1780; serv-

ice, 3 mos. 8 days; roll dated Haverhill, April 10, 1781.

JOSHUA FOSTER, Westford. Appears on list of men from county of Middle-

sex; enlisted into the Continental army for Westford.

JOSIAH FOSTER, Beverly. Sailor, on descriptive list, dated June 6, 1780, of

officers and crew of sloop Fish Hawk, commanded by Samuel Foster: age, 21 yrs.;

stature, 5 ft. 4 in.; complexion, dark. Also on list of officers and men of brigantine

Fanny, commanded by Herbert Woodbury, dated Aug. 22, 1780.

JOSIAH FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Jonathan Proc-

tor's co., Col. Jacob Gerrish's regt.; enlisted Nov. 12, 1777; discharged Feb. 3, 1778; service, 2 mos. 21 days, as guards at Charleston.

JOSIAH FOSTER, Dracut. Lieutenant, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt.

Peter Coburn's co. of minute men in Col. Bridges' regt., which marched on alarm of

April 19, 1775, from Dracut; service, 7 days. On list of officers in Col. Bridges' regt. to be commissioned May 27, 1775; rank, Lieutenant in Capt. Coburn's co. On

muster roll, dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted April 26, 1775; service, 3 mos. 13 days.

Also on receipt for pay, dated Cambridge, Nov. 6, 1775, and on a receipt dated Dec.
29, 1775. On a certificate of services dated Dracut, Oct. 14, 1776, given by Peter Coburn, Capt., in which he certifies that said Foster was a Lieutenant in his company in Col. Bridges' regt., at the battle of Bunker Hill, June 17, 1775, where he lost some articles; money for losses allowed in council, Oct. 25, 1776. Also on return of Capt. Joseph B. Varnum's co., Col. Simeon Spaulding's regt., for equipments for 1777, for alarm list.

JUDE FOSTER, Western. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Josiah Putnam's co., Col. Jedediah Foster's regt., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Western to Roxbury; service, 8 days. Private, on muster roll of Capt. John Graves' co., Col. Learned's regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted April 29, 1775; service, 3 mos. 1 week 3 days. Also on return, dated Oct. 7, 1775. On muster roll of Capt. Jonathan Danforth's co., Col. Asa Whitcomb's regt., dated in Camp at Ticonderoga, Nov. 27, 1776; enlisted Jan. 1, 1776; service, 10 mos. 26 days; reported sick in hospital. On muster and pay roll of Capt. Daniel Gilbert's co., Col. Job Cushing's regt., from July 30, 1777, to Sept. 2, 1777; 1 mos. 4 days' service at Bennington; marched from Brookfield to Bennington and Half Moon. (Probably) Corporal, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Thomas Whipple's co., Col. Abijah Stearns' regt., from March 30 to July 2, 1778; service, 3 mos. 3 days, guarding Convention troops.

LEVI FOSTER, Machias. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Jabez West's co.; enlisted May 21st; discharged May 30, 1777; service, 9 days. Also on muster and pay roll of Capt. Joseph Sevey's co., Col. Benjamin Foster's regt.; enlisted July 16th; discharged Oct. 10, 1777; service, 2 mos. 21 days; also 5 days' service in December, 1778, and 15 days' service in Lieut. John Scott's co., between Aug. 31st and Nov. 20, 1779.

LEMUEL FOSTER, Dudley. Private, on list of men in Capt. Reuben Davis' co., which marched to join regt. Aug. 5th; joined Aug. 20th (year not given). On warrant for pay, dated Aug. 20, 1783. Also on muster and pay roll of Capt. Benjamin Allton's co., Col. John Rand's regt.; enlisted July 9th; discharged Oct. 10, 1780; service, 3 mos. 11 days.

LEMUEL FOSTER, Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Elias Pratt's co.; enlisted April 13, 1779; discharged July 1, 1779; 2 mos. 18 days' service, as guards at Rutland.

LEMUEL FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Timothy Paige's co., Col. John Rand's regt.; enlisted July 20, 1780; discharged Oct. 10, 1780; 3 mos. service, 9 days' travel allowed; service at West Point.

LUNEY FOSTER, Attleborough. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Samuel Robinson's co., Col. Wade's regt., for service in R. I.; enlisted June 21, 1778; service, 22 days. "Lune," on muster and pay roll of Capt. Alexander Foster's co., Col. Thomas Carpenter's regt.; service in R. I.; enlisted July 27th; discharged July 29, 1778; service, 7 days; marched to Tiverton. On roll of same company as marched July 31, 1780; discharged Aug. 8, 1780; service, 10 days.

LEONARD FOSTER, Pepperell. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Aaron Jewett's co., Col. Job Cushing's regt.; enlisted July 27, 1777; discharged Aug. 19, 1777; service, 1 mos. 10 days; marched to Bennington on alarm; 7 days' travel included. On descriptive list: age, 19 yrs.; stature, 5 ft. 9 in.; complexion, dark; enlisted for 9 months, Capt. Lakin's co., Col. Read's regt.; received of Justin Ealy, Commander at Springfield, Aug. 23, 1779, by Capt. James Tisdale. On receipt, dated Springfield, Aug. 22, 1779, for equipments; and on list of 9 months' men entering service Aug. 8, 1779, discharged May 8, 1780.

LINCOLN FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Simeon Fowler's co., Col. Jonathan Reed's regt.; enlisted April 23, 1778, to July 8, 1778; service, 2 mos. 16 days, served as guard at Cambridge.

LINCOLN FOSTER. Seaman, on muster and pay roll of officers and crew of brig Hazard, commanded by John F. Williams; enlisted Dec. 4, 1778; discharged April 20, 1779; service, 4 mos. 16 days.

LINE FOSTER. On list of prisoners sent from Newport, R. I., in the Lord Sandwich prison ship, and landed in Boston, March 7, 1776.

MICAH FOSTER, Pembroke. Corporal, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Thomas Turner's co., Col. Anthony Thomas' regt., which marched on alarm of April 9, 1775, from Pembroke; service, 3 days. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Freedom Chamberlain's co.; marched on alarm (of the taking of Dorchester Heights), March 5, 1776; service, 5 days.

MICHAEL FOSTER, Sturbridge. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Samuel Hamant's co., Col. Nathaniel Wade's regt.; enlisted June 26, 1778; enlist-
ment to expire Jan. 1, 1779; roll dated Middleton, R. I., Aug. 27, 1778. Also on muster and pay roll of Capt. Abel Mason's co., Col. Jacob Davis' regt.; enlisted July 30th; discharged Aug. 2, 1780; service, 15 days, travel included; marched to Tiverton, R. I.

MOSES FOSTER, Bridgton. Private, on pay roll of 6 men sent by town of Bridgton to act as guards at Sudbury, Canada, and who joined guards sent by the selectmen of Fryeburg.

MOSES FOSTER, Ipswich. On descriptive list, dated May 27, 1780, of officers and crew of the ship Rambler, commanded by Benjamin Lovett: age, 10 yrs.; stature, 5 ft. 8 in.; complexion, light.

MOSES FOSTER, Ipswich (W. Parish). Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Abram How's co., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Ipswich (W. Parish); service, 2 days. Also on muster roll of Capt. John Baker's co., Col. Little's regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted May 11, 1775; service, 2 mos. 26 days. On order for bounty coat or equivalent in money, due for the 8 months' service in 1775, dated Dec. 11, 1775, payable to Capt. Baker. Corporal, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Robert Dodge's co., Col. Jonathan Titcomb's regt.; marched from home April 25, 1777; service, 2 mos. 8 days; roll dated Warren, June 28, 1777. Also on muster and pay roll of Capt. David Low's co., 3d Essex Co. regt.; engaged Sept. 30, 1777 (marched Oct. adj); discharged Nov. 7, 1777; service, 40 days; service in regt. commanded by Maj. C. Smith, in Northern Dept., and guarding Gen. Burgoyne's army to Prospect Hill; discharged at Cambridge. Sergeant, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Jeremiah Putnam's co., Col. Nathaniel Wade's regt., for service at R. I.; enlisted July 15, 1778, to Dec. 31, 1778; service, 5 mos. 21 days; also January to November, 1778; enlisted to serve 12 mos. from Jan. 1, 1778; certificate of service, dated Ipswich, Jan. 18, 1779, given by Col. Nathaniel Wade, that said Foster served to credit of town of Ipswich in Capt Simon Brown's co., at Providence, until Jan. 1, 1779; raised by resolve of June 10, 1778.

MOSES FOSTER, Sturbridge. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Adam Martin's co., Col. Learned's regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted May 1, 1775; service, 3 mos. 8 days; also on return dated Oct. 7, 1775.

MOSES FOSTER, Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. John Dodge's co., Col. Jacob Gerrish's regt. (of guards), from April 1, 1778, to July 1, 1778; service, 3 mos. 4 days. Also on order for wages due for months of April and May, autograph signature.

MOSES FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Lieut. John Scott's co., for 9 days' service at Machias, between Aug. 31st and Nov. 20, 1779.


NATHAN FOSTER, Reading. On list of men in Capt. Amos Upton's co., showing equipments, roll dated Reading, April 21, 1775. Also on list of men in Capt. John Flint's co., Col. Baldwin's regt., dated May 15, 1775; and on roll of same company, dated Dec. 10, 1775, for 12 days' service.

NATHAN FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Caleb Turner's co.; enlisted July 13, 1775, to Dec. 31, 1775; service, 6 mos. 3 days. Autograph signature on order for one month's pay, dated Bristol, Nov. 18, 1775. On muster and pay roll; enlisted March 26, 1776, to June 10, 1776; service, 2 mos. 15 days; also 3 mos. service between June 10th and Sept. 10, 1776, and from Sept. 19, 1776, to Dec. 7, 1776; service, 2 mos. 27 days; stationed at Boothbay, seacoast defense; all the rolls dated at Bristol.

NATHAN FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. John Wells co., Col. Timothy Robinson's regt.; enlisted Dec. 23, 1776; discharged April 1, 1777; service, 100 days. A Hampshire Co. regt. marched to Ticonderoga; enlisted to serve until March 23, 1777. Also on muster and pay roll of Capt. John Wells' co., Col. David Wells' regt.; enlisted Sept. 22, 1777; discharged Oct. 23, 1777; service, 1 mos. 2 days; roll dated Shelburne, Nov. 21, 1777. Also on receipt dated Shelburne, Sept. 22, 1777, for mileage, etc., from Shelburne to Stillwater, 112 miles, given by said Foster and others to the selectmen of Shelburne; Capt. John Wells certifies that the men whose names appear upon the receipt went out of the town with him.

NATHAN FOSTER, JR. Appears on a receipt dated Dorchester Camp, Feb. 15, 1776, for ammunition received from Capt. Barnabas Sears.

NATHAN FOSTER, JR. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Caleb
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Foster's co.; enlisted March 26, 1776, to June 10, 1776; service, 2 mos. 15 days, in seacoast defense; roll dated Bristol; also 3 mos. service between June 10th and Sept. 10, 1776, and from Sept. 10th to Dec. 7, 1776; service, 2 mos. 27 days, at Boothbay.

NATHANIEL FOSTER, Chelmsford. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Col. Moses Parker's co., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Chelmsford under command of Lieut. Benjamin Walker; service, 7 days. On descriptive list of enlisted men: age, 20 yrs.; stature, 6 ft.; complexion, dark; occupation, farmer; enlisted April 20, 1775; joined Capt. Ford's co., Col. Bridge's regt. Autograph signature on order for advance pay, dated Cambridge, June 6, 1775, payable to Lieut. Isaac Parker. Also on muster roll, dated Aug. 1, 1775; service, 3 mos. 13 days. Also on company return, dated Sept. 25, 1775.

NATHANIEL FOSTER, Ipswich. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Charles Smith's co.; enlisted July 15, 1775, to Nov. 1, 1775; service, 3 mos. 22 days; also from Nov. 1, 1775, to Jan. 1, 1776, 2 mos. 6 days. Sergeant, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Daniel Gidding's co., Col. Foster's regt.; enlisted April 5, 1776; service to May 31, 1776, 1 mo. 27 days, at Gloucester; also from June 1st to Aug. 31, 1776, 3 mos. and from Sept. 1st to discharge, Nov. 18, 1776, 2 mos. 18 days, seacoast defense.

NATHANIEL FOSTER, Middleborough. Fifer, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Abiel Peirce's co., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Middleborough to Bridgewater; service, 2 days.


NATHANIEL FOSTER, Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Abijah Bangs' co., Maj. Zenas Winslow's regt.; service, 5 days in Sept., 1778, on alarm at Bedford and Falmouth. Also on pay abstract dated Nov. 7, 1775; service 2 days guarding prisoners from Ship Somerset, at Harwich, and thence to Yarmouth.


NATHANIEL FOSTER, JR. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Abner Bourne's co., Col. Ebenezer White's regt., for service in R. I., on alarm of Aug. 1, 1780; marched Aug. 1, 1780, discharged Aug. 9, 1780, service, 9 days; roll sworn to at Middleborough, Jan. 22, 1781.

NOAH FOSTER, Chelmsford. On descriptive list of enlisted men age, 18 yrs.; stature, 5 ft. 6 in.; complexion, light; occupation, farmer; enlisted April 27, 1775; joined Capt. John Ford's co., Col. Bridge's regt. Autograph signature on order for advance pay, dated Cambridge, June 6, 1775, payable to Lieut. Isaac Parker. On muster roll of above co., dated Aug. 1, 1775; service, 3 mos. 12 days; also on roll dated Sept. 25, 1775. Private, on army pay accounts of Capt. William Hudson Ballard's co., Col. John Brooks' (late Ichabod Alden's) regt., for service from March 10, 1777, to Oct. 7, 1777; reported killed Oct. 7, 1777.

OBADIAH FOSTER, Andover. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Joshua Holt's co., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Andover to Cambridge; service, 1½ days.

PARKER FOSTER, Kittery, Me. Ensign, on muster roll of Capt. Tobias Fernald's co., Col. James Scanimon's regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted May 12, 1775; service, 2 mos. 24 days; also 2d Lieutenant, on return (not dated), probably Oct. 1775.

PARKER FOSTER, Kittery, Me. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Samuel Grant's co., Col. Titcomb's regt., for service and travel allowance to and from camp at R. I.; service, 2 mos. 12 days; council date, July 21, 1777. Also on descriptive list of enlisted men: age, 18 yrs.; stature, 5 ft. 7 in.; complexion, light; enlisted for 9 months in 1779. On receipt dated Springfield, Aug. 22, 1779, for equipments given to Capt. James Tisdale by himself and others. On list of 9 months' men entering service Aug. 23, 1779; time of discharge, May 23, 1780; arrived at Springfield Aug. 7, 1780; marched to camp Aug. 24, under command of Lieut. Benjamin Pike. On pay roll of 6 months' men; enlisted as Private Aug. 1, 1780; discharged Feb. 1, 1781; service, 6 mos. 15 days. On order dated Oct. 26, 1783, for 2 months' pay as Sergeant, given in a memorandum of orders accepted on account of wages.
PAUL FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Moses Brown's co.; enlisted July 15, 1775; service, 6 mos. 2 days; stationed at Beverly. Also on list of men's names signed to a receipt for advance pay given by Rev. Daniel Hopkins, dated Beverly, Sept. 25, 1775, for service guarding the sea coast.

PAUL FOSTER. Prize Master, on descriptive list sworn to June 17, 1780, of officers and crew on board the Eagle, commanded by William Groves; stature, 5 ft. 8 in.; complexion, dark.

PEREGRINE FOSTER, Brookfield. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Daniel Gilbert's co., Col. Job Cushing's regt., from July 30th to Sept. 2, 1777; 1 mo. 4 days' service at Bennington; marched from Brookfield to Bennington and Half Moon. Sergeant, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Asa Danforth's co., Col. Convers' regt.; marched Sept. 23, 1777; service, 31 days; marched to join Gen. Gates' army. Sergeant, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Gilbert's co., Col. Josiah Whitney's regt., for service in R. I., from Aug. 26 to Sept. 13, 1780; 1 mo. 16 days.

PERLEY FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Lieut. Solomon Jackson's co., Col. John Ashley's regt.; enlisted Oct. 13, 1781; discharged Oct. 20, 1781; service, 12 days; a Berkshire Co. regt. which marched on alarm at the Northward, under Lieut.-Col. John Collar, by order of Col. John Ashley; roll dated Tyringham, 4 days' travel included.

PETER FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Nathaniel Woods' co., Col. Ebenezer Sprout's regt.; enlisted Sept. 6, 1778; discharged Sept. 12th; service, 6 days, on 2d alarm at Dartmouth; roll dated Middleborough. On muster and pay roll of Capt. Edward Sparrow's co., Col. John Jacobs' regt.; enlisted July 24th; discharged Oct. 27, 1780; service, 3 mos. 5 days; detached to reinforce Continental army by order of council June 22, 1780; 3 mos. service; roll sworn to at Middlebor-ough.

PETER FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. John Kettell's co.; enlisted Aug. 14th; discharged Sept. 30, 1779; service, 1 mo. 18 days; Maj. Heath's detachment of guards doing duty in and about Boston, by resolve of June 15, 1779.

PETER FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. John Abbot's co., Col. Nathaniel Wade's regt.; enlisted July 10th; discharged Oct. 10, 1780; service, 3 mos. 11 days; raised for 3 mos. service at West Point; by resolve of June 22, 1780.

PHILEMON FOSTER, Ipswich (W. Parish). Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Abraham How's co. of minute men, which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Ipswich (W. Parish); service, 2 days. Sergeant, on muster and pay roll of Capt. John Dodge's co., Col. Jacob Gerrish's regt.; enlisted Nov. 12, 1777, to Feb. 3, 1778; service, 2 mos. 21 days (a regt. of guards serving at Charleston); enlisted Feb. 3, 1778; discharged April 3, 1778; service, 2 mos. 1 day. Also on roll for Feb., 1778, dated Winter Hill, April 17, 1778, detached Nov. 5, 1777, to guard Burgoyne's army.

PHILEMON FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. William Weston's co.; enlisted Sept. 27, 1776; discharged Nov. 19, 1776; roll made up from Oct. 1, 1776; service, 1 mo. 18 days; stationed on Gurnet for defense of Plymouth harbor.

PHINEAS FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. James Mal- lon's co. (raised in Essex and Plymouth Cos.), Lieut. Putnam's regt.; enlisted Aug. 26, 1781; discharged Dec. 4, 1781; service, 3 mos. 20 days, travel included.

REUBEN FOSTER, Chelmsford. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Col. Moses Parker's co., which marched on alarm of April 16, 1775, from Chelmsford; service, 8 days. On descriptive list of enlisted men: age, 23 yrs.; stature, 6 ft. 1 in.; complexion, light; occupation, farmer; enlisted April 27, 1775; joined Capt. John Ford's co., Col. Bridge's regt. Private, on muster roll of said co. dated April 27, 1775; service, 3 mos. 12 days; also on company return, dated Sept. 25, 1775.

REUBEN FOSTER. Private, on pay abstract of Capt. James Russell's co., Col. Eleazar Brooks' regt.; service, 5 days; marched to Dorchester, March 4, 1776, to reinforce the army.

RICHARD FOSTER. Seaman, on muster and pay roll of officers and crew of ship "Protector," commanded by Capt. John F. Williams; enlisted March 5, 1780; discharged Aug. 17, 1780; service, 5 mos. 12 days.

RICHARD FOSTER, Massachusetts. Seaman, on descriptive list sworn to at Boston, Sept. 9, 1780, of officers and crew of ship General Mifflin, commanded by George Wait Babcock; age, 22 yrs.; complexion, light.
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RICHARD FOSTER, Amesbury. On descriptive list of men enlisted from Essex Co., for term of 9 months from arrival at Fishkill; age, 17 yrs.; stature, 5 ft. 4 in.; complexion, dark; arrived at Fishkill June 17, 1778.

RICHARD FOSTER, Boxford. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Jacob Gould's co., Col. Samuel Johnson's regt., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Boxford; service, 6 days.

RICHARD FOSTER, New Salem. Corporal, on muster roll of Capt. Nathaniel Healey's co., Col. Learned's regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted May 10, 1775; service, 2 mos. 3 weeks, 5 days; also on return of said co., dated at Roxbury Camp, Oct. 6, 1775.

RICHARD FOSTER, Salem. On descriptive list of men raised to reinforce Continental army for term of six months, by resolve of June 5, 1780: age, 18 yrs.; stature, 5 ft. 8 in.; complexion, light; arrived at Springfield, July 22, 1780; marched to camp same day under command of Capt. William Scott. On list of 6 months' men having passed muster, dated Camp Totoway, Oct. 25, 1780. On pay roll of 6 months' men raised by town of Salem; marched July 23, 1780; discharged Dec. 5, 1780; service, 4 mos. 25 days.

ROBERT FOSTER. Appears on list of officers of the Massachusetts militia chosen by their respective companies, agreed to in council June 6, 1776, as Captain of 7th co., in Col. Timothy Pickering, Jr.'s 1st Essex Co. regt., dated Salem, May 15, 1776; commissioned June 6, 1776. Also on a petition dated Salem, May 19, 1778, signed by himself, asking for a discharge from his commission as captain in the 7th co., of Col. Pickering's (1st) regt., in the county of Essex; accepted by council May 29, 1778.

ROBERT FOSTER. Appears among a list of officers of Massachusetts militia as 2d Lieutenant in the volunteer co. (from Salem), Capt. Samuel Flagg's (Essex Co.) regt.; commissioned July 25, 1778.

ROBERT FOSTER. Quarter Master, on pay roll, commenced July 31, 1778; discharged Dec. 1, 1778; rations allowed for 4 mos.; service under Col. John Allan at Machias; also from Dec. 1, 1778, to June 1, 1779; 6 months. Also on pay accounts from July 4, 1777, to June 1, 1779, and from June 1, 1779, to Dec. 1, 1779, also from Dec. 1, 1779, to June 1, 1780. Assistant to Deputy Quartermaster General, on pay abstract, for service at Machias, from May 5, 1780, to Jan. 31, 1781; service, 8 mos. 26 days.


RUFUS FOSTER. Private, on a return of Capt. Caleb Chapin's co., for clothing.

RUFUS FOSTER, Bernardston. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Lawrence Kemp's co., Col. David Wells' regt.; enlisted May 10, 1777; discharged July 17, 1777; service, 2 mos. 9 days, at the Northward. Also on muster and pay roll of Capt. James Walsworth's co., Col. Elisha Porter's regt.; enlisted July 22, 1777; discharged Aug. 27, 1779; service, 1 mo. 11 days, at New London, Conn.; 6 days' travel allowed. On descriptive list of men belonging to Hampshire Co.: age, 19 yrs.; stature, 5 ft. 8 in.; complexion, light; hair, light; eyes, light; joined 5th Hampshire Co. regt.; dated Deerfield, July 24, 1780. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Isaac Newton's co., Col. S. Murray's regt.; enlisted July 22, 1780; discharged Oct. 10, 1780; service, 2 mos. 28 days, 9 days' travel allowed.

REYNOLD, RUNNEL, or RUNNELS FOSTER, Bradford. On descriptive list of enlisted men: age, 32 yrs.; stature, 5 ft. 8 in.; enlisted for 9 months from arrival at Fishkill, June 10, 1778. On receipt for bounty paid him by Lieut. Abel Kimball, class No. 4, for town of Bradford, to serve in the Continental army for 3 years; dated Boston, May 29, 1782.

Col. Henry Jackson's regt., dated Providence, Nov. 1, 1779, for Oct., 1779; also on pay rolls to Aug. 6, 1780.

**SAMUEL FOSTER, Haverhill.** On descriptive list of men raised for 6 months, agreeable to resolve of June 5, 1780: age, 17 yrs.; stature, 5 ft. 2 in.; complexion, light; arrived at Springfield July 1, 1780; marched to camp July 2, 1780. On list of men who passed muster, return dated Camp Totoway, Oct. 25, 1780. On pay roll of 6 months, men raised by Haverhill; marched June 29, 1780; discharged Dec. 16, 1780; service, 5 mos. 25 days.

**SAMUEL FOSTER, Beverly.** On a petition dated Boston, Nov. 29, 1779, signed by Josiah Batchelder, Jr., on behalf of himself and others, requesting that said Foster be appointed commander of sloop "Fish Hawke;" granted by council Nov. 30, 1779. Master, on descriptive list dated June 6, 1780, of officers and crew of sloop Fish Hawke, commanded by Samuel Foster: age, 32; stature, 5 ft. 5 in.; complexion, dark. On a petition dated Boston, May 2, 1781, signed by Samuel Foster in behalf of Josiah Batchelder and others of Beverly, asking that said Foster be appointed commander of sloop "Fish Hawke;" granted in council May 2, 1781. Also on a petition dated Boston, Aug. 23, 1781, signed by Samuel Foster in behalf of Nathaniel Silsby and others of Salem, asking that said Foster be appointed commander of schooner "Surprise;" granted in council, Aug. 23, 1781.

**SAMUEL FOSTER, Kingston.** On list of prisoners sent on board the guard ship "Adams," by the Board of War as returned by Joseph Dobel, Sept. 8, 1777; reported received Aug. 20, 1777.

**SAMUEL FOSTER, Newburyport.** Corporal, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Moses Nowell's co.; marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Newburyport; service, 4 days. Sergeant, on muster roll of Capt. Benjamin Perkins' co., Col. Moses Little's regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted May 9, 1775; service, 12 weeks. On company return (not dated), probably Oct., 1775: age given as 24 yrs. On order for bounty coat or equivalent, due for the 8 months' service in 1775, dated in camp, Dec. 27, 1775, payable to Capt. Perkins.

**SAMUEL FOSTER, Manchester.** Lieutenant, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Andrew Marster's co.; marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Manchester to Medford; service, 3 days.

**SAMUEL FOSTER.** Appears on list of men's names signed to receipt for advance pay, given by Rev. Daniel Hopkins, dated Beverly, Sept. 25, 1775; service, guarding the sea coast. Sergeant, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Moses Brown's co.; enlisted July 15, 1775; service, 6 mos. 2 days. Also on pay abstract of above co., Col. Glover's regt., for service in Feb., 1776; enlisted Jan. 8, 1776; also in service to Sept., 1776, inclusive.

**SAMUEL FOSTER, Roxbury.** Sergeant, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Moses Whiting's co., Col. John Greaton's regt., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Roxbury; service, 5 days. Lieutenant, on list of officers in Capt. Edward P. Williams' co., Gen. Heath's regt., dated Roxbury Camp, May 20, 1775. Also on return dated Oct. 5, 1775. Captain, on muster roll of 2d Massachusetts regt., Col. John Greaton's, for Dec., 1777, dated Albany, Jan. 2, 1778; commissioned Jan. 1, 1777; reported on furlough for 6 months with Gen. Gate's leave, granted Dec. 25, 1777. On Continental army pay accounts of Col. Greaton's regt., for service from Jan. 1, 1777, to May 6, 1778; reported: deceased May 6, 1778. On list of officers whose widows or orphans received half pay for 7 years (to May 6, 1785), by resolve of Aug. 24, 1780.

**SAMUEL FOSTER, Westminster.** Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Elisha Jackson's co., Col. Asa Whitcomb's regt., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Westminster to Cambridge; service, 9½ days. Private, on pay abstract of Capt. Jackson's co., dated Aug. 22, 1777; service, 10 days, on alarm at Bennington: marched from Westminster to East Hoosac, and there dismissed.

**SAMUEL FOSTER, Wilmington.** Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Timothy Walker's co., Col. Green's regt., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Wilmington; service, 4½ days.

**SAMUEL FOSTER, Wrentham.** Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Samuel Powell's co., Col. John Smith's regt., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Wrentham; service, 11 days. Also on muster roll of Capt. Oliver Pond's co., Col. Joseph Read's regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted May 2, 1775; service, 3 mos. 7 days; also on company return, dated Sept. 25, 1775.

**SAMUEL FOSTER.** Appears on list of men who received money from the public treasury for losses at battles of Lexington and Bunker Hill; allowed by council, June 13, 1776.
SAMUEL FOSTER. Prize Master, on muster and pay roll of officers and crew of the brigantine "Tyranicide," commanded by Capt. Jonathan Haraden; enlisted March 13, 1777; discharged Aug. 20, 1777; service, 5 mos. 16 days.

SAMUEL FOSTER. Lieutenant, on muster and pay roll of Capt. John Blunt's co. (Lincoln Co. regt.); enlisted March 6, 1780; discharged Sept. 6, 1780; service, 6 mos.

SAMUEL FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Nathaniel Carter's co., Col. Job Cushing's regt.; enlisted Sept. 7, 1777; discharged Oct. 22, 1777; service, 1 mo. 24 days.

SAMUEL FOSTER. Private on muster and pay roll of Capt. Thomas Whipple's co., Col. Abijah Stearns' regt. from March 30, 1778, to July 2, 1778; 3 mos. 3 days; service guarding convention troops.

SAMUEL FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Elijah Deming's co., Col. Ashley's regt.; enlisted June 4; discharged July 15, 1778; service, 1 mo. 11 days. Also from July 19, 1779, to Aug. 27, 1779, in Capt. Collar's co, 1 mo. 9 days.

SAMUEL FOSTER. Appears in a petition dated Boston, May 7, 1782, given by himself and others, asking for the commission of the above as commander of the schooner Penguin; approved in council May 7, 1782.


SIMEON FOSTER, Andover. Private on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Nathaniel Lovejoy's co. (minute men), Col. Samuel Johnson's regt., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Andover to Cambridge via Billerica; service, 3½ days.

SIMEON FOSTER, Andover. On decriptive list of men raised for six months, agreeable to resolve of June 5, 1780; age, 24 years; stature, 5 ft. 5 in.; complexion, light; arrived at Springfield July 1, 1780; on list dated camp Totoway, Oct. 25, 1780; as having passed muster; on pay roll for six months' men; marched June 26, 1780; discharged Dec. 1780; service, 6 mos. 5 days.

SIMEON FOSTER, Groton. Private on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. John Nutting's co., Col. William Prescott's regt., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Peppereell; service, 6 days. Also on return of the above company, dated Aug. 1, 1775, enlisted April 25, 1775; service, 3 mos. 8 days. On order for countey coat, or equivalent, due for the eight months' service, dated Cambridge, Jan. 1, 1776. On decriptive list of men raised in Middlesex Co, to reinforce Continental army for nine months by resolve of April 20, 1778: age, 43 years; stature, 5 ft. 9 in. Also on list returned as arrived at Fishkill, Aug. 5, 1778; reported detained by an accident which happened after his march.

SIMEON FOSTER, Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Joseph Eaton's co., Col. Samuel Johnson's regt.; enlisted Aug. 15, 1777; discharged Nov. 30, 1777; service, 3 mos. 16 days; marched on expedition to the northward.

SIMEON FOSTER, Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Samuel Russell's co., Col. Samuel Bullard's regt.; enlisted Aug. 15, 1777; discharged Nov. 30, 1777; service, 3 mos. 28 days; roll dated Danvers (12 days' travel included).

SKELTON FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. John Crawford's co., Col. James Converse's regt.; enlisted Aug. 20; discharged Aug. 23, 1777; service, 5 days, travel included; marched on alarm at Bennington.

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Lieut. John Brook's co.; made up to Dec. 31, 1779, 2 years, 7 mos., 15 days' service (is given as belonging to Acton). Reported as enlisted for during war Dec. 20, 1779. On pay accounts of Capt. Ballard's co.; service from May 17, 1777, to Dec. 31, 1779; reported transferred to Col. Crane's regt. On pay accounts of Capt. Treadwell's co., Col. Crane's regt.; service from Jan. 1, 1780, to Dec. 31, 1780. Matross on list of men in 1st artillery regt., who did not receive gratuity granted by resolve of Jan. 15, 1781. Matross on muster roll of Capt. Treadwell's co. for Feb. and March, 1781, dated at West Point; reported on furlough. On muster roll for April, 1781.

STEPHEN FOSTER, Dorchester. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Lemuel Clap's co., Col. Benjamin Gill's regt.; enlisted March 14, 1776; discharged March 26, 1776; service, 12 days. Also enlisted June 13; discharged June 16, 1776; service, 3 days. On pay abstract of Capt. Richard Mayberry's co., Col. Ebenezer Francis' regt., for travel allowance from Dorchester Heights home; allowed in council Nov. 29, 1776.

STEPHEN FOSTER, Groton. Private, on muster roll of Capt. Lawrence's co., Col. Prescott's regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted April 25, 1775; service, 3 mos. 8 days. On company return, dated Oct. 6, 1775, reported either killed in battle or taken prisoner, June 17, 1775. On order for bounty coat, or equivalent in money, due for the eight months' service in 1775, dated Cambridge, Oct. 30, 1775, payable to Capt'n John Lawrence.

STEPHEN FOSTER, Oakham. Private, on muster roll of Capt. Simeon Hazleton's co., Col. Fellows' regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted May 2, 1775; service, 3 mos. 7 days. Also on return dated Oct. 7, 1775.

STEPHEN FOSTER. Private, on muster roll of Capt. Aaron Haynes' co., Col. Aas Whitcomb's regt., dated in camp at Ticonderoga, Dec. 1, 1776; enlisted Jan. 1, 1776; service, 11 mos.; reported died Sept. 28, 1776.

STEPHEN FOSTER, Topsfield. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Stephen Perkins' co. of minute men, which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Topsfield; service, 1 day.

STEPHEN FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Joseph Eaton's co., Col. Samuel Johnson's regt.; enlisted Aug. 15, 1777; discharged Nov. 30, 1777; service, 3 mos. 20 days (13 days' travel included); on expedition to the northward.

STEPHEN FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Timothy Foster's co.; enlisted Sept. 1, 1779; discharged Nov. 1, 1779; service, 2 mos.; defending frontiers of Lincoln co.

STUART FOSTER, Winthrop. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Oliver Colborn's co., Col. Arnold's regt.; enlisted July 25, 1775; service, 20 days.

THEOPHILUS FOSTER, Brookfield. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Ithamer Wright's co., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Brookfield; service, 5 days, travel included; returned home April 23, 1775.

THOMAS FOSTER, Dorchester (possibly). Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. William Holden's co., Col. Robinson's regt., which was mustered on alarm of April 19, 1775, and marched under command of Lieut. Preserved Baker; service, 10 days.

THOMAS FOSTER, Middleborough. On return of men enlisted into Continental army from Capt. Nathaniel Wood's co., 4th Plymouth co. regt., dated Feb. 19, 1778; enlisted for during war; joined Capt. Wadsworth's co., Col. Bradford's regt. On roll dated at Boston made up for billeting allowance; enlisted March 6, 1777; 64 days. On muster return dated Valley Forge Jan. 28, 1778, reported on furlough. On pay accounts of said roll, private; service, from March 6, 1777, to Dec. 31, 1779. Also for service from Jan. 1, 1780, to Dec. 31, 1780; rank, Sergeant. On register of furlough of Lieut.-Col. J. Brooks' 7th regt. since Jan. 1, 1781; rank, Sergeant, in Capt. King's co., leave given by Major Porter to go from West Point to Middleboro, Jan. 25, 1781, for 40 days; overstayed 72 days. Reported on duty on muster roll for May, 1781. On muster rolls from June to November, 1781; reported as on extra duty as armorer; reported reduced to private June 1, 1781. On muster rolls dated York Hults, December, 1781, and February, 1782, reported on furlough. On a list of men dated Boston Jan. 25, 1783, returned by John Avery, secretary, and J. Jackson, ensign, who had enlisted into the Continental army and actually served three years, and were accordingly entitled to gratuities under resolves of March 4 and June 10, 1801; credited with $20.

THOMAS FOSTER. Private, on muster roll of Capt. Jonathan Allen's co., Col. John Fellows' regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted May 1, 1775; service, 17 days. Residence not given—marked "transient."
THOMAS FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Nathaniel Goodwin's co., Col. Theophilus Cotton's regt., detached Sept. 25, 1777; discharged Oct. 10, 1777, service 15 days; on secret expedition to Newport, R. I.  

THOMAS FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Nathaniel Carter's co., Col. Job Cushing's regt.; enlisted Sept. 7, 1777; discharged Nov. 29, 1777; service, 3 mos. 4 days.  

THOMAS FOSTER. Surgeon's Mate, on muster and pay roll of officers and crew of the brigantine Hazard, dated Boston, June 6, 1778; enlisted Nov. 22, 1777; discharged May 11, 1778; service, 5 mos. 19 days. Deceased.  

THOMAS FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. John Dodge's co., Col. Jacob Gerrish's regt. (guards serving at Charlestown); enlisted Nov. 23, 1777, to Feb. 3, 1778; 2 mos. 10 days. Also on roll dated April, 1778, for February, 1778, reported on guard. On muster and pay roll; enlisted Feb. 3, 1778; discharged April 3, 1778; service, 2 mos. 1 day. Also between April 1 and July 1, 1778; 2 mos. 27 days. Also on receipt, dated Camp Winter Hill, June 21, 1778, for wages for service in April and May; service, 23 days in April and the month of May; autograph signature.  

THOMAS FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Ward Swift's co., Col. Freeman's regt.; 8 days' service on alarm at Dartmouth and Falmouth, Sept. 6, 1778.  


THOMAS FOSTER, Ipswich (W. Parish). Lieutenant, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Abram How's co., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Ipswich (W. Parish); service, 2 days. Also on list of officers of Massachusetts militia, chosen by their respective companies and field officers as captain in 8th co. of Essex Co. regt.; commissioned by council May 7, 1776.  

THOMAS FOSTER, Ipswich. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Jonathan Cogswell Jr.'s co., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Ipswich; service, 3 days. Also on muster and pay roll of Capt. Abraham Dodge's co., Col. Moses Little's regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted May 3, 1775; service, 12 weeks 6 days. On company return, dated Oct. 9, 1775, his age given 20 years. On order for bounty coat, or equivalent, due for the eight months' service in 1775, dated in camp, Dec. 21, 1775, payable to Lieut. James Lord. Also on muster and pay roll of Capt. Alden's co., Col. Foster's regt., dated Dec. 12, 1776; service to May 31, 1776; 2 mos. 20 days; stationed at Gloucester. Also from June 1 to Aug. 31, 1776; service, 3 mos. Also from Sept. 1, 1776; 2 mos. 18 days; discharged Nov. 18, 1776. On a return of men enlisted into Continental army from 3d Essex Co. regt. for three years; joined Capt. Burnham's co., Col. Jackson's regt. On a list of officers in Col. Michael Jackson's regt., dated West Point, Nov. 8, 1779; rank, Ensign; commissioned Nov. 26, 1779. On pay accounts of above regt. for service from March 18, 1777, to Dec. 31, 1777. On list of officers in said regt. as Ensign; recommended as Lieutenant; commission to date from Oct. 6, 1780, in place of Lieut. Jackson; promoted; dated Camp Totoway, Oct. 15, 1780. On army pay accounts for service from Jan. 1, to Dec. 31, 1780; reported served 9 mos. 24 days as Ensign; 2 mos. 6 days as Lieutenant. On list of officers in Lieut.-Col. Badlam's (8th) regt., dated Philipsburg, July 18, 1781; Lieutenant commissioned Oct. 6, 1780.  

THOMAS FOSTER, Jr., Ipswich. On a descriptive list of men raised to reinforce the Continental army for six months, agreeable to resolve of June 5, 1780; age, 18; stature, 5 ft. 10 in.; complexion, dark; arrived at Springfield July 5, 1780; marched to camp same day; passed muster at Camp Totoway; return dated Oct. 25, 1780. On pay roll of six months' men as marched June 17, 1780; discharged Dec. 3, 1780; 5 mos. 28 days. Also on list of three years' men, raised by resolve of Dec. 2, 1780; raised March 14, 1781. On receipt for bounty, class No. 31, dated Ipswich, March 23, 1781. Corporal on pay roll of Col. Benjamin Tupper's regt.; 9 mos. 15 days; roll made up from Jan. 1, 1781, to Jan. 1, 1782; reported promoted from Pri-
vate to Corporal Nov. 16, 1781. Also on pay roll from Jan. 1, 1782; service, 12 mos.

THOMAS FOSTER, Lenox. Drummer on muster and pay roll of Capt. Caleb Hyde's co., Col. James Easton's regt., which marched from Lenox on alarm at Ticonderoga May 10, 1775; service, 5 days.

THOMAS FOSTER, Middleborough. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Joshua Benson's co., Col. Theophilus Cotton's regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted June 1, 1775; service, 2 mos. 4 days. Also on order for bounty coat, or equivalent, due for the eight months' service in 1775, dated Roxbury, Nov. 14, 1775, payable to Lieut. William Tomson.

THOMAS FOSTER, Middleborough. On list of men mustered in Plymouth Co., to serve in Capt. Joseph Tupper's co., Col. Bigelow's regt.; mustered between March 5 and March 22, 1777; age, 42 years.

THOMAS FOSTER, Middleborough. Private, on pay abstract of Capt. Matthew Randall's co., Col. Marshall's regt., for advance pay, dated camp at Hull, June 18, 1776. On muster and pay roll of said regt.; enlisted June 1, 1776, to Aug. 1, 1776; 2 mos. Also on return as in service from Aug. 1 to Nov. 1, 1776; 3 mos. Also on pay roll for November, 1776; 1 mo. 2 days.

THOMAS FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Lieut. Jonah Washburn's co., Col. Ebenezer Sprout's regt., which marched from Middleboro on alarm of Dec. 8, 1776, at R. I.; service, 5 days; roll dated Middleborough March 28, 1777.

THOMAS FOSTER, Winthrop. On list of men enlisted or drafted into Continental army out of Col. Joseph North's (2d Lincoln Co.) regt., dated Gardnerstown, Feb. 2, 1778; enlisted for three years; joined Capt. Langdon's co., Col. Jackson's regt. On list of men returned with a petition of inhabitants of Winthrop, dated March 10, 1777, asking consideration on account of their exposed condition as having voluntarily enlisted in the army in 1776.

THOMAS FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Nathaniel Wood's co., Col. Simon Cary's regt.; service, 5 days; roll dated Roxbury, April 1, 1776.

THOMAS WAITE FOSTER, Hadley. Captain, on list of men in Col. Woodbridge's regt., dated Cambridge, April 25, 1775. Also in a letter regarding sending a cannon to Cambridge from Gen. John Pigeon to Major Baldwin, dated April 25, 1775. Also on muster roll of Col. Richard Grisley's regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted April 10, 1775; 3 mos. 20 days. Also on the October, 1775, return.

THOMAS WAITE FOSTER. Appears in a letter written by himself, a gunner in the ship Warren, on the Penobscot expedition, asserting that Paul Revere had apparently been consistent in action at above expedition; sworn to before court Nov. 11, 1770.

TILLA FOSTER, Greenwich. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Oliver Coney's co., Col. Sears' regt.; marched Aug. 12, 1781; discharged Nov. 15, 1781; service, 3 mos. 10 days.

TILLEY FOSTER, Rochester. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Earl Clapp's co., Col. Theophilus Cotton's regt., which marched in consequence of alarm of April 10, 1775; service, 12 days. Also on muster roll of above co., dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted May 2, 1775; service, 3 mos. 6 days. Also on return dated Oct. 7, 1775, and on muster and pay roll of Capt. Elisha Haskell's co., Col. Benjamin Havens' regt.; service in R. I. from July 29 to Sept. 11, 1775; 1 mo. 15 days.

TIMOTHY FOSTER, Dorchester (probably). Sergeant, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. William Holden's co., Col. Robinson's regt., which was mustered April 19, 1775, and marched under command of Lieut. Preserved Baker; service, 10 days.

TIMOTHY FOSTER, Dudley. Sergeant, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Nathaniel Healey's co. (minute men). Col. Ebenezer Learned's regt., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Dudley; service, 6 days.

TIMOTHY FOSTER, JR., Dudley. Ensign, on muster roll of Capt. Nathaniel Healey's co., Col. Learned's regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted April 24, 1775; service, 3 mos. 2 weeks. Also on list of officers of Massachusetts militia as 2d Lieutenant in 3d co. of 5th Worcester Co. regt.; commissioned April 4, 1776. Lieutenant on muster and pay roll of Capt. Healey's co., Col. Jonathan Holman's regt., dated Providence, R. I., Jan. 21, 1777; service, 21 days; on alarm of December, 1776. Also on pay roll of Edward Oct. 18, 1777; engaged Sept. 26; discharged Oct. 6, 1777; service, 30 days. On list of officers of Massachusetts militia as 2d Lieutenant, Capt. David Keith's co., Col. Holman's regt., commissioned Sept. 25, 1778; commissioned Feb. 19, 1780, 1st Lieutenant in Capt. Lemuel Corbin's co., Col. Davis' (5th) regt.
TIMOTHY FOSTER, Taunton. Matross, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Samuel Fale's co., Col. G. Williams' regt., for time and travel to Slade's Ferry in Swazey, R. I., on alarm of Dec. 8, 1770; service, 4 days.

TIMOTHY FOSTER. Appears among a list of men's names signed to a receipt for advance pay, given by Rev. Daniel Hopkins, dated Beverly, Sept. 25, 1775; service, guarding the sea coast. Fifer on muster and pay roll of Capt. Moses Brown's co.; enlisted July 15, 1775; service, 6 mos. 2 days; stationed at Beverly.

TIMOTHY FOSTER. Appears in a pay roll of Sergt. Enos Dean's detachment of guards; service, 14 days; by order of committee of correspondence, etc., in order to prevent escape of Highlanders and other prisoners from Taunton jail during the alarm of Dec. 8, 1776.

TIMOTHY FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Nathaniel Clap's co., Col. Benj. Hawes' regt.; service at R. I.; enlisted July 26, 1778; discharged Sept. 11, 1778; service, 17 days.

TIMOTHY FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. John Blunt's co., Col. Samuel McCobb's regt.; service, 1 mo, between June 28 and Sept. 28, 1779; on expedition against Penobscot.

TIMOTHY FOSTER. To Woolwich, on list of officers of Massachusetts militia in 7th co. of 2d Lincoln Co. regt.; commissioned July 23 (or Aug. 23), 1776. On muster and pay roll of his company in Major Lithgo's detachment; enlisted Sept. 1, 1779; discharged Nov. 2, 1779; service, 2 mos. 2 days, defending the frontiers of Lincoln Co.


WARMF FOSTER. Sergeant-major, on muster roll of Capt. Abijah Savage's co., Col. Henry Sherburne's regt., dated Rhode Island, Aug. 21, 1778; enlisted May 6, 1777; for 3 years.

WILLIAM FOSTER, Andover. First Lieutenant, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Henry Abbot's co., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Andover; service, 1½ days.

WILLIAM FOSTER, Attleborough. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Samuel Robinson's co., Col. Wade's regt., for service at R. I.; enlisted June 21, 1778; service, 22 days.


WILLIAM FOSTER, Boxford (probably). Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. John Cushing's co. (minute men), Col. Samuel Johnson's regt., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Boxford (probably); service, 2 days.

WILLIAM FOSTER, Mendon. On descriptive list of men enlisted from Worcester Co., dated Leicester, June 2, 1778; enlisted for nine months from time of arrival at Fishkill, June 7, 1778; age, 15 years; stature, 5 ft. 9 in.; complexion, dark; hair, dark brown; eyes, light; belonged to Capt. Cragin's co., Col. Ezra Wood's regt. On muster and pay roll of Capt. Philip Ammidon's co., Col. Nathan Tyler's regt., which marched to R. I. on alarm of July 27, 1780; enlisted Aug. 2, 1780; discharged Aug. 8, 1780; service, 10 days. Also on certificate of enlistment dated Mendon, Aug. 2, 1781, given by selectmen of Mendon, certifying the above enlisted in the Continental army for three years, in March, 1781.

WILLIAM FOSTER, Monson. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Freeborn Moulton's co., Col. Danielson's regt., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Monson to Cambridge; service, 20 days; left Cambridge May 5, 1775.

WILLIAM FOSTER, Northbridge. Corporal, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Josiah Wood's co. (minute men), which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Northbridge to Roxbury; service, 9 days. Sergeant, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Peter Penniman's co., Col. Wood's regt.; service at R. I. from April 18 to May 7, 1777; 21 days.

WILLIAM FOSTER, Newbury. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Thomas Noyes' co., which marched (April 20) on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Newbury to headquarters at Cambridge; service, 4 days.

*WILLIAM FOSTER, Cape Ann. Sergeant, on muster roll of Capt. John

*Reported served for his brother, Job Foster.
FOSTER GENEALOGY.

Row's co., Col. Eben Bridge's regt.; dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted May 29, 1775; service, 2 mos. 8 days. Also on order for bounty coat, or equivalent, due for the eight months' service in 1775, dated Cambridge, Nov. 9, 1775; payable to Lieut. Mark Pool. Also on an order, dated Gloucester, Oct. 16, 1776, for losses at Bunker Hill, given by himself and others on Henry Gardner, treasurer; payable to Samuel Whittemore.

WILLIAM FOSTER, Dudley. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Nathaniel Healey's co., Col. Jonathan Holman's regt., which marched to R. I. on alarm in Dec., 1776; service, 43 days. Corporal, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Lemuel Corbin's co., Col. Jacob Davis' regt.; detached for service in R. I., on alarm of July 30, 1780; service, 13 days.

WILLIAM FOSTER, Ipswich. Private, on receipt for advance pay, dated Cambridge, July 2, 1775, due on account of service in Capt. Gideon Parker's co., Col. Little's regt.; autograph signature. On muster and pay roll of said co.,dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted May 15, 1775; service, 2 mos. 22 days. Also on company return, dated Oct. 8, 1775; age, 39 years. On order for bounty coat, or equivalent in money, due for the eight months' service in 1775, dated Prospect Hill, Dec. 28, 1775; payable to Capt. Parker.

WILLIAM FOSTER, Oxford. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. John Town's co., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Oxford to Roxbury; served 6 days and "enlisted into the army." Private, on muster roll of Capt. Campbell's co., Col. Learned's regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted April 26, 1775; service, 3 mos., 1 week 5 days. Also on report, dated Oct. 7, 1775, and on order for bounty coat, or equivalent, due for the eight months' service, dated camp at Roxbury, Oct. 26, 1775. Private, on muster roll of Capt. Thomas Fish's co., Col. William Shepard's regt., for July and August, 1775, dated Sept. 5, 1775; enlisted for three years. On October return, dated Providence, Nov. 13, 1775, reported on duty. On pay accounts of Capt. Moore's co., Col. Shepard's regt., for service from March 11, 1777, to Dec. 31, 1779; reported 13 months' service as Corporal, and 20 months 20 days as Private. Corporal on return of Capt. Moore's co., dated Mountain Huts, West Point, Jan. 23, 1780 (2), made up from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1780; enlisted March 7, 1777; service, 2 mos. 7 days; reported discharged March 7, 1780.

WILLIAM FOSTER, Reading. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Thomas Eaton's co., Col. Green's regt., which marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Reading; service, 8 days. Also on list of men in the training band under Capt. Eaton.


WILLIAM FOSTER. Private, on Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Ebenezer Withington's co., which was mustered April 19, 1775; service, 3 days.

WILLIAM FOSTER. On list of men who received money from public treasury for losses at battles of Lexington and Bunker Hill; allowed by council June 13, 1776.

WILLIAM FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Noah Lankton's co., Col. John Ashley's regt.; enlisted July 8, 1777; discharged Aug. 14, 1777; service, 1 mo. 8 days; marched to Kingsbury; roll dated Tyringham.

WILLIAM FOSTER. Drummer, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Samuel Clark's co., Col. Benjamin Symonds' regt.; enlisted Sept. 7, 1777; discharged Sept. 20, 1777; service, 14 days; marched to Paulett by order of Major-General Lincoln. Also on muster and pay roll of Capt. Israel Harris' co., Col. Simonds' regt.; enlisted Oct. 12; discharged Oct. 19, 1780; service, 11 days; 4 days' travel allowed; marched on alarm to the northward.

WILLIAM FOSTER. Appears on a petition, dated Boston, Dec. 19, 1777.
for his brother Joseph Foster, who is a prisoner on the guard vessel at New York, and whom he would like to have released by sending some one to take his place.

WILLIAM FOSTER. Lieutenant, on muster and pay roll of Lieut. William Foster's co., Col. Pierce's regt.; joined March 3, 1775; discharged April 8, 1778; service, 37 days; stationed at Long Island.

WILLIAM FOSTER. Sergeant, on a warrant to pay officers and men on a roll bearing date Nov. 12, 1784, Capt. Toy's co., Col. Webb's regt.

Wm. Antine, enlisted Jan. 25, 1777; service, 2 months. Also on Oct., 1775, returned, dated Winter Hill. Autograph signature on order for bounty coat, or equivalent, dated Winter Hill, Dec. 20, 1775. Also on list of men returned with petition of inhabitants of Winthrop, dated March 10, 1777, asking consideration on account of their exposed condition, as having voluntarily enlisted in the army in 1775.

WILLIAM FOSTER. On list of men mustered in Suffolk Co. to serve in Capt. Nathaniel Cushing's co., Col. John Peterson's regt., by return made by Nathaniel Barber, dated Boston, Feb. 2, 1777; enlisted for three years; received £20 bounty.

WILLIAM FOSTER. Appears on list of men who signed oath of allegiance, dated Feb. 24, 1777.

WILLIAM FOSTER. On list of men mustered in Worcester Co. to serve in Capt. Foster's co., Col. Nixon's regt. by return made by Thomas Newhall, muster master; enlisted for three years; mustered April 21, 1777.

WILLIAM FOSTER. Second Lieutenant, on list of officers of Massachusetts militia, chosen by the 1st company and accepted by council May 10, 1776, Capt. Ebenezer Gore's co., Col. William McIntosh's regt. On muster and pay roll of Capt. Abel Richard's co., Col. Benjamin Hawes' regt.; enlisted Sept. 25; discharged Oct. 23, 1777; service, 1 mo. 7 days; 3 days' travel allowed; secret expedition to R. I. Also on muster and pay roll of Capt. Caleb Whiting's co., Col. Hawes' regt.; entered July 28; discharged Sept. 12, 1778; service on expedition to R. I. On a petition, dated Roxbury, May 2, 1779, of resignation from militia; granted in council May 7, 1779.

WILLIAM FOSTER. Private on muster and pay roll of Capt. Lemuel Clap's co.; enlisted May 11; discharged Aug. 10, 1779; service, 3 mos.; guards at Dorchester Heights.

WILLIAM FOSTER. Sergeant, on muster and pay roll of Capt. David Batcheller's co., Lieut.-Col. Nathan Tyler's regt.; for service in R. I., on alarm of Dec. 8, 1776; enlisted Jan. 8, 1777; service, 12 days. Also enlisted in same company July 28, 1780; discharged Aug. 8, 1780; service, 15 days.

WOODEN FOSTER. Private, on muster and pay roll of Capt. Joseph Sevey's co., Col. Benjamin Foster's (Lincoln Co.) regt.; enlisted June 23, 1777; discharged July 16, 1777; service, 23 days, at Machias. Also enlisted July 16; discharged Oct. 10, 1777; 2 mos. 4 days, and 1 day's service between Dec. 5 and 25, 1778, at Machias.

ZEBULON FOSTER, Beverly. Private, on muster roll of Capt. Lemuel Trescott's co., Col. J. Brewer's regt., dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted July 6, 1775; service, 25 days. Also on return, dated Prospect Hill, Oct. 6, 1775, and on order for bounty coat, or equivalent, due for the eight months' service in 1775, dated Prospect Hill, Oct. 25, 1775.

ZEB. FOSTER. Seaman, on muster and pay roll of officers and crew of brigantine Tyranicide, commanded by Capt. Jonathan Haraden; enlisted Feb. 26, 1777; discharged Aug. 20, 1777; service, 6 mos. 3 days.

FOSTERS FROM CONNECTICUT.

JOSEPH FOSTER, of Chaplin, Conn.; pension granted 1830; ae. 78.

ADONIJA FOSTER, enlisted April 11, 1778; three years; Windham; Capt. Wm. Sizer.

ALPHEUS FOSTER; pension granted 1832; Middlesex Co.

AMAN FOSTER, enlisted July 11, 1780; discharged Oct. 25, 1780; 4th Conn. regt.
ASA FOSTER, enlisted Feb. 6, 1777, for three years; discharged Feb. 16, 1780; Capt. Hatt. 
ASA FOSTER, of Connecticut; residing in Ohio; granted a pension in 1818. 
ASA FOSTER; Sergeant; in service 2 days; town of Stafford. 
ASA FOSTER, joined April 7, 1777; Lieutenant Smith's company; discharged May 10, 1777. 
BENJAMIN FOSTER, enlisted May 10, 1775; discharged Dec. 15; Capt. Manning 7th company; Woodstock. 
BENJAMIN FOSTER, enlisted July 12, 1775; Capt. Wm. Hubbell; New Fairfield; discharged Dec. 23. 
BENJAMIN FOSTER, of Sharon, was in Capt. Woodbridge's company for three years; was discharged in 1780. 
BENNETT FOSTER, enlisted July 20, 1780; discharged Dec. 25. 
CHARLOTTE FOSTER, of Ellington; ae. 74; in 1840 was a revolutionary pensioner. 
CHALCY FOSTER, of Windsor, was in Capt. Blackman's company in 1777 to 1780; he also served in the R. I. militia. 
CHRISTOPHER FOSTER, from near New London, was sick in hospital at Stamford as a discharged revolutionary soldier, in 1776. 
DANIEL FOSTER, was Ensign in Capt. Daniel Clark's company in 1777; was Ensign in Capt. Nathan Wales' 3d company in 1780. 
DAVID FOSTER was pensioned in 1818; was then residing in New York state. 
EDWARD FOSTER, of Colonel Wylly's regiment, was sick in hospital at Stamford, Nov., 1776; he was of Weathersfield, and was of Capt. Throop's company; was in Capt. Shepard's company in 1777; he was pensioned in 1818. 
ELIJAH FOSTER, of Sharon, was second Lieutenant in Benj. Mills' company, in 1776. 
EPHRAM FOSTER, of East Haddam, was in Capt. Holmes' company; later in Capt. Jones' company. 
FRANCIS FOSTER, from near Bethlehem, was in Capt. Beardsley's company and later in Capt. Watson's company. 
GEORGE FOSTER, of Killingly, was in Capt. Warren's company; later in Capt. Trowbridge's company, and after the battle of Long Island, Aug. 27, 1776, was reported missing; was captured, however, and paroled Aug. 30. He d. at Milford about Jan. 1, 1777. 
HACHALIAH FOSTER, of East Windsor, was at siege of Boston in 1775 in Capt. Parson's company; later in Capt. Wolcott's company, and was reported missing Sept. 15, 1776. 
ISAAC FOSTER was Sergeant Major of Col. Wm. Douglass' regiment; was in battle at White Plains Oct. 28, 1776. 
SERGT. ISRAEL FOSTER was in Capt. Mills' company. He was from Sharon; was in the defence of Ft. Washington in N. Y. 
CORP. JABEZ FOSTER, of Lebanon, was in Capt. Tildens' company at the Lexington alarm; was at battle of Bunker Hill in Capt. Clark's company in Col. Israel Putnam's regiment; was a Corporal in Capt. Tildens company in 1776. 
JAMES FOSTER, of Saybrook, was in Capt. Mattock's company in 1777 from Hartford; was transferred to invalid corps; was in Capt. Wylly's company and again transferred to invalid corps in 1781. In 1781 he was drummer in Capt. Hopkins' company from Hartford. 
JEDIDIAH FOSTER, of Farmington, was in Capt. Heart's company in 1776. 
JEREMIAH FOSTER, of Suffield, was in Capt. Hanchett's company in 1775. 
JESSE FOSTER, of Danbury, was in Capt. Doolittle's company in 1775; was later in Capt. Pendleton's company; then in Capt. Benedict's company at Ft. Washington. 
JOHN FOSTER, of Wyoming Valley, Pa., was in Capt. Durkee's company in 1776. This was settled by people from Conn., and known as Westmoreland County; was in battles at Bound Brook, N. J., Brandywine and Germantown and wintered at Valley Forge. He d. Jan. 1, 1778. 
JOHN FOSTER, of Middletown, was in service in Capt. Beebe's company at siege of Yorktown in 1781. Beebe was from Stratford. This company was the corps of lappers and miners. 
JOHN FOSTER, of East Windsor, was in Capt. Prior's company until Nov., 1776; was in Capt. Hedgwick's company until Dec., 1776; in 1777 in Capt. Grant's
company; was later pensioned in 1840 while living in New London Co. at Norwich; ae. 78.

JOHN FOSTER, of East Haddam, Middlesex county; was pensioned in 1840; ae. 82.

JONAH FOSTER, of Ridgefield, was in Capt. Beardsley's regt., in July, 1779, to repel Tryon's invasion; was recruiting officer for Continental army in 1781; was in Capt. Hait's company in 1776.

JOSEPH FOSTER, served from July to Dec. 1780 in the 3d regiment.

JOSEPH FOSTER, of Windham Co., was in Capt. Chandler's company in 1770; in 1832 he res. in Windham Co., and was granted a pension. He was b. in 1761.

MICHAEL FOSTER, of Westmoreland, Pa. (then of Conn.); was in Capt. Spaulding's company in 1779.

CORP. NATHANIEL FOSTER, from near Danbury, was in Capt. Walbridge's company in 1777, and was a prisoner June 30 of that year.

NATHAN FOSTER was in Capt. Doolittle's company in 1775; he was about Fairfield.

OZIAS FOSTER, of Sharon, was in Capt. Martin's company in 1778; was at West Point.

PETER FOSTER, from near Windham, was in Capt. Durkee's company in 1781.

SAMUEL FOSTER was in 1777 and 1778 in Capt. Hait's company of Stamford; was a farmer; was in the 1st Conn. troop in 1780; in 1776 was in Capt. Benedict's company.

SAUL FOSTER, of New Haven, Co., was granted a pension in 1832. He resided in Madison, Conn., in 1840, and was ae. 85, having been b. in 1755.

STEPHEN FOSTER, of Ashford, was in Capt. Thos. Knowlton's company in 1775.

THOMAS FOSTER was in service in 1779-80 in the 2d Conn. regt.; was in Capt. Branch's company in 1776.

TIMOTHY FOSTER, of Ridgefield, was in Col. Canfield's regiment at West Point in 1781.

SERGT.-MAJOR WARHAM FOSTER, of East Windsor, was in Capt. Elsworth's company in the Lexington alarm; was in company of Capt. Pitkin, of Hartford in 1775; Sergeant-Major 1777-78-80 in Col. Meig's regiment; in 1776 was in Capt. Simons' company.

SERGT. WILLIAM FOSTER, of Canterbury, was Sergeant in Capt. Cleveland's company at Lexington alarm.

ZEPHANIAH FOSTER, of Lebanon, was in Capt. Fitch's company in 1777-78.
## A LIST OF REVOLUTIONARY PENSIONERS.

Collected from Various Government Publications.

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N. Y. PROVINCIAL TROOPS 1760.

ABRAHAM FOSTER, b. 1719; S. ffolk county, N. Y.
CHRISTOPHER FOSTER, b. 1713; Suffolk county, N. Y.
ALEXANDER FOSTER b 1723; Ireland.
ELNATHAN FOSTER, Southold, N. Y.
JEREMIAH FOSTER, carpenter, b. 1738; Suffolk county, N. Y.
OBEDIAH FOSTER.
DAVID FOSTER, shoemaker b. 1740; Suffolk county, N. Y.
GILBERT FOSTER, weaver, b. 1729; Hempstead, N. Y.
JAMES FOSTER, b. 1740, Scotland.
JOHN FOSTER, b. 1750; Westchester, N. Y.
NATHANIEL FOSTER.
ROWLAND FOSTER, b. 1755.
SAMUEL FOSTER, b. 1755.
WILLIAM FOSTER, b. 1742; Gloucester, N. J.
CONNECTICUT MEN IN WAR OF 1812.

ELEAZER FOSTER, of Hartford, was in Maj. Daniel Ketchum's command, 25th infantry, in war of 1812.

SAMUEL FOSTER, of Middletown, was in 37th infantry, Capt. Brown, in war of 1812.

JOHN FOSTER, of New London, was in the artillery of Capt. McKeon, in war of 1812.

WILLIAM FOSTER, of New London, was in 37th infantry, Capt. Gaylord, in war of 1812.

CHARLES FOSTER, musician, Capt. Copeland's co.
CHARLES FOSTER, private, Capt. Clark's co., of New London.
CLARK FOSTER, first lieutenant, Capt. Adams' co., of New London.
EDWARD FOSTER, private, Saybrook, Capt. Andrews' co.
EDWARD FOSTER, private, Saybrook, Capt. Webber's co.
JOSEPH FOSTER, corporal, Capt. Phelps' co.
LABAN FOSTER, private, Capt. Abell's co., of New London.
LYMAN FOSTER, of New London, private, Capt. Swift.
MAHLON FOSTER, private, Capt. Hall.
MATHEW FOSTER, sergeant, Capt. Butler.
RUSSELL FOSTER, corporal, Capt. Webster.
WILLIAM FOSTER, private, Capt. Wilson.
REGINALD FOSTER, OF IPSWICH, MASS.

was born in Brunton, England, and was a
descendant of an ancient and respectable fam-
ily of that section, which was identified
with those families in the northern counties
of England, who were known by the name
of Forster, and had distinguished themselves in their successful achievements
against their Scottish foes, and are mentioned in the 'Lay of the Last Minstrel,' and
'Marmion.'
He came to America in one of the vessels embargoed by King Charles I., accompanied by his wife, Judith, five sons and two daughters, and settled in
Ipswich, Mass., about the year 1638, and was one of the earliest inhabitants of that
town.

"A proclamation was issued 30 April, 1637, to prevent the emigration of Puritans" from England: "the king," Charles the First, "refused his dissenting sub-
jects the security of the wilderness." "In England the proclamation was but little
regarded. The Puritans, hemmed in by dangers on every side, and at that time
having no prospect of ultimate success, desired at any rate to escape from their
native country. The privy council interfered 1 May, 1638 [in April, 1638], to stay
a squadron of eight ships, which were in the Thames, preparing to embark for New
England. 'The fleet,' however, "was delayed but a few days; on petition of
the owners and passengers King Charles removed the restraint," and "there came
over during this summer, twenty ships, and at least three thousand persons." Within the first fifteen years after the settlement of New England, and before the
assembling of the Long Parliament, in 1640,—and there was never afterwards any
considerable increase from England,—there came over from England twenty-one
thousand two hundred persons, or four thousand families, coming in two hundred
and ninety-eight ships. These twenty-one thousand English Puritans, who came
over to New England before the meeting of the Long Parliament, have now in-
creased to nearly thirteen million. According to the most careful estimates, at least
one fourth of the whole population of the United States at the present moment is
descended from these men.

Nothing certain, however, was known until recently of Reginald Foster's birth-
place, or of his English ancestry. Some information as to families in England of
the same name will be found in A Pedigree of the Forsters and Fosters, of the
North of England, and of some of the families connected with them, 4to, illustrated,
was also printed as a folio, illustrated, xli, 66 pages. It was compiled by the dis-
tinguished genealogist, Joseph Foster, of London, who printed in Sunderland, in
1862, a first edition of this work, under the title of "Some Account of the Pedigree of
the Forsters of Cold Hesleden, County Durham, 4to. He had, in 1888, in pre-
paration an exhaustive history of the Forster, Foster and Forester families, to
include the branches in England and America; the first volume of his "Foster's
Family History Library." A record of the "Will of Reynold Foster, of Harlowe,
in the County of Essex, yeoman," dated 18 September, 1622, proved 7 January,
1622 (O. S.) and mentioning wife "Margaret," sons "Reynold," "William," and
"Peter," and daughters "Sara" and Elizabeth," has been discovered in England
by Henry F. Waters, of Salem, Mass., the eminent genealogist, who also found
several mentions of deeds, etc., to and from Reginald or "Reynold" Foster in
the same locality. As Reginald Foster had children bearing three of the names
mentioned, "Reynold," "William," and "Sara," it has been suggested that he
himself may have been the son "Reynold," naming three of his children for his
brother, sister and himself, and that William Foster, the early settler in Ipswich,
who went from Ipswich to Newport, R. I., in 1638, may have been the son "Wil-
liam," and that both came to America from Harlow, Essex County, England. No

* "There was mounting 'mong graemes of the netherly clan;
Forsters, Fenwicks, and Musgraves, they rode and they ran;"

Marmion, Canto 5, XII.
evidence in support of this theory has, however, yet been discovered, but Harlow is only about forty-five miles from Ipswich, England, after which Ipswich in New England was called in acknowledgment of the great honor and kindness done to our people, who took shipping there, as stated in "Felt's History of Ipswich." No mention of Reginald Foster can be found in the parish records of Exeter, England, it is said, perhaps unadvisedly; but the records of Harlow prior to 1795, relied on for positive evidence, have unfortunately been stolen or destroyed. The historical novel "Dorothy Forster," by Walter Besant, New York, 1887, No. 384 of Lovell's and No. 696 of Munro's Library, a story of the Rebellion of 1715, when Thomas Forster commanded the English forces of the Pretender, is of interest to all who bear the name, as it describes the Forsters as a numerous, prominent and ancient family of Northumberland, whose "history is, in a word, part and parcel of the history of Northumberland itself, that is to say, of the great and glorious realm of England."

The name of Foster was probably originally Forester, which "Webster's Dictionary," after mentioning its equivalents of "French and Provençal, forestier, Low Latin, forestarius, Spanish, florestero, New High German, forster, Old High German, forstari," defines as. "One who has charge of a forest, an officer appointed to watch a forest and preserve the game," and says that it was used by Shakespeare, 1564-1616, for "An inhabitant of a forest, a sylvan." This origin of the name is confirmed by the different Foster Arms, many of which bear three hunting horns, and others different sylvan emblems. For while no particular one of these arms (two of which may be seen in the "Heraldic Journal," Boston, 1865-1868, pages 27 and 55, and a third in the "Curio," New York, October, 1857, page 65) can be fairly claimed by any of Reginald Foster's descendants, until his English ancestry is clearly established, they are collectively good evidence of this derivation of the family name; which is further confirmed by the fact, mentioned by Webster, that, "Foster," contracted from forester, and meaning "a forester," was so used by Spenser, 1553-1599, though the word is now obsolete. Further evidence of this derivation of the name will be found in the following extract from page 216 of "An Etymological Dictionary of the English language," by Rev. Walter W. Skeat, M. A., Oxford, 1882. "Forest, a wood, a wooded tract of land (French, derived from Latin), Middle English, forest, King Alsaundar, 3581 [A metrical romance of Early English literature, line 3581], derived from Old French, forest, 'a forest,' Cot, [Cotgrave's "French and English dictionary"], derived from Low Latin foresta, a wood; forests, an open space of ground over which rights of the chase were reserved. * * * document quoted in Brachet, q. v. (Brachet's "Etymological French dictionary," which see), derived from Latin foris, out of doors, abroad; whence forestis, lying open, derived from Latin foreis, doors; see Foreign. Derivatives, forestier, contracted to forster, Chaucer, C. T. 117 [Caterbury Tales, line 117 (of the Prologue)]; and to foster, Spenser, F. Q. iii. 1. 17 [Faery Queen, iii, 1, 15]."

The references to Chaucer and Spenser are as follows:
"A forster was he sothely as I gesse." (Chaucer, born 1328, died 1400.)
"But after the foule foster Timias did strive." (Spenser, born 1553, died 1599.)

"Previous to 1752 the year commenced in March, which was consequently the first month, and February, which is now the second, was the twelfth. Ten days must be added to any date in the sixteenth century, and eleven days in the seventeenth, to bring them up to the present style of reckoning."

About the end of the year 1632, was discovered a very desirable tract of land, ten miles to the northeastward of Salem, called by the Indians, Agawam, afterwards called "Ipswich." Fearing that the French might occupy Agawam, the son of the Governor of Massachusetts (Winthrop) was sent in the Spring of 1633, with twelve men, to "begin a plantation there," "but it was not long before many others came."

"Hubbard's History of New England."

"Aprill rth, 1633. It is ordered, that noe pson wtsoever shall goe to plant or inhabit att Agawam, without leave from the Court, except those that are already gone, vz: Mr. John Winthrop, Jun'nr, Mr. Clerke, Robte Coles, Thomas Howlett, John Biggs, John Gage, Thomas Hardy, Willm Perkins, Mr. Thornedieke, Willm. Srieant [Three names are wanting to make up the number before mentioned].

June 11. 1633. There is leave granted to Tho. Sellen to plant att Agawam. 5 August, 1634. It is ordered that Agawam shall be called Ipswich."

"At Ipsidges a plantation made uppe this yeare. Mr. Ward P. Mr. Parker T._
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"1638-9, Mch 13. Maschanomet, the sagamore of Agawam, acknowledged that hee had received 20£ of Mr. John Winthrop, Junior, for all his land in Ipswich, for which hee acknowledged himselfe fully satisfied" (Ipswich Antiquarian Papers, June, 1880).

"The famous Captain John Smith, sailing along the New England coast in 1614, was struck with 'the many rising hills of Agawam.' The Pilgrim Fathers heard of it in 1620 as a desirable locality where to found a settlement. Governor John Winthrop declared in 1632 that it was 'the best place for cattle and tillage in the land.' Wood, in his 'New England's Prospect,' written shortly after, described it as 'abounding in fish and flesh, meads and marshes, plain ploughing-ground, and no rattlesnakes;' and Johnson, in his 'Wonder Working Providence' in 1646, referred to it as situated on 'a faire and delightful river,' and as having 'very good land for husbandry.' "John Winthrop and his twelve companions in 1633, a hundred others with their families a year after, and at the end of fifteen years a thousand in all" settled in Ipswich. "Houses were rapidly put up. Johnson speaks of them in 1646 as 'very faire-built with pleasant gardens.'" ("Historical Address," Ipswich's 250th Anniversary Celebration, Boston, 1884, pp. 29, 32-33, and 49.) "In 1675, forty-two years after the settlement of Ipswich, there were four hundred houses in town." (Ipswich Antiquarian Papers, July, 1884.) "In forty years its population had increased to fourteen hundred. During the Revolution it was forty-five hundred. In 1670 it was spoken of, side by side with Boston, as 'one of our maritime towns'; and at the end of its first hundred years its county valuation was second only to that of Salem. Then followed its long period of stagnation," "which lasted till the end of its second hundred years. Then came the railroad train skilfully flanking the bar to commerce Nature had placed at the mouth of its river, and opening a new artificial port on dry land right at its heart; then with it all the wonders of modern discovery and invention, sending into its veins their quickening life. And to-day, with two hundred and fifty years on its brow, it stands forth, not a city, not a commercial metropolis, not a large manufacturing place, but an active, healthy, up-with-the-times New England town, radiant with all the combined beauty of ripened age and vigorous youth." "Its population in 1860 was 3,340; in 1870, 3,674; in 1880, 3,699; in 1884, about 3,900." ("Historical Address," Ipswich's 250th Anniversary Celebration, Boston, 1884, pp. 50-51).

"Before Europeans came to this country, Agawam reached from Merrimack River on the north, to Naumkeag River, now of Salem, on the south; from Cochichawick, afterwards named Andover, on the west, and to the sea-side on the east. When it was settled by Mr. Winthrop and others, its boundaries on the north and west remained the same; but those on the east, were its own bay and that of Squam, and the town of Gloucester; and on the south were Manchester, Wenham, and Danvers, all four of which latter places were then villages belonging to Salem. Johnson remarks on this territory, 'The Sagamoreship or Earlom of Agawam, now by our English nation called Essex.' "1636. Wessacumcon, or Newbury, being settled, the court order, that Ipswich shall run six miles into the country. As popu-
loration flowed in and spread over its surface, as corresponding necessities arose and reasons for separation successively prevailed. This town became reduced to its present size. The latitude of Ipswich, as taken at the Court-House, is 42° 41' north, and longitude, at the same place, 70° 50' west. This place, now having Rowley on the north, Boxford and Topsfield on the west, Hamilton and Essex on the south, and the ocean on the east, has an area of 25,475 acres. Of this 3,579 acres are water, 1,500 sand on Castle Neck and Plum [Plum] Island. There are 72 miles of roads" ("Felt's History of Ipswich, Cambridge," 1834, pp. 1-2).

Reginald Foster "lived near the 'East Bridge,' which stood where the stone bridge is now. It is supposed that the remains of what is known as the 'old Foster house,' may have been the site of his residence. This seems probable, for 6 April, 1631, there was 'granted Reginald Foster, eight acres of meadow in the west meadow, if any remain there ungranted, in consideration of a little hovel that stood at the new bridge, which was taken away for the accommodating of the passage there,' and 4th inst., 1646, 'he with others promise carting voluntary toward the East Bridge beside the rate a day work a piece." "The Descendants of Reginald Foster," Boston, 1876, p. 3."

In the "Ipswich Antiquarian Papers," for December, 1880, will be found a picture of "the ancient house, which stood about half way between the Town Hall and the residence of the late Miss Sally Choate, now the office of George Haskell, Esq. For many years its easterly end was but a heap of ruins. It was called 'the Rust house,' and 'the Foster house.' It was entirely taken down about twenty years ago. In its prime it was a handsome and substantial mansion. Some years ago a writer in the "Historical Genealogical Register" (probably Mr. Hammatt) thought it might have been the first house built by Reginald Foster: which he gave to his son Deacon Jacob Foster. If this is correct, the house was built about 1638."

A view of Choate bridge built in 1764, "the stone bridge" mentioned above, is given at page 148 of "The Celebration of the Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town of Ipswich, Mass., August 16, 1884, Boston, 1884," which contains other views of Ipswich, and an interesting record of the celebration.

"The Dennison Memorial," printed at Ipswich, in 1882, referring to "primitive Ipswich," relates that "At Choate bridge, we find first a lighter or gondola, and then logs and planks to carry men and horses over, and land them just before the door of Mr. Manasseh Brown's residence, which in that day was Reginald Foster's."

Of his [Reginald Foster's] life we know very little; the following facts, gleaned from town and county records, indicate however that he was an active citizen. The danger from Indians in these early times was such that in the year 1645 a law was passed requiring the youth from ten to sixteen years to be exercised with small guns, half pikes, bows and arrows, and also that 'every town is to have a guard set a half hour after sunset, to consist of a pikeman and musketeer, and to prepare for any sudden attack from the Indians.' Our ancestor, on the 14th December, 1645, subscribed with others his proportion of three shillings toward the sum of £24. 7 shillings "to pay their leader, Major Dennison," who then commanded the military forces of Essex and Norfolk Counties."

"The Descendants of Reginald Foster," Boston, 1876, p. 3. Such was the danger arising from this source, that in 1637 a law was passed in Ipswich, that 'no person is allowed to travel alone one mile from his house, except where houses are near together, without arms.' ""One Line of the Descendants of William Foster," p. 5. Reginald Foster "bought of Ralph Dix, of Ipswich, 5 March, 1647-8, 'all his six acre lot he ('Dix') bought of William White [same day], lying in the common field on the north side of the river, bounded on land of Thomas Smyth, Humphrey Broadstreet and Robert Lord.' We find 10 mention of him again until 1652, when it was 'Granted Thomas Clark and Reginald Foster, that when they shall have cut through a passage from this river into Chebacco river of ten feet wide and so deep as a lighter may pass through laden, and to make a ford and footbridge over, that then the town have given unto them £10 towards said passage.' On 3 June of the same year [1652] he was a witness to the will of William Averill, of Ipswich. He bought of Roger Preston, 11 March, 1657-8, for £50, his dwelling house, house lot, barn and other buildings, also another house lot, with gardens, orchards, etc., which Preston bought of Robert Wallis, situated on the north side of the river, and one planting

*It is correct—see will and inventory of Reginald Foster, and the record of his son, Jacob Foster.
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lot of three acres, on the north side of Town Hill, bounded on land of widow Rose Whipple, Andrew Hodges, John Morse and Thomas Treadwell. The houses were on 'the High Street,' probably at the east end—and in the vicinity of the ancient dwelling house of Rev. Mr. Norton, which [in 1876] yet stands. He had also a house lot near the 'meeting house green.'

On 20 September, 1663, he was an appraiser of the estate of Robert Roberts.'—

"The Descendants of Reginald Foster," pp. 3-4.

In "1661, he was a surveyor of highways; his name with the names of his sons, Abraham, Reginald, Isaac and Jacob, are in a list of the inhabitants of Plum Island, etc., 14 February, 1664. The same names are on a list of those that by law are allowed to have their votes in Town affairs, 2 December, 1670."—The Hammatt Papers, Ipswich, Mass., 1880—1885, No. iii, p. 105.

"In the grant of King James, 1621, to Captain John Mason, of land between Naumkeag and Merrimack rivers, there is the subsequent clause; 'The great Isle, henceforth to be called, Isle of Mason, lying near or before the bay, harbour or river of Agawam.' This must have been Plumb [Plum] Island, part of which was set off to Ipswich by the General Court, 1639 (1649)."—"Felt's History of Ipswich," Cambridge, 1834, p. 36.

"Plum Island bears north and south, and is between eight and nine miles in length, and less than a mile in width." Plum Island was so called from the "small beach plum" which is indigenous there, and "was extensively used for many years as a winter resort for cattle, and from the value which the early settlers seemed to place upon it, we should infer that it was somewhat more prolific of herbage than we find it at the present day."

The northern half of it was originally owned by the town of Newbury," though sold in 1827 to Moses Pettengill, of Newburyport, the island having been divided in 1649 by the General Court "to Ipswich two-fifths, Newbury two-fifths, Rowley one fifth. The southern part of the island belongs to Ipswich and Rowley, and contains a few dwelling-houses and farms; but the northern part is entirely composed of sand, which is thrown by the wind into hillocks of various heights and forms, and on the eastern shore is continually the sport of the Atlantic billows, which change its outline from year to year, making its shores a new study to the lover of nature, who might here revel in one of her wildest and most fantastic forms, an ever new delight.

"In the earlier records we find the name spelt indifferently Foster and Forster,—the former spelling being the more common. The 'r' has now been entirely dropped, except by the descendants of Jacob Forster, Sen., [Jacob Forster (Jacob, Isaac, Reginald, Reginald)] of Charlestown, Mass., who was the first, I believe, to write the name always in the same manner."—"The Pedigree and Descendants of Jacob Forster, Sen., of Charlestown, Mass." Charlestown, 1870, p. 3. Reginald Foster's name is variously written in an abbreviated form; viz.:—Renald, Reynold, Rejnald, Ringdell, Reginold. He signed his will, Renold foster.

It is erroneously supposed by many that he is the sole progenitor of the Fosters of America. There is an account of a William Foster, who was of Ipswich as early as 1635, and had land granted him that year, and is said to have emigrated to this country from England in 1634, in the ship Hercules. In November, 1637, he was disarmed for entertaining the peculiar views and doctrines of Wheelwright and Ann Hutchinson, and warned to depart from the jurisdiction before the sitting of the general court in March following [he died in Newport, R. I., about 1685—see elsewhere]. A William Foster, living in 1652, at Marblehead, was threatened, by court, with a fine of £20, for 'living heare and his wife in England,' and warned to 'go to her before the end of the 7th mo., 1652' (County Court Records).

"Andrew Foster, an early settler of Andover, died 7 May, 1685, at the very ad-
vanced age of 106 years. His wife, Ann Foster, was condemned for supposed witchcraft (see 'Abbott's History of Andover,' page 154), but died in prison. [Her daughter, Mary (Foster) Lacey, wife of Lawrence Lacey, and her granddaughter, Mary Lacey, jr., were also accused of witchcraft in 1692, and tried, the former being condemned, though not executed, and the latter acquitted (see 'Bailey's Historical Sketches of Andover, Mass.,' Boston, 1880, pages 200, 201 and 207.).] Her son Abram petitioned, 13 September, 1710—

"The honorable committee now sitting in Salem ** * * that the attainer may be taken off ** * *. The charges which I was forced to pay the keeper before I could have the dead body of my mother to bury her was £2 10s; money and provisions expended while she was in prison, £4. Total expenses six pounds ten shillings.

** Abram Foster, Son of the Deceased.

Andrew Foster appears in no way identified with the Fosters of Ipswich. An account of his descendants, by Edward Jacob Forster, M. D., may be found in the 'New England Historical and Genealogical Register,' vol. xx, page 227. There were, besides, Bartholomew of Gloucester, Christopher of Lynn, Edward of Scituate, William of Charlestown (of whose family an account was published in the N. E. H. and G. Register for January, 1871 [vol. xxv, page 67]). Hopestill of Dorchester, and several others contemporary with him; but between whom it is not known that any relation existed."—"One Line of the Descendants of William Foster," pp. 6-8.

Reginald Foster "was twice married. First to Judith——, in England, who died in Ipswich, October, 1664 [she was the mother of all the children]; second, September, 1665, to Sarah Martin, of Ipswich, who, after her husband's decease, married, 21 September, 1682, William White, of Haverhill, whose first wife, Mary, died 22 February, 1681."

"The exact date of Reginald Foster's death is unknown. [He died between 5 March and 30 May, 1681, aged over eighty years.] His will was proved 9 June, 1681."

Sarah Martin, his second wife, was the "widow of John Martin, of Ipswich. She survived Reginald, and 21 September, 1682, she became the second wife of William White, of Haverhill (as already stated). She died 22 February, 1682-3."

"The will of Reginald was made 30 April, 1680, a codicil attached, signed 5 March, 1680-1 and approved 9 June, 1681. He appears to have been a large owner at Plum and Hog Islands; and among his bequests, he gives to his son William 'my six acres of land I had of Thomas Smith, and six acres of marsh at Hog Island.' He also mentions his wife Sarah, sons Abraham, Renold, Isaac, Jacob, and daughters Sarah, wife of William Story, Mary, wife of Francis Peabody, and grandchild Hannah Story. He left an estate valued at £744-16, including real estate at £671.

Inventory taken 30 May, 1681, by John Whipple and Simon Stace.

The originals of the Will and Inventory of the Estate of Reginald Foster cannot be found. The following are official copies from the Records in the Registry of Deeds, at Salem, Mass.

William of Reginald Foster. "Book 4, Leaf 402, Ipswich Records.—The last Will and testament of Renold Foster Sen.; of Ipswich in the County of Essex in New England, made the last day of April, Anno Dom. one thousand six hundred & 88, being this day by God's good providence of perfect understanding, tho', through infirmatyes of body, dayly mindfull of my mortality. Therefore for the setting my house in order I make and apoynt this my last Will and testament as followeth.

In the name of God Amen my soule I commit into the hands of Jesus Christ, my blessed redeemer, In hope of a joyful resurrection at the last day my body to a decent comly buriall, And for my outward estate which the Lord hath graciously given me. I thus dispose of it in manner following:

1st. To my beloved wife Sarah I give the use of the house I now dwell in, and the orchards [orchards], and gardens and five pound yearly, during her naturall life, and two cows, which she shall choose out of my stock, and the keeping of them both summer & winter yearly, also I give her the bedstead with bedding in the parlor, and the rest of the linen & woollen yarne that she hath made and prvided into the house, also the use of a bras pot, and cheesepres, and kneading trough, with the utensils in the Leantoo, and the great kettle & two skullts during her naturall life, Also I give her three sheep to be kept winter & summer, also two pigs, and what provisions shall be in the house at my decease, also the table and forme for her naturall life, further my will is that the household stuff & things that my wife brought into the house when I married her be at her dispose in life and at death.
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I give and bequeath unto my son Abraham foster my now dwelling house and orchard and ground about it, three acres more or less & halfe the barne, and halfe that land in the field lyeing betwene the land of John Denison & Philip flowers, and ten acres on this syde the River caled Muddy River by Major Denisouns & John Edwards land, and six acres of salt marsh, All which I give him after my wives decease, I give him four acres of marsh at Plumb Island and the six acres at Hogs Island.

I give and bequeath unto my son Renol foster all the land which he possesses of myne at the falls, that he hath built a house upon both upland & marsh be it fifty acres more or less, only to pay out of it within a yeare after my decease to Sarah my daughter Story, the sum that I have given her, except w' ye sheets & pillow cases amounts to.

I give and bequeath unto my son Isaiah foster my eight acres of fresh meadow at the west meadows jinoing to meadows of his, and four acres of salt marsh at Hogs Island, Jacob to have the use of the salt til the decease of my wife.

I give and bequeath unto my son William foster my six acres of land I had of Thomas Smith, & six acres of marsh at Hog Island, the marsh to Jacob till my wives decease.

I give and bequeath unto my son Jacob foster the house he lives in & ground about it, and my two lotts beyond Muddy River ten acres more or lesse and the remainder of salt marsh att Hog Island, further my will is that my son Jacob have my land at home and barne durying my wives naturall life, further I give him my pasture on the south syde of the river by Simon Tompcons, and the pasture by Caleb Kimballs, also I give him a feather bed, only my will is that he pay what I have given my wife & keepe in repairs for her yearly, what I have allowed her and given her in my will.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah, William Storeys wife the sum of ten pounds viz. a payre of sheets and a pair of pillow cases, and what they amount not to of the sum, the rest in the hands of my son Renol, which I have willed him to pay as appears above.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary the wife of Francis Peabody the sum of ten pounds, part of it to be payd in a payre of sheetes and a pare of pillo cases & a fether bed, the bed after my wives decease.

I give my granchild Hannah Story the sum of six pound viz a bed bolster pillow and pare of sheetes and blanketts, which are of my now wives making, the rest to be payd by my executors if she carry it well to my wife while she lives with her as she hath done to us hitherto.

My will is that my son Jacob have the implements of husbandry.

My will is wh I desire and apoynt my two sons Abraham foster and Jacob foster, to be my executors of this my last will and testament, and request and desire my beloved friends Simon Stace & Nehemiah Jewett to be my overseers to this my will fullfilld by my executors, and if any difference arise amongst my wife and children, or amongst them, about any particular in my will, my will is that my two overseers shall end it, and they rest sattisfied as they two shall agree, and if they two differ, then as a third man, who they shall choose joyning with either of them.

In witnees whereof I have sette to my hand & seale, read, signed, sealed and declared to be the last will and testament of me Renol foster Senr. the day and yeare above written 1680, as witnsses my hand & seale

[Signature]

Witnsses.
John Starkweather
Nehemiah Jewett

Memorandum. The things given my wife for her naturall life be soe except she marry againe and what debts shee shall have due for labor & worke shall be for her proper use & sole benifit, and that the repaires of the house be out of her estate, and durying her abode in it, and that my wife shall have liberty to cutt & procure what wood she needeth from of [off] my land at Muddy River, this declared the 5 of March 1658 to be his last will.

In presence of witnsses
John Starkweather
Nehemiah Jewett.

The 6th June 1681 Nehemiah Jewett & John Starkweather appeared before our Honered majestrates Major Genl Denison Esqr. and Major Samuell Appleton Esqr.
& the clerk present and made oath that they were present and saw Renol Foster signe, seale & publish this to be his last will & testament and they know of no other and that he was of a disposing mynd.

As attest.  

Robert Lord, Citz.


The foregoing is a true copy of record in this office.

Attest.  

Chas. S. Osgood, Reg."

"1699, October 27th. Simon Stacey died. He was Selectman, often entrusted with town affairs, Captain of a company, and Representative to the General Court in 1685, 1686, 1689. He left a wife, Sarah, who died 29 November, 1711. Estate £660 8s. id.

"1720, January 20th. Nehemiah Jewett died lately, son of Jeremiah, who died 1714. His wife's name was Exercise, and was alive 1685. He left children, Nehemiah, Joseph, and Benjamin; and son-in-law, Daniel Dow, and grandson, Nehemiah Skillon. He sustained various trusts in the town; was Representative 1689, 1690, 1692, 1693, 1694, 1695, 1696, 1697, 1701, 1702, 1703, 1704, 1705, 1706, 1707, 1709, and Speaker of the House 1693, 1694, 1701; was Justice of the Sessions Court. 1711-12, he was on a Committee to compensate individuals, who were damaged by prosecutions for witchcraft, or the heirs of such among these individuals as had died. Mr. Jewett was a highly respected member of the Legislature and esteemed in every walk of his life.

Inventory of the Estate of Reginald Foster. Book 4. Leaf 403, Ipswich Records.—An Inventory of all the goods and chattels of Renol Foster, late of Ipswich deceased, taken & apprised by us whose names are under written this 50 May 1680 [1681].

Imprimis. The house and barne with homestead with all previledges...£ 150-00-00
The house Jacob Foster liveth in with ye homstead & previledges...£ 100-00-00
Ten acres of land at Muddy River...£ 035-00-00
4 acres & a halte in the comon field...£ 020-00-00
20 acres of salt marsh...£ 024-00-00
8 acres of fresh meadow...£ 16-00-00
12 acres of pasture lands...£ 40-00-00
20 acres of land in the comon field...£ 76-00-00
by 50 acres of upland and marsh...£ 150-00-00
One ox, 4 cows, 2 steers 2 years old...£ 21-00-00
One calf, 10 sheepe, three lambs...£ 05-00-00
Three swine...£ 01-10-00
A bed in the chamber with bedding upon it...£ 05-00-00
20 bushells of Indian corne & rye...£ 03-05-00
Two boxes & several old tubbs...£ 01-00-00
A coslet [corset], 2 pikes, old rapier 20s and money 20s...£ 02-00-00
A feather bed of 2 sheets 2 pillow cases...£ 05-00-00
A pair of sheets & a pair of pillow cases...£ 06-10-00
A bedstead in the parlour with bedding and curtains...£ 02-00-00
A trundle bed with bedding...£ 00-15-00
A flock bed, 1 pillow, 1 bolster a pair of sheets 2 blankets...£ 03-06-00
Sheets, pillow cases, table linen...£ 03-00-00
3 pair of sheets & one sheet...£ 01-10-00
2 table cloths, two napkins...£ 00-15-00
Two chests, one old trunke, one box...£ 00-12-00
His weareing apparrell, woollen woollen and linen...£ 06-10-00
A table forme, a chayet...£ 06-10-00
Pewter & brass 25 tubbs, keeler pailles barrells 1s...£ 03-50-00
in porke, a cheespres and kneading trough...£ 01-05-00
A pair of cobiron, a ramell, a warming pan, frying pan, long Spit & other small things...£ 01-00-00
Ten pound of yarne 1s. Utencills of husbandry 1 £ 10s...£ 02-10-00
An old iron pot & kettle 1s. A pitt saw & milk vessels and churme 1s...£ 01-05-00

Foster Genealogy.
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Sixteen pound of sheeps woole 16s. A trowell, halfe bushell, four Ham-
mers [7s] ................................................................. 001-03-00

[£] 744-16-00

John Whipple.

Simón Stace.

The 9th of June 1681 Abraham foster and Jacob foster Executors made oath
that the above written is a full and true inventory of there fathers estate to the best
of there knowledge and if more appeare to add the same before the worshipfull Major
Genell Denison Esqr. Major Samuell Appleton Esqr. and the clere being present.

As attest.

Robert Lord, Cler.


The foregoing is a true copy of record in this office.

Chas. S. Osgood, Reg."

The first printed notice of Reginald Foster which has been found, is contained
in an extract from the Boston Gazette of 9 November, 1779; reprinted in the appen-
dix, page 53, of the sermon preached on the occasion of the death, 17 October,
1779, of Hon. Jedediah Foster (Ephraim, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald) of Brook-
field, Mass., by Nathan Fiske, D.D. This account was doubtless furnished by his
son, Senator Theodore Foster, of Rhode Island, and the pamphlet was, in fact,
printed at Providence, R. I., apparently under his supervision. The notice was
as follows:

"He [that is, Jedediah Foster] was born at Andover, on Merrimack River,
October 10, 1726, descended from an antient and reputable Family (Reginald
Foster's) who came from England A. D. 1636, on Account of the Troubles in the
Reign of Charles I."

The following note is added at the foot of the page.

"This Gentleman Reginald Foster was born in the Reign of Queen Elizabeth,
in England, in the latter End of the Fifteenth Century, and was descended of the
same Family with Sir Reginald Foster, who was made a Baronet of England July
21st, A. D. 1661, mentioned in the 30th Edition of Chamberlayne's Present State of
Great-Britain, and in the Heraldry Books of the English Peereage.—He brought with
him to America his Wife, with five Sons and two Daughters, with whom he settled
at Ipswich, Eastward of Boston.—All his children, as well as himself, lived to
old Age.—All married and had large Families, from whom have risen a numerous
Progeny, now settled in different Parts of the United States of America."

The first genealogical record of Reginald Foster and his descendants, known
to exist, is contained in the "Foster Papers," now in the possession of the Rhode
Island Historical Society. These papers, both originals and copies, amount to
about one thousand, and are preserved in sixteen bound volumes; they relate gener-
ally to the history of Rhode Island, and were left to the Society in 1828 by the late
Senator Theodore Foster (Jedediah, Ephraim, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), of that
State.

One of these volumes, the largest, is nearly twenty-four inches high, and is
lettered "Foster Papers, Vol 5.—Genealogies." It contains genealogies of the fol-
lowing families: Pyncheon, Foster, Williams, Olney, Dexter, Crawford, Arnold,
Westcott, Dwight, Harris, Penner and Cranston. The Foster genealogy is on one
large sheet (made however of several pieced together), about 36 by 23 1/2 inches.
In order to shut into the book, it has to fold over twice. The genealogy is in the
well-known form of using connecting lines. Across the top is written this heading,
the whole, without the parentheses, forming only two lines, but very long ones:

"A Genealogical Table of the Posterity of Reginold (Rennold) Foster who was
born in the reign of Queen Elizabeth at (or near) Exeter in England the latter End of
the Fifteenth Century was married and Settled at (or near) Exeter where he had
born Five Sons and Two Daughters with whom he removed to New England in the
Year 1635 and settled at Ipswich in the State of Massachusetts Bay (Massachusetts).
He removed from England a little before the Commencement of the Civil Wars in
the Reign of Charles the First) and with his Family was on Board one of the
Vessels embargoed by a Proclamation of the King and Council issued in April 1635,
copied into "Rushworth's Memorials."")

The chart shows that it was originally prepared by Theodore Foster, sometime
between 20 March, 1777, and 17 October, 1791; and probably the words in paren-
thesis were added by him on or about 15 January, 1803, when he copied on pages
65-68 of "Foster Papers, Vol. 9," the extracts from "Rushworth's Historical
Colections," vol. ii, for 1637-1638, referred to in the last parenthesis (see London edition, 1680, page 409) following them with this entry:

"N. B. My Ancestor Reginald Foster, came from the West of England, with a Wife, Five Sons, and Two Daughters in the Year 1638 and settled in Ipswich eastward of Boston in Massachusetts and is supposed to have been on Board of one of the Eight Vessels mentioned in the foregoing order, and among those whom 'His Majesty was graciously pleased at this Time (6 April 1638) to free from a late Restraint and to set at Liberty to proceed in their intended Voyage.'"

It will be seen that Theodore Foster in the last paragraph, while fixing 1638 as the year in which Reginald Foster came to America, leaves uncertain the exact locality of his English birthplace and home, which in his earlier printed and written statements, he placed first as "at" and afterwards as "at or near," Exeter, England.

Some of the following information of the descendants of Reginald Foster, as well as of Reginald Foster, John Foster, and Jeremiah Foster, the direct ancestors of Colonel Joseph Foster, and their descendants, has been taken from "The Descendants of Reginald Foster, who settled in Ipswich, Essex County, Mass.," A.D. 1638, by Edward Jacob Forster, M. D., Boston, 1876, pages 24; originally printed in the "New England Historical and Genealogical Register," volume xxx, pages 83-102, as already mentioned on page 12; which furnishes a record of the first four generations of the family; or has been furnished from his manuscripts by Dr. Forster (Jacob, Jacob, Jacob, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), who was a resident of Charlestown District, Boston, Mass.

Further information in relation to Jacob Forster (Jacob, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), of Charlestown, Mass., his direct ancestors, and his descendants, may be obtained from Dr. Forster's pamphlet, The Pedigree and Descendants of Jacob Foster, Sen., of Charlestown, Mass., by Edward Jacob Forster, M. D., Charlestown, 1870, pages 25.

Much valuable information has also been drawn from One Line of the Descendants of William Foster, son of Reginald Foster, of Ipswich, Mass., by Perley Derby, of Salem, Mass., Boston, 1872, pages 35, which furnishes an account of Reginald Foster, and his children, but relates more particularly to the direct ancestry and descendants of John Foster (Obadiah, John, William, William, Reginald), of Warner, N. H., and was privately printed for his son John Foster, of Boston, to whom the compiler is indebted for a copy. Extracts have already been given. Perley Derby, Esq., of Salem, placed his Foster manuscripts at the disposal of Col. Joseph Foster, kindly aided in his research, and the changes in the heretofore published order of birth of the children of Reginald Foster were made with his approval.

A notice of Reginald Foster, of Ipswich, and the descendants of his son Abraham Foster, by the late Hon. Alfred Dwight Foster (Dwight, Jedediah, Ephraim, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), of Worcester, Mass., in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, for October, 1847, vol. i, pages 352-354, has also been consulted. This is the first published record of the Foster family known to the compiler; its author doubtless had access to the "Foster Papers" already mentioned.

The account of Reginald Foster and his descendants in "Savage's Genealogical Dictionary of New England." Boston, 1860-1862, has been examined, and found to contain many errors.


The compiler is indebted to Col. Joseph Foster, of Portsmouth, N. H., for information for the interesting extracts and other valuable information.

A manuscript record of the descendants of Jacob Foster, son of Reginald Foster, "from whom descended Archibald Foster, Esq., formerly cashier of Granite Bank, Portuguese and Brazilian Consul, Boston," is referred to in "One Line of the Descendants of William Foster," page 2, but the compiler has no other knowledge thereof. A record of some of the descendants of his daughter, Sarah Fosters, wife of John Caldwell, with a notice of the Foster family, will be found in the Caldwell Records, by Augustine Caldwell, of Ipswich, Mass., Boston, 1873, pages 80.

Many town histories of New England have published short notices of the Fosters residing in their respective towns, but not until this publication has there any attempt been made at a complete history and genealogy.
1. REGINALD FOSTER* (see English Fosters elsewhere for his ancestors), b. England abt. 1595; m. there —-; m. 2d, Judith ——; d. Oct., 1664; m. 3d, Sept. 1665, Mrs. Sarah (White) Martin, wid. of John. She was widow of John Martin, of Ipswich. After Reginald's death she m. a third time, Sept. 21, 1682, William White, of Haverhill. She was his second wife. She d. Feb. 22, 1683. Sarah Martin was the second wife of John Martin, of Charlestown, a ship-carpenter, who was a nephew of Priscilla Upham.

From an other authority we have this: "Reginald Foster, of Little Badow, Co. Essex, England; landed in Ipswich, Mass., in 1635. He belonged to the Foster family of Bamborough and Etherstone Castle, Co., Northumberland. Reginald brought with him five sons and two daughters.

Savage says: 'Now this unusual blessing of fruit in old age, when the last ch. came fifty-six years after the first, I doubted, might have arisen from mistake, that both the last ws. and their offspring should really belong to his s. Reginald, wh. might well have had Judith to w. bef. he took Eliz Dane, and after d. of the latter have m. Sarah Martin, inasmuch as Sen. and Jr. are changeable characters, and he wh. was Jr. on the d. of his f. would he call Sen. But this explanat. is not receivab. bef. the first Reginald d. 1681, as we infer from the date of inv. 30 May in this yr., and the Prob. rec. of his will of 30 Apr. bef. proving that he left w. Saran, and ch. Abraham, Renold, Sarah, w. William Story, Isaac, Jacob, William, and Mary, w. of Francis Peabody.'"

He came from England, it is said, in 1638, and had a grant of land in Ipswich, April 6, 1641. He brought with him his seven children by his first wife. At his death, in 1661, his wife's name was Sarah. This fact is mentioned, as it is stated by some historians, that he did not marry a third time. At his death his children mentioned in the will were Abraham, Renold, Sarah, wife of Wm. Story, Isaac, Jacob, William, and Mary, wife of Francis Peabody. It is remarkable of this family that they all lived to extreme old age, all married and all had large families, from which are descended a very numerous progeny, which in every case has been highly respected.

In the Ipswich records we find Goodman Foster, referring to Reginald, whose name is sometimes abbreviated Renald. He resided near the "East Bridge," which was where the stone bridge now is, but whether his residence was where the ruins of the "Old Foster House" yet stood, I have not learned. Under date of April 6, 1641, is "granted to Reginald Foster eight acres of meadow in the west meadow if any remain there ungranted, in consideration of a little hovel that stood at the new bridge, which was taken away for the accomodation of the passage there." Whatever facts we have of them are gleaned from the town and county records, which show him to have been a very active man. The danger from Indians in those early days was such that in the year 1645 a law was passed requiring the "youth from ten to sixteen years to be experienced with small guns, half pikes, bows and arrows, and also that every town is to have a guard set a half hour after sunset, to consist of a pikeman and musketeer, and to prepare for any sudden attack from the Indians. Reginald Foster, Dec. 10, 1645, subscribed with others his proportion of three shillings towards the sum of £24, 7s. 2d "to pay their leader, Major Dennison," who then commanded the military forces of Essex and Norfolk counties. He bought of Ralph Dix, of Ipswich, 8 March, 1647-8, "all his six acre lot he" (Dix) "bought of Wm. White, lying in the common field on the north side of the river, bounded on the land of Thomas Smyth, Humphrey Broadstreet and Robert Lord." We find no mention of him again until 1652, when it was granted Thomas Clark and Reginald Foster, that when they shall have cut through a passage from this river into Chebacco River of ten feet wide and soe deep as a lighter may pass through laden, and to make a ford and footbridge over, that then the town have given unto them £20 towards said passage." On 6 June of the same year he was a witness to the will of William Averill, of Ipswich. He bought of Roger Preston, 11 March 1657-8, for £50, his dwelling house, house lot, barn and other buildings, also another house lot, with gardens, orchards etc., which Preston bought of Robt Wallis situated on the north side of the river, and one planting lot of three acres, on the north side of Town Hill, bounded on the land of widow Rose Whipple, Andrew Hodges, John Morse, and Treadwell. The houses were on "the High Street" probably at the east end—and in the vicinity of the ancient dwelling house of Rev.

*In the earlier record we find the name spelt Foster and Forster—the former spelling being the more common. The "t" has now been entirely dropped, except by the descendants of Jacob Forster, Sen., of Charlestown, Mass., who was the first, I believe, to write the name always in this manner—Edward Jacob Forster, M. D.
Mr. Norton, which yet stands. He had also a house lot near the "meeting-house green." On 29 September, 1663, he was an appraiser of the estate of Robert Roberts. Reignald Foster was married when he came to this country. He d. in 1634; res. Ipswich, Mass.

2. i. MARY, b. England, abt. 1618; m. — Wood and Lient. Francis Peabody, b. 1614. He was from Ft. Alans, Werrftordshire, England, and came to New England in the ship "Planter," Nicholas Trarice, master, in 1635. He was a husbandman and was then twenty-one years of age. He was one of the original settlers in Hampton, N. H., with Rev. Stephen Bacheal" and resided there for many years, finally removing to Topsfield, Mass. He was chosen to "ende small causes" by the people of Hampton, and confirmed in that office by the justices of the court. He was a large land owner in Topsfield, Boxford and Rowley. He d. Feb. 19, 1697. She d. April 9, 1705. They had fourteen ch. 1. John, b. in 1642; m. first, 23 November, 1665, Hannah Andrews,† and second, 26 November, 1703, Sarah Mosely; will proved August, 1720. A descendant was George Peabody (Thomas, David, David), of London, England, b. 18 February, 1795; the famed London banker and philanthropist; d. in 1869.

2. Joseph, b. in 1617; m. 26 October, 1633, Bethiah Bridges; d. in 1681. Elizabeth Peabody is Andrew Preston Peabody (Andrew, Andrew, Zerubabel, Joseph), of Cambridge, Mass., b. 19 March, 1811, in Beyerly, Mass.; Harvard University, 1826; D. D., 1852; minister of the South Church in Portsmouth, N. H., 1833-1860; appointed Plummer Professor of Christian Morals, Harvard University, 1860; the distinguished Unitarian divine. 3. William, b. in 1646; m. 11 August, 1683, Hannah Hale; d. March, 1699. Descendants are: a. Oliver Peabody, of Natick, Mass., b. 7 May, 1698; Harvard University, 1721; minister of Natick, for about thirty years; d. 2 February, 1752. His son, John Peabody (of Andover, Mass.), b. 20 August, 1752; at the siege of Louisburg, 1758; and captain of a sloop in the Revolution (see "Bailey's Historical Sketches of Andover, Mass.", Boston, 1850, pages 160-161, and 284-285); d. 12 June, 1820. c. Stephen Peabody (John), of Atkinson, N. H., brother of the preceding, b. — — ; Harvard University, 1760; minister at Atkinson, 1722-1819; a man of eminence among the clergy of New Hampshire at that time; m. second, Elizabeth (Smith Shaw, a widow, sister of the wife of President John Adams; d. 23 May, 1819. His son, Hon. Stephen Peabody, of Buckspur, Maine, b. 6 October, 1775, Harvard University, 1794, judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Hamilton County, Ohio, d. 12 April, 1851. d. 2. John Peabody (Oliver, John), of Exeter, N. H., b. 2 September, 1753; Harvard University, 1773;
judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Rockingham County, N. H.; d. 3 August, 1831. Out of his twelve children three may be named. Lucretia Orne Peabody, b. 4 July, 1786; m. 21 October, 1816, Alexander Hill Everett, diplomatist and author, brother of Edward Everett, orator and statesman, Rev. William Bourn Oliver Penbody and Rev. Oliver William Bourn Peabody, twins, b. 7 July 1799; Harvard University, 1816; the former d. 28 May, 1847; the latter d. 5 July, 1848. e. Charles Augustus Peabody (Samuel, Richard, Stephen), of New York, b. 10 July, 1814; judge of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, 1856-1857; delegate from the United States to the International Code Conference at Cologne, in 1881. f. John Appleton (Elizabeth (Peabody) Appleton, Ephraim Peabody, Thomas, Ephraim), of Bangor, Maine, b. 9; Bowdoin College, 1822; LL. D., 1866; Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Maine, 1869. 4. Isaac, b. in 1618; m. Sarah ——; will proved 2 January, 1727. Descendants are: g. Joseph Peabody (Francis, Francis), of Salem, Mass., b. 12 December, 1757; an eminent ship owner and merchant. His daughter, Catherine Elizabeth Peabody, b. 23 June, 1803; m. October, 1826, John Lowell Gardner, of Boston. His granddaughter, Mary Peabody (George, Joseph), m. Hon. William C. Endicott, of Salem, Secretary of War, and their daughter, Mary, Endicott, m. 15 November, 1888, in Washington, D.C. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, M. P., of England. b. Nathaniel Peabody (Isaac, Matthew), of Salem, Mass., b. 30 March, 1774; Dartmouth College, 1800; a teacher and physician; m. 3 November, 1802, Elizabeth Palmer (see "Bailey's Historical Sketches of Andover, Mass.," Boston, 1850, pages 553-554). Three of their seven children may be named. Elizabeth Palmer Peabody, b. 16 May, 1804; d. about 1886. Mary Tyler Peabody, b. 16 November, 1806; m. Horace Mann, b. in 1796, d. in 1859, Secretary Massachusetts Board of Education. Sophia Amelia Peabody, b. 21 September, 1809, m. 30 June, 1842, Nathaniel Hawthorne, the author, b. in 1804, d. in 1864; she was the author of "Notes in England and Italy," written when her husband was consul at Liverpool; children, Una Hawthorne, Julian Hawthorne, who like his father has gained distinction as a novelist, and Rose Hawthorne, who m. George Parsons Lathrop, the novelist, essayist and poet. 5. Sarah, b. in 1650; m. —— How, of Ipswich. 6. Hepsibah, b. in 1652; m. —— Rea, of Salem Village. 7. Lydia, b. in 1654; m. Jacob Perley. 8. Mary, b. in 1656; m. John Death, of Framingham. 9. Ruth, b. 22 May, 1658; d. before 1695. 10. Damaris, b. 21 January, 1660; d. 19 December, 1660. 11. Samuel, b. 4 January, 1662; d. 13 September, 1677. 12. Jacob, b. 28 July, 1664; m. 12 January, 1686, Abigail Towne; d. 24 November, 1689. A descendant is: i. Nathaniel Peabody (Jacob, Jacob), of Atkinson, N. H., b. 8 February, 1711; colonel in the revolutionary army; member of the Continental Congress, from New Hampshire, 1779; d. in 1823. 13. Hannah, b. 28 May, 1668; d. before 1698. 14. Nathaniel, b. 29 July, 1669; m. Frances ——; d. in 1715.

3. ii. ABRAHAM, b. Exeter, England, 1622; m. Lydia Burbank.

3. iii. REGINALD, b. England in 1636; m. Elizabeth Dane.

5. iv. WILLIAM, b. England in 1633; m. Mary Jackson.

6. v. ISAAC, b. England in 1630; m. Mary Jackson, Hannah Douring, and Martha Hale

7. vi. JACOB, b. England in 1635; m. Martha Kinsman and Abigail Lord.

8. vii. SARAH, b. England in 1620; m. about 1640 William Storey, of Ipswich. He was b. in 1614, in Norwich, Norfolk County, England, embarked for America 8 April, 1637, at the age of twenty-three, and settled in Ipswich. He was a carpenter. In 1671 he erected a saw-mill on Chebacco River. Sarah (Foster) Story was living in 1668, aged forty-eight, as stated in her disposition in the Court Records, November term, 1668, in case of a complaint against Thomas Wells and others, of Ipswich, for reproaching Major-General Denison. In volume iv, page 596, Essex County Deeds, it is recorded that William Story, senior, died 31 March, 1695, to his son Seth Story, "all my housing, lands, fences, orchards, &c. belonging to my lands in Chebacco, in Ipswich, adjoining to Chebacco Falls River, having the latter on the E. and S. E., and land of Thos. Low on E. & N. E., and
land of Renold Foster [Reginald Foster] on S. & S. W., and Ipswich common on W. & N. W." The Story estate in Chebacco was originally a large tract of land and extended "from the southern part of Belcher's lane to the river, bounded on the east by White's Hill, and land of Deacon Thomas Low, on the south-west and west by land of Reynold Foster, on the west and north-west by common land belonging to Ipswich ("Crowell's History of Essex," Essex, 1866, pp. 236-237). Referring to William Story, senior, it is also stated in "Crowell's History of Essex," page 237, that "William's son, Seth, was married and lived with him, and on condition of his maintaining him the rest of his days, he conveyed to him by deed of gift the farm, which he" occupied. "This deed is dated 13 April, 1693 [31 March, 1693]. This same year his grandson, Seth, was born, who lived nearly a hundred years on a part of the same farm, filled the office of elder in the same church in which his father had been deacon, and in which his brother Zechariah was deacon during the time that he was an elder." It is not believed that Andrew Story, who came from England and settled in Ipswich as early as 1636, was the father of William Story, as stated on page 236, or his brother as suggested on page 475, of the "History of Essex." He was probably no relative. Andrew's Story served in the Ipswich quota in the Pequot war of 1637, and most of the many Storys in Essex are descended from him. William Story made a deed of gift, 3 April, 1693, to his son Samuel, of all his upland and swamp at south side of Chebacco Falls River; also one-half his salt marsh he formerly bought of Henry Archer, "said son Samuel paying to my daughter Susanna Browne 40s, and to my granddaughter Ruth Walker 40s within 2 years after my decease," also "I doe give to my granddaugh- ter, my sd. son's daughter Elizabeth a little iron Kettle & a pewter bowle and a broad box that useth to stand in y bed Leantow." This deed was witnessed by Thomas Wade and Richard Walker, senior. William and Sarah (Foster) Story were not the ancestors "of Dr. Story, formerly of Boston, and of the late Judge Story," as has been sometimes stated. Mr. Justice Joseph Story of the United States Supreme Court, born 1779, died 1845, was the "son of Dr. Elisha and Mehitable (Pedrick) Story" ("Historical Collections Essex Institute," vol. xv, page 283) and his emigrant ancestor, Elisha Story, of England, was born about 1631, arrived in Boston, with his only sister Sarah Story, in 1670, was a member of the Old South Church in 1704, and died before 30 September, 1725, when his will was proved. William Story d. January, 1702-3. Administration on his estate was granted to his eldest son, Seth Story, 20 January, 1702-3. William and Sarah (Foster) Story had seven children; Sarah, Seth, William, Abigail, Samuel, Hannah and Susanna. Children: Sarah, b. about 1641; m. 29 October, 1661, Richard Walker, who was living in 1693. Ch. i. Hannah, b. 10 September, 1663. ii. Sarah, b. 20 November, 1666. iii. Richard, b. 6 February, 1674. iv. Ruth, b. —; named in before mentioned deed of gift, 3 April, 1693, from her grandfather, William Story. 2. Seth, b. in 1646; m. —. Residence, Chebacco, Ipswich. He was Deacon of the church at Chebacco, otherwise known as the "Second Church in Ipswich." He d. 9 October, 1732, aged eighty-six. Ch. i. Zechariah, b. in 1654; m. —. Residence, Chebacco, Ipswich. He also was Deacon of the "Second Church." He d. 10 February, 1774, aged ninety. 1. Jeremiah, b. —. 2. Nathaniel, b. —. 3. Isaac, b. —. 4. Jesse, b. 1730; m. —; d. 27 May, 1824, aged ninety-four. "In the House of Representatives of Massachusetts"—"Resolved that there be paid out of the public Treasury of this State to Jesse Story of Chebacco in Ipswich (father of Jesse Story, Jr., under 21 years of age) the sum of £5. 15s. in full for the loss he sustained in arms, ammunition and wearing apparel by the death of his said son who was killed at the battle of Bunker's Hill, as will appear in the account and cer-
3. ABRAHAM FOSTER (Reginald), b. Exeter, Devonshire, England, 1622; m. 1655, Lydia Burbank, dau. of Caleb and Martha of Rowley. He came from England with his father when sixteen years of age and located in Ipswich. He d. Jan. 25, 1711. Res. Ipswich, Mass. Caleb Burbank was of Rowley, in 1691, and had children, John and Lydia, and perhaps others; he is supposed to have been the son of John Burbank, who was made freeman in Rowley, 13 May, 1640, and who in his will 5 April, 1681, mentions wife Jimima, and children, John, Caleb and Lyd a. Foster joined the church in full communion 12 April, 1674; and was seventy-six years of age, 26 September, 1698, when he gave his deposition concerning Rev. John Norton's land. He was a yeoman. There is no will or administration of his estate, as he distributed it among his family by deed, 21 Dec., 1698 (Essex Deeds, lib. 13, p. 206).

9. ii. EPHRAIM, b. Oct. 9, 1657; m. Hannah Eames and Mary West.
10. iii. ABRAHAM, b. Oct. 16, 1659; m. Mary Robinson.
11. iv. JAMES, b. Jan. 12, 1662; d. before 1698; not mentioned in his father's distribution of real estate.
12. v. BENJAMIN, b. in 1670; m. Ann ——.
13. vi. EBENEZER, b. July 15, 1672; m. Mary Borman.
15. viii. CALEB, b. Nov. 9, 1677; m. Mary Sherwin.
16. ix. ISAAC, b. 1668; d. s. p. Feb. 13, 1717. 1717 made his will "upon going out upon his country's service." Upon a chart sent me by Moses Foster, cashier National Bank, Andover, I find the following: "Had one son, Ebenezer, who settled Rowley," but I think this must be wrong.
17. x. A little child, b. Dec. 27, 1668.
18. xi. RUTH, b. ——; m. April 16, 1702, Jeremiah Perley, of Boxford, son of John and Mary (——) Perley, of Boxford; baptized 10 July, 1686. She d. ——. He m., second, 20 December, 1710, Alice Hazen, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Howlett) Hazen, b. 10 June, 1686, in Boxford, who d. 17 October, 1740; and third, 10 November, 1741, Sarah Hale, of Newbury, who d. before 1758. He d. before 26 June, 1758, when his will was proved. Jeremiah Perley had three children, but by which wife or wives is uncertain. Sarah m. Daniel Black, of Boxford. Hannah m. Paul Prichard, of Boxford. Abigail m., first, 15 March, 1750, William Spofford, son of Capt. John and Dorcas (Hopkinson) Spofford, who d. in the army; and second, Rufus Wheeler, of Maine.

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He left a will, wherein he speaks of his extreme old age, "the craziness and weakness of his body." Inventory of his estate, £326 16s. 7d., 18. 6d. were for rum, sugar, spice, gloves and cider, for the funeral, a custom quite prevalent in those days.

Elizabeth (Dane) Foster was a niece of Rev. Francis Dane, forty-eight years minister at Andover, Mass., who boldly denouncing the witchcraft delusion of 1692, was prominently connected with the trials at Salem when almost every member of his family was under arrest on suspicion, and a daughter and granddaughter were tried and condemned to death. See Bailey's Historical Sketches of Andover, Boston, 1880, pp. 199 and 232.

Reginald Foster, fourth child of Reginald and Judith (——) Foster, was born in England, as stated in the "Foster Papers" already mentioned. Residence, Chebacco, Ipswich. He married about 1652, Elizabeth Dane, daughter of John Dane, jr., of Ipswich, New England, author of "A Declaration of Remarkable Providences in the Course of My Life, By John Dane, of Ipswich," 1682, Boston, 1854; and granddaughter of John Dane, senior, of Berkhamstead and Bishops Stortford, Herts, England, and of Ipswich and Roxbury, New England as, mentioned on page 12, and to be related on later pages. Reginald Foster was the third signer of the following petition in favor of John Proctor and his wife, Elizabeth Procter, condemned to death for witchcraft, 5 August, 1692 at Salem; which, however, was of no avail, as John Procter was executed 19 August, 1692. His wife gave birth to a child about a fortnight after his execution. This indicates to what alone she owed her life. The petition, signed also by Isaac Foster, probably the eldest son of Reginald Foster, is taken from "Upham's History of Witchcraft," Boston, 1867, where, volume ii, pages 304 and 307, the following tributes to the signers will be found. "Notwithstanding the danger to which any one was exposed who expressed sympathy for convicted or accused persons, or doubt of their guilt, a large number had the manliness to try to save this worthy and honest citizen. John Wise, one of the ministers of Ipswich, heads the list of petitioners from that place. The document is in his handwriting. Thirty-one others joined in the act, many of them among the most respectable citizens of that town."

"I have given the names of the men who signed this paper, as copied from the original. It is due to their memory; and their descendants may well be gratified by the testimony thus borne to their courage and justice."

"The Humble and Sincere Declaration of us, Subscribers, Inhabitants in Ipswich, on the Behalf of our Neighbors, John Procter and his Wife, now in Trouble and under Suspicion of Witchcraft.

To the Honorable Court of Assistants Now Sitting in Boston:
Honored and Right Worshipful,—The aforesaid John Procter may have great reason to justify the Divine Sovereignty of God under these severe remarks of Providence upon his peace and honor, under a due reflection upon his life past; and so the best of us have reason to adore the great pity and indulgence of God's providence, that we are not exposed to the utmost shame that the Devil can invent, under the permissions of sovereignty, though not for that sin forenamed, yet for our many transgressions. For we do at present suppose, that it may be a method within the severer but just transactions of the infinite majesty of God, that he sometimes may permit Sathan to personate, disseminate, and thereby abuse innocents and such as do, in the fear of God, defy the Devil and all his works. The great rage he is permitted to attempt holy Job with; the abuse he does the famous Samuel in disquieting his silent dust, by shadowing his venerable person in answer to the charms of witchcraft; and other instances from good hands,—may be arguments. Besides the unsearchable footsteps of God's judgments, that are brought to light every morning, that astonish our weaker reasons; to teach us adoration, trembling, dependence, &c. But we must not trouble Your Honors by being tedious. Therefore, being smitten with the notice of what hath happened, we reckon it within the duties of our charity, that teacheth us to do as we would be done by, to offer thus much for the clearing of our neighbor's innocence; viz., that we never had the least knowledge of such a nefarious wickedness in our said neighbors, since they have been within our acquaintance. Neither do we remember any such thoughts in us concerning them, or any action by them or either of them, directly tending that way, no more than might be in the lives of any other persons of the clearest reputation as to any such evils. What God may have left them to, we cannot go into God's pavilion clothed with clouds of darkness round about; but, as to what we have ever seen or heard of them, upon our consciences we judge them innocent of the crime objected. His breeding hath been amongst us, and was of religious parents in our place, and,
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by reason of relations and properties within our town, hath had constant intercourse with us. We speak upon our personal acquaintance and observation; and so leave our neighbors, and this our testimony on their behalf, to the wise thoughts of Your Honors.

Ino. Wise.
William Story Senr.
Reinalld Foster
Thos. Chote.
John Burnum Sr.
William Thom-onn.
Tho. Low Sern.
Isaac Foster.
John Burnum jun.
William Goodhew.
Isaac Perkins

Reginald Foster died 23 December, 1707, aged seventy-one years. He left an estate inventoried at £326. 10s., with debts amounting to £19. 16s. 7d., of which £4. 18. 6d. was for rum, sugar, spices, and cider for the funeral, a custom quite prevalent in those days.

His will dated 11 July, 1704, and proved 19 January, 1707-8, is as follows:

Will of Reginald Foster.

In the name of God. Amen. I, Reginald Foster of Chebacco, in Ipswich, in ye County of Essex in New England being att this time thro ye goodness of God in perfect understanding & memory tho very crazy & weak of Body by reason of old age & other infirmities we Attend. In ye first place I commit my Imortal soul into ye hands of Almighty God who gave it & In ye hopes of a blessed Resurrection to Life eternall thro Jesus Christ my blessed Redeemer. And my Body to ye earth from whence it was taken to be decently Buried by my Executors hafter mentioned. And wt worldly estate the Lord hath been plased to bless mee with I give & bequeath as hereafter followeth.

I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Foster the parlour yt I now enjoy & also wt use of ye cellar shee needeth & half ye Orchard also ye keeping of a cow & two sheep Winter & Summer & firewood fetched home & cutt fitt for ye hire so much as shee needeth for her use & a horse & one to ride before her to carry her to meeting and this Nathaniel Foster my son shall doe.

Item. I doe appoint my two sons Isaac & John Foster to pay ye mother five & forty shillings apiece yearly In provision such as she needs & requires wc is four pounds ten shillings but If shee desires to remove to Billerica they shall carry wt was brought to Andover & yn pay yearly in Specie wt. was agreed upon—and my will is yt. all be done honestly according to truth.

Item. I Doe will unto my son Isaac Foster the house he hath lived in since he married Also nine acres of Land in my upper pasture joyning to itt from Seth Stores Land & so Downward also my Upland by ye widow Martins But I Reserve a convenient cart way thro it to fetch up hay or what may be needfull—Also I will my said son Isaac a third part of ye meadow about ye Ditch equally divided and Isaac his part shall Lye next Goodin Kinmsans Also a third part of my Low Meadow or Salt Marsh being divided from Deacon Goodhue meadow to Procters Creek and Isaac shall have his next Deacon Lows and his Brethren shall have a way through that to theirs.

Item. I give to my son John Foster ye house he lives in & ye orchard—and ye upper pasture except what I shall otherwise dispose of and all that part of ye corn feild next Mr. Wades mill excepting one acre joyning to ye high way next my house also I will to him one third part of both ye parcells of meadow or salt marsh above named excepting yt meadow given to Nathaniel betwixt ye Ditch & ye Upland.

Item. I give to my son Nathaniel Foster my now dwelling house & half ye Orchard & Barn & yt part of ye corn feild next Seth Storeys & the Lower pasture all with ye stone wall & one acre of ye other feild next my house & two acres of my upper pasture to water his cattle and ye meadow betwixt ye Ditch & ye Upland next ye widow Martinss & Nathaniel shall have a way to his corn feild thro his brother John’s & his brother John thro his to carry wt is needfull Also John & Nathaniel shall equally divide ye meadow above ye Ditch between them & settle ye Bounds as they shall agree or as they may Chose indifferent men to doe it for them & and so with ye Lower meadow & if John will take a part of my Barn away & he halfe ye cost to sett up a Lentoo he may doe it if he will.

Item. I give & bequeath to my eldest daughter Elizabeth ten pounds to be payd
to her a Legacy out of my estate by my son Isaac above named within a year after my decease.

Item. I give to my Daughter Judith ten pounds for a legacy to her to be payd out of my Estate by my son John before named within a year after my Decease also I give further to my Daughter Judith my bed & bedsted bolster & 2 pillows curtain & coverlid belonging to it and also my table that stands in the parlour.

Item. I give & bequeath to my daughter Elenour eight pounds to be payd to her for her legacy out of my estate by my son Nathaniel Foster aforernamed within one year after my decease and my son Nathaniell Fosters hall have the other halfe of ye Orchard after her wife's decease or removal.

Ult. I constitute & appoint my loving son John Foster to be my Executor of this my last will & testament together with my beloved wife and my son Nathaniel Foster and for confirmation that this is my last will & testament and yt I hereby will & make void all former wills yt I have heretofore made. I ye aforesaid Reginald Foster have hunto sett & affixed my hand & seal this eleventh day of July Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred & four In ye Third year of ye Reignge of Queen Anne

Reginald Foster (seal)

Signed and sealed in ye presence of us three witnesses

Joseph Eveleth
Nathaniel Rust junr.
Umphrey Clark

Essex, ss. Probate Office, 27 April, 1885.

A true copy of record.

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Attest

Daniel Warner in his "Record" mentions the following children and no more, saying his "aunt Foster had," etc.—(N. E. H. G. Register, vol. xv., p. 50.)

Reginald and Elizabeth (Dane) Foster had twelve children; Elizabeth, Isaac, Judith, Sarah, Mary, John, Rebecca, Naomi, Ruth, Eleanor, Hannah and Nathaniel.


20. ii. NAOMI, b. May 6, 1669; d. before 1707.
22. iv. HANNAH, b. Oct. 5, 1675; d. before 1707.
23. v. ISAAC, b. in 1656; m. Abigail
24. vi. JOHN, b. July 15, 1654; m. Mary
26. viii. ELIZABETH, b. — , 1653; m. Aug. 8, 1674, Simon Wood, of Ipswich.
28. x. MARY, b. June 18, 1662; prob. d. before 1707.
29. xi. SARAH, b. — ; prob. d. before 1707.
30. xii. ELEANOR, b. June 14, 1673.

__5___WILLIAM FOSTER (Reginald), b. England in 1633; m. May 15, 1661, Mary Jackson, b. Feb. 8, 1639; dau. of William and Joanna. William Jackson lived on Bradford Street, where, in 1643, a house lot, containing one acre and a half, was laid out to him not far from the meeting-house. He gave 6 December, 1650, to his daughter Mary Foster, out of his estate, two acres of meadow in the common field, one ox and a heifer, all of the value of £11, and "20s. of which is for her daughter's paines with me and my wife," or, in other words, for the great care and comfort she had bestowed upon them in their old age, while abiding under their roof. William Jackson d. t May, 1688. William Foster was a yeoman, lived first in Ipswich, and afterwards removed to Rowley, where he was received as an inhabitant in 1661.

He settled in that section of the town known as Rowley Village, which was afterwards incorporated under the name of Boxford. Before his removal he purchased of Joseph Jewett, of Rowley, for £11½s. 13. 4d., a seventy-second part of the village lands in said town; but Mr. Jewett d. — , before he gave him a deed of it, and he afterwards received one from the executors, bearing date of 30 May, 1661, witnessed by Thomas Dorman, Francis Peabody and Gershom Lambert. About the year 1666-7 the village lands were laid out by John Pickard and Ezekiel Northend. Of this land, William Foster, Francis Peabody, husband of his sister Mary Foster, Joseph Bixbie and Abraham Reddington, received eight hundred acres, bounded north by land of Messrs. Dorman, Cummins and Stiles, west by Andover line, south
by Wade's brook, etc., and east by various other lots. This grant consisted of upland, meadow and swamp. It is recorded in Essex Registry of Deeds, under date of 27 February, 1766-7, that he gave his son Samuel Foster one half of his right in this land, describing the same bounds and parties to whom it was laid out. He bought, 3 April, 1695, with his sons William and Jonathan, and John Kimball, all of Boxford, three hundred acres of land of Robert and Bethiah Eames, "lying between Five Mile Pond and Moses Tyler's house, on both sides of Ipswich road." By deed, bearing date 25 August, 1770, he gave to his "son David, of Haverhill, all that right which falleth to us in lands, orchards, &c., which our Hon'd Father Wm. Jackson, formerly of Rowley, dec'd did give to his son John Jackson and John Jackson's son, John Jackson's grandson, and in case his grandson John died childless, then . . . the estate mentioned in said deed . . . to return to our father's three daughters or their children. William Jackson's grandson John dying childless, said lands are divided among said daughters; viz., Elizabeth How (of witchcraft fame), Elizabeth (Jackson) How, wife of James How Jr., grandson of John Dane senior, was executed 10 July, 1692, in Salem, for witchcraft. John Dane senior was the grandfather of Elizabeth (Dane) Foster, wife of Reginald Foster (Reginald), Mary Foster my wife, and Deborah Trumbull; which land in my right (Mr. Jackson's deed bearing date in Rowley 6 December, 1680, I gave to my son David. Mr. Foster was one of the leading men in the town of Rowley, holding many offices of trust, and frequently serving on committees in matters of importance, with great acceptance. In 1675, he, with Joseph Peabody and John Kimball, were appointed collectors of taxes. In 1677 and 1680 John Peabody and he were appointed on the part of the village to enforce the strict observance of the Sabbath, "and to have the special inspection of those families nearest their house on either side of them," according to the provisions of a law of the General Court, passed 23 May, 1677. Up to the year 1685, Rowley Village had been subject to the control and government of the town proper, which was contrary to the expectations of the settlers when the Village lands were allotted them, who considered themselves "free from any engagement to the town of Rowley else we had not purchased it." According to the records, the Village, in 1673, was composed of but sixteen families, living nine miles distant from the town, and near to the bounds of Topsfield. In 1685 they had increased to forty families, and the lands, containing about eighteen thousand acres, they thought "would comfortably setuate one hundred families;" and considering the distance from town, and the general difficulties under which they continually labored in their governmental affairs, and other matters owing to their remote situation, they conceived the importance of petitioning the General Court for leave to settle a minister, and grant them "township privileges, that so wee might the more comfortably carry on so needfull a work, for the better edication of our children that cannot gooe fourer miles to meting" (to Topsfield). This petition was signed by "Abraham Reddington, Sen., Joseph Bixbee, Sen., Samuel Busbee, Sen., William Foster and John Peabody." It was dated "27: 3 mo. 1685." The petition was granted 5 June, 1685, "Provided it may be with the consent of the Selectmen of Rowley," and which finally resulted in the incorporation of the town of Boxford; for shortly after the above grant two committees were appointed, one on the part of Rowley Village, of which William Foster was a member, and the other on the part of Rowley, which met together 7 July, 1685, and agreed upon "a parting line betwixt the town of Rowley and the village," that all the common undivided village land except the ministers farm, shall belong to Rowley, and "that the inhabitants shall be free from all rates to the town, excepting 20s. in silver, to be paid Joseph Bixbee, Sen., John Peabody, William Foster, Samuel Symonds and Moses Tyler, yearly . . . while or until they have an orthodox minister settled in the village."

The following is a copy of a paper found among the Court files: "Theas few Liens may Sertify anney gentilmen whom it may Concern that the Town of Boxford have with the Consent of the Selectmen of Boxford chosen William Foster, Sen., to be thiuer ordinary Keepper for this year '93 and doe desier that hee may have a Lisence for the abowe said purpos this 13th of June 1693 as a test (sd) John Pebody Clark." William Foster made his will 3 September, 1711, when seventy-eight years of age, as stated in the will. He d. 17 May, 1713, in Boxford. His will was proved 15 June, 1713. In his will he gave his five sons, Jonathan, William, Timothy, David and Samuel, all his salt marsh he had of his father Foster, lying in Ipswich, which
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was to be enjoyed by his wife Mary and son Joseph during her widowhood, his "son Samuel to keep son Joseph at his house to look out for him." He appointed his sons Jonathan and Samuel executors. The following extract from Essex Deeds, Book 43, page 279, under date of 11 February, 1723-4, enumerates his children and sons-in-law:

"... we Jonathan Foster, Timothy Foster and Samuel Foster of Boxford, William Foster of Andover, David Foster of Haverhill, Mary Kilburn [Mary Foster] and John Platts [who m. Judith Foster], Theophilus Rix and Hannah Rix his wife [Hannah Foster], of Wenham ... for ... the sum of thirty pounds ... paid ... by John Perkins of Andover ... have sold ... said John Perkins, his heirs, &c., a certain piece ... of meadow lying in Andover and Salem, containing by estimation five acres ..."

William and Mary (Jackson) Foster had nine children: Mary, Judith, Jonathan, William, Timothy, Hannah, David, Samuel and Joseph.

History of Boxford, Mass., says: "William Foster, from Ipswich, settled in Rowley Village in 1661. The old house that stood some years ago on the site of the late residence of Mr. Dean Andrews, deceased, was undoubtedly his residence. The first town meetings were held in his house; and in it also was kept for several years after the incorporation of the town, a kind of tavern called in the language of those days, an ordinary. Mr. Foster was one of the principal men in the Village, as the numerous offices of trust of all kinds held by him fully prove." He d. May 17, 1713. Res., Boxford, Mass.

31. i. MARY, b. Nov. 16, 1662; m. Nov. 20, 1662, Samuel Kilburn, of Rowley.
33. iii. HANNAH, b. Nov. 23, 1673; m. May 11, 1709-10, Theophilus Rix, of Wenham, who died July 5, 1726. She was his second wife. Two children: 1. Samuel Rix, b. April 7, 1711. 2. Hannah Rix, b. May 4, 1717.
34. iv. JONATHAN, b. 6 March, 1667-8; m. Abigail Kimball.
35. v. WILLIAM, b. 1670; m. Sarah Kimball and Margaret Gould.
36. vi. TIMOTHY, b. 1672; m. Mary Dorman and Ruth Andrews.
37. vii. DAVID, b. 9 May, 1679; m. Mary Black.
38. viii. SAMUEL, b. 20 February, 1681; m. Mary Macoon.
39. ix. JOSEPH, b. 1681--; bap. May 21, 1682; living in 1711, but probably never m. See his father's will.

6. ISAAC FOSTER (Reginald), b. England 1630; m. May 5, 1638, Mary Jackson. She d. Nov. 27, 1677; m. 2d, Nov. 28, 1663, Hannah Downing, who d. Nov. 27, 1678; m. 3d, March 16, 1679, Martha Hale, who survived him. He lived in Ipswich, near Topsfield, at the east end of "Symond's Farm," the town line dividing the farm. He was sixty-two years old when he made his will; proved March 29, 1692. Isaac Foster had fourteen children; eleven by his first wife, and three by the second: Jonathan, Mehitable, Jacob, Benjamin, Elizabeth, Mary, Daniel, Martha, Ruth, Prudence, Hannah,—second wife—Hannah, Eleazer and Sarah. He d. March, 1692. Res., Ipswich, Mass.
40. i. JONATHAN, b. 9 January, 1658-9; d. May 15, 1661; not mentioned in father's will.
41. ii. MEHITABLE, b. 19 September, 1660; d. February, 1660-1.
42. iii. JACOB, b. 9 February, 1662-3; m. Sarah Wood and Mary Edwards.
43. iv. BENJAMIN, b. June, 1665; m. ——.
44. v. ELIZABETH, b. 20 April, 1667.
45. vi. MARY, b. 26 June, 1669; m. Richard Grant, 27 February, 1688.
46. vii. DANIEL, b. 14 November, 1670; m. Katherine Freese and Mary Dresser.
47. viii. MARTHA, b. 1 August, 1672; m. Thompson Wood, 8 December, 1691.
48. ix. RUTH, b. 20 February, 1673-4; m. —— Groae.
49. x. PRUDENCE, b. 25 May, 1675; m. Joseph Borman, 17 February, 1696-7.
50. xi. HANNAH, b. 24 October, 1676; d. before 1681.
51. xii. ELEAZER, b. April, 1684; m. Eliza Piske.
52. xiii. SARAH, b. 19 March, 1687.
53. xiv. HANNAH, b. February 16, 1681.

Jacob was a resident of Ipswich, in which place he died. He was deacon of the first church. He married, first, Martha Kinsman, who died. He married secondly, Abigail, daughter of Robert and Mary (Wait) Lord. She survived him. The grave of Deacon Foster is marked by a stone rudely carved; the inscription is "Here lies Dec'n Jacob Foster, who died July ye 9th 1710, in ye 75 yr of his age." Deacon Foster lived in the first house built by his father Reginald. It stood on the south side of Ipswich river, near the stone bridge; and on a portion of what is now the Heard Estate. The house lots as they were granted from the bridge, were given as follows:—to John Proctor, House, built in 1655, yet stands; and is now owned by the venerable Capt. Samuel Baker. 2. Thomas Wells, probably a physician, as he had "phissic" books. In 1677 mention is made of "the house that Thomas Wells built." 3. Samuel Younglove. The house he doubtless built was taken down in 1862. 4. The Foster lot. An old "Foster House" remained on this lot till within the recollection of the present generation. Its last Foster occupant was an aged woman known as "Molly Foster." The house was called in Ipswich the old Foster house, as long as it stood. It was given by Reginald Foster to his death to Deacon Jacob, his son, and the Deacon lived on it. The deacon also owned another house which he sold to Abraham Perkins—son of John, and grandson of Elder John Perkins. For in the will of Hannah (Bernsley) Perkins, widow of Abraham, she bequeaths the house her husband bought of "Deacon Foster, dec'd," to the three of her grandsons. He d. July 7, 1710. Res., Ipswich, Mass.

54. i. JUDITH, b. 20 October, 1659; d. 27 January, 1659-60.
55. ii. JOHN, b. 1660; d. 1660.
56. iii. JACOB, b. 15 May, 1662; d. June, 1662.
57. iv. MARY, b. —; d. 11 January, 1666-7.
58. v. SARAH, b. 3 August, 1665; m. John Caldwell. She d. July 11, 1721.
59. vi. ABRAHAM, b. 4 December, 1667; m. Abigail Parsons.
60. vii. JACOB, b. 25 March, 1670; m. Mary Caldwell, Martha Graves and Mary Willis.

61. viii. AMOS, b. 15 August, 1672; d. 12 October, 1672.
62. ix. ABIGAL, b. 3 July, 1674; d. before 1710.
63. x. NATHANIEL, b. 7 October, 1676; d. previous to 1710.
64. xi. SAMUEL, b. 10 September, 1678; d. previous to 1710.
65. xii. JOSEPH, b. 14 September, 1680; m. Elizabeth Goodwin, Mary Cressy and Sarah Brown.

66. xiii. JAMES, b. 12 November, 1682; m. Anna Cross.
67. xiv. MARY, b. 25 December, 1684; not mentioned in father's will; d. before 1710.

9. EPHRAIM FOSTER (Abraham, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass., October 9, 1657; m. —, 1677, Hannah Eames, dau. of Robert, b. 1661, d. July 8, 1721; m. 2d, Jan. 8, 1732, Mary West, of Bradford, wid. of John West. He was a blacksmith.

"One of the prominent names in the early town history [of Andover, Mass.] was Ephraim Foster. He was a grandson of Reginald Foster, a citizen of Ipswich of some consideration, and who is said by genealogists to have been descended from an ancient family of Forsters, mentioned by Walter Scott in his tales and ballads of Scottish border warfare. Ephraim Foster was a man conspicuous in the town matters of Andover, although not connected prominently with the military or the civil history. He seemed, judging from the numerous documents in his handwriting, to have excelled as a scribe, and to have been versed in the art of punctuation, then little known to the majority of our town officials. His favorite point was the colon, with which his papers are plentifully besprinkled, without regard to the grammatical or rhetorical construction. This characteristic appears in the 'Proprietor's Records,' where his handwriting occurs. Some of the family estates were in the east part of North Andover, one of the ancient homesteads (that afterward occupied by J. M. Hubbard, Esq., and noted for the large and beautiful elm tree, still vigorous) was Ephraim's residence. He d. September 21, 1746. Res., Andover, Mass., in that part now North Andover.

Ephraim Foster seemed to put some faith in his townsmen's prophecies. He testified that Wardell had made some predictions in regard to the birth of his (Foster's) children, that there would be five girls in the household before a son should be born. This had proved true. The witness had also often seen Wardell "tell
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fortunes," and he observed that in doing so the fortune-teller always "looked first into the hand of the person, and then cast his eyes down on the ground." This was proof of his being in league with Satan, though the connection is not obvious.

68. i. ROSE, b. May 9, 1678; d. unm. Feb. 25, 1693.

John Hawthorne, John Corwin, Assistants.

The examination and confession (September 8, 1692) of Mary Osgood, wife of Capt. Osgood, of Andover, taken before John Hawthorne and Majesties' justices. She confesses, that about eleven years ago, when she was in a melancholy state and condition, she used to walk abroad in her orchard, and upon a certain time she saw the appearance of a cat at the end of the house, which yet she thought was a real cat. However, at that time, it diverted her from praying to God, and instead thereof she prayed to the devil, about which time she made covenant with the devil, who, as a black man, came to her and presented her a book, upon which she laid her finger, and that left a red spot; and that upon her sinning the devil told her he was her god and that she should serve and worship him; and she believes she consented to it. She says further, that about two years ago she was carried through the air in company with Deacon Frye's wife, Ebenezer Barker's wife and Goody Tyler, to Five Mile Pond, where she was baptized by the devil, who dipped her face in the water, made her renounce her former baptism, and told her she must be his, soul and body, forever, and that she must serve him, which she promised to do.

She says the renouncing her first baptism was after her dipping, and that she was transported back again through the air in company with the aforenamed persons, in the same manner as she went, and believes they were carried upon a pole.

Q. How many persons were upon the pole?
A. As I have said before; viz.: four persons and no more, but whom she had named above. She confesses she has afflicted three persons: John Sawdy, Martha Sprague and Rose Foster; and that she did it by pinching her bed clothes, and giving consent, the devil should do it in her shape, and that the devil could not do it without her consent. She confesses the afflicting persons in the court by the glance of the eye. She says, as she was coming down to Salem to be examined, she and the rest of the company with her stopped at Mr. Phillip's to refresh themselves up, and the afflicted persons, being behind them upon the road, came just as she was mounting again, and were then afflicted and cried out upon her, so that she was forced to stay until they were all passed, and said she only looked that way toward them.

Q. Do you know the devil can take the shape of an innocent person and afflict?
A. I believe he cannot.
Q. Who taught you this way of witchcraft?
A. Satan; and that he promised her abundance of satisfaction and quietness in her future state, but never performed anything, and that she has lived more miserably and more discontented since than ever before. She confesses further that she herself, in company with Goody Parker, Goody Tyler and Goody Dean, had a meeting at Moses Tyler's house last Monday night, to afflict, and that she and Goody Dean carried the shape of Mr. Dean, the minister, between them, to make persons believe that Mr. Dean was afflicted.

Q. What hindered you from accomplishing what you intended?
A. The Lord would not suffer it so to be; that the devil should afflict in an innocent person's shape.
Q. Have you been at any other witch meetings?
A. I know nothing thereof, as I shall answer in the presence of God and his people, but said that the black man stood before her and told her that what she had confessed was a lie; notwithstanding she said that what she had confessed was true, and thereto put her hand. Her husband, being present, was asked if he judged his wife to be any way discomposed. He answered that, having lived with her so long, he doth not judge her to be any way discomposed, but has
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cause to believe what she has said is true. When Mistress Osgood was first called, she afflicted Martha Sprague and Rose Foster by the glance of her eyes, and recovered them out of their fits by the touch of her hand. Mary (Foster) Lacey and Betty Johnson and Hannah Part saw Mistress Osgood afflicting Sprague and Foster. The said Hannah Post and Mary Lacey and Betty Johnson, Jun., and Rose Foster and Marv Richardson were afflicted by Mistress Osgood, in the time of their examination, and recovered by her touching of their hands.

'I,' underwritten, being appointed by authority to take this examination, do testify upon oath, taken in court, that this is a true copy of, the substance of it, to the best of my knowledge, January 5, 1692-3. The within Mary Osgood was examined before her majesty's justice of the peace in Salem.


69. ii. HANNAH, b. May 28, 1681; d. young.
70. iii. HANNAH, b. May 15, 1684; m. March 5, 1701. Timothy Stiles, of Boxford. He was son of Robert; was b. Boxford Oct. 1, 1678; with his wife admitted to the church June 27, 1703; was selectman in Boxford 1724-8-34-5. He d. Dec. 7, 1751. Ch: 1. Jacob, b. Feb. 6, 1702; m. Sarah Hartwell. 2. Hannah, b. April 12, 1704; m. Abial Barker, of Andover. 3. Keziah, b. March 30, 1707; m. Moses Walton, of Boston. 4. Ephraim, b. Dec. 27, 1768; m. Elizabeth Louksford. 5. Gideon, b. Feb. 26, 1711; m. Sally Faulkner. 6. Mary, b. Feb. 11, 1713; m. Thomas Clark. 7. Ezra, born July 2, 1715; m. Mary Warren and Mrs. Sarah Johnson. 8. Jeremiah, b. Oct 5, 1722; d. Dec. 17, 1727. 9. David, b. July 1, 1724; d. April 13, 1725.
72. v. EPHRAIM, b. March 12, 1688; m. Abigail Poor.
73. vi. JOHN, b. March 26, 1690; m. Rebecca Rowland and Dorcas Hovey.
74. vii. GIDEON, b. May 13, 1692; d. June 25, 1707.
75. viii. DAVID, b. April 18, 1694; m. Elizabeth Abbott and Lydia Farmus and Judith Norton.
76. ix. MOSES, b. Sept. 27, 1696; m. Elizabeth Rogers and Mary Gray.
77. x. AARON, b. Apr. 21, 1698; m. Martha Smith.
78. xi. JOSHUA, b. March 13, 1702; m. Mary Barker and Mary Town.
79. xii. RUTH, b. March 9, 1704; m. May 11, 1722, Capt. Jacob Abbott, of Brookfield. She d. 1774, s. p.
80. i. ABRAHAM, b. June 12, 1696; m. Sarah Dunnell.
81. ii. NATHAN, b. May 17, 1700; m. Hannah Standish.
82. iii. DANIEL, b. April 13, 1705; m. Hannah Black and Elizabeth Davis.
83. iv. BENJAMIN FOSTER (Abraham, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass., in 1670; m. Ann —. After his death she resided in Billerica in 1739. Benjamin3 was born in Ipswich; removed to Topsfield, then to Boxford, finally to Lunenburg, where he died. He was a weaver. While of Boxford, he sold to Thomas Potter one half of one of the two rights granted to the heirs of Abraham Foster by his father, Renold, in Bush Hill and Turners 8ths, so that the one half of one I have sold depended from my grandfather Renold to my father Abraham and from him to me 29 May, 1727.—(Essex Deeds, v. — p. 50.) The last two children were born in Boxford. Widow Ann Foster, Kezia and Isaac cautioned at Billerica 1739. He d. Sept. 12, 1755 in L. Res. Ipswich, Topsfield, Boxford and Lunenburg, Mass.
84. i. BENJAMIN, b. 25 Nov., 1700; bapt. 27 Nov. —; m. Mrs. Sarah Low.
85. ii. AMOS, b. 28 April, 1702; bapt. 10 May; m. Elizabeth Kitteredge.
86. iii. DEBORAH, b. 7 May, 1704.
87. iv. KEZIA, b. 4 May, 1707; m. in L. Sept. 5, 1741, Jacob Corey, Jr., of Tewksbury.
87. v. GIDEON, b. 10 Oct. 1709; m. Lydia Goldwait and Deborah ——
88. vi. JEMIMA, b. 24-12 Feb. 1711-12; d. young. The above were born in Ipswich.
89. vii. ISAAC, b. 3 Dec., 1722; bapt. Dec. 1722; m. Mary Rice.

13. EBENEZER FOSTER (Abraham, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass., July 15, 1672; m. June 23, 1705, Mary Borman, who d. June 19, 1716. Ebenezer was born in Ipswich, here moved to Rowley, where he married. He was a husbandman. His will, dated 5 June, 1717, was proved 14 April, 1718. Caleb and Isaac, his brothers, were executors. He d. Feb. 25, 1718. Res., Rowley, Mass.
91. i. JEMIMA, b. and 2d bapt. 6, 1706-7; d. 12 March. 1706-7.
92. ii. RUTH, b. 23 Jan. 1709-10; bapt. 5 Feb., 1709-10; m. before May 3, 1736, Jacob Wildes, of Arundel, Me., and Kennebunk Port. Their ch. were: 1. Jacob. 2. John. 3. Ephraim. 4. Mary; m. Eben Simmons. 5. Ruth; m. Jacob Rhodes. 6. Dorothy; m. Gideon Merrill.
93. iii. MOSES, b. 5 Oct., 1713; m. Hannah Andrews.

94. i. LYDIA, b. 14 May, 1703; bapt. 15 May; pub. April 21, 1724, Nathan Dresser.
95. ii. JONATHAN, of Boxford, b. 30 Nov., 1704; 2d bapt. 3 Dec.; m. Jemima Cummings and Dorcas Porter.
96. iii. SARAH, b. 3 (Sept.), 1706; bapt. 8 Sept.; d. young.
97. iv. CALEB, b. 5 June, 1708; m. Priscilla Buxton.
98. v. STEPHEN, b. 24 April, 1710; bapt. 30 April; m. Rebecca Peabody.
100. vii. SARAH, bapt. 11 Sept., 1715; admitted to Topsfield Ch. June 27, 1736.
101. viii. PHILEMON, b. 2 June, 1713; bapt. 6 June; d. 1737.
102. ix. JOHN, bapt. 10 Nov., 1717; d. previous to 1766.

In deeding in 1766, his property to his sons, as he does not mention Philemon or John, it is to be presumed that they died before that date.

23. CORP. ISAAC FOSTER (Reginald, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass., in 1650; m. Nov. 25, 1678, Abigail ——. She d. Oct. 4, 1749. He was styled "corporal." Administration on his estate was granted to son Jonathan, 15 Dec., 1741, (Essex Probate Records, Vol. xxii, p. 41. Estate, £24.15.) Jonathan was appointed administrator of the estate of his mother, Abigail, 30 Oct., 1749 (Essex Probate Record, Vol. xxix, p. 25.) The signatures and other evidence show that these two Jonathan's are the same person, and consequently son of Isaac and Abigail. As I intend to trace the son Jacob, it seems necessary that I should give my authority for considering him a son of Isaac, as there appears to be no record of his birth extant. Among the early series of Middlesex wills are preserved two letters, both addressed to the Hon. Samuel Danforth Esq., —the first dated 7 March, 1757, and signed Jonathan Foster, in which he speaks of his brother Jacob of Holliston; the second dated 18 April, 1757, is signed by Jacob Foster of Holliston, and mentions his brother Jonathan of Ipswich. The latter is indorsed "Capt. Jacob Foster's Letter," etc. Jonathan's signature agrees with those on the two letters of administration mentioned above.

[I have two old account books, containing the personal and family accounts of Isaac Foster, last mentioned, and of his son Jonathan Foster, and of Jonathan's son Jacob Foster, who was my great-grandfather. These accounts are consecutive and cover a period from 1705 to 1790, and they contain many entries, showing relationships between persons therein named, and giving interesting glimpses of conditions of life during three generations. In the back part of the older book are the original
family records of the families of Isaac, and his son Jonathan, and Jonathan’s son Jacob, beginning with the record of a marriage November 25, 1678, and giving dates of births, marriages and deaths for these three generations. Some of the oldest entries are quite faded, but most of the records are very plain and legible. These enable us to make important corrections of errors into which Judge Savage was easily led by the contemporaneous existence of so many “Abrahams,” “Isaacs,” and “Jacobs” in the different families. I have not time now to consider these matters at length, nor to review these old books and records; but what follows is based upon the old records of the three generations mentioned. Some facts relating to Jonathan Foster are from Dr. Edward Jacob Forster’s compilation above referred to. Other authorities have also been consulted. It is my intention, when I can find time to devote to the work, to publish a review of and extracts from these old accounts and family records, for the benefit of those who may be interested in them. 

Agron, Ohio, February 6, 1899. George M. Wright.] 

He d. April 22, 1749. 


27. WILLIAM FOSTER (William, Reginald), b. Rowley Village, Mass., afterward Boxford, 1670; m. July 6, 1699— Sarah Kimball, dau. of John and Sarah; b. Sept. 19, 1669; d. Nov. 6, 1729; m. 2d, Nov. 13, 1744, Margaret Gould. Removed to Andover 1697-8, and died there in his 80th year. He was a weaver, and in his will he gave to his son Asa his “We ver’s loam.” He was at first a member of the north Parish in Andover, but in 1711 he was one of the thirty-five who was dismissed. An account of his real estate transactions can be found in “One Line of the Descendants of William Foster,” by Perty Derby, p. 20. Sept. 3, 1607, while of Boxford he bought of William and Eleanor Chandler, of Andover, their homestead of sixty acres, consisting of house, barn, orchard, upland and swamp, lying in Andover; and it must have been soon after this date that he removed there, for we find Nov. 21, 1699, that William Foster, of Andover, weaver, bought of John Russ one half of his upper meadow, and afterward, June 5, 1711, he bought of Stephen Osgood, Andover and Hooker Osgood, of Lancaster, all their right and proprietorship in Andover, derived by heirship, from their father, Stephen Osgood, of Ando.
ver. April 5, 1695, before his removal, he with his father, William, brother Jonathan and John Kimball, all of Boxford, bought of Robert and Bethiah Eames, 300 acres of land 'between Five Mile Pond and Moses Tylers' house, on both sides of Ipswich road.' The following item appears in the registry of deeds for Essex county, book 43, p. 279: "... we Jonathan Foster, Timothy Foster and Samuel Foster of Boxford, William Foster of Andover, David Foster of Haverhill, Mary Kilburn and Platts" (who married Judith, daughter of William Sen. of Boxford), "Theophilus Rix and Hannah Rix, his wife, of Wenham... for... the sum of thirty pounds... paid... by John Perkins of Andover... have sold... said John Perkins his hus., etc., a certain piece... of meadow lying in Andover and Salem, containing by estimation five acres... Feb. 11, 1732-3. It will be seen by the family record that the foregoing enumerates the children and sons-in-law of said William Sen., of Boxford. Feb. 1, 1714-15, 'William Foster, Andover, weaver,' bought of John Lovejoy 50 acres of upland in Andover, bounded by land of John Frye and meadow of Stephen Barnard, and also by Pond meadow. Also one right in common land Jan. 20, 1715-16, he buys of Hephzibah Frye '30 acres, a part of the great division which said Frye's grandfather John Frie, gave to her father, Benjamin Frie, dec'd.' In this deed he is styled 'weaver,' his identity being preserved from the fact of a bequest made to his son Asa, of his 'weaver's loom' before referred to. Jan. 15, 1717-18, he and Christopher and Ebenezer Lovejoy bought of James Frye of Andover, eight acres of land on the west side of Shawsheen river. Dec. 23, 1720, he sells to his son John Foster several parcels of land, bounded on John Dane, Marbles meadows and Crane meadow dam. Dec. 20, 1731, he sold to Moses Foster, carpenter, a ten rods right in Capt. Stephens' dam at Deer meadow; Robert Walker and Asa Foster, witnesses. Sept. 1, 1744, he gives to his son Asa five tracts of land, including the homestead and afterward, June 3, 1746, he gave to him thirty-five acres, bounded on Pond meadow dam, and the parsonage land. Mr. Foster settled in South Andover, and was at first a member of the church at the North Parish, and was one of the thirty-five members who were subsequently dismissed to form and establish the South church in 1711. He left a will, made 9 February, 1754, and proved 8 September, 1755, wherein he mentions his wife Margaret, daughters Sarah (Abbot), Mary (Abbot), Hannah (Lovejoy), granddaughter Lydia (Blunt), son Asa, to whom he gives £13 6s. 8d., his 'weaver's loom,' a piece of land near Billerica line, and all his right at Wood hill; son John, to whom he gives all the remaining land he bought of Hephzibah Frye, and nine acres in Marble's meadow; grandson Daniel, son of son Asa, to whom he gives his 'Great Bible.' He d. Aug. 29, 1755. Res., Andover, Mass.

124. i. SARAH, b. 20 April, 1693, in Boxford; bap't. 13 July, 1693, in Topsfield; m. Nehemiah Abbott, Nov. 2, 1714. Had ch: Bigsly Abbott. Abigail Abbott. m. 1699. Amos Lawrence, Groton. Had ch: Samuel Lawrence, b. in Groton, 1754; m. Susannah Parker. Had ch: Abbot Lawrence, b. 1702; m. Katherine Bigelow. Amos Lawrence, b. 1786; m. Sarah Richards. Luther Lawrence, b. 1778; m. Lucy Bigelow. William Lawrence, b. 1783; m. Lucy Bigelow. Samuel Lawrence, b. 1801; m. Alis Trumbull. He d. Aug. 29, 1755. Res., Andover, Mass.

125. ii. MARY, b. 2 Jan., 1698, in Boxford; m. Dec. 9, 1717, Timothy Abbot. Timothy was son of Timothy, and gr.-son of George, the immigrant. Timothy Jr. had a son Asa, who m. Elizabeth Abbot; their son was Caleb, who m. Sarah Ames; he was for seven years a soldier in the Revolutionary war: was at Lexington, Bunker Hill, Trenton, Princeton, Saratoga. Their dau. Clarissa m. Rev. Ebenezer Poor; their son Edward P. m. Marietta Allen; res., Lawrence, Mass.; their son is Abbot A. Clarissa is now living in her 94th year and is a Daughter of the American Revolution.

126. iii. JOHN, b. 27 Sept., 1701, in Andover; m. Nancy Osgood.

127. iv. HANNAH, m. 26 June, 1722. John Lovejoy, son of Ebenezer.

128. v. LYDIA, b. 16 Mar., 1728; m. 24 July, 1729. David Blunt, a son of William and Sarah Blunt, b. Nov. 18, 1699. Two ch: i. David Blunt, b. March 9, 1729. 2. Lydia, b. April 6, 1731.

129. vi. ASA, b. 16 June, 1710; m. Elizabeth Abbott and Lucy Rogers.

36. TIMOTHY FOSTER (William, Reginald), b. Boxford, Mass., in 1672. He married 1st, Mary, daughter of Ephraim and Martha Dorman. He received
from his father-in-law 4 Sept., 1718, 100 acres of land for the benefit of his children by Mary, she being then deceased; said land being formerly in Coxlall, now Swanville, Me. He was selectmen and postmaster. He married 2d, before 1722, Ruth Andrews. He d. 1751. Res., Boxford, Mass. His children were:

136. i. JEREMIAH, b. 4 May, 1707; m. Abigail Wood and Mrs. Bridget Pemberton.
131. ii. DAVID, b. 17 Aug.; bapt. 20, 1704; m. Mrs. Hannah Senious.
132. iii. AMOS, bapt. 1 Feb., 1713; m. Mary Dormian.
133. iv. MARY, b. 21 June, 1718; d. young.
135. vi. MARY, b. June, 1720.

37. DAVID FOSTER (William, Reginald), b. May 9, 1679; m. in Haverhill, Mary Black. He removed from Haverhill after the birth of his second child, where he was living in 1775. He married there Mary Black. There is no will or settlement of his estate on record. He was a joiner and a yeoman. Res. Haverhill, Mass. His children were:

136. i. ABIAL, b. 2 May, 1702; m. Ruth Clement and Hannah Russell.
137. ii. PHINEAS, b. 5 June, 1704.
138. iii. SIMON, b. 17 June, 1707; m. — — — —.
139. iv. HANNAH, b. 29 Oct., 1709.
140. v. LYDIA, b. 28 Feb., 1712.
141. vi. GRACE, b. 20 May, 1714.
142. vii. DORCAS, b. 1 April, 1717.


143. i. SAMUEL, bapt. 27 Jan., 1705; d. young.
144. ii. THOMAS, bapt. 23 May, 1708; m. Alice Pearly.
145. iii. MERCY, b. 23 Oct.; bapt. 30 Oct., 1711; m. 11 Jan., 1738, Elisha Towne, of Topsfield.
146. iv. WILLIAM, b. 22 July; bapt. 2 Aug., 1711; m. — — — — and Mary Clarke.
147. v. MARY, b. 5 May; bapt. 5 July, 1710.

42. JACOB FOSTER (Isaac, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass., Feb. 9, 1662; m. Sept. 12, 1688, Sarah Wood, dau. of Isaiah, who d. Sept. 27, 1697; m. 2d, May 20, 1700, Mary Edwards. Jacob was born in Ipswich; removed to Topsfield as early as 1686, where all of his children were baptized. In 1718 he removed to Lebanon, Conn. He married, 1st, Sarah, daughter Isaiah Wood; 2d, Mary Edwards. Jacob and his wife, Mary, were dismissed from the church at Topsfield 29 Jan., 1718, and admitted to the church at Lebanon 6 July, 1718. An administrator was appointed for his estate in 1745. It is said he had a son, Israel, according to probate records. He d. in 1745. Res., Lebanon, Conn.

149. i. BENJAMIN, bapt. 6 Oct., 1689; m. Sarah Woodward.
150. ii. MARY, b. 15 May; bapt. 17 May, 1691.
151. iii. ISAAC, b. 13 Mar.; bapt. 16 Mar., 1701; d. 27, Dec. 1703.
152. iv. JOHN, b. 11 Sept.; bapt. 13 Sept., 1702; m. Hannah Thorp.
154. vi. MARTHA, bapt. 24 — — — — 1709; d. before 1745; not mentioned in probate.
155. vii. DAVID, bapt. 20 April, 1711; m. Althea Cogswell.
156. viii. JONATHAN, b. 3 June, 1714. The same as Martha.
157. ix. ISRAEL, b. — — — —; m. at Lebanon, Conn., Apr. 10, 1733, Ruth Bridges.

43. BENJAMIN FOSTER (Isaac, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass., June, 1665; m. — — — —. He died in 1700, and the administration of his estate was granted to his brother Daniel Nov. 20, 1700. He died in 1700. Res., Ipswich, Mass.

158. i. BENJAMIN, b. about 1699; m. — — — —.

1696, Mary Dresser, b. 1670; d. Lebanon, Conn., Jan. 21. Daniel was born in Ipswich; resided in Topsfield, where his children were born, until 1718. when he removed to Lebanon, Conn., where, in company with his brother, Jacob, and his wife, Mary, were admitted to the church there at the same time. His will, dated 4 May, 1746, was proved 19 Nov., 1753. [Windham Probate Records, Vol. 4, page 396.] He married, 1st, Katharine Freese, of Topsfield; 2d, Mary, daughter of Samuel and Mary Seaver Dresser, of Rowley. He d. Nov., 1753. Res., Lebanon, Conn.

159. i. KATHARINE, b. 21 Aug.; bapt. 23 Aug., 1696.
160. ii. MARY, b. 24 Feb., 1697; d. 23 Jan., 1698-9.
161. iii. HEPSIBAH, b. 7 May, 1700.
162. iv. MEHITABLE, b. 16 Oct.; bapt. 19 Oct., 1701; m. Daniel Dennison at Lebanon, Conn., Apr. 7, 1722.
163. v. PHINEAS, b. 19 July; bapt. 26 July, 1703; m. Lydia Hills.
164. vi. HANNAH, b. 29 Apr.; bapt. 6 May, 1705; d. young.
165. vii. JEREMIAH, b. 16 June, 1707; bapt. 15 Jan., 1707-8; m. Mary Skinner.
166. viii. HANNAH, bapt. 5 Jan., 1709; unm.; d. 1746.
168. x. CATHERINE, b. Lebanon, Conn.; m. there Daniel Calkins. Res., Lebanon, Conn.


169. i. ELIZABETH, b. Feb. 17, 1705.
171. iii. JOHN, b. May 20, 1714; m. ———.

59. ABRAHAM FOSTER (Jacob, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass., Dec. 4, 1711; m. July 2, 1699, Abigail Parsons; d. Oct. 8, 1732. Administration on his estate was granted his widow, 27 Jan., 1720-1. He was a carpenter. From one ——— I have date of his will, Dec. 23, 1723. He d. Dec. 25, 1726. Res., Ipswich, Mass. 172. i. JEREMIAH, b. 1700; m. Mrs. Rebecca Metcalf. 173. ii. ABRAHAM, b. 5 July; d. 20 May, 1702.
174. iii. NATHANIEL, b. 11 (2) Feb., 1702; d. young.
175. iv. ABRAHAM, b. 5 (10) June, 1716; m. Elizabeth Davis.
176. v. NATHANIEL, b. 9 Aug., 1710; m. Sarah Deland.
177. vi. JUDITH, b. 18 Mar., 1713; d. unm. before 1735.
178. vii. ABIGAIL, m. Daniel Safford; 2 ch: Daniel and Abraham.
179. viii. MARY, b. 15 May, 1715.

60. JACOB FOSTER (Jacob, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass. Mar. 25, 1670. He was a blacksmith. He was thrice married, first to Mary, dau. of John and Sarah Caldwell, 5 March, 1697. She was born 20 Feb. 1672; d. 2 April, 1709; secondly to Martha Graves to whom he was published 10 Dec. 1709; thirdly, to Mary Willis to whom he was published 14 Oct. 1742. He d. Mar. 6, 1758. Res., Ipswich, Mass.

181. i. JACOB, b. 9 May, 1697; d. young.
182. ii. WILLIAM, b. 11 May, 1699; m. Elizabeth Clarke.
183. iii. MARY, b. 10 March, 1700; m. Jacob Loudon.
184. iv. ABIGAIL, b. 27 Sept., 1703; m. William Holland.
185. v. ISRAEL, b. 3 March, 1706-7; not mentioned in father’s will.
186. vi. NATHANIEL, b. 14 Dec., 1712; m. Elizabeth Leatherland.
188. viii. MARTHA, m. Richard Harris. In company with Jeremiah Foster of Ipswich in 1743, Harris purchased of Benjamin Morse a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Harvard. Harris took the west sixty acres with the buildings. He was a weaver by trade and went to Harvard to keep his sons from being sailors. He died in 1776 and his heirs disposed of his estate near the close of the century to Oliver Hill. In 1752 he was a member of the board of assessors. Res., Harvard, Mass. Ch. 1. John, b. Oct. 13, 1745. 2. Rebecca. Mar. 25, 1748.
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3. Anna, b. Apr. 23, 1750. 4. Nathaniel, b. Apr. 4, 1752. 5. William, b Oct. 8, 1754. 6. Richard Jr., was deacon of the church; Corporal in Revolutionary war in Capt. Asa Houghton's company; town clerk 1780-5; selectman 1778-9:6-7; he married Lydia Atherton. One of his sons was John, b. Oct. 13, 1760; graduated at Harvard College, A. M. 1791. He studied law with Hon. Stephen Strong of Amherst, N. H., and Hon. Timothy Bigelow of Groton. Admitted to the bar at Hopkinton, N. H., 1794; judge of Probate for Hillsborough Co. 1821-1823; of Merrimack Co. 1823-1843; trustee of Dartmouth College; appointed associate justice of the Supreme Court of N. H. in 1846, when he declined the office, but accepted it again when appointed, and served 1823-33 to Apr. 23, 1845 in Hopkinton N. H.; m. Sept. 1, 1799, Mary Poor; had a son George and three daughters. He was a mason and attained the highest honors in that body.

65. JOSEPH FOSTER (Jacob, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass. Sept 14, 1680. He was a cordwainer. He attended the South Meeting House owning one half of a gallery pew. His estate was valued at £215 11 7. He married first Elizabeth Goodwin, 23 Jan., 1704; secondly, Aug. 13, 1712, Mary Cressy of Salem to whom he was published 20 July, 1712; thirdly, Sarah, dau. of Nicholas and Mary (Linforth) Brown to whom he was published 30 (11) 1714. She was born in Haverhill, 3 March, 1685-6; d. May, 1761. He d. Feb. 22, 1755. Res. Ipswich, Mass.

180. i. ELIZA, b. 23 (12), 1706; not mentioned in father's will.
189. ii. SAMUEL, b. 16 April, 1709; d. 5 Sept., 1730.
181. iii. JOSEPH, b. 14 Feb., 1714; m. Hannah Trask.
182. iv. JAMES, b. 4 March, 1716; m. Sarah Hart.
183. v. NATHAN, b. 10 Feb., 1717-8; m. Mary Hart.
184. vi. SARAH, bapt. 13 Jan., 1722; d. 24 March, 1722.
185. vii. ISAAC, b. 21 Aug., 1720; m. Sarah Brown.
186. viii. SARAH, bapt. 23 Feb., 1722; d. 30 April, 1739.
187. ix. JACOB, b. and bapt. 27 March, 1726; m. Sarah Kimball.
188. x. EBENEZER, bapt. 6 Nov., 1720; not mentioned in father's will.
189. xi. ABRAHAM, bapt. 27 Oct., 1728; m. Susannah Summer.

66. JAMES FOSTER (Jacob, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass., Nov. 12, 1682. His will dated 20 April and proved 6 May, 1715, gives the use of his estate at £165; 17:6, to his wife Anna during her life, afterward to the children of his brothers Jacob, Abraham and Joseph and brother-in-law John Caldwell. He married Anna Cross, 15 May, 1706-7 and left no issue. His widow was published to Benjamin Fowler of Rowley 23 July, 1756. He d. Apr. 1751. Res. s. p. Ipswich, Mass.


200. i. JEDEDIAH, b. 16 Oct. 1717; d. young.
201. ii. SALLY, d. young.
202. iii. HANNAH, b. 2 Aug. 1725; d. 7 March, 1725-6.
203. iv. JEDEDIAH, b. 10 Oct., 1726; m. Dorothy Dwight.
204. v. NAOMI, d. young.
205. vi. HANNAH, b. 23 March, 1729; d. 18 Dec. 1736.


206. i. JOHN, b. 17 Feb. 1716; m. Deborah Barker.
207. ii. JEMIMA, b. 24 April, 1717; d. 24 Jan., 1726-7.
208. iii. STEPHEN, b. 14 Aug., 1720; m. Abigail Smith.
209. iv. NATHAN, b. 4 July, bapt. 7 July, 1724; d. young.
210. v. REBECCA, b. 20 Nov., 1735; d. 18 Jan., 1736-7.
211. vi. JEMIMA. b. 1741; d. 1757.

The following order for gravestones for the old burying ground is found among some ancient manuscripts preserved in the family of the persons who ordered them:

Mr. Robert Mulican of Bradford: Ser pray make; for me Two Grave Stones; one for David Foster junner of Andover who died the 22; day of Dec; in the year of our Lord; 1736, in the 20th year of his age; the son of David and Lidea Foster of Andover.

And one for Lidea Foster the daughter of David and Lidea Foster of Andover who died in the 17th year of her age in the year of our Lord 1736 and, when they are made; send me word; and I will come and pay you for them.

David Foster.

And one for Isaac Foster; the son of Joshua and Mary Foster of Andover who died in the third year of her age in the year 1738. Pray send me word when it is made; and I will satisfy you for it.

Joshua Foster.

Let them all be made: before you send us word the 3rd day of April, 1739.

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76. MOSES FOSTER (Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. Andover, Mass., Sept. 27, 1696; m. (prob.) Nov. 27, 1719, Elizabeth Rogers of Boxford. She d. Oct 2, 1729; m. 2d Nov. 26, 1730, Mary Gray. According to the records of the Andover South Church she was dismissed to the church in Boxford. He removed to New Hampshire living in Suncook and Pembroke, Merrimack Co. He was in the latter place as early as 1746. His will dated, March 12, was proved Dec. 7, 1766, at Exeter, N. H. The history of Pembroke, N. H., says: "He came to Pembroke prior to 1743, having bought of Samuel Gray, July 5, 1742, the southerly half of lot No. 62 in the west, with two other pieces of land; commanded the garrison in the fort on the site of Moody K. Wilson's house; June 14, 1748, deeded to his son Asa, two pieces of land, and Dec. 1, 1750, to his son Moses, three pieces; had a brother Ephraim b. 1687, and John born 1690, who settled in Concord; and died 1773. Children born in Andover, Mass. He d. Nov. 1766. Res. Andover, Mass., and Pembroke, N. H.

222. i. ASA, b. April 12, 1720; m. Mary Barr.
223. ii. MOSES, b. March 25, 1723; d. young.
225. iv. MOSES, b. March 26, 1728; m. Rachel Whittemore.
226. v. EPHRAIM, b. Aug. 30, 1731; m. ——— ———.
228. vii. MARY, b. March 21, 1736; Jan. 29, 1736-7.
229. viii. MARY, b. Dec. 27, 1737; m. Col. Samuel Conner of Pembroke, N. H.

He was killed in the battle of Bennington in 1777.

231. x. HENRY, b. March 8, 1742.
232. xi. CALEB, ——7; m. Hannah ———.
233. xii. SARAH, b. March 25, 1723; m. (pub.) March 26, 1743, Francis Carr.
was son of Jonathan and Rachel (Page) gr.-son of Jonathan and Joanna (Roby) gt. gr.-son of Dea. Gersham and Mary (Sleeper) and gt. gr.-son of Henry, the emigrant who moved to Peabody, VT, where he was the first settler. He served in the French and Indian war. The following is copied from the N. H. records. "Jona Elkins came into ye house of representatives and represented that he was a soldier in the Crown Point Expedition in the year 1755; that he was discharged in the muster roll ye 21st of October which was 21 days short, he being left to the care of the sick at Albany which place he did not leave till ye 28th of said month and prayed further allowance"—which was granted.

77. AARON FOSTER (Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. Andover, Mass., April 21, 1699; m. Mar. 13, 1721, Martha Smith; she d. before Feb. 1775 for Mar., 1775 he m. Anna Knight of Bolton. According to the Worcester Co. probate records, Aaron died in 1777, for his widow Anna was admr. of her husband's estate, he having died intestate. She d. in 1823, according to Bolton, Mass. town records. Aaron was a prominent citizen in Bolton and for many years he was town clerk. He d. in 1777. Res. Andover and Bolton, Mass.

235. i. PENELLOPE, b. Jan. 6, 1723; d. Aug. 21, 1724.

236. ii. MARTHA, b. March 12, 1724; d. July 7, 1735.

237. iii. ELIJAH, b. April 11, 1726; m. Elizabeth Knight.

238. iv. ISRAEL, b. July 17, 1729; said to have d. young.

239. v. ELEANOR.


Robert Parker, of Andover, b. 1732, son of the Nathan, Joseph. James or Joseph I forget which now—anyway, he the elder takes his portion and disappears from view. Before the Revolution a Robert Parker and wife, Penelope, drop down on Amherst, N. H. and live and die there and a grandson Carleton Parker returns to Andover and the descendants still live here. We have thought Robert, whose father bought out his neighbor Aaron Foster, when he moved to Bolton about 1732, may have followed them out to Bolton and married this Penelope. He died in Amherst at the age which placed his birth in 1732. Her death I did not obtain.


241. i. JOSHUA, b. May 19, 1731; m. Mary Farnum.


243. iii. ISAAC, b. May 25, 1736; d. Sept. 7, 1758.

244. iv. HANNAH, b. April 9, 1739; m. Feb. 14, 1758, Phinehas Tyler of Andover. A son Phinehas was born Feb. 14, 1765.


247. vii. MARY, b. March 22, 1750; m. Bradford Tyler of Boxford, April 13, 1769 in Atkinson, N. H., having been published in Andover March 29, 1769 and forbidden by her father. They had 5 ch: Susannah, b. Nov. 17, 1747; m. Samuel Barker. They had Nathan, Susannah and Elizabeth, who was b. July 1, 1770.

248. viii. SUSANAH, b. Nov. 17, 1747; m. Samuel Barker. They had

80. ABRAHAM FOSTER (Abraham, Abraham, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass., Jan. 12, 1696; m. (pub.) Apr. 5, 1718, Sarah Dunnell, b. 1669; d. Apr. 10, 1732. He was a carpenter. Administration on his estate was granted to his son Thomas June 20, 1707. He was published at Topsfield to Sarah Dunnell. She was admitted to the church at Topsfield July 2, 1732. He d. Apr. 25, 1767. Res. Topsfield, Mass.

249. i. ABRAHAM, b. May 4, 1719; m. Priscilla Todd.

250. ii. SARAH, b. May 4, 1721; m. Abraham Adams, who d. Sept. 18, 1771.

251. iii. THOMAS, b. Aug. 11, 1724; m. Mehitable Peabody.

252. iv. HANNAH, b. Sept. 18, 1726; d. 1802, unm.


254. vi. RUTH, bapt. March 17, 1734; d. 1806, unm.

255. vii. ABIGAIL, bapt. April 3, 1737.
81. NATHAN FOSTER (Abraham, Abraham, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass.,
May 17, 1700; m. Nov. 3, 1724, Hannah Standish, dau. of Dea. Josiah and Sarah
Standish and gt. gr.-dau. of Capt. Myles Standish, b. 1706. At the time of his
death he was "something over 50 years of age." He d. May 26, 1753.
Res., Stafford, Conn. He was born in Ipswich, Mass., and removed about 1720 to Stafford,
Conn., where he ever after resided and where he died. Standish Genealogy, up to
marriage of Hannah Standish to Nathan Foster—Myles, b. Duxbury Hall, Lan-
cashire, England, 1586; Came in Mayflower, 1620, with wife Rose, who d. Jan. 29,
1621. They had no children. In 1623 he m. his cousin Barbara, who came in the
Ann. He d. Oct. 3, 1656. They had: 1. Alexander; d. 1702; he m. 1st, Sarah
Alden; 2d, Mrs. Desire Sherman. 2. Charles; alive in 1627. 3. John; alive in
of Duxbury, Norwich and Preston, b. 1634; m. 1st, Dec. 19, 1654, Mary
Dingly, of Marshfield; 2d, Sarah Allen, of Braintree. By first and second wives he
had: 1. Myles; m. Mehitable Adams. 2. Josiah; m. Sarah. 3. Samuel; m.
Deborah. 4. Israel; m. Elizabeth Richards. 5. Mary; m. Cary. 6. Lois; m.
Hugh Calkins. 7. Mehitable. 8. Martha. 9. Mercy, Josiah, Deacon Josiah, of
Stafford, Conn., d. March 26, 1753; m. Sarah —-; no last name on tombstone.
She d. January or June 1617. They had: 1. Eleazer. 2. Jehoden. 3. Mehit-
able; m. — Rood. 4. Sarah; m. Howard. 5. Hannah; m. Nathan Foster.
6. Mercy; m. — Perkins.
March 10, 1761, Nathan Foster, of Stafford, for £140 bought of Jos. Gray, of
Brinfield, 140 acres, located in Western, Mass. (Worcester Co. deeds.) April 20,
1761. Nathan, of Stafford, bought of Samuel Wheeler Jr., of Western, 35 acres, in
said town. (Ibid.) April 14, 1749, Nathan, of Stafford, administrator of his father,
Nathan, sold land to Josiah Standish Read (or Rood).
Hartford, Conn., Probate: At a Court of Probate, Holden at Hartford, for the
District of Hartford, on the 6th Day of December, 1763, we the subscribers, Daniel
Alden Jr., Daniel Bloggett and Seth Johnson, being appointed to Distribute the
estate of Nathan Foster, late of Stafford, Deceased, and being under Oath, according
to the Court Order, we sett off to Nathan Foster, eldest son a Double Share;
to Daniel Foster, a single share; to Standish Foster, a single share; to Mary Rood,
a single share; to Hannah Alden, a single share; to Louis Palmer, a single share;
to Eunice Parish, a single share; to Mehitable Lillie, a single share; to Phebe
Foster, a single share; to Sarah Lillie, a single share.
Signed
Daniel Alden Jr.
Daniel Bloggett
Seth Johnson
Distributors.

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256. i. MARY, b October 12, 1725; m 8 May, 1749, Josiah Standish Rood.
Res. Ashfield,
257. ii. NATHAN. b May 27, 1728; m. Elizabeth Lansford.
258. iii. HANNAH, b. April 15, 1730; m. — Alden, of Stafford, Conn.
259. iv. LOIS, b. January 7, 1732-3; m. Nathan Palmer. They had numer-
ous descendants, and there were several Nathan Palmers among
them: One was named Strange Nathan Palmer—not a nick-
name as one would suppose, but his real name. Another of
their children was named Elihm, he studied Divinity, but fell
from the faith of his father's, and became Diest; was the author
of many deistical works, and was a man of talent and irreproach-
able character. He became blind by a severe attack of yellow
fever, which nearly cost him his life. A number of Lois' chil-
dren settled in New Jersey, and some of her grand-children
resided at Mount Holly, and one grandson published a news-
paper there. One descendant of their's was Mrs. M. Louise
260. v. EUNICE, b. February 29, 1733-4; m. Elijah Parish. He was b.
prob. in Canterbury, Conn.; was a farmer at Lebanon and Wind-
20, 1772. 2. Elijah, b. Nov. 7, 1762; m. Nov. 7, 1776, Mary Hale,
dau. of Dea. Joseph; b. 1767; d. May 30, 1831. He d. Oct. 15,
1825. Was graduated at Dartmouth in 1785, an eminent divine
nearly all his ministerial life, D. D. 40 years, pastor of the
Byfield, Mass. church. Had 3 ch., one grandson was Rev.
Daniel Parish Noyes, pastor at Wilmington, Mass. 3. Ariel, b.

261. vi. MEHITABLE, b. 20 February, 1737-8; m. Nov. 10, 1763, Silas Lilly. He was descended from George Lilly, of Reading, 1658 through George, and Reuben who m. Mary Brewer, a des. of Elder William Brewer.

262. vii. PHEBE, b. March 1, 1739-40; m. — Crittenden, of Ashfield, Mass.

263. viii. SARAH, b. January 4, 1742; m. 1761, Jonathan Lilly. They were married at Stafford, Conn. He was son of Samuel, of Sutton, Woodstock and Stafford; gr.-son of George Jr. Jonathan had a son Foster who had a son Jonathan who had a son Julius W., b. 1842, who res. 620 W. 66th, Chicago. H. Ivah Thomsen, who in 1892 res. at 16 Madison St., West, Baltimore, Md., is a direct descendant of Sarah.

264. ix. DANIEL, b. July 22, 1744; m. Kezia Sawyer and Welthea Almira Ladd.

265. x. ASA, b. July 15, 1746; m. Hildah Wheeler and Eliza Thompson.

266. xi. STANDISH, b. Feb. 24, 1749; m. Sarah Spandling.

82. DANIEL FOSTER (Abraham, Abraham, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass., April 13, 1708; m. (pub.) Jan. 1, 1724, Hannah Black (or Clark). of Rowley; m. 2d, (pub.) May 16, 1733, Elizabeth Davis, of Rowley. He d. Harvard, Mass., April 20, 1752. Res., Rowley and Ipswich and Harvard, Mass. He lived in Rowley in 1724, and was in Ipswich as late as 1746. He was granted the adm. of his father's estate April 5, 1742.

Will of Daniel Foster, of Harvard: In Name of God Amen This twenty second Day of November in the Twenty second year of his majesties Reign Anno Domini 1748 I Daniel Foster of Harvard In the County of worcester and Frovnace of the massachusetts bay in New England, yeoman Being well in Health and of Perfectt mind and memory. (Praise be given to Almighty God for the same) and calling to mind the mortality of my Body and Knowing it is appointed For all men once to Die. Do therefore make and Ordain this and No other to be my Last will and Testament hereby making Null and voide all other and former wills and Testaments by me made and signed and Prinapely and First of all my soul I Recommend Into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, my Body I Recommend to the Earth to be Decantely Buried at the Descerrion of my Estatt or hereafter Named Nothing Doubting but at ye generall Reserrion I shall Receive the same again by the mighty Power of God, and as to such wordly estatt as it hath Pleased God to Bless me with all I Give Demiss Dispossess of the same in the Following manner (viz)

Item, my will is that my Debts and Funerall Charges be First Paid. Item, I give and Bequeath to Elizabeth my Beloved wife the whole use and Improvement of my Dwelling house while she shall Remain my widow also the use and Improvement of all my mov'ble Household Goods Except what I shall herein give away. During the Time she shall be my widow, and the use of a cow summer and winter while she is my widow and of a horse to Ride to meeting and elsewhere as she hath need while my widow, also annanually while she is my widow she shall have six Bushell of Indian corn, and four bushells of Rye, and a bushell and a halfe of malt, and one hundred and forty Pounds of Beef yearly and wood sufficient for one fire. Brought to the Door and cut fitt for the fire and every
thing Else that she shall stand in nessity of while she is my widow for her own supporte while my widow all to be found and provided for her and Brought to the said House by my son Isaac his heirs executors or administrators and if she Dies my widow then he shall give her a Christian Burial and my will is that, that parte of the moveable Estate that my said wife Brought to me when I married her the Chil-
dren of her sister Sarah Platts shall have so much of them as Remains after my wife hath Done with them. Item. I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter morye whitman or her heirs ten Cows and four sheep and a silver spoon marked with A. M. F. and one half of my Books (excepting Barkett's Es erosions) which with what I have already given her in full of her Portion of my Estate. Item, I give and Bequeath unto my grandson Dan Foster a silver spoon marked D. F. Item all the remaining Parte of my Estate that I shall Die sised off and the Reversion thereof both Real and Personall whereover I give and Bequeath unto my son Isaac Foster his heirs and Assigns Forever Constituting and appointing my son Isaac Foster to be sole executor of this my last will and testament In witnes whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal the Day and year First and aforwrittten

Daniel Foster

Signed, sealed, Published Pronounced and Declared by the said Daniel Foster as his Last will and testament In the Presence of us witnisses

John Laughton
her
Sarah O Laughton
mark
Jeremiah Laughton

Joseph Wilder, Judge of Prob.

ISAAC, b. Feb. 19, 1725; m. Elizabeth Emerson.


He was b. Stow, Mass., Sept. 21, 1717 (John, Zechariah, John). She d Dec 24, 1812 near Annapolis, Nova Scotia. In 1755 the English government having disposed of a large number of French settlers in Nova Scotia, the governor of the Province issued a proclamation inviting settlers; in company with forty-five others John and wife arrived in Annapolis, N. S., in June, 1761, in the sloop "Charming Molly," bringing their families with them, their household goods and stock; a full list of their possessions is to be found in the diary of Felsch, Evans and Bent, who were appointed a committee to wait on the governor and obtain the promised land; a grant was finally issued to about one hundred of a tract extending along the south line of the Annapolis river from Saw Mill creek to Wilmont line, and seven and one-half miles in depth. John did not survive to receive his share, which was distributed among his sons. He died Sept. 12, 1763, leaving considerable property and the foundation for a handsome establishment; his widow was left with eleven children, all under fifteen years of age. This was to them truly afflicting dispensation, situated as they were in a strange land, and remote from all their connections; the widow, however, was a woman of superior intellect and of no ordinary share of resoluton; she kept the family together, nurtured and educated her children and lived to see nine of them—two having died young—eligible and comfortably situated in the world. For many years she enjoyed the remunera-
tion of her toil, perplexity and solicitude in their dutiful grati-
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260. iii. DANIEL, b. Aug. 28, 1729; m. — — —. 270. iv. HANNAH, b. Sept. 20, 1731. 271. v. ELIZABETH, b. March, 1733.

83. DR. BENJAMIN FOSTER (Benjamin, Abraham, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass., Nov. 25, 1700; m. — — —; m. 2d, June 22, 1761, Mrs. Sarah Low. He died of asthma. He was a physician. Felt in his History of Ipswich, says of him: "He had been in the practice of his profession over fifty years, was distinguished botanist, a skilful and successful physician." He d. Dec. 19, 1775. Res., Ipswich and Boxford, Mass.

84. AMOS FOSTER (Benjamin, Abraham, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass., April 28, 1702; m. Oct. 8, 1725, Elizabeth Kittredge, of Haieranull. She d. Nov. 29, 1756. He removed to Boxford with his father, thence to Tewksbury, where he was in 1730. His will was proved June 17, 1754. He d. April 28, 1754. Res., Tewksbury, Mass.

Amos Foster's will.—In the Name of God Amen: The Twenty fifth Day of April A. D. 1754 I Amos Foster of Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex and Province of ye Massachusetts Bay in New England yeoman being sick and weak of body, but of perfect mind and memory, Thanks be given to God therefor, therefore calling to mind ye Mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament: that is to say Principally and first of all I recommend my Immortal Soul in the hand of God that and my body I recommend to the Earth to be Buried in decent Christian Burial at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named. And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form vis

Item. My will is that all my Just Debts and funeral Charges be well and truly paid out of my Estate by my Executor—I give unto Elizabeth Foster my well beloved wife the use and Improvement of ye East End of my Dwelling house being in Tewksbury and all my goods or personal Estate in ye house, (excepting one bed guns and swords and grain) and fire wood brought for ye house and eight bushels of Indian Corn and six bushels of ry e? and seven shire wait of pork and Twenty one Shillings and four pence to be paid and allowed Annually. All the above said goods and allowance to be granted and allowed her so long as she shall Remain my widow and a Cow to be kept for her use.

Item. I give and Demise unto my son Jonathan Foster all my Lands and Buildings (except ye improvement of part of my house as aforesaid) they lying and being in Tewksbury aforesaid, and bounded as the same are in Deeds to him the Jonathan his heirs and assigns ? forever. To enable him to pay my Debts and Legacies and to do for and to take care of my wife according as above ordered I give unto my Eldest son James Foster the sum of Thirteen pounds Six Shillings and Eight pence it being his full portion out of my estate.—

I give unto Amos Foster my son ye sum of Thirteen pounds Six Shillings and Eight pence it being his full portion of my estate.

I give unto my daughter Mary Foster the sum of Thirteen Pounds six Shillings and Eight pence it being her full portion of my Estate. And to be paid by my son Jonathan in two years after my Decease. And I do hereby constituite and ordain my son Jonathan Foster to be sole Executor of this my last will and testament—and thereby I do revoke and disanul all other wills and testaments by me made or bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal ye day and year above written

Amos Foster

Signed sealed published pronounced and declared by said Amos Foster as his last will and testament in presence of us the subscribers

Prob. June 17, 1754.

Thomas Kittredge
Betty X Peacock
mark
Thos. Kidder
272. i. JAMES, b. Aug. 15, 1736; m. Dolly ——, Betty —— and Lydia ——.
273. ii. JONATHAN, b. Aug. 23, 1732; m. Lydia ——, Sarah Allen and Mrs. Olive Harwood.
274. iii. AMOS, b. Nov. 30, 1727; m. Hannah —— and Sarah ——.
275. iv. MARY, b. Oct. 7, 1734; m. 13 June, 1770, James Kitteridge.
276. v. LYDIA, b. May 22, 1733; d. 23 May, 1741.
277. vi. GIDEON, b. May 23, 1741; d. 13 June, 1741.
278. vii. LYDIA, b. April 12, 1747; m. in Danvers, Jan. 25, 1770, Abel Osborn.
279. viii. GIDEON, b. Feb. 13, 1748; m. Mercy Jacobs and Mary Tapley.
281. x. BENJAMIN, b. June 12, 1750; m. Elizabeth Green Young and ——.

282. i. MARY, b. Nov. 8, 1746.
283. ii. BENJAMIN, b. May 26, 1748.
284. iii. ISAAC, b. Aug. 15, 1751.
286. v. RICHARD, b. July 31, 1756.

93. MOSES FOSTER (Ebenezer, Abraham, Reginald), b. Rowley, Mass., Oct. 5, 1713; m. Mar. 10, 1737, Hannah Andrews of Boxford. He removed to Arundel (now Cape Porpoise) York Co. Me., where he was living in 1735. He was married at Ipswich to Hannah Andrews of Boxford. Res. Cape Porpoise, York Co. Me., and Arundel and Kennebunk Port, Me.
287. i. MOSES, b.
288. ii. HANNAH, b.
289. iii. MOLLY, b. ——; m. Benjamin Thompson.
290. iv. ELIZABETH, b. ——; m. 1751, Asa Burbank, his third wife and had by her Ebenezer and Moses.

291. i. AFFE, b. Dec. 4, 1734.
292. ii. PHILEMON, b. June 11, 1737; m. Ruth Perley.
293. iii. APPHIA, b. Jan. 16, 1739.
294. iv. JEMIMA, b. April 1, 1742; d. unm.
295. v. OLIVE, b. Aug. 20, 1744; m. (pub.) Aug. 3, 1776, Amos Chapman.
296. vi. JONATHAN, b. Sept. 16, 1753.
297. vii. MOSES, b. Dec. 18, 1735; m. Mary Fuller.
299. ix. MARY, b. June 10, 1759; d. unm.
300. x. CALEB, b. Dec. 8, 1760; m. Hepsibah ——.
301. xi. MERCY, b. Jan. 20, 1764; m. (pub.) Aug 1, 1785, Isaac Plummer of Newbury.
302. xii. SALome, b. Nov. 4, 1766; m. first, September 14, 1791, Nathaniel Foster, (Stephen, Stephen, Caleb, Abraham, Reginald) as stated below; and 2d, Nathaniel Gould, to whom she was published April 23, 1806. Res., Topsfield.

97. CALEB FOSTER (Caleb, Abraham, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass., June 5, 1708; m. at Rowley, Nov. 4, 1729, Priscilla Buxton. Caleb Foster Jr. and wife Priscilla make deed to Thomas Foster, Ipswich Jan. 14, 1763; This is the latest we

302. i. JOHN, b. —; m. — Kilmer.
303. ii. REGINALD, b. —; m. — Conant.
304. iii. NATHAN, b. —; m. Miriam —.


305. i. STEPHEN, b. July 13, 1741; m. Abigail Boardman and Sarah Dorman.
307. iii. ABIGAIL, b. Feb. 25, 1746; m. Dec. 14, 1769, Philemon Perkins. 1

104. JONATHAN FOSTER (Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass. May 2, 1705; m. July 5, 1733, Elizabeth Storey. He was born in Ipswich; removed to Lincoln and was there Nov. 1, 1761, for at that time with wife Elizabeth he sold two wood lots to Jeremiah Burnham and son Jeremiah of Ipswich. Again 19 April, 1765, they sold to Moses Foster of Ipswich one-third of wood lot in Chebacco. He d. May 8, 1782. Res. Lincoln, Mass.

310. i. JONATHAN, b. April 23, 1734; d. Oct. 12, —. (The edge of lead of the old family record is worn so that part of this date is illegible, but it follows the record of a death Oct. 28, 1772).
312. iii. JOSUA, b. Feb. 18, 1736-7; d. Feb. —, 1739-40.
313. iv. ELIZABETH, b. Dec. 11, 1738; m. Nathan Page, of Newbury, April 19, 1758.
314. v. ABIGAIL, b. Feb. 17, 1740-1; bapt. Feb. 22, 1740-1; d. May 18, 1770, "in the 30 year of her age." 1
315. vi. ISAAC, b. Feb. 10, 1742-3; d. Oct. 28, 1772, "in the thirty year of his age."

317. ix. SUSANNA, b. March 6, 1749-50.

The old family record shows the following entries in the handwriting of Jonathan Foster:—"1741 my father died April the 11." "April the 22 sister Free [Free-born] died the same month." "October the 4, 1749, mother dide." ——

105. ISAAC FOSTER (Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass.; m. ——; m. 2d, Rachel —. He married twice; first —, secondly, Rachel —. Removed to Holliston where he was Jan. 16, 1756. Administration on his estate was granted Timothy Townsend of Holliston Jan. 24, 1764. He d. 1765. Res. Holliston, Mass.

318. i. STEPHEN, b. —. Stephen of Holliston letter date March 16, 1779; inventory ex. September 3, 1783 incomplete.
319. ii. HANNAH.
320. iii. SARAH.
321. iv. ABIGAIL.

106. CAPT. JACOB FOSTER (Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass. in 1703; m. Apr. 10, 1728, Mary Saffield. He removed to Holliston, Mass. On various deeds, etc., he is styled "Captain" although of what I failed to discover. On other documents his name appears as "Jacob Foster, Gentleman." He was married by the Rev. Daniel Baker, to Mary, daughter of William and Hannah (Ballard) Saffield, of H. He d. in Canterbury, Conn., Jan. 17, 1779. Res. Holliston, Mass.

322. i. MARY, b. Nov. 3, 1729; m. Moses Twitchel.
323. ii. JACOB, b. March 10, 1732; m. Hepsibah Prentice.
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324. iii. WILLIAM, b. April 29, 1734; m. Hannah Durkee.
325. iv. SHEFFIELD, b. Oct. 10, 1738; d. young.
326. v. HANNAH, b. May 14, 1740.
327. vi. ISAAC, b. Sept. 27, 1741; d. Dec., 1741.
328. vii. ISAAC, b. March 18, 1743-4; m. Patience _______.

c. 109. CAPT. JEREMIAH FOSTER (John, Reginald, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass., in 1691; m. Dorothy Rust, dau. of Nathaniel and Joanna (Kean) Rust. She d. May 14, 1745. He was a mariner and also had a sawmill in Ipswich, 1729-49. He d. Mar. 25, 1760. Res., Ipswich, Mass. Crafts' Journal, at Ipswich, 1745:
He appears to have been in Capt. Jeremiah Foster's Co. (John, Reginald, Reginald), who is mentioned. Crafts writes, Oct. 15, 1745: "I believe that ye Captain and Lieut. Giddling will be discharged" and I will send money by them. Ipswich, July 16, 1745: Ensign Goodhoe and ten men, among them Jeremiah Foster, Jr., left for home. Aaron Foster too sick to go.

331. i. JEREMIAH, b. __; was in the French and Indian war, 1745.
332. ii. MOSES.
333. iii. JOHN.
334. iv. JOANNA, bapt. June 12, 1726.
336. vi. JOSEPH, bapt. July 19, 1730; m. Lydia Giddings and Mrs. Hannah Somes.

337. vii. MARTHA, bapt. July 30, 1732.
340. x. MARY; m. John Emerson, Jan. 12, 1756.
342. xii. JOSHUA, bapt. Sept. 16, 1739.

110. DEA. MOSES FOSTER (John, Reginald, Reginald) b. Ipswich, Mass., in 1697; m. Jan. 15, 1722, Mary Rust; b. 1732. She d. May 2, 1732; m. 2d, Jan. 12, 1733, Mary Blodgett; b. 1702; d. Nov. 11, 1777, in Ashburnham; m. 3d, Mrs. Ann Varney; b. 1700; d. Feb. 21, 1787.

The first meeting of the proprietors of Dorchester, Canada (Ashburnham), was held Feb. 20, 1749. At this writing and mingling with them was Moses Foster, then about 60 years of age. For some years he had resided a portion of the time at least in that place. He brought them tidings of the wilderness, and gave an account of what had happened there. He had purchased one first and one second division lot, lying adjacent in the northeast part of the town now in Ashby. The title of one of these lots was in dispute, and the proprietors at this meeting made him a grant of fifty acres. Not content with this measure of kindness to their aged guest, the proprietors voted him $5 "for being one of the first settlers." There is no record of this payment, but a few years later a tract of about fifty acres was granted to "Mr. Moses Foster one of the first settlers," on condition he "shall come personally and settle and inhabit there and continue there for several years, provided his life be spared him." This grant was located adjacent to and east of the common, and for many years was known as the Deacon Foster grant. Permission was also given Mr. Foster to throw up his house lot No. 51 and lay out another, which he did, selecting a tract extending north from the land granted to him, but not extending so far westward. He probably first resided in Ashburnham about 1750, the date, however, is not definitely known, but in 1750 he moved to the common, and in 1751 was a licensed inholder, and for a number of years kept a public house. He was one of the original church members and the first deacon. His pew in the meeting house in 1760 was the one nearest the pulpit, which showed in "seating the meeting house" he was the most prominent resident in the place. In his extreme old age he returned to Ipswich.

He was a husbandman. His will was dated March 28, 1782. He died at Chebacco, Ipswich, Sept. 27, 1785. He married, first, Mary, daughter of Nathaniel Rust. He d. Sept. 27, 1785. Res., Ipswich, Ashburnham and Ipswich, Mass.

344. i. MIRIAM, bapt. Aug. 14, 1726.
345. ii. ZEBULON, bapt. Sept. 22, 1728; m. Anna Knowlton.
346. iii. MOSES, b. 1730; m. Mary ______.
JANE, DEBORAH, LUCY, ABNER, MARY, MARGARET, M. HANNAH, MARY, M. RICHARD, .

III. JOHN FOSTER (John, Reginald, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass.; m. Dec. 27, 1732, Mehtable Burnham. Administration was granted on his estate to widow Mehtable Oct. 28, 1766; it was valued at £196. He d. 1766. Res., Ipswich, Mass.

349. i. JACOB, bapt. July 14, 1734; d. young.
351. iii. LUCY, bapt. May 3, 1741; d. young.
352. iv. JOHN, bapt. May 20, 1743.
356. viii. SARAH, bapt. April 15, 1753.

120. NATHANIEL FOSTER (Nathaniel, Reginald, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass., 17—; m. (pub.) Nov. 20, 1726. — Low. He removed to Newbury, being dismissed from the church at Chebacco to the third church there 20 May, 1744. He was a shipwright. Nov. 5, 1762 he deeded 10 rods of land and a house to his son Nathaniel Jr., shipwright. He married daughter of Thorndike Low. They were both admitted to the church at Chebacco in Jan., 1727-8. He d. —. Res., Chebacco and Newbury, Mass.

358. i. MARY.
359. ii. DEBORAH, bapt. April 16, 1729.
360. iii. ISAAC, bapt. July 10, 1730.


362. i. OLIVER, b. Aug. 17, 1719, in Boxford.
363. ii. HANNAH, b. Dec. 15, 1721, in Boxford; d. in Boxford, Jan., 22 1760, unm.
364. iii. JONATHAN, b. Oct. 11, 1727, in Haverhill; m. Rebecca Dorman.
365. iv. WILLIAM, b. Nov. 9, 1729, in Haverhill.
366. v. RICHARD, b. Feb. 20, 1732-3, in Boxford; m. Elizabeth Kimball.

123. ZEBADIAH FOSTER (Jonathan, William, Reginald), b. Boxford, Mass., Sept. 28, 1702; m. (pub.) Jan. 12, 1723; Margaret Tyler. He was born in Boxford, with his wife was admitted to the church there Jan. 28, 1728. He was living there in 1771. He married Margaret Tyler to whom he was published Jan. 12, 1732-4. He d. Feb. 21, 1772. Res., Boxford, Mass.

367. i. MARGARET, b. July 13, 1724.
369. iii. ANNE, b. May 13, 1728; d. 9 April, 1748.
370. iv. ZEBADIAH, b. Dec. 14, 1730; d. 8 Nov., 1734.
371. v. ABNER, b. April 23, 1733; m. ——.
373. vii. DUDLEY, b. Feb. 21, 1737.
374. viii. ABIGAL, b. June 25, 1740; m. Nathan Kimball Jr., of Boxford.
375 ix. LUCY, b. March 25, 1747.

126. CAPT. JOHN FOSTER (William, William, Reginald), b. Andover, Mass., Sept. 27, 1701; m. Jan. 13, 1724, Mary Osgood. She d. April 6 1772. He was a yeoman and possessed considerable land. In the history of Andover he is styled "captain." He appears to have been a man of influence, and with his brother, Capt. Asa, was appointed on a committee to instruct the representative
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at the General Court to enter a protest against the Stamp Act. Again in 1768 the two brothers were on a committee to frame resolutions to induce the inhabitants to ignore extravagance, idleness and vice and to promote manufacturers, industry, economy and good morals in the town, and discountenance importation and the use of foreign superfluities.

He is not a descendant from Andrew, as it is suggested he may be in the N. E. Historical and Genealogical Register, Vol. xx. p. 308. March 13, 1728-9, he bought of Caleb Johnson twenty-five acres of land on the west side of Shawshine river, bounded by the land of William Foster. Feb. 7, 1731-2, he and his brother Asa bought of Samuel Peters thirty-one acres and thirty-three poles of land on Blanchard’s plain. Sept. 24, 1733, he again purchased of said Peters twenty-five acres more on west side of Shawshine river, which was a part of Allen’s farm. In the history of Andover he is styled “Capt. John Foster.” He and his brother Capt. Asa were men of sound moral and intellectual attainments and influence. Oct. 21, 1765, they with others were appointed a committee to draw up instructions for the Representative of the town at General Court, to enter a protest against the support of the Stamp Act. The inhabitants of Andover and other towns had already begun to experience the harassing effects of that unwelcome measure. March, 1768, the two brothers were appointed on another committee to frame resolutions “to induce the inhabitants to ignore extravagance, idleness and vice and to promote manufactures, industry, economy and good morals in the town, and discountenance importation and the use of foreign superfluities,” and the said committee to make themselves prominent in the moral enforcement of the foregoing suggestions, by their consistent example. The report was adopted.

“Capt. John bought of Sherebia Ballard, the estate where the present heirs still reside near the South church, for £3800, containing the homestead and meadow, the finest on the Shawshine, west side of the road from South Meeting House to Boston (still taking its way east of Spring Grove Cemetery) and the road from the meeting house lay formerly over the top of the high ridge behind the house, that seems to have faced the west, and a bridle path cut across the grounds between the estate and the old road. The land included the triangle on the west side of the river, up to George Baker’s Little Hope Brook, now crossed by the B. & M. R. R. Just where the house stood then is not known. The tradition is that Capt. John bought part of the old home of William from the West Parish and set it up against that of the Ballard building. It is the south section of the present house. O. D. David Baker could recall a huge door on the east side that allowed logs at full length to be taken through to the ample fire-place in what is now the dining-room of the summer residence of Mrs. Green. William evidently helped John to this bit of luck, for he says, ‘I have given him a large part of my estate and allowed him several other advantages of no small value; and inasmuch as he has the nine acre meadow near his house, called Marble’s meadow, besides what was left of Hephzibah Frye’s purchase, because it would be inconvenient for him to have this meadow and upland disposed of to other persons, I could not in justice ask any of the others to pay legacies, debts and expenses.’ So Capt. John went over there to live near his sisters, and Asa kept a tavern somewhere now undecided either on the Concord Road near the West Parish Meeting House, or on some estate he purchased in our Mouse Country in the trail nearer the North Meeting house.” —Miss Abbott. He d. June 17, 1772. Res., Andover, Mass.

376. i. WILLIAM, b. Sept. 24, 1727; d. 8 April, 1729.
377. ii. JOHN, b. March 22, 1729; d. April 7, 1729.
378. iii. WILLIAM, b. March 4, 1730; d. Sept., 1803; m. Hannah Abbott.
382. vii. ISAAC, b. April 28, 1737; m. Dorcas Jewett.
383. viii. GIDEON, b. Aug. 21, 1739; m. Elizabeth Russell.
384. ix. OBEDIAH, b. May 25, 1741; m. Hannah Ballard.
385. x. SOLOMON, b. April 14, 1743; m. Rebecca Brown.
386. xi. OSGOOD, b. Nov. 10; d. Nov. 15, 1745.

129. CAPT. ASA FOSTER (William, William, Reginald), b. Andover, Mass., June 17, 1723; m. Oct. 26, 1732, Elizabeth Abbott, dau. of John; b. Oct. 21, 1712; d. July 4, 1758; m. 2d, (pub.) Dec. 10, 1763, Lucy Rogers Wise, of Ipswich; b. 1723; d. Oct. 17, 1787. She was dau. of Major Ammi Rohammie Rogers, of Ipswich. In 1758 he was commissioned by Thomas Powrell (Capt., Gen. and Vice Admiral of
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Mass. Province under Geo. II) as captain in Col. Ebenezer Nichols’ regiment, raised for the invasion of Canada. This commission was signed by Col. Ebenezer Nichols and Gen. Thomas Gage. Oct. 21, 1765, the citizens of Andover voted to select a committee to draw up instructions to the representative of the town at the General Court of the Province in relation to opposing the arbitrary measures of the British government. Capt. Asa Foster was one of this committee. Again in 1768 he was one of a committee to prepare a report to submit to the town to consider some measures that may tend to encourage prudence and manufactures and to lessen the use of superfluities in the town. In 1776 he was elected one of the committee on correspondence, inspection and safety. He left an estate valued at £830. 16s. 7d. He owned 160 acres of land in Canterbury, N. H., besides large tracts of upland, meadow, etc., in Andover.

"Capt. Asa owned the upland back of George Baker’s, which he sold to Thomas Abbott in 1764. For David Blunt had lost his wife and married again, and little Lydia Blunt had grown up, the heiress of Grandsr Foster and father David, and married young Thomas Abbott, whose home was in the Baker House. When her son moved away in 1794, the old lady kept her dower room, and staid on four years longer, dying in 1798, probably the one who passed along the Foster tales to the Baker children of Dr. Symonds Baker and his wife Lydia Gray, kin to her and the new proprietors of the old homestead. Bailey’s History gives the site of the tavern of Capt. Asa, I find, near the present residence of Charles Shattuck. Asa commanded an expedition to Canada in 1758, and looked well after his men, and was willing to own he could make a mistake in muster rolls. He lived through the Revolution, giving his encouragement and influence in various ways. He did not get a very complimentary notice from the Frenchman who stopped at his inn (see p. 436, Bailey), but perhaps, like his neighbor, Dr. Baker, he had sent all supplies to feed the Bostonese. His first wife, Elizabeth Abbott, was a daughter of Dea. John and Elizabeth (Harnden). Her young brother Abiel, a man of promise, died after he graduated from Harvard, but his mantle fell upon his namesake, Abiel Foster, son of Capt. Asa. Elizabeth died before the Revolution, so the bad management of the tavern kitchen must be attributed to Lucy Rogers, the second wife from Ipswich, a widow with a daughter Mary, who married the ambitious young Abiel. He left Harvard for the ministry at Canterbury, N. H., was drawn into politics and served in the provincial and continental Houses of Congress, also offices high in Court and state of N. H."—Miss Abbott. He d. July 17, 1787. Res., Andover, Mass.

387. i. ASA, b. Sept. 11, 1733; m. Hannah Symonds and Hannah Peters.
388. ii. ABIEL, b. Aug., 8, 1735; m. Hannah Badger and Mary W. Rogers.
389. iii. DANIEL, b. Sept. 25, 1737; m. Hannah Kittredge.
391. v. DAVID, b. Dec., 24, 1741; m. Sarah Foster.
392. vi. ELIZABETH, b. April 14, 1744; m. Nov. 7, 1768, Gen. Nathaniel Lovejoy. She d. April 24, 1775. He was general in Rev. war. H. U. g.t. 1766.
393. vii. JONATHAN, b. July 28, 1747; m. Lucy Rogers.

Abiel Bradley, son of Timothy Bradley Jr. and Sarah, daughter of Capt. Asa Foster, of Andover, Mass., b. May 6, 1790. He served in the war of 1812. Timothy Bradley Jr. was a son of Timothy Bradley, who served in Col. Poore’s regiment under Capt. Ebenezer Eastman, in the war of the Revolution. His father was one of the first settlers at Concord, N. H. His brother
Benjamin was with Col. Rogers' rangers in 1759, and he perished in the service. His two uncles were killed by Indians at Concord in 1746. Abiel m. Nancy Curry, of Canterbury, N. H. Their children were: 1. Thomas Curry, m. Martha Clough Chamberlain April 5, 1820, dau. of Capt. John A. and Mary Rogers (Clough) Chamberlain, of Canterbury, N. H. He was a master mariner, b. Aug. 1726, and followed the seas for some years, spent a few years in Australia, and settled in Three Oaks, Mich., in 1857. He was first lieutenant in Twelfth Michigan Vols.; was wounded at Shiloh; served the government in various capacities until the close of the war in 1865. He died at Three Oaks, Mich. (his widow and daughter Grace live there). Their children were: Grace Elizabeth, a successful teacher and matron over dependent children. 2. John Chamberlain, merchant. Cleveland, Ohio, m. Amelia Burrell, of Buffalo, N. Y., and have five children. 3. Martha Ann, m. Merritt Wilson, yardmaster, Kensingon, Ill.; three children. 4. Charles Henry, traveling salesman; residence, Three Oaks, Mich.; b. March 24, 1861; m. Winnifred Sherrill, of Three Oaks, Mich.; four children. 5. Hannah Robertson, m. Alfred Eastman, of Concord, N. H.; master mechanic, Buffalo, N. Y.; three children. 6. William, m. Phyllis Barnes; died on Whidley's Island, Puget Sound. no children. 7. Charles Eastman, b. in 1828; m. Abby Bachelord, of Canterbury, N. H.; was conductor on R. R. for many years; died in 1873; one son, Frank, who lives in Columbus, Ohio.

395. ix. LUCY, b. Feb. 1, 1765; m. —- Wilson; d. Nov. 1, 1845.


396. i. JEREMIAH, b. Nov. 11, 1732.
398. iii. HULDAH, b. Jan. 12, 1736; m. May 3, 1759, Amos Gould and 1784, Capt. Benjamin Kimball of Bridgton, Me.
399. iv. MOSES, b. March 9, 1738-9.
400. v. RUTH, b. Sept. 15, 1741.
401. vi. HANNAH, b. Sept. 14, 1742; d. young.
402. vii. HANNAH, Sept. 4, 1744; m. Deacon Moses Peabody. 6
403. viii. PHEBE, bapt. July 12, 1747; d. April 9, 1749.
405. x. DAVID, b. Aug. 25, 1750.
406. xi. ABIGAIL, b. Aug. 27, 1758.
407. xii. SARAH, b. Sept. 2, 1760.
408. xiii. JOSUAH, b. Oct. 20, 1762.

131. DEA. DAVID FOSTER (Timothy, William, Reginald), b. Boxford, Mass., Aug. 17, 1704; m. May 31, 1750, Mrs. Hannah Sessions of Andover. One of the settlers and original proprietors of Keene; clerk of the proprietors for thirty years, fought in the Indian wars of 1748-49; member of the committee of safety 1776. He d. 1779. Res. Pomfret, Conn., and Keene, N. H.

409. i. DAVID, b. Mar. 9, 1755; m. Mary Dassance.
410. ii. HANNAH, b. Apr. 3, 1751.
411. iii. REBECCA, b. June 9, 1755.


*Dea. Moses and Hannah (Foster) Peabody had Nathan and Hannah (Stickney) Peabody; had Amasa and Hannah (Peabody) Wilder; had Charles Peabody and Eloise (Walker) Wilder; had W. F. and Fanny R. (Wilder) Winchester. Res. 2031 No. Illinois St. Indianapolis, Ind.
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412. i. ELIZAH, b. June 9, 1729; d. July 15, 1730.
413. ii. SARAH, b. Sept. 12, 1731; d. July 5, 1736.
414. iii. RUTH, b. Jan. 26, 1733.
418. vii. JOSHUA, b. 27 Jan, 1739-40; d. March 16, 1739-40.
419. viii. ABIGAIL, b. April 6, 1745.


420. i. JOHN, bapt. July, 1732.


421. i. WILLIAM.
422. ii. HANNAH, b. May 27, 1749.
423. iii. SAMUEL, b. Nov. 22, 1750.

139. BENJAMIN FOSTER (Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), bapt. Ipswich, Mass., Oct. 6, 1689; m. in Ipswich, Mass., Mar. 15, 1725, Sarah Woodward, dau. of Ezekiel Jr., and Abigail, b 1701, d., 1805 ae. 104. He was born in the old town of Ipswich, Mass., married there, went to Lebanon, Conn. and later to Rockingham county, N. H., probably soon after 1740. The children were all born in Mass., tour of them married in N. H. at Hampstead. With two sons and two daughters and their families the parents moved to Granville, Annapolis Co., Nova Scotia in 1760. The day following their arrival the father died. The widow lived for 45 years afterward and died there at the advanced age of 104 years. She was a very quiet and industrious old lady, always spinning flax on her wheel and when she was tired and faint would make a little hasty pudding in the skillet over some coals on the hearth of the old fireplace saying she "only wanted a few bites to content nature."

A. W. Savary, Judge of County Court, Annapolis, N. S., author of the Savary Genealogy and editor of Calnek's History of Annapolis, says: "No individual family (Foster) has done more than this in the planting of orchards and changing the wilder-nes landscapes of a century ago into objects of value and beauty. Monuments of their industry and intelligence are conspicuous in every township and hamlet of the county." Their common ancestor was Benjamin Foster, of Hampstead, N. H., b Oct. 6, 1689; supposed to be a great-grandson of Reginald, im. from Exeter to Ipswich, Mass., in 1638. He died either in New Hampshire or immediately after his arrival in Nova Scotia. In 1760, his widow Sarah, (dau. of Ezekiel Woodward,) with sons Isaac and Ezekiel, settled in Granville, N. S., where she died in 1805, aged 104. Jeremiah, another son who came after, returned to the old colonies, and is perhaps the ancestor of the Fosters of Machias, Me. Isaac and Ezekiel became permanent residents of Annapolis county, as did also their three sisters. He d. 1760. Res. Lebanon, Conn., Hampstead, N. H. and Granville, Nova Scotia.


426. ii. ISAAC, b. Feb. 18, 1725; m. Mehitable Worthing.

427. iii. EZEKIEL. b. 1730; m. Mary Roberts and Ruth Farnsworth.

428. iv. ELIZABETH. b. 1733; m. 1761. Francis B. Le Cain. They had four ch. and lived in Annapolis Royal, N. S. where Le Cain died 1806, aged 84. Le Cain's children were: Francis. b. 1762; m. Margaret, daughter of Andrew Ritchie. Benjamin, b. 1764; m. Mary, daughter of Nath Winchester. Nicholas, b. 1765; m. Catharine. — William, b. 1767; m. Sarah Henshaw, d. 1830. Francis l., d. 1843.


430. vi. JEREMIAH, b. 1740; m. Jemima Kent.

152. SERGT. JOHN FOSTER (Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass. Sept 11. 1702; m. in Lebanon, Conn., Aug. 26, 1724. Hannah Thorp. Removed to Topsfield, and afterward with his father to Lebanon, Conn., where he married Hannah, daughter of Peter and Abigail (Higley) Thorp of Widham. Owned covenant Dec. 3, 1727, Lebanon. About 1741 he removed to Deerfield, Mass. Was a soldier in French and Indian war 1747-8 and 9, serving as sergeant in Capt. Samuel Child's company. Also served in later French war 1754-56. Settled at Bernardston. Sergeant Foster died in Burke Fort and was buried in the old cemetery of the place. This death occurred about 1755-58. He d. abt. 1758. Res. Lebanon, Conn., Deerfield and Bernardston, Mass.

431. i. ISAAC, b. 1725; bapt. Dec. 3, 1727; m. Irene Allen and Edatha Miller.

432. ii. EZEKIEL, b. 1727; bapt. July 7, 1728; m. Margaret Henry.

433. iii. JOHN, b. abt. 1744; m. Mindwell Atherton and Lydia Foster.

155. HON. DAVID FOSTER (Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), bapt. Topsfield, Mass., Apr. 20, 1711; m. in Lebanon, Conn., Mar. 23, 1731, Althea Cogswell. David Foster was in Topsfield, Mass., and before he attained his majority emigrated to Connecticut, locating in Lebanon, which was an incorporated town before 1725. There he was married, followed farming, and remained until 1750, when there was quite an exodus to the new town of Sharon in the extreme western part of the state in which he joined. In Sharon he resided on the place which was afterward occupied by his daughter, Mrs. Jackson. David Foster was one of the leading men of the town and held all the principal offices. He was a member of the Connecticut general assembly at the sessions of 1763-64 and was selectman for eight years. He d. in Sharon, 1793. Res. Lebanon, Conn. and Sharon, Conn.

434. i. RUBIN. b. April 3, 1733.

435. ii. ELIJAH, b. Feb. 26, 1734-5; m. Deborah Holley.

436. iii. ELIAB, b. Apr. 18, 1737.

437. iv. LUCY, b. Sept. 14, 1749; m. in Sharon, Conn., John Jackson. He d. before 1842.

158. BENJAMIN FOSTER (Benjamin, Isaac, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass., about 1699; m. — — — — — —. She d. E. Machias, Me. He d. in Scarborough, Me. about 1763. Res. Ipswich, Mass., in Conn., Greenland and Portsmouth N. H., and Scarborough, Me.

438. i. BENJAMIN, b. 1726; m. Abigail Milliken and Elizabeth Scott.

439. ii. SARAH. b. — —; m. May 17, 1750. Joseph Milliken, bapt. May 29, 1729. He was a grantee of Trenton on Union river in 1763. His second wife was Miss Berry.
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iii. ISAIAH, b. ——; m. Lydia Fogg.
iv. WOODEN, b. ——; m. Francis Scott.
v. EZEL, b. abt. 1734; m. ——.

163. PHINEAS FOSTER (Daniel, Isaac, Reginald) b. Topsfield, Mass., July 16, 1703; m. in Lebanon Conn., May 1, 1735. Lydia Hills. Res. Lebanon, Conn., and then to Sharon.

i. PHEBE, b. Apr. 6, 1736; m. Aug. 7, 1754, Elias Bakom of Mansfield.
ii. PHINEHAS, b. Aug. 15, 1754.
iv. DAVID, b. Feb. 2, 1742.
v. PHINEAS, b. ——; d. Feb. 17, 1746.

165. JEREMIAH FOSTER (David, Isaac, Reginald) b. Topsfield, Mass., June 19, 1707; m. in Lebanon, Conn., Mary Skinner. Res. Lebanon, Conn., and Sharon, Conn.

i. SAMUEL, b. Feb. 13, 1731-2; d. 23 Feb., 1731-2.
ii. MARY, b. July 3, 1733.
iii. JEREMIAH, b. May 9, 1735.
iv. NATHANIEL, b. Feb. 27, 1738; d. Sharon, Conn., Sept. 15, 1741.
v. ZERVIAH, b. July 11, 1740; d. Sharon, Jan. 8, 1741.


i. MARY, b. May 29, 1745; d. June 25, 1751.
ii. SAMUEL, b. and d. April 5, 1747.
iv. ASA, b. April 22, 1750.
v. MARY, b. Sept. 24, 1755.
vi. WILLIAM, b. Oct. 24, 1755.
vii. HANNAH, b. May 5, 1757.

170. ABIJAH FOSTER (Eleazer, Isaac, Reginald), bapt. Ipswich, Mass., Jan., 1707; m. Dec. 13, 1733. Mary Knowlton of Ipswich, dau. of Robert. He was baptized in Ipswich. Removed to New Ipswich, N. H., probably being sent there by the grantees about 1734. He was the first that went and he soon returned, for his son Ebenezer, was the first child born in New Ipswich. In 1758 or 9 with his son Ebenezer, enlisted in the army against the French and Indians. While encamped near Crown Point both father and son died of the smallpox. He married Mary Knowlton of Ipswich. During the revival of 1736 she joined the Rev. Mr. Farrar's church.

This is what the history of New Ipswich says: Abijah Foster was from Ipswich; he was a great grandson of Reginald Foster, who came to New England in 1638, and with his five sons settled in Ipswich. He was of a very respectable family of Exeter in England, and d. at Ipswich in extreme old age.

Abijah Foster was born in 1707, and no doubt was sent here in the employ of the Ipswich grantees. His was the first family which came here, and he must be regarded as the first settler in town, but it is not so easy to fix the time of his advent. After a very thorough examination of the records of Ipswich, and almost everything that could throw any light on the subject, it would seem that his location here was in the spring of 1738. It is certain he was there in the fall of 1736 and was not there in the fall of 1738. He was accompanied by his wife and daughter. He undoubtedly had his choice of a lot for a farm, and fixed on what was known for a long time as the Hill's Farm, a considerable part of which is now occupied by Joseph Barrett, Esq. His house, which was built of logs, stood near the present Bank building; the old cellar hole was visible within a few years.

Mr. Foster was a man of an unsettled disposition; he disposed of his farm in 1750 to Joseph Bates and removed to what was formerly known as the Fletcher Farm, now owned by Mr. Joseph Davis; some vestiges of his cellar still remain. This farm he disposed of in 1755, to Capt. Thomas Fletcher, and removed his family to the land now owned by Caleb Campbell. His house there stood a few rods east of Mr. Campbell's barn; the side of it can still be traced.

Mr. Foster was in town in June 1758, but either in that or the succeeding year he enlisted in the army then employed in a campaign against the French and Indians; he was accompanied by his eldest son Ebenezer, the first child born in town, who was then about 19 years old. While the army was encamped near
Crown Point, they both took the smallpox and died. His widow continued to reside in the house he last erected for many years. She joined the Rev. Mr. Farrar's church in the great revival in 1786 and was baptized by immersion at her request. It is supposed she removed from town with her son Daniel.

"The name of the first permanent resident, with his family, has been determined, so as to leave no question on that point; but the precise date of his advent is less positively settled. From extensive researches into the history of his family, and from other collateral circumstances we have been able to arrive at a conclusion which admits of but very little controversy. Abijah Foster with his wife and daughter Mary, then one year old, came from old Ipswich some time during the summer of 1738 and became the pioneer settler in this place. His wife was the first woman in town, and his son Ebenezer was the first mail child born in town. He first located himself on the lot in the center village." [History New Ipswich, N. H.] He d. 1759. Res. New Ipswich, N. H.

460. i. MARY, b. in Ipswich Aug., 1736.
461. ii. EBENEZER, b. in New Ipswich about 1739. The first child born in New Ipswich; a soldier in the French and Indian war; d. in 1759 or smallpox while encamped near Crown Point.
462. iii. ELIZABETH, b. in New Ipswich about 1741; m. 1759, John Fletcher and 2d, William Hodgkins. They had 6 ch. She d. Feb. 27, 1800. John Fletcher was born in Concord, Mass., where he learned the cooper trade. He went to New Ipswich in 1758 and married the next year. His wife was the first female child born in that town. He settled near what is called the Hodgkin corner about one-half mile S. W. of the meeting house and there he erected a residence and planted an orchard. He was killed by the falling of a tree near his own house Jan. 14, 1763. The family was attracted to the spot by the peculiar noise made by the cat which came into the house. His only son, Joseph, b. 1763, d. in his 19th year.
463. iv. SAMUEL, b. ——; m. Tabitha Hodgkins. He d. in 1780. He erected a house in Mill Village, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war and died in the service.
464. v. DANIEL, b. ——; m. ——. Res. Nelson, N. H., 1802. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war for 3 years; was a carpenter by trade and built a residence.
465. vi. EPHRAIM, b. ——. He was in the Revolutionary army for 3 years and d. in service in 1780.
466. vii. HIPSEY, b. 1759; m. —— Twichel; m. 2d, Isaac Appleton June 2, 1791. She d. New Ipswich, N. H., 1839.

171. JOHN FOSTER (Eleazer, Isaac, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass., May 20, 1714.; m. ——. He was probably a weaver for that was his father's occupation and Essex Deeds 53, 105, Dec. 1, 1741, Eleazer Foster, Ipswich, weaver, sells to John Foster, weaver, one-quarter acre land bounding on that of John Manning. Res. Ipswich, Mass.

172. JEREMIAH FOSTER (Abraham, Jacob, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass., about 1700; m. (pub.) June 21, 1735, Mrs. Rebecca Metcalf. She d. Feb. 6, 1776. May 26, 1743, Jereih Foster and Rich'd Harris of Ipswich bought of Benjamin Morse of Harvard, Worcester Co., 112 acres land situated on Stow on west side of the river, bounding on Lancaster and Lunenburg lines. Foster resided in the eastern half. Each occupied the other farm buildings together. In 1750 he sold his property to John Millard.
Jan. 13, 1750, Jere Foster and wife Rebecca of Dorchester, Canada, Worcester Co. to Josiah Haynes of Sudbury, Middlesex Co. (Middlesex Deeds). In 1749 in seating the Harvard meeting house he was given the fifth seat below. Immediately after the final conquest with Canada, which forever relieved New England from fear of French invasion, the landless and the adventurous began swarming from the older towns of Massachusetts into the wilderness where land could be had for the clearing. There happened a noteworthy exodus from Harvard. Nearly one tenth of her citizens sought homes in the newer towns. Most of these emigrants by chance found their promised land in Dorchester, Canada, which was incorporated as Ashburnham in 1765. Jeremiah Foster was the first of those from Harvard to reach that settlement, having with him through the woodland paths, upon an ordinary farm cart drawn by oxen, his family and worldly possessions. In Ashburn-
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ham he settled on land west of Lake Naukeag still known as Foster Hill. He was a man of exemplary character, reserved in manner, industrious, honest, a kind neighbor and an excellent citizen. He d. Dec. 12, 1758. Res. Ipswich, Harvard and Ashburnham, Mass.

475. ii. JEREMIAH, bapt. Aug. 8, 1736; d. young.


477. iv. JEREMY, bapt. Jan. 6, 1739-40; m. Sarah Fellows.

478. v. SAMUEL, bapt. Jan. 8, 1741; m. Susanna Wood.


175. ABRAHAM FOSTER (Abraham, Jacob, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass., July 5, 1716; d. Nov. 5, 1742, Elizabeth Davis of Charlestown, b. Nov. 3, 1720, dau. of Barnabas; d. Jan. 19, 1795. 5 (6). 1716. Mark Haskell was appointed his guardian April 3, 1733, he then being seventeen years old. He was a joiner and resided in Boston and Charlestown and died before 1750. In 1744 with B. Davis, etal, he sells to R. Miller an estate. He d. prior to 1749. Res. Boston and Charlestown, Mass.


182. WILLIAM FOSTER (Jacob, Jacob, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass., May 11, 1699; m. (pub.) Sept. 7, 1734, Elizabeth Clark. She d. Feb. 1707. Administration was granted on his estate to Isaac Dodge who gave bonds with Nathan Foster Jan. 1., 1776. April 30, 1760, Wm. Foster, cordwainer and wife Elizabeth sell to Isaac Dodge Miller 4 upland right in Jeffery Neck. He d. 1775. Res. Ipswich, Mass.
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186. NATHANIEL FOSTER (Jacob, Jacob, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass. Dec. 14, 1712; m. (pub.) Nov. 29, 1735, Elizabeth Leatherland. She m. before 1758, Benjamin Brown 3d. He was a blacksmith. He d. Aug. 16, 1747. Res. Ipswich, Mass.


192. DEA. JAMES FOSTER (Joseph, Jacob, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass. Mar. 4, 1716; m. (pub.) June 25, 1740, Sarah Hart. Removed to Boston where two of his children were born. Returned to Ipswich, being admitted in 1766 to the South Church at Chebacco from the Brattle street church, Boston. His wife was Sarah Hart to whom he was published in Ipswich. She was living in 1803. He was postmaster in Ipswich, being succeeded by Daniel Noyes, June 23, 1775. He gave a deed Oct. 10, 1807, being then 91 years of age. His will dated May 29, 1786 was disapproved Dec. 9, 1807 as one of the witnesses, Mary Foster, had no recollection of being present at the signing and the others, Sarah Lowater and Nathan Foster were deceased. Administration was afterward granted Nathaniel Lord, 3d, Nov. 2, 1807. The will mentions wife Sarah, only son James and only daughter Sarah. He d. Oct. 10, 1807. Res. Ipswich, Mass. Dea. Joseph Foster was the first postmaster at Ipswich. He was appointed by the Provisional Congress and before this time the mail had been brought through that town on horseback. Sarah Hart was born Oct. 2, 1715, daughter of Ensign Nathaniel and Sarah (Rust) Hart of Ipswich, Mass.

MARY, b. — Nov., 1744; d. unm. March, 1828.
JACOB, Dec. 18, 1747; m. Elizabeth Hiller.
NATHANIEL, b. Nov. 30, 1752; m. Susanna Hiller.
WM. HART, bapt. July 24, 1757; d. young.

ISAAC FOSTER (Joseph, Jacob, Regeinald), b. Ipswich, Mass., Aug. 21, 1720; m. Nov. 8, 1744, Sarah Brown, dau. of John. His will is dated Feb. 1, 1783 and proved April 10. He died Mar. 12, 1783. He gave his son John a cow and clothes but I cannot trace him. Isaac of Billerica, 1783-5684, Middlesex, Court, appraisers Dea. Joshua Abbott: Major Edw. Farmer, Jacob Manning, to act Apr. 10, 1783. Joseph and Sam already have a deed of estate they improve and they are to have the residue to finish up some business agreed on in the papers named. This Isaac had surveying instruments in his inventory. Isaac Foster's will.—1783. In the name of God, Amen, I, Isaac Foster of Billerica in County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, yeoman, being very sick and weak of body, but of sound and disposing ?] mind, do make this my last will, and first I would give my Soul unto God who gave it, my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent manner, at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named, as to such worldly Estate as I have I give and dispose ? of the same in the following manner:

1st, my will is that all my debts and funeral charges be paid by my Executor out of my Estate.

2nd. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah all my household Suff ?] and indoor movable ?]. I also give unto her one cow, two sheep, my stock of bees, all to her own Disposal forever. I give my wife the improvement ?] of sufficient rooms in my Dwelling house as long as she shall remain my widow. I also give unto my wife one-third part of the income of my Real Estate during her natural life. My will is that the movables ?] within doors given to my wife be apprized into my estate.

3rd. All my wearing apprill ?] I give unto my sons Isaac, Jacob and John my will is my son Isaac have my best Sute ?] throughout and if that do not amount to one full third of s'd clothing that he have some other things to make up one-third, that the remainder be equally divided between the other two, viz.: Jacob and John.

4th. I give unto my sons Joseph and Samuel all my shop tools to be Equally divided.

5th. I give unto my son Samuel all my husbandry tools and my surveying implements. My will is that the remainder of my Live Stock not given away be to enable my Executors to pay Debts and give unto my son John one cow or money equivalent to be paid within one year after my Decease.

6th. The remainder of my Estate, Real, personal or mixed I give unto my sons Joseph and Samuel ( and whereas I have sometime since given to them a Deed of all my Real Estate, they being obliged by Bond, having given date with said Deed to perform certain matters and things therein mentioned, which bond together with this Presence ?] must be the Rule of their administration of my Estate, I constitute and appoint my said sons Joseph Foster and Samuel Foster my Executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other wills, or Executors by me maid ?] or named, confirming this to be my last will in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of February, A. D. One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Three.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Isaac Foster to be his last will in Presence of

William Baldwin.
Timothy Foster.

Isaac Foster.

Risza (?) Baldwin. (Clarissa).

ISAAC, b. Mar. 3, 1745; m. Lydia Bacon.
JACOB, b. Dec. 20, 1747; m. Hannah Frost.
SARAH, b. Apr. 10, 1750.
JOSEPH, b. Mar. 21, 1750; m. Sarah Baldwin and Lucy Hill.
SARAH, b. May 29, 1753; d. bef. 1783.
JOHN BRAINARD, b. June 28, 1755; m. Sarah Taylor and Lydia Foster.
SAMUEL, b. Mar. 31, 1758; m. Mary Colcord.
ABIGAIL, b. Feb. 21, 1761; d. before 1783.
197. JACOB FOSTER (Joseph, Jacob, Reginald), b. Billerica, Mass., March 27, 1726; m. (pub.) Aug. 25, 1750, Sarah Kimball. His will was made Aug. 4, 1760; proved Oct. 19, 1761.

Jacob Foster's will. 1760.—In the name of God Amen, I Jacob Foster of Billerica in the county of Middlesex and Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Cordwainer being indisposed in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God therefor. Do made and ordain this my Last will and testament principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul unto the hands of God that gave it hoping through the mercy of God and merit of our glorious Redeemer to obtain the full Pardon of all my sins and to inherit Eternal Life and my Body when Dead to the Earth to be Buried in Christian-life and Decent Burial at the Discretion of my Executrix hereafter named and that small Portion of this worlds goods with which it has Pleased God to Bless me with I give [demiss?] and Dispose of the same in the following manner and form—

Item my will is that all my just debts and funeral Charges be paid by my Executrix hereafter named out of my Estate—

Item I give to Sarah my Beloved wife the whole of my Estate that I have in [possession?] Both Real and personal[except somethings (particularly?) mentioned hereafter] to enable her to pay my just Debts and to bring up my Children and for her own maintenance.

Item I give to my only Son Timothy that part and [portion?] of my Hon’d father (Joseph Foster [falt?]) of Ipswich deceased) his Estate which he gave me in his last will and testament after my Hon’d mother’s decease. I also give to my said Son three of my Books viz. Baileys Dictionary, Salmons geographical and Historical Grammar and modern gazetteer. I also give to my s’d son my military armor.

Item I give to my only Daughter Sarah twenty pounds in money or good house hold stuff Shuch[?] as is necessary to keep house with to be paid by my Executrix out of my Estate when she shall come to the full age of twenty one years or if she shall be married sooner upon her marriage Day—

Item my will is that if my son or daughter should deceas?) before they arrive to the age of twenty one years the survivor inherit the whole of what I have given to Both—

Item my will is that my said wife take the whol?) care of the portion I have given to my said son and that she [join?] with my Brother in deviding or selling my fathers Estate after my Mothers deceas?] and that she receive my s’d sons part and put it out to the best advantage for him till he be capable to take care of it for him self, and I do hereby constitute and appoint Sarah my Beloved wife only and sole Executrix of this my last will and testament and I do hereby utterly revoke make void and disannul?] any other or former will or Execut or by me in any way made or named. Rattifing?) and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament in witness where of I, the said Jacob Foster have set my hand and seal this fourth day of August in the year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and sixty.

Jacob Foster

Signed sealed and published pronounced and declared by the said Jacob Foster as his last will and testament in presents?] of us the subscribers

Prob.Oct 19-1761

Isaac Foster
Solomon Pollard
Hannah Stickney.


531. i. SARAH, b. April 27, 1752; d. June 7, 1752.

532. ii. SARAH, b. June 5, 1753; m. Dec. 12, 1774, John Bell, of Charles-town.

533. iii. TIMOTHY, b. July 19, 1755; d. Nov. 23, 1756.


535. v. TIMOTHY, b. Nov. 4, 1759; m. Sally Crosby.


*Boston records say Ephraim Foster m. Susannah Sumner Nov. 1, 1753.
Abraham Foster and wife, Susannah, mortgaged this estate to John White for £133.


536. i. ELIZABETH, b. ——.  
537. ii. SUSANNAH, b. ——.  
538. iii. JOSEPH, b. ——; m. —— ——.  
539. iv. MARY, b. ——.  
540. v. SARAH, b. ——.  
541. vi. RACHEL, b. ——.  

James Foster, of Boston, married one of the above girls, as will be seen by the following from Suffolk Pub.: Joseph Foster, of Boston, goldsmith, adm. on estate of James Foster, late of Boston, scrivener, his brother-in-law, dec'd. Nov. 9, 1818. Lib. 101, Fol. 151. Lib. 170, Fol. 15. Lib. 312, Fol. 13.  


Gen. Dwight was son of Henry, of Dedham and Hatfield. Was b. Oct. 16, 1703; was graduated at Harvard in 1722. His father purchased large tracts of land in Brookfield, about 1,400 acres, and Joseph settled there on Foster Hill in 1728; was representative in 1731, and in all eleven years; was speaker of the House in 1748-9; was admitted to the bar in 1753; judge court of Common Pleas of Worcester county in 1759; was colonel of the Ninth Mass. Regt. in the expedition against Cape Breton, 1744; commissioned brigadier-general 1745; appointed judge of the Court of Admiralty 1745; commanded the Mass. Regt. of artillery at the reduction of Louisburg and was distinguished and commended by Gen. Pepperell. He commanded a brigade in the Crown Point expedition of 1756. At the close of the French and Indian war he removed to Great Barrington and was appointed judge of Berkshire county Court and Probate. His wife was Mary Pynchon.  

Mr. Foster was graduated at Harvard college in 1744, and soon after went to Brookfield and engaged in business with Brig.-Gen. Joseph Dwight. He was a man very much trusted and respected. He retained various offices; was deacon of the church in the First Parish; was judge of the Probate Court; judge of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts. Rev. Nathan Fisher, D. D., preached his funeral sermon, in which he gave him a very high character. In 1753 he headed a petition to the selectmen to lay out the First parish into two parishes. In 1774 he was elected delegate to the Provincial Congress at Cambridge. He was often moderator of the town meetings, and often served on important committees. During the Revolutionary war he was a colonel. In 1775 there was a prevalent prejudice against inoculation as a guard against violent disease, especially smallpox. Col. Foster went to Esopus, N. Y., and was there inoculated, had the disease and returned in health. He was representative in the legislature 1761-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16. He was a deacon in the church. He held various military offices, from captain of a company to major of a regiment, under Major-General Washington, by commission from Gov. Shirley. In 1754 he was commissioned justice of the peace and of the quorum for Worcester county. He was also judge of probate, and afterward one of the judges of the Superior court of Massachusetts. He was a representative of the town in the General Council for 25 years (1761-76), and a member of all the Provincial Congresses of Massachusetts. In 1779 he was a member of the convention for forming a State constitution and of the committee itself appointed to draft it; during the session of which committee he died. He was a man of thorough integrity and honor and of large benevolence, an active Christian and a zealous patriot. "Blessed with a happy steadiness and presence of mind" he always studied to be useful, "being of the fixed opinion that no one should desire to outlive his usefulness." He was especially hopeful, determined and active in that part of the Revolutionary war in which he had an opportunity to take any share of duty or service.  

Mrs. F. 's personal appearance was thus described by her grandson, Alfred Dwight
Foster Esq., in a letter addressed to him by Fredric A. Foster Esq., of Lancaster, O.: "She had always, within my memory, a head of perfectly white hair and very black eyes, although the Dwrights almost without exception have light complexion and blue eyes, as my father and uncles Theodore and Theophilus had." He d. Oct. 17, 1779. Res., Brookfield, Mass.

542. i. PAMELA, b. Aug. 12, 1750; d. Jan. 19, 1751.
543. ii. THOmaE, b. April 29, 1752; m. Lydia Fenner and Esther Bowen Millard.
544. iii. THEOPHILUS, b. Mar. 16, 1754; m. Susanna Packard and Hannah Crosby.
545. iv. ABIGAIL, b. Jan. 10, 1756; d. July 25, 1779; unm. She is described as having been "a lady of superior talents and accomplishments, of a sweet attractive disposition, and full of faith in God, and of the spirit of duty, and of patient endurance under severe trials."
546. v. DWIGHT, b. Dec. 7, 1757; m. Rebecca Faulkner.
547. vi. PERGRINE, b. Dec. 28, 1759; m. Mrs. Polly (Parkman) Bradshaw.
548. vii. RUTH, b. Sept. 11, 1766; m. Mar. 2, 1786, General Thomas Ives, of Great Barrington, Mass. She d. Feb. 15, 1832; ae. 85. Gen. Thomas Ives, b. in New Haven, Conn., Feb. 2, 1753, (son of Thomas Ives Jr., b. in 1712, and d. Nov. 17, 1752. Anna Heaton, b. in 1711, who. d. 81, June 22, 1795). He was grad. at Yale 1777, and studied law at Litchfield, Conn., with Tappan Reeve Esq., and became a lawyer as well as large farmer at Gr. Barrington, Mass. He was distinguished in his profession and was greatly esteemed as an upright and honorable man. He held at different times various military offices, from that of a captain to that of a major-general of militia. He was also a man of much public spirit. He was successively a member of both houses of the State legislature—of the senate in 1797. He d. March 8, 1814, ae. 61, at Gr. Barrington, where she also d. Feb. 15, 1832, ae. 85, having been a widow for 38 years. "Possessing a benvolent disposition, a well-cultured mind and sprightly manners, together with an unusual degree of intelligence, she endeared herself to young and old. Ch: i. Harriet Ives, b. Feb. 12, 1878; d. unm. Sept. 24, 1815; ae. 28. 2. George Heaton Ives, b. April 15, 1879; d. unm. April 29, 1852, ae. 36. He was a lawyer at Gr. Barrington. 3. Alma Cornelia Ives (twin), b. March 17, 1791; d. Oct. 1, 1792. 4. Anna Maria Ives (twin), b. March 17, 1791; m. May 29, 1816, Philo Parks, of Salisbury, Conn.; d. Feb. 25, 1863. i. Alma Cornelia Parks, b. April 27, 1817; m. March 28, 1844, Thomas Warner, of Kalamazoo, Mich. They have several children. ii. Elizabeth Parks, b. Dec. 21, 1818; d. Feb. 26, 1835. iii. James William Parks, b. Oct. 14, 1822; m. Dec. 2, 1826, Caroline Jewell, who d. Feb. 2, 1850; and he m. afterward Maria Jewell, her sister. No children. iv. Ruth Foster Parks, b. Feb. 7, 1827; m. a Judson. She d., leaving one child. v. Amanda Maria Parks, b. Sept. 12, 1829; is unm. vi. Foster Ives Parks, b. May 20, 1831; resides in Mich.; has a family. 5. Alma Cornelia Ives, 2d, b. April 14, 1793; m. April 17, 1821, Benoni C. Wells; d. Sept. 8, 1856. Wells, b. Jan. 8, 1759 (son of Ashbel Wells, of W. Hartford, Conn. and Britty Chancer, an English lady), a farmer in Stockbridge, Mass., where he d. Sept. 10, 1815, and she d. Sept. 8, 1856, ae. 93. Ch: i. Thomas Wells, b. Feb. 12, 1822; m. Oct. 20, 1847, Gertrude Perrine (dau. of Humphrey Mount Perrine, b. May 20, 1785, and Fanny Dodd, b. April, 1791, whom he m. Feb. 15, 1813). They reside in Stockbridge; he is a farmer; four children. 6. Nancy Ives, b. June 13, 1795; m. Solomon Pitkin; m. Oct. 8, 1820, Pitkin, b. Sept. 15, 1797 (son of Timothy Pitkin, of East Hartford, Conn., and Jerusha —), a merchant at Ellington, Ct., and afterward at Amherst, Mass., where he was also pres. of a bank. He d. at Memphis, Tenn., of consumption about 1851. She d. at Gr. Barrington, Aug. 4, 1872, ae. 77. Ch: i. Rev. Solomon Dwight Pitkin, b. June 20, 1822; graduated at Amherst in 1843, and at New Haven Theol. Sem. in 1846; a Presb. clergy.
man at Benton, Wis. (1817-50), and Battle Creek, Mich., 1850-8.
He d. Sept. 30, 1858. He was a man of industry and polish, and of
graceful, effective elocution He m. (whom not ascertained)
and had two ch. that d young. ii. Charles Fredric Pitkin, b.
Aug. 22, 1824; was drowned at Gr. Barrington, Mass., July 10,
1846, ae. 22; a very interesting man and remarkable for his tal-
ents and piety. iii. George Edward Pitkin, b. July 2, 1826;
resides in Kansas City, Mo., and is engaged in the auditor's
department of the Missouri River, Fort Scott & Gulf railroad.
He is married and has a family of children. iv. James Francis
Pitkin, b. March 14, 1829; d. April 11, 1836. v. Laura R. Pitkin,
b. Dec. 20, 1835; resides, unm., in Chicago. vi. Thomas Ives
Pitkin, b. July 18, 1837; d. May 26, 1838. vii. William Pitkin,
b. Oct. 8, 1840; d. in Chicago about 1860. 7. Elizabeth Ives, b.
June 7, 1797; m. John Chatfield, June, 1817. Chatfield, b. May
30, 1793 (son of Isaac Chatfield, of Oxford, Conn., and Sarah Whitt-
more), a carpenter and builder at Gr. Barrington, who removed
in 1855 to Owego, N. Y., where he lived on a farm, and where
he d. Aug. 9, 1863, ae. 72. 1. Hon. Thomas Ives Chatfield, b.
Sept. 16, 1813; in Gr. Barrington, removed May, 1839, to Owego,
N. Y., where he was a fire baker (1859-45), but he has lived since
1845 engaged in the grocery business, and now in a large whole-
sale way. He was in 1852 a (republican) member of the State
legislature, and later (since 1871) a member of the State Senate.
He has been also at different times Pres. of the village of
Owego, civil justice and town supervisor, and was a delegate to
the National republican convention at Chicago, which nominated
Grant for the presidency (in 1868). He m. Nov. 9, 1841, Mary
Purdy Bundy, b. in Owego, March 24, 1822 (dau. of Robert Bundy
and Sarah Whipple). She d. Sept. 18, 1877. He m. for 2d wife,
June 22, 1858, Lucy Goodrich, b. July 15, 1830, in Tioga, N. Y.
(dau. of Erastus Goodrich, of Owego—a man of noted Glastonbury,
Conn., June 10, 1787—and Hope Talcott, b. there May, 1785, who were
m. in Owego, Feb. 27, 1812). His ch: 1. John James Chat-
field, b. April 7, 1815; d. of croup, Jan. 25, 1822. By second
Thomas Ives Chatfield, b. Oct. 4, 1817. 2. Charles James Chat-
field, b. Aug. 23, 1820; m. Aug. 15, 1843, Sarah Delia Foster, b.
Feb. 2, 1826 (dau. of Robert Walis Foster and Tamamson Smith).
He was a merchant at Painted Post, N. Y., where he d. March 23,
1864, ae. 43, and where his widow resided. He had four children;
1. Charles James Chatfield, b. Aug. 4, 1829; m. Mary Ada Blake, and lives in Rye, N. Y. He had two children; viz: Mary Ada, b. Sept. 7, who d. Sept. 23, 1871, and a son un-
named, b. June 21, 1873. 2. Frank Albert Chatfield, b. Aug. 24,
1843. 3. Ada Elizabeth Chatfield, b. Oct. 8, 1850. 4. Lillian
Foster Chatfield, b. Jan. 18, 1859. 3. John R. Chatfield, b. at
Gr. Barrington, Jan. 28, 1823; m. there Oct. 8, 1845, Abby Ennice
Smith, of Gr. Barrington, b. Feb. 11, 1827, in Bridgewater, Conn.
(dau. of Orange Smith, now of Owego, and Martha Morris). He
is a hardware and stove merchant at Owego—(Storr's & Chatfield).
He has had five children: 1. George Smith Chatfield, b. at Great
Barrington, Aug. 1, 1817; m. Sept. 14, 1869, Ella Gertrude
Fritcher, b. in Athens, Pa., Sept. 14, 1848 (dau. of George
Fritcher, of Owego, and Lucy Loomis). He is a clerk in his father's store. One child: 1. Clara Chatfield, b. Jan. 16 and d.
Jan. 18, 1873. 2. Frank Edward Chatfield, b. at Owego, Jan. 1,
1859; d. March 24, 1860. 3. Harry Ives Chatfield, b. there July
1, 1862. 4. George Albert Chatfield, b. Oct. 19, 1827; d. July 9,
1829. 5. Mary Elizabeth Chatfield, b. Oct. 29, 1829; m. Jan.
2, 1854, Thomas Pest, b. in Spencer, N. Y., March 10, 1829 (son of
Thomas Pest and Amanda Dakin), a clerk in Owego. Two chil-
dren: 1. Fred Chatfield Pest, b. Dec. 28, 1858. 2. Willis Ives
Pest, b. May 27, 1866. 8. Dwight Foster Ives, b. June 6, 1799;
drowned Sept. 30, 1820. 9. Amanda Ives, b. July 24, 1800;
FOSTER GENEALOGY.


206. JOHN FOSTER (John, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. Andover, Mass., Feb. 11, 1716; m. there June 25, 1740. Deborah Barker, of Andover, b. 1716. He was a blacksmith and was killed by lightning. He d. in 1773. Res., Andover, Mass.

549. i. JEMIMA, b. Nov. 22, 1711; m. bef. 1773, William Foster, of Buxford. She d. bef. 1773; only one mo. after her marriage, s. p.

550. ii. WILLIAM, b. Oct. 3, 1713; m. Mehitable Fuller.

551. iii. EPHRAIM, b. Nov. 13, 1715; m. June 28, 1770, Sarah Town, dau. of Joseph and Sarah; d. s. p. Sept. 1, 1807.

552. iv. DORCAS, b. Aug. 26, 1717; m. (pub.) Feb. 1775, Mark Avery. Ch. one: John.

553. v. JOHN, b. Jan. 8, 1750; d. Sept. 11, 1755.

554. vi. DEBORAH, b. Feb. 2, 1752; m. Mar. 10, 1772, Paul Avery. One ch., d. young and a Deborah.


556. viii. JOHN, b. Oct. 24, 1760; m. Dorcas Town.


557. i. DAVID, b. Mar. 5, 1745; m. Ruth Peabody.


559. iii. ABIGAIL, b. Aug. 23, 1749; m. June 23, 1774, Phinehas Barker. Res. A.

560. iv. STEPHEN, b. July 3, 1751; m. Rebecca Wood.

561. v. EUNICE, b. Apr. 15, 1753; m. (pub.) May 2, 1778, Jeremiah Pearley of Buxford; she m. 2d, before Sept. 9, 1807, Rev. Dr. Daniel Gould. She joined the Buxford ch. Sept. 21, 1777. Rev. Daniel Gould was b. in Topsfield, Mass., Dec. 5, 1753. He was the son of Daniel and Lucy (Tarbox) Gould, and the fifth in descent from Zaccheus Gould, who was born in England about 1580, came to this country in 1638, and settled in Topsfield. He graduated at Harvard College, and before entering College and while a student at Dummer Academy he served a term in the continental army. Returning he studied Theology with Rev. Mr. Moody of Byfield. He was admitted to the church in Topsfield Dec. 7, 1785. He came to Bethel and preached as a candidate in 1789-9, and was installed as the first settled minister in Bethel in Oct., 1799. He remained here until 1818, when having received a call, he became the pastor of the church in Rumford and moved there. He was installed as such May 31, 1815. He brought the first chaise into Bethel and was himself a conspicuous figure in his cocked hat, black silk gown and breeches which was the ministerial dress of that day. He was very social in his habits and popular with all classes. His fund of anecdotes was inexhaustible. He wrote his sermons and when reading them held the manuscript near his eyes. In his will he left a small sum to Bethel Academy on the condition that the institution should take his name, which was agreed to by the trustees. An oil portrait, said to be a correct likeness has also been presented to the Academy by Miss Mary Hurd of Topsfield, a niece of Mr. Gould. Mr. Gould married for his first wife, Dec. 21, 1752, Mary, eldest daughter of Geo. Booth of Hillsboro, N. H. She d. Oct. 1, 1755. They had one daughter, Molly, b. Sept. 28, 1755, and died the Dec. following. Dec. 25, 1758, he married Mrs. Eunice Perley, daughter of Stephen Foster of Andover, Mass., and relict of Jeremiah Perley of Topsfield. She came with him to Me, and died in this town.

562. vi. SIMEON, b. Aug. 14, 1755; m. — Harriman.

563. vii. ELIZABETH, b. Aug. 9, 1757; d. unm. Andover, June 27, 1843.
22. ASA FOSTER (Moses, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. Andover, Mass., Apr. 15, 1721; m. (pub.) Dec. 1, 1744, Mary Barr. He may have married a second time which I think quite likely. The records of Pembroke, to which he moved with his family, state his wife's name was Lydia. Res. Pembroke, N. H.

564. viii. JOHN, b. Dec. 10, 1759; m. Sarah Ingalls.
565. ix. NATHAN, b. Nov. 23, 1761; m. Susanna Barker.
566. x. DANIEL, b. Apr. 26, 1765; m. Hannah Swan.

224. DANIEL FOSTER (Moses, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. Jan. 7, 1726, in Andover, Mass.; m. there Feb. 14, 1754, Ann Ingalls. At the time of this marriage he was from Suncook, N. H. He went to Hiram, Me., in 1774, with his brother-in-law Ingalls and was the second settler in that town. He located on the Saco river, not far from the bend on Foster's Hill. He died in 1780 without leaving issue. It was the first death after the settlement of the town. His grave is in the Pines by the roadside and a monument has been erected there. His wife was the daughter of Moses and Maria of Andover, Mass. He died in 1780. Res. Suncook, N. H. and Hiram, Me.


226. CAPT. EPHRAIM FOSTER (Moses, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. Andover, Mass., Aug. 30, 1731; m. —— ——. Captain Ephraim Foster, came from Connecticut, so his descendants say, at the close of the Revolutionary war, and, it is said obtained a grant from the Continental Congress of a tract of land in the central part of Vermont, which is now the town of Peacham. He d. in Peacham, Vt., 1803. Res. at the Bow, N. H.

578. i. ENOCH, b. Apr. 27, 1770; m. Polly Guy and Mrs. Susannah (Mudgett) Gould.
579. ii. EPHRAIM, b. 1767; m. Jerusha Miner and Sarah Herrick.
580. iii. —— b. ——; m. —— Clark.
581. iv. —— b. ——; m. Moody Morse.
582. v. DANIEL, b. ——.
583. vi. MOSES, b. ——.


584. i. CALEB, b. Feb 3, 1777; m. Mar. 6, 1798, Betsey Foster. They res. in Pembroke, N. H.
585. ii. HANNAH, b. Aug. 16, 1768.
586. iii. ELIZABETH, b. Dec. 10, 1770.


587. iii. ABNER, b. Sept. 19, 1770; m. Judith Wetherby.
FOSTER GENEALOGY.

588. i. ISRAEL, b. Dec. 20, 1752; m. Susanna ——.

589. ii. ELIJAH, b. June 23, 1758.

590. iv. AARON, b. July 10, 1773.

591. v. JEDEDIAH, b. Apr. 30, 1772; m. Linda Demary.


592. i. MEHITABLE, b. Apr. 2, 1745; m. Samuel Burbank of Rowley who d. Feb. 4, 1771.

593. ii. MARTHA, b. Sept. 15, 1746.

594. iii. AMOS, b. Aug. 28, 1748; d. Dec. 21, 1821.

595. iv. MOLLY, b. Aug. 31, 1751; m. Dec. 15, 1774 Joseph Plummer of Newbury. She was "a beautiful and very agreeable woman." Ch: Hannah, b. Mar. 20, 1777.


598. vii. RACHEL, b. Sept. 23, 1756; m. Nov. 23, 1777, Jonathan Hobbs.


600. ix. ABNER, b. Oct. 8, 1760.

601. x. ABIJAH, b. Sept. 12, 1762; m. Artemisia Blake.

602. xi. ASA, b. Aug. 20, 1766.

603. xii. CHILD, b. Nov. 20, 1764; d. Nov. 20, 1764.

251. CAPT. THOMAS FOSTER (Abraham, Abraham, Abraham, Reginald), b. Aug. 11, 1721, Topsfield, Mass.; m. Apr. 5, 1748, Mehitable Peabody, daughter of Matthew and Mehitable Peabody, b. Dec. 24, 1728, to whom he was published Nov. 21, 1747. She was admitted to the church April 20, 1750. He was captain in the militia. Res. Ipswich. Administration was granted on his estate, Dec. 8, 1759.

604. i. ELIJAH, b. Feb. 19, 1749.

605. vii. THOMAS, b. March 27, 1766; m. April 14, 1787, Lydia Batchelder.

606. ii. ALLEN, b. April 24, 1751; m. Lucy Potter.

607. iii. ABIGAIL, b. April 19, 1753; published 13 March, 1773, to Moses or Thomas Palmer.

608. iv. EBENEZER, b. March 24, 1755.

609. v. MEHITABLE, b. March 24, 1760.

610. vi. DANIEL, b. March 12, 1762; m. Dorothy Pingree.

257. NATHAN FOSTER (Nathan, Abraham, Abraham, Reginald), b. Stafford, Conn., May 27, 1728; m. Nov. 19, 1750, Elizabeth Lansford. He moved to Warren, Mass. from Stafford, Conn., in 1761. Aug. 19, 1791, Nathan Foster of Western, now Warren, Worcester Co., sold land to George Gleason of Rowe, witnessed by Lydia and Joel Foster. The town of Western was incorporated June 16, 1741 and name changed to Warren, Mar. 13, 1834.


I find no definite date of his death, but on the Worcester Co. records of Probate is found his inventory, presented Nov. 6, 1809, $1175.76.


611. i. ASA, b. May 17, 1764; m. Elizabeth Thomas.

612. ii. JOEL, b. Apr. 8, 1755; m. Priscilla Foster and Mrs. Mary Winship.

613. iii. JOHN b. Apr. 19, 1763; m. Hannah Von Webster.

614. iv. NATHAN, b. July 5, 1755; m. Abigail Seeley.

615. v. JUDE, b. Warren, Mass.; m. Sarah Goodnow of Princeton and Lydia M. ——.

616. vi. TIRZA, b. ——; m. —— Rogers.

617. vii. ELIZABETH, b. ——; m. —— Woodthor.

618. viii. LYDIA, b. ——; m. —— Bellows; res. Western, Mass.; m. 2d. ——

Fairbanks; res. Warren, Mass., on old homestead.

619. ix. AZUBAH, b. Apr. 4, 1751.
264. CAPT. DANIEL FOSTER (Nathan, Abraham, Abraham, Reginald), b. Stafford, Conn., July 22, 1744; m. Coventry, Conn., Apr. 1, 1765, Kesia Sawyer. She d. and he m. 2d, Feb. 12, 1803, Welthea Almira Ladd, b. Feb. 19, 1763; d. Feb. 11, 1851. She was connected by lineage with some of the principal colonial families in eastern Connecticut and was a woman of great energy and shrewdness of more than common intellectual ability and highly gifted in conversational powers. He was an officer in the Revolution and was descended on his mother's side from Capt. Myles Standish. He served with distinction at the battles of White Plains, Stillwater and Saratoga. He removed after his father's death, about 1753, to Windham, Conn., where a married sister lived. He afterward resided in Franklin, Conn. He was a blacksmith, and a captain in the Revolution, being in the army at the taking of Burgoyne, in 1777. He d. —. Res. Canterbury, and Franklin, Conn.

620. i. LAFAYETTE SABINE, b. Nov. 22, 1806; m. Joanna Boylston and Martha Prince Lyman.

621. ii. FIDELIA WELTHEA, b. Aug. 25, 1804; m. Augustus Hyde of Norwich, Conn. Eugene, b. —; m. —. He d. —. Res. Barnegat, N. J. Fred'k. b. —. Lieut. in navy; died. Juliet, b. —; m. Rev. Wm. L. Gaylord of Chicopee, Mass. Both dead; had 3 ch.

622. iii. FANNY, b. Oct. 26, 1765.

623. iv. FAITH, b. Nov. 17, 1773; m. Nathaniel Patten. Res. Troy, N. Y.


625. vi. PLINT ROYAL, b. Feb. 4, 1772; m. Sally Hawlett.


627. viii. FORMELLA, b. Dec. 23, 1769; d. Mar. 18, 1772.


266. STANDISH FOSTER (Nathan, Abraham, Abraham, Reginald), b. Feb. 24, 1740, Conn.; m. at Canterbury, Conn., Mar. 23, 1774, Sarah Spaulding; d. Aug. 23, 1825. He removed from Canterbury, Conn., to Rowe. His will was made August 21, 1821, and proved Nov. 1, 1831, his son Festus Foster of Brimfield being executor. Standish Foster Rowe, Festus Foster, son, executor of will, lived at that time in Brimfield, Mass. He gives legacies to his grandchildren, Mary W. Foster, Fisher Ames Foster, John Wells Foster, children of said Festus Foster; Sally Foster, a 'daughter' and John Spaulding Foster grandson, son of Sally. [Greenfield Probate.] He d. Oct. 1, 1831. Res. Canterbury, Conn., and Rowe, Mass.

628. i. FESTUS, b. Canterbury, Conn., Sept. 30, 1776; m. Patience Wells and Mrs. Elizabeth —.

629. ii. SALLY, b. Canterbury, Conn.; m. — Foster and had a son John Spaulding Foster. [See probate records at Greenfield, Mass.]

267. REV. ISAAC FOSTER A. M. (Daniel, Abraham, Abraham, Reginald), b. Rowley, Mass., Feb. 19, 1725; m. 1747, Elizabeth Emerson of Topsfield. He received the degree of A. M. from Yale college in 1770. He preached in West Stafford, Conn., and while pastor, there was a division among the church members, he expounded a too liberal doctrine to please a few of the more conservative. He was in advance of his time, especially in Calvinistic churches. The preaching of those days was that almost every one ought to go to hell and thank God they were no worse used. He was a very learned man and his character was above reproach. His sermons in those days were about 50 years ahead of his colleagues. From a historic address delivered at Stafford, Conn., by Rev. C. C. Painter, July 9, 1876 it is gleaned that the church was organized in 1764 and its first pastor was Rev. Isaac Foster. It says a sketch of a remarkable family of which the present generation seems to be wholly ignorant—reference is to the Foster family. History says that Rev. Isaac departed from the doctrines he professed and became a Universalist. The seeds of Universalism sown by Mr. Foster produced abundant harvest. Charges were brought against him and he was deposed in 1779. He was pastor from 1764 to 1779. He was 30 when ordained. His two sons, Emerson and Daniel were graduated at Dartmouth. Emerson settled in Killingly and latter in New London, Conn., and later in Brooklyn, where he died. Daniel settled in New Brantree, Mass., and died there. Another son was Dan, a clergyman, but not a college graduate, settled in Windsor in 1771, removed to Vt., and died in Charleston, N. H. in 1839.
REV. MR. ISAAC FOSTER BOUGHT LAND IN STAFFORD, NOV. 7, 1768, OF REV. STEPHEN WILLIAMS. THAT IS THE ONLY MENTION I HAVE FOUND OF THAT BRANCH OF THE FOSTER FAMILY IN STAFFORD RECORDS. HE WAS BORN IN ROWLEY. HE WAS EXECUTOR OF HIS FATHER'S WILL AND WAS GIVEN NEARLY ALL THE PARENTS' ESTATE EXCEPT A SMALL BEQUEST TO THE WIDOW. NO OTHER CHILD WAS GIVEN ANYTHING. ISAAC'S SON DAN WAS ALSO GIVEN PROPERTY BY HIS GRANDFATHER DANIEL AT HIS DEATH IN 1752. HE D. — —. RES. HARVARD, MASS. AND STAFFORD, CONN.

630. i. DAN, b. 1748; m. Rebecca Bogge.

631. ii. EMERSON, b. — —; m. — — — —.

632. iii. HANNAH, b. — —.

633. iv. DANIEL, b. 1751; m. Elizabeth Reed.


635. vi. ISAAC, b. — —; m. Rebecca Newcomb.

636. vii. NATHANIEL, b. — —. HE WAS CAPTURED IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR.

637. vui. PRISCILLA, b. — —; m. REV. JOEL FOSTER.

638. ix. MARTHA, b. — —.

639. x. JOHN, b. DEC. 4, 1760; m. Eunice — —.

269. DANIEL FOSTER (Daniel, Abraham, Abraham, Reginald), b. ROWLEY, MASS., AUG. 28, 1790; m. abt. 1790, — —. RES. ROWLEY, MASS.

640. i. ABRAHAM, b. — —; d. young.

641. ii. ISAAC, b. — —.

642. iii. DANIEL, b. — —.

272. JAMES FOSTER (Amos, Benjamin, Abraham, Reginald), b. Tewksbury, MASS. AUG. 15, 1736; m. Dolly — —; m. 2d, Betty — —; m. 3d, Lydia — —. JAMES, Tewksbury, LETTER DATE APRIL 28, 1808, EX. APRIL 27, 1809, WIFE LYDIA, CH.


643. i. JAMES, b. MAR. 11, 1756.

644. ii. JOSEPH, b. MAR. 5, 1760; m. Sarah Frost.

645. iii. BENJAMIN, b. JUNE 5, 1763; d. FEB. 22, 1822.

646. iv. BETTY, b. MAR. 5, 1766.

647. v. KEZIAH, b. FEB. 6, 1777; m. JUNE 6, 1799, Samuel Slone.

648. vi. DOLLY, b. JULY 13, 1779.

649. vii. ABIGAIL, b. JAN. 18, 1781.

650. viii. JUDITH, b. JAN. 2, 1784.

651. ix. POLLY, b. OCT. 12, 1787.

273. JONATHAN FOSTER (Amos, Benjamin, Abraham, Reginald), b. Tewksbury, Mass. Aug. 23, 1732; m. there Lydia — —; she d. May 7, 1770; m. 2d, OCT. 18, 1770, Sarah Allen; she d. Sept. 16, 1775; m. 3d in Chelmsford, Feb. 22, 1777. RES. OLIVIA FOSTER. JONATHAN, Chelmsford letter dated Nov. 13, 1782, EX. JAN. 25, 1784 INCOMPLETE. HE D. IN 1781. RES. Tewksbury and Chelmsford, MASS.

652. i. JONATHAN, b. OCT. 30, 1758; m. Rachel — —.

653. ii. MOSES, b. OCT. 18, 1761; d. JAN. 1, 1783.

654. iii. LYDIA, b. JULY 10, 1764.

655. iv. AARON, b. OCT. 31, 1768; d. NOV. 14, 1768.

656. v. SAMUEL, b. AUG. 16, 1771. SAMUEL CHILD OF JONATHAN, 1781. Tewksbury, Minor under 14 years. Guardian paper July 31, 1781.

657. vi. SALLY, b. — —.


658. i. AMOS, b. MAY 23, 1753; m. Beulah — — and Elizabeth Kitteridge.

659. ii. WILLIAM, b. APR. 10, 1756; m. Olive Howard.

660. iii. HANNAH, b. APR. 10, 1764.

661. iv. NATHAN, b. MAY 14, 1762; m. Miriam Hobbs and Sally Hobbs.

662. v. JESSE, b. FEB. 8, 1764. Middlesex probate says: Jesse, 1799. Tewksbury, non-compos mentis, guardian papers May 14, 1799; Inventories recorded Sept. 21, 1802, INCOMPLETE.

663. vi. ELIZABETH, b. FEB. 19, 1760.

664. vii. SUSANNAH, b. OCT. 1, 1771.
279. GENERAL GIDEON FOSTER (Gideon, Benjamin, Abraham, Reginald), b. Danvers, Mass., Feb. 13, 1748; m. June 18, 1771, Mercy Jacobs, dau. of Daniel and Sarah (Dudley) of Boston; b. Nov. 6, 1750; d. Sept 7, 1825; m. 2d, Nov. 23, 1828, Mary Tapley.

"Gideon Foster was born in the house which formerly stood on the corner of Lowell and Foster streets. His father, Gideon Foster, was a native of Boxford; his mother Lydia Goldthwait, of this town. (Danvers.) His early opportunities of acquiring an education were few, but he diligently improved them. He wrote a handsome hand, and was a correct draughtsman and an accurate and skillful surveyor. For several short periods he was employed in school keeping, but the more pressing necessities of those days and the moderate means of the people afforded but little time for literary improvements. He was a man of more than common ingenuity as well as intelligence. As a mechanic he had much skill. The machinery of his mills was of his own planning and construction, and many practical mechanics and manufacturers have derived important advantages from his suggestions. "General Foster was honored and beloved and trusted by his fellow citizens, and in turn discharged all the important municipal offices of the town.

"For four years he was town clerk. He was long an active magistrate of the county, and for nine years a member of the state legislature.

"In the militia of the commonwealth he rendered good service, and he considered the volunteer military the safest and best means of our national defense.

"In 1792 Capt. Foster was promoted to the rank of colonel; in 1796, he was chosen-brigadier general; in 1801, he was elected major-general by the legislature in the house, receiving every vote, and in the senate there being but one dissenting voice.

"When our country was threatened with invasion during the last war, he was chosen commander of a company of exempts. The worthy veteran never lost his military ardor, but to the last the sound of the drum and trumpet was music to his ear. Indeed for almost a whole century there has been no day when the sword of the old soldier would not have been drawn and a vigorous blow struck for the defense of his country's rights. Nurtured in that school of patriotism which taught that opposition to tyrants is obedience to God, and which inculcated love of country next to love of heaven, his strong indignation was aroused by any wrong done her or danger threatened.

"Liberty and love of country were his early and abiding passions. His country's free institutions, good order, good laws and good rulers were the objects of his strongest affections. He not only loved them but he did what he was able, according to his judgment and understanding, to maintain and perpetuate them. No distance of place, no severity of the weather, no bodily infirmity, from the adoption of the constitution till the day of his death, more than sixty years, detained him from depositing his ballot for state officers.

"General Foster through his long life was a man of great energy, enterprise and industry. Two disastrous fires had robbed him of wealth, but on his little farm, with a Roman independence and more than Roman virtue, his own hands to the last ministered to his necessities. The threatenings of the enemy to destroy the military stores of the colony caused the Provincial Congress to order a draft of minute men—men ready at a minute's warning to take the field and face the enemy. of the companies drafted here, Gideon Foster was chosen commander. He was then twenty-six years of age.

"On the 19 of April, the day ever memorable for the Battle of Lexington, Capt. Foster marched with his company sixteen miles in four hours to West Cambridge, where they met the retreating Britons. His prowess, coolness and intrepidity on that day won for him high honors and imperishable fame.

"For more than eight months he commanded a company in Col. Mansfield's regiment in the army encamped about Boston.

"He was actively engaged on the 17th of June, the day of the battle of Bunker Hill, and ever while in the service, deserved and bore the character of a brave officer and a good soldier.

"General Foster's mind, always vigorous, retained much of its strength till
within a few days of his decease. His confinement was short, and it was not until the fatal hour that immediate danger was apprehended. He died on Saturday, Nov. 7, 1845.

On all occasions his townsmen and neighbors manifested deep respect for his character and services. When it was learned that he was no more, the bells were tolled, business was suspended and a gloom pervaded the community; there was a voluntary and general mourning. The flag of our country was floating at half mast; a mournful token that one loved and honored had passed away. On one flag staff, wrapped among the stripes and the stars, was the pennon of the Foster Fire Company with the name of General Foster blazoned upon it. So are mingled with the fame of our country's revolutionary glory the name and exploits of the old soldier.

The last commissioned officer of the Revolution, certainly of the early part of the Revolution, is dead. The veteran soldier, the last connecting link is broken, the comrade of Warren, Prescott and Stark, the man who held official intercourse with Ward, Putnam and Washington, has now gone to join the mighty host of the worthy dead.

The bugles wild and warlike blast
Shall muster them no more;
An army now might thunder past
And they not heed its roar.
The starry flag 'neath which they fought,

The funeral procession was after the following order:

Escort consisting of the Salem Artillery, the Danvers Light Infantry, the Salem Light Infantry, and the Lynn Light Infantry, bearing a banner presented by the hands of General Foster to the company in 1836. This banner was shrouded in crape. The escort was a detachment from Gen. Sutton's brigade, and was under the immediate command of Col. Andrews. Hearse, flanked by a military guard, family of the deceased in carriages. Brig.-Gen. Sutton and staff and military officers in uniform, in carriages. Committee of arrangements officiating and other clergy, civil officers of the town, Danvers Mechanic Institute, FIRE DEPARTMENT.


The muster rolls of the state give but four companies from Danvers, omitting the company of minute men commanded by Foster. Foster is set down as a lieutenant in Eppes' company, but he himself informs us, that he was placed in command of a company a short time previous to the battle. Thus Danvers contributed five companies, commanded by Jeremiah Page, Samuel Flint, Samuel Eppes, Gideon Foster and Israel Hutchison, numbering in all above two hundred men from Danvers, besides those from Salem and Beverly. Thus they started for the scene of action. When the news of the intrusion of the British reached Danvers, Foster sent one of his lieutenants to Col. Pickering and obtained permission to start with his minute men, without waiting for the movements of the regiment. They arrived at West Cambridge, a distance of sixteen miles in four hours. There they met the retreating British, and poured in a most destructive fire. (G) Col. Pickering (H) with his regiment came on more slowly. Hon. D. P. King has thus described the scene:

"Our townsmen heard the roar of the artillery and the rattle of musketry and they pantcd to join in the deadly combat. A little west of meeting house is a hill around which the road wound in such manner as to conceal the British. Many of the men of Danvers went into a walled enclosure and piled bundles of shingles which were lying there to strengthen their breastwork; rumor had deceived them as to the force of the enemy. It was certainly their expectation here to have intercepted their retreat. Others selected trees on the side of hills from which they might assail the enemy. But they had little space for preparation. They soon saw the British in solid columns descending the hill on their right, and at the same moment discovered a large flank guard advancing on their left. The men in the enclosure made a gallant resistance but were overpowered by numbers. It was here that several of those whom we are proud to claim for our townsmen were slain. Some sought shelter in a neighboring house, and three or four, after they had surrendered themselves prisoners of war, were butchered with savage barbarity.

"Capt. Foster, with some of his men on the side of the hill, finding themselves nearly surrounded, made an effort to gain the pond. They passed along its margin and crossed the road directly in front of the British column. On the north side of the road they took position behind a ditch wall. From this casual redoubt they
fired upon the enemy as long as any of them were within reach of their muskets. Some of them fired eleven times, with two bullets at each discharge, and it cannot be doubted that these winged messengers of death performed their destined work. The bodies of the slain were scattered along the road—the British were followed till they reached Charlestown Neck. Mortifying and severe to them were the defeats and losses of that day. Their killed, wounded and missing amounted to about 300—according to an account published at the time in the form of a hand bill, 42 Americans were killed and 22 wounded." Afterward ascertained to be 50 killed.

"Capt. Gideon Foster's company was stationed at Brighton, then called Little Cambridge. He was ordered by Gen. Ward to escort a load of ammunition to Charles-

ton. Capt. Foster obeyed and met the Americans when on their retreat. Their powder was consumed and he supplied them with ammunition loose in casks, for one more grapple with death. Capt. Foster in his old age revived the reminiscences thus: "We took the ammunition in casks and conveyed it in wagons and delivered it freely with our hands and our dippers to their horns, their pockets, their hats and whatever else they had that would hold it. I well remember the blackened appearance of those busy in this work, not unlike those engaged in the delivery of coal on a hot summer day. At the same time we were thus occupied, the enemy's shot were constantly whistling by, but we had no time to examine their character or dimen-
sions.

"I have oft thought what might have been our condition had one of these hot shot unceremoniously come in contact with our wagons."

Capt. Foster's company belonged to Colonel Mansfield's regiment which was stationed on Prospect Hill. Gen. Putnam commanded there. An order was issued calling all the captains together. They were told that a captain was wanted to engage in a very arduous enterprise, and a volunteer was called for. When Foster found no one willing to offer services, he presented himself and was accepted. Several soldiers were drawn from each company and properly armed. They re-

paired to Gen. Putnam's quarters to receive instructions. After reviewing them, 

"Old Put" deprived them of their equipments and furnished them with axes, sent them into a swamp where they were engaged in cutting fascines (faggots) and in bringing them in on their backs. The muster rolls present no proof that Gen. Foster was captain at Lexington. They showed but four companies, but he was present and acted in that capacity. The explanation of the matter lies in this: March 3, 1775, according to the Essex Gazette, it was voted in Danvers, that, agreeable to a vote of the Provincial Con-
gress, a quarter of the soldiers in the town should be minute men. The minute men were given in part to Israel Hutchinson and in part to Gideon Foster. Foster's men are included in other companies; why they are not down in a separate list, under their commander cannot be told.

Had Col. Pickering been actuated by the same ardor that distinguished Gideon Foster, it is not probable that many would have remained of the British to have related the day's disaster. The retreat which was in a measure safely conducted would have been effectually intercepted, and death would have exulted over the number of his trophies.

Many years after his sanguinary day, Gen. Foster recalled the event thus:

"I was then twenty-six years of age. About ten days before I had been chosen to command a company of minute men who were at all times to be in readiness at a minutes warning. They were so ready—they all assembled on the very spot where we are this day assembled—they all went and in about four hours from the time of meeting, they traveled on foot (half full the way upon the run) sixteen miles, and saluted the enemy. This they did most effectually, as the records of that day most clearly prove. I discharged my musket at the enemy a number of times (I think eleven) with two balls each time, and with well-directed aim. My comrade (Mr. Cleaves of Beverly) who was then standing by my side had his finger and ram-
rod cut away by a shot from the enemy. Whether my shot took effect, *I cannot say, but this I can say, if they did not it was not for the want of determined purpose in him who sent them."

In the second company of soldiers at Lexington, Gideon Foster is placed a second lieutenant in the muster rolls. He was appointed captain of a company of minute men but a few days before the battle, and John Endicott was elected lieutenant in his place. Before the battle Jeremiah Page's company elected Enoch Putnam, 1st lieutenant; William Towne, 2d lieutenant, and Joseph Porter, ensign, Flint's co. after

*These remarks were made at the laying of the corner stone of the Danver's monument.
the engagement, received Asa Prince as ensign in place of Israel Putnam. The town generously supported Geo. Southwich's family after his death. It is said that the Danvers' companies all followed the worthy example of Foster and went to Lexington without waiting for Pickering's regiment. The company to which Sylvester Osborne belonged (he was the youngest member) captured a wagon near Medford, which was carrying supplies to the British. He with others was detached to escort the prize to a place of safety, and they heard the report of the firearms immediately after leaving the main body.

When Foster's men threw themselves behind the enclosure from which they fired, Hutchinson, whose experience in the French wars gave him knowledge, warned them to beware of the flank guard. In their unacquaintance with military affairs they knew nothing of a flank guard, and firing on the main body as it passed, they rushed out to harass its rear, when, of course, they found themselves between two fires, where several fell. Job Wilson, on examining his pocket after the engagement, found his coat and a square foot of gingerbread perforated by a bullet. He d. 3d Feb., 1745. Res. Danvers, Mass. 668. i. GIDEON, b. Jan. 18, 1774; d. Nov. 15, 1775.


671. iv. JOHN, b. June 2, 1785.

672. v. MARCIA or MERCY, b. July 26, 1788.

270x. ASAHEL FOSTER (Gideon, Benjamin, Abraham, Reginald), b. Danvers, Mass., July 16, 1749; m. Joanna Symonds, b. Mar. 21, 1748. The Fosters are of English derivation and came to Massachusetts about 1630. They were intermarried with the Peabodys and Perleys previous to the coming of those families to America and while residents in Massachusetts; as well as since their settlement in Maine. Asa Foster came from Danvers in the year 1772, and first settled at a place in Bridgton, since known as "Hensborough," lot No. 4, range 19. He built the first frame house in Bridgton, and his wife was the first married woman that settled in that town. Mr. Foster died in Feb., 1820 "from the kick of a horse," aged 71 years, having had issue; eleven children.—[Hist. Harrison, Me.] He d. Feb., 1820. Res., Bridgton and Harrison, Me. 673. i. JOSEPH, b. Nov. 12, 1771.

674-2. ii. ASAEL, b. Oct. 4, 1773; m. Lucy Brackett and Lucy Crosby.

675-3. iii. BENJAMIN, b. Sept. 1, 1775; m. Nancy Veasey.

676-4. iv. FRANCIS, b. July 18, 1784; m. and res. So. Bridgton, Me.

677-5. v. MOODY, b. Mar. 4, 1787; m. and res. Vassalboro, Me.

678-6. vi. LUCY, b. Sept. 1, 1775.


280. REV. BENJAMIN FOSTER, D. D., A. M. (Gideon, Benjamin, Abraham, Reginald), b. Danvers, Mass., June 12, 1750; m. Elizabeth Green Young, dau. of Dr. Thomas and Martha (Lynde) Greer, of Leicester, and gr.-dau. of Brig.-Gen. Timothy Ruggles; d. —; m. 2d, in New York, — —.

Benjamin Foster, D. D., a brother of Gideon, was born at the same place June 12, 1750. He graduated Danville College in 1775, and after completing his theological studies under the supervision of Dr. Stillman he commenced the work of the ministry, and was ordained in Leicester, Oct. 23, 1776. In January, 1784, he was settled as pastor of the First Baptist Society. He remained but two years, however, when he removed to Newburyport, and soon after to New York, where, in the year 1798 he died a victim of the yellow fever, which then prevailed. He was devoted to his flock to the last, and fell a martyr to his faithfulness. He was a learned man, and a good minister. He published "The Divine Right of Immersion," in answer to a Mr. Fish, and defended "Primitive Baptism" in a letter to John Cleveland, and also published a treatise on the "Seventy Weeks of Daniel." — —.

At length a meeting house was completed at New Mills, in the year 1783, and in January of the year following, Rev. Benjamin Foster was invited to preach for the society six months, which invitation he accepted. In February the pews were sold at public venue by Aaron Cheever. They brought about $2,600. In December of the same year Mr. Foster was engaged to supply the pulpit until May, 1785.
He remained but two years, and the society did not have constant preaching for nine years. In March, 1790, the committee was instructed to procure preaching once each month. In the following year the society listened to preaching one-third of the time, and in the year 1791 the services of Rev. Mr. Crossman were secured for one-fourth of the time. The next year a preacher was employed one-half of the time.—[Hist. of Danvers.]

Rev. Benjamin Foster, D. D., was settled over this Leicester society in 1772. He was born in Danvers in 1750, and was graduated at Yale college in 1771. He studied theology with the distinguished Dr. Stillman, of Boston; having become a convert, it is said, to the opinions which he afterward maintained, by having, while in the college, been appointed to defend infant baptism by sprinkling.

After remaining at Leicester about eight years the society being unable to provide him a suitable maintenance he was dismissed, and preached about two years in Danvers. He was a learned scholar and an eminent divine. He was honored with the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Brown university in 1792. While in Leicester he published a work on "Polemical Divinity," and subsequently a dissertation upon the "Seventy Weeks of Daniel." He was well acquainted with the Greek, Hebrew and Chaldaic languages, and had achieved a high reputation for learning and ability, when cut down in the midst of his usefulness and growing reputation. He married, for his first wife, Elizabeth Green, daughter of Dr. Thomas Green; and for his second a lady of New York. Dr. Foster was succeeded by the Rev. Isaac Beals. From thence he removed to Newport, where he was settled over a society, and remained until 1788, when he removed to New York, where he became the minister of the First Baptist society in that city. Here he remained till his death, in 1798, in the forty-ninth year of his age. His death was as heroic as his life had been eminent for piety and usefulness. He was residing in the city when the yellow fever broke out in 1798. While others fled in consternation from the power of the destroyer he stood at his post undismayed; he shrank from no call of duty, and fell a martyr to devotion in his ministrations to the dying and the dead. He died Aug. 26, 1798.—History, of Leicester. Res., Danvers and Leicester, Mass., and New York City.


PHILEMON, b. July 24, 1773; d. before 1780.

PHILEMON, b. Feb. 5, 1779; m. Nabby Hobbs.

RUTH, b. Aug. 30, 1781.

ELIZABETH, b. Mar. 26, 1785.

MOSES FOSTER (Jonathan, Caleb, Abraham, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass., Dec. 18, 1735; in the Line Brook Parish; m. April 30, 1789, in Topsfield, Mary Fuller, dau. of Timothy Fuller, of Middleton, Mass., whose second cousin, bearing the same name, was the grandfather of Margaret Fuller, Countess d'Ossoli. Moses Foster was scarcely of age at the opening of the war of Independence, but he entered the army and saw hard service. He was one of the Ipswich men who marched for Lexington, April 19, 1775; also in service in Rhode Island during the last five months of 1776. He was in the memorable expedition against Quebec in 1775 (Mass. Revolutionary Rolls, 12: 416, 14: 22, 41: 92. Coat Rolls 90). In 1787 he purchased 76 acres of land on the high ground, south of the Souhegan river, then in Amherst, N. H., but now included in the southern part of Milford, N. H., on most of which then stood an unbroken forest (Hillsborough Deeds, 21: 179) His first house was built on a site within a half a mile of the present residences of his grandsons, John Everett Foster, and Moses Freeman Foster. He d. Sept. 3, 1800, in Milford, N. H. His widow m. about 1801, Philip Butterfield.

MOSES, b. Dec. 25, 1790; m. Fanny Coggin and Dina Wallingford.

ISAAC PLUMMER, b. Nov. 5, 1792; m. Harriet Brooks.


JOHN, b. Nov. 13, 1798; m. —; d. Sept. 1833.

ELINOR, JEMIMA, Sarah BETSY, and EBENEZER, and m. STEPHEN MATILDA.


ii. MATILDA (or "Martha"), b. Aug. 22, 1765; m. April, 1785, Samuel Bradstreet (Samuel, Samuel, John, Simon), to whom she was pub. Mar. 12, 1785.

iii. NABBY, b. Dec. 9, 1797, to Thomas Cummings.

iv. SARAH, b. ——; m. Lot Conant.

316. JACOB FOSTER (Jonathan, Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass., July 15, 1746; m. ——, Sarah Wheeler. He was son of Jonathan Foster and Elizabeth Story, his wife. He was but eighteen years of age when his father moved from Ipswich, Mass., to Lincoln, Mass.; and Jacob moved to Lincoln, probably, at the same time. He subsequently resided at Lincoln until he moved to Hanover, N. H. He was residing at Lincoln when the war of the Revolution began, and in that war he served as a private in Capt. William Smith's company (from Lincoln), Col. Abijah Pierce's (Massachusetts) regiment, and took part in the fight at Concord Bridge, and in the running fight between Concord and Charlestown, April 19, 1775. In this fight his hat was pierced by a British bullet. He subsequently served in Capt. Farrar's company (from Lincoln), Col. Brooks' (Massachusetts) regiment; and also in Capt. John Hartwell's company (from Lincoln), Col. Eleazer Brooks' (Massachusetts) regiment; was at the fortifying of Dorchester Heights and bombardment of Boston. He was married at Lincoln, Mass., by Eleazer Brooks Esq., to Sarah Wheeler, of Lincoln. He moved from Lincoln, Mass., to Hanover, N. H., sometime between Feb. 7, 1788, and May 2, 1789; and died at Hanover, N. H., Nov. 8, 1791. His wife, Sarah Wheeler, died at Hanover, N. H., in 1799. Res. Hanover, N. H.

1. SALLY, b. April 16, 1781.

2. JACOB, b. Aug. 20, 1782; "was killed with thunder July 11, 1790."

3. JONATHAN, b. Oct. 25, 1783; m. Betsey Eggleston (who d. at Mantua, O., Sept. 21, 1866); d. at Mantua, O., Sept. 28, 1866.


5. WILLIAM, b. Oct. 25, 1786.

6. PATTEY, b. Aug. 8, 1788.

7. LUCY, b. June 15, 1790; m. Alpha Wright, of Tallmadge, O., Dec. 12, 1811; d. Sept. 30, 1875. After the death of her parents she was, at the age of nine years, received into the family of Mr. Martin Kent, of Hanover, N. H. (formerly of Suffield, Conn.), and was thereafter treated the same as if she had been his daughter. In the spring of 1807 Mr. Martin Kent left Hanover with his family, including Lucy Foster, and traveled with horses and wagons to the Connecticut Western Reserve in Ohio, where, in June or July, 1807, the family settled on six hundred acres of land, purchased by Mr. Kent, in what is now Suffield township, Portage county, O. Lucy Foster, in 1810, was called upon to teach the first school in Tallmadge township (now in Summit county, O.), and Dec. 12, 1811, she was married to Alpha Wright, of Tallmadge, by Rev. Joshua Beer, at the residence of Mr. Martin Kent, in Suffield, O. She then moved to Tall-
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madge, O., the home of her husband, who, with his father, Capt. John Wright (a veteran of the war of the Revolution), had come from Winchester (Winsted), Litchfield county, Conn., to Ohio in 1802, and with his parents and three brothers had settled in Tallmadge, O., in 1803. In the war of 1812, Alpha Wright served as a sergeant in a company of riflemen, composed of his neighbors and friends. Before the war closed he was commissioned as ensign, but not while in the field.

It is well to consider the conditions under which Lucy Foster Wright passed these early years of her married life, especially since she and her husband were important factors in helping to mould this early frontier community; and so closely was her life inter-woven with that of the community that the character of that community in its early days shows us in strong light the kind of woman she was. The western line of Tallmadge township is only about two and a half miles east from what is known as the "Portage Path,"—the old Indian portage trail between the Cuyahoga and Tuscarawas rivers. This "Portage Path" formed a narrow highway of the Indians in their passage from Lake Erie, via the Cuyahoga, Tuscarawas and Muskingum rivers, to the Ohio river and the interior of the country. It was an old treaty boundary line, which, until after the War of 1812, was the extreme western limit of the white settlements on the Connecticut Western Reserve, except a mere line of scattered settlements along Lake Erie and a very few "clearings" of isolated settlers here and there in the interior. With these few exceptions the territory in Ohio west of this old boundary line was then a vast unbroken wilderness, inhabited only by Indians. The early settlers of Tallmadge township were animated with a very high degree of public spirit and patriotism. The township itself was named after its principal early proprietor, Col. Benjamin Tallmadge, of Litchfield, Conn., a brave and efficient officer of the Continental Army and a trusted friend of General Washington. The first white settler came to the township in 1807, and in 1810 a log school house was built and a school established, Lucy Foster being the first teacher. A township library was established Sept. 26, 1813, containing at first about seventy volumes of standard works; and soon after this a lyceum or debating society was formed. A building for an academic school was begun in 1814, and this school was opened in 1814 or 1815.

The company of riflemen with which Alpha Wright served in the war of 1812 was organized at a very early date, most of the men being residents of Tallmadge township. Alpha Wright, when twenty-one years of age, held a warrant as corporal in this rifle company, dated April 7, 1810. On the surrender of Gen. Hull, at Detroit, in August, 1812, the Indians generally being then allies of the British, the situation of the white settlers along this extreme frontier became most dangerous and critical. Their lives night and day were full of anxiety and dread. The men of the community, giving highest consideration to their country's need and the good of all, continued to maintain the company of riflemen; and this company was ordered into the service of the United States, August 22, 1812, and left their homes, taking the field for the defense of the northwestern frontier—an act of much greater self-denial and devotion to country than if the families of these men had been left in the greater security of homes remote from the frontier and its dangers. Among the women then left in this frontier settlement was Lucy Foster Wright, who had married Alpha Wright in the preceding December. Attack from the Indians was anticipated and dreaded, and the fear of this hung over the little settlement at all times. At night it was the custom for the women and children to be gathered together within the defensive walls of some log house, guarded by the very few men—principally old men—left in the settlement; or when an impending attack seemed
more eminent, some (and Lucy Foster Wright was among these) were hidden over night in hollow trees or in the surrounding forest for greater safety. The log house of Alpha and Lucy Foster Wright was one of these temporary "forts," and it was under such circumstances as these that she lived during his absence with the army, and under these circumstances their first child was born, Oct. 2, 1812, during such absence of the father. After these eventful years of her early life Lucy Foster Wright lived to be the mother of a large family of sons and daughters, who have all occupied positions of honor and influence, and have continued the good work of their mother, in the communities in which they have lived. Strong and vigorous in mind and body until the last; through a long life always an earnest and active supporter of education, the church and all good works; honored, revered and beloved by all who ever knew her, this one of the early pioneers of a great State passed away at the age of eighty-five, having exercised no small influence upon the lives of many who have helped to make the State and nation what it is. She died at Tallmadge, O., Sept. 30, 1875. Alpha Wright, her husband, died at Tallmadge, O., March 1, 1856. Children, all born at Tallmadge, O.:

1. Philo, b. Oct. 2, 1812; m. at Hudson, O., June 29, 1837, Electa E. Coe, dau. of Rev. Harvey Coe, of Hudson, O., tutor in Western Reserve college; res., Hudson, O., and Detroit, Mich.; d. Dec. 3, 1844, at Detroit, Mich. Children all born at Hudson, O. 1. Edward Bingham, b. ——, 1838; Presbyterian minister; res., Austin, Tex.; was educated at Western Reserve college; served on U. S. Lake Survey under corps of engineers, U. S. Army; served as captain of artillery (Michigan volunteers) in civil war and was very severely wounded; received degree of D. D. from Western Reserve university; m. Evelyn Hunter Bell, of Austin, Tex. Ch. 1. Evelyn Bell, b. ——, 1879. 2. Charles Coe, b. ——, 1840; was educated at Western Reserve college; d. at New York City, N. Y., ——, 1863; unm. 3. Henry Martyn, b. ——, 1843; importer and jeweler; res., Detroit, Mich; was educated at Western Reserve college; served in Ohio volunteers in civil war; subsequently on U. S. Lake Survey under corps of engineers, U. S. army; m. Flora May Haught. Ch. 1. Edith Buell, b. ——, 1877.

2. William Wheeler, b. May 12, 1814; Congregational minister; res., Oberlin, O.; educated at Western Reserve college and Oberlin College; m. at Oberlin, O., Susan D. Allen, of Mansfield, Mass.; d. at Oberlin, O., Dec. 1, 1853. Children, all born at Oberlin, O.: 1. Ellen Elizabeth, b. ——, 1844; d. ——, 1859. 2. Albert Allen, b. ——, 1846; was educated at Oberlin college and Columbia college school of mines; served as lieutenant in Civil war; professor of geology Oberlin college; acting president of Oberlin college 1897 and 1898; res., Oberlin, O.; m. 1st, Mary Lyon Bedortha, of Saratoga, N. Y., who d. ——, 1877; m. 2d, Mary P. B. Hill. Ch. (by first wife): 1. Helen Bedortha, b. ——, 1876; (by second wife): 2. Norman Hill, b. ——, 1896. 3. Herbert Hornell, b. ——, 1848; professor of mathematics Fisk university; res., Nashville, Tenn.; educated at Oberlin college; m. Francis E. Bosworth. Ch. 1. Flora Fredrika, b. ——, 1875. 2. Ellen Elizabeth, b. ——, 1870. 3. Mary Martha, b. ——, 1875; educated at Oberlin college; m. Rev. Walter E. C. Wright; d. ——, 1888. 5. Stella Susan, b. ——, 1850; educated at Oberlin college; teacher, Peoria, Ill. 6. Fanny Foster, b. ——, 1862; educated at Oberlin college. Res., Cleveland, O.

3. Lucy Ann, b. Jan. 9, 1816; res., Tallmadge, O.; m. at Tallmadge, O., June 12, 1835, Rev. Luther Shaw, who d. Aug. 20, 1888, at Tallmadge, O., aged 88 years. She d. at Tallmadge, O., Feb. 2, 1899.


5. Abigail, b. April 1, 1820; res., Holly, Mich.; m. at Tall-

Clement, b. March 15, 1822; res., Tallmadge, O., where he has been a merchant for the last forty-eight years (1851-1899); township treasurer for more than forty years, and U. S. postmaster for more than twenty-five years; m. at Wadsworth, O., June 18, 1845, Lucy Ayer Whitney, dau. of Shubael Whitney and Sarah Mitchell, his wife, late of New York City and New Rochelle, N. Y. Lucy Ayer Whitney was b. in New London county, Conn. Nov. 16, 1822, and was a lineal descendant of the seventh generation from John and Elinor Whitney, who came from England and settled at Watertown, Mass., in June, 1635. [See Whitney Genealogy, by Fred C. Pierce.] She d. at Tallmadge, O., June 22, 1888. Children all born at Tallmadge, O.: 1. George Mitchell, b. Aug. 3, 1847; lawyer; res., Tallmadge and Akron, O.; was educated at public schools, Tallmadge academy and Western Reserve college, but left college early in the course; studied law and was admitted to the bar in Ohio, June 16, 1873; practiced law at Akron, O., for many years; devoted much time to study of sciences, and was appointed assistant geologist, U. S. Geological Survey; engaged in geological field work for the government for several years in Nevada, California, Yellowstone National Park, Idaho, Wyoming and Montana; stationed during winters at Salt Lake City, Utah; New York City, N. Y., and Washington, D. C.; in the Spanish-American war was commissioned second lieutenant and battalion adjutant Eighth Ohio Vol. Inf., and was detailed as acting ordnance officer; was subsequently appointed aide-de-camp and Brigade ordnance officer on the staff of Brig.-Gen. George A. Garretson; served in Maj.-Gen. Nelson A. Miles’ expedition to Cuba (Santiago campaign), and in expedition to Porto Rico, the first invasion and the following campaign; took part in fighting in Porto Rico, and was commended in official report; was also officially recommended for brevets for services in this campaign; is a member of the Philosophical Society of Washington, D. C.; an associate member of the Military Service Institution of the United States; a member of the society of the Sons of the American Revolution, of the society of the War of 1812, and of the military order of Foreign Wars of the United States; also a member of the Alpha Delta Phi college fraternity; m. at Akron, O., Oct. 18, 1876, Lucy Josephine Hale (b. at Akron, O., March 14, 1854), dau. of James Madison Hale and Sarah Allen, his wife, of Akron, O. Children, all born at Tallmadge, O.: 1. Clement Hale, b. July 4, 1852. 2. Allen Whitney, b. July 17, 1859. 3. George Maltby, b. June 21, 1852. 2. Charlotte Adella, b. Dec. 3, 1849; d. Sept. 20, 1851, at Tallmadge, O. 3. Clara Whitney, b. March 21, 1853; d. Aug. 31, 1854, at Tallmadge, O.


8. Martha (twin), b. Jan. 21, 1827; res., Tallmadge, O.; m. at Tallmadge, O., Sept. 2, 1846, Homer Sackett Carter, for many years a merchant at Tallmadge; now retired from that business. Children, all born at Tallmadge, O.: 1. Homer Wright, b. Nov.

ARK, N. J.; res., Cleveland, O.; m. at Birmingham, Conn.,
Margaret Isabel Shelton, of Birmingham, Conn. Ch.: 1. Mar-
jorie Shelton, b. — , 1886; d. — , 1887. 2. Dorothea, b. — ,
1887. 3. Charles Shelton, b. — , 1895. 2. Fanny Virginia, b.
Oct. 26, 1858; d. at Tallmadge, O., Sept. 10, 1878; unm.
11. Handel Hayden, b. Feb. 13, 1832; d. July 18, 1854, at
Akron, O.; unm.
12. Charles Storrs, b. Jan. 1, 1834; d. at Tallmadge, O., Oct. 6,
1854; killed by the accidental discharge of his gun; unm.

695-6. ix. JACOB, b. Feb. 29, 1792.

323. REV. JACOB FOSTER (Jacob, Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), b. Holliston,
Mass., March 10, 1732; m. Oct. 13, 1756, Hepzibah Prentiss, dau. of Henry Prentiss,
who was a cousin of Hon. John Prentiss, of Cambridge. She was bapt. Jan. 23,
1732; d. Nov. — , 1811. He was graduated at Harvard college in 1754; in the class
with Gov. John Hancock. He was ordained pastor of the church in Berwick, Me.,
in 1756. At his own request he was dismissed from his charge and entered the
Continental army as chaplain of Col. James Scammol's regiment in 1777. Subse-
sequently he was installed in a church in Pachersfield, N. H. (now Nelson), in
1781, where he ministered for ten years; when he took a dismissal and died there
in 1795. His wife was a relative of Hon. John Prentiss, of Keene, N. H., many
Me., and Nelson, N. H.

696. i. HEPZIBAH, b. July 15, 1757; m. David Rainsford; res., Can-
terbury.

697. ii. JACOB, b. May 25, 1759; d. young.

698. iii. SOPHIA, b. May 19, 1760; m. Aug. 13, 1783, Samuel Griffin. Res.
Nelson, N. H. He was b. 1756; d. Nelson, N. H., Feb. 2, 1811. She d. there March 50, 1816. Ch.: 1. Sarah, unm. He was a strong, robust man, both in mind and body, and thor-
oughly enjoyed life; never had need to call a physician until his last illness, which was of short duration. Had a full set of
double teeth all around, and never lost one, or suffered pain from
them, although attaining the age of 86 years. He was fond of
military life and made that a study. 2. Sophia; m. Josiah Par-
er. 3. Sally; m. Simeon Goodnow. They d. in Webster,
N. Y. 4. Hepzibah; m. Nathaniel Abbott; res., Webster, N. Y.
5. Hannah; m. Simeon Wilson and Rufus Atwood. 6. Betsy;
m. John Atwood; res. Webster, N. Y. 7. Priscilla; m. Otis
Gowar; no descendants. 8. Rebecca; m. Dexter Whitcomb;
res., Boston. 9. Lois; m. Samuel Ogood, a son of Capt. Geo.
W. Gooood, of Nelson, N. H. 10. Nathan, b. Nov. 25, 1785; m.,
Nelson, N. H., Sept. 11, 1808, Sally Wright, b. Dec. 24, 1786;
d. Jan. 27, 1881. He d. April 15, 1872. Was a farmer, a successful
teacher, and for many years was town clerk of Nelson. His
health failed in early manhood; was a very promising young
man. Was a man of sterling worth, and was much sought for
as counselor and advisor. He loved his books, was a great Bible
student, and the best commentary I was able to find, and one of
the best teachers of those days. For 19 consecutive years he
taught the school of his own town, and five of his seven children
were his pupils. But he was not a strong man physically, and
early broke down in health, so that his later years were spent
quietly in his home, respected and beloved by all who knew him.
30, 1836; d. Oct. 24, 1882; m. Pauline McCormick, of Ohio; a son
is Alvaro N. Griffin; res., kilburn, Wis. 2. Silence, b. Feb. 15,
1814; m. Dec. 7, 1837; d. March 14, 1866; m. Samuel L. Taggard;
a son is Frank E.; res., Finley Union, St., Lynn. 3. Mary, b. Feb.
16, 1816; m. June 6, 1850, Luther Smith; a son is Evander E.;
res., Marlboro, N. H. 4. Gilman, b. Dec. 30, 1815; m. March 8,
1843; d. Oct. 6, 1862; m. Harriet Atwood; a dau. is Mrs. Geo. F.
Winch; res., Marlboro, N. H. 5. Sophia, b. Aug. 15, 1821; m.
Sept. 18, 1840; res., N.; m. Alfred Spaulding; res., Saxton's
River, Vt. 6. Simon Goodell, b. Aug. 9, 1824; m., ist, Sept. 10,
1850; 2d, Jan. 1, 1863, m. Sept. 10, 1850, Ursula Jane Harris; m. 2d, Jan. 1, 1863, Margaret Russell Lamson, b. Feb. 5, 1831; res., Keene, N. H. Gen. Simon G. Griffin was b. Aug. 9, 1824, in Nelson, N. H. For many years he was engaged in educational work; and for two years represented his town in the N. H. state legislature. In 1860 he was practicing law in Concord, N. H., and at the first call of President Lincoln for troops he volunteered as a private and was chosen captain of Company B, Second N. H. volunteer infantry. He commanded his company at the first battle of Bull Run; was promoted to lieutenant-colonel of the Sixth, N. H. Vols., and joined Burnside's expedition to North Carolina. He was rapidly promoted to colonel, brigadier-general and brevet major-general; seeing constant service at the front and being present in twenty-two great battles, besides numberless smaller fights. He commanded the second division Ninth army corps in the final assault on the lines in front of Petersburg, April 2, 1865, in which the heaviest fighting of the whole line fell to his lot; his division alone losing 725 men in killed and wounded—his charge being made by direction of General Grant, on the enemy's main line at the Jerusalem plank road, near the city. He also commanded his division at the surrender of Lee and in the grand review at Washington, May 23, 1865. After the war Gen. Griffin settled in Keene, N. H., and represented that town for three terms in the state legislature; two of which he served as speaker of the house. In 1867 and 1868 he was commander of the Massachusetts commandery of the military order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. He is now engaged in historical literary work. Ch: i. Charles Lamson Griffin, b. Aug. 15, 1864; m. April 4, 1894, res., 220 Broadway, N. Y. ii. William Lamson Griffin, b. Nov. 30, 1867; res., 220 Broadway, N. Y. 7. Sarah Augusta, b. Aug. 15, 1828; m. 1st, Feb. 11, 1857, Silas A. French, b. June 27, 1828; d. Nov. 21, 1857; m. 2d, June 2, 1874, Zenas H. Sherwin, b. Jan. 5, 1824; d. Mar. 4, 1867. She res., "The Albion," St. Paul, Minn. Ch: i. Silas Ervne French, b. July 6, 1852, in Nelson, N. H.; d. Sept. 8, 1854, in Nelson. ii. Leonard Webster French, b. Dec. 7, 1853; m. April 23, 1878. iii. Charles Milton French, b. Aug. 7, 1857; m. April 12, 1880, Nellie Rachel Troy, b. March 14, 1861, s. p. iv. Francis Adelbert French, adopted son, b. May 7, 1864; m. Sept. 22, 1886; P. O. address, St. Paul, Minn., for Leonard Webster French and for Francis Adelbert French. Charles Milton French, P. O. address, is Chicago, Ill., 6148 Kimbark Ave. He is Asst. Gen. Mgr. for Thiel's detective agency.
iv. NATHAN, b. Sept. 9, 1762; prob. lost at sea about 1790.

v. JACOB, b. June 23, 1764; m. Rebecca Vose.

vi. HENRY, b. Sept. 17, 1766; m. Susannah Hooper.

vii. ELIZABETH, b. Oct. 4, 1768; m. Peal.

viii. DAVID, b. Aug. 10, 1770; m. Mary White.

ix. CALEB, b. May 15, 1773; d. March 1, 1777.

x. REBECCA, b. Aug. 12, 1775; m. Salmon Hooper, and has left a large number of descendants. Among them is John Kilburn Lowell, Mass., and Emeline Slade, of Fall River, Mass., the last, if alive, of that generation. I believe she has a son who is a lawyer in Fall River, Mass.

CAPT. WILLIAM FOSTER (Jacob, Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), b. Holliston, Mass., April 29, 1734; m. 1755, Hannah Durkee, dau. of Capt. William of Ipswich, b. 1735. She d. Feb. 21, 1823. 3. Captain William Durkee, b. Feb. 28, 1710; d. Jan. 15, 1795; m. Abigail Hovey, Feb. 8, 1732-3. She d. May 30, 1791. 2. William Durkee, b. abt. 1672 in New Hampshire; m. Rebeckah Gould of Ipswich (dau. Henry), Jan. 13, 1704. He d. March 2, 1732. 1. William Durkee, b. abt. 1630; m. Martha Cross of Ipswich. She d. Windham, Jan. 11, 1726-7. He was born in Holliston, Mass., and went to Hampton, Conn., in 1754; was a farmer and began farming in 1753 on a farm which was adjoining the town line of Hampton, Conn. He commanded the first company to take up arms against England from the town of Canterbury. When the news of the battle of Lexington reached Canterbury he marched at once with his company to Boston. During all the Revolutionary war he was recruiting officer for the state of Connecticut. In 1787 he moved with his family to Whitehall (then Skeensborough) New York, at the head of Lake Champlain. There he purchased 200 acres of land in the woods and began farming. During the latter part of his life he resided with his sons and died at his son Thomas' house. He d. May 16, 1832. Res. Holliston, Mass., Canterbury, Conn., and Whitehall, N. Y.

MARY, b. Nov. 17, 1758; m. July 9, 1778 in C., Capt. George Williamson Jr. He was b. 1754. He resided in Canterbury, Conn., and later in Amherst, Mass., and still later in Bangor, Me. He d. July 9, 1778. She d. Jan. 16, 1832. They had four sons and four daughters. 1. William D. 2. Asenath. 3. Robert. 4. George. 5. Mary. 6. Hannah. 7. Sarah; all dead. Only children of William D. living: viz.; Mrs. Caroline J. Chapman, Boston, Mass. Only children of George living: Mrs. E. W. Forsyth, Cambridge, Mass., Miss Helen Williamson, and Miss Mary Williamson, Southport, Me. No children of other brothers and sisters living. 1. George, a farmer in Pittston, Me.; Joseph, a lawyer in Belfast, Me., who was graduated at the Vermont university and was president of the senate in the Maine legislature. William D., the eldest son, attended Williams college in 1800 and finished his studies at Brown university where he was graduated in 1804. As his father was in modest circumstances and being the eldest of the family he was under the necessity of teaching school to defray his college expenses. He read law in Amherst until 1807 when he removed to Bangor, Me., and after further legal studies was
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admitted to the bar in November of that year. Governor Sullivan commissioned him attorney for the county of Hancock, which office he held for eight years. In 1816 he was elected to the senate of Massachusetts, Maine being then a part of the old commonwealth, and was continuously elected until the separation in 1820. He was appointed president of the first senate of the state of Maine. Gov. King having been appointed Spanish commissioner, Mr. Williamson discharged the duties of the governor for about six months in the year. He was soon elected a member of Congress. Later he was judge of probate, justice of peace and president of the Bangor Bank. His first wife was a niece of Gen. Montague of Amherst and is second a daughter of Judge Phineas White of Putney, Vt.; his third was the only surviving daughter of E. Emerson, Esq. of York, Me. He was particularly fond of literary pursuits, especially of an historical character. His great work was his History of Maine. He d. May 27, 1836.


HANNAH, b. Dec. 1, 1762; m. Ebenezer Williamson, of Middleboro, Mass., afterward of Canterbury and Brooklyn, Conn., and died at the latter place, Oct. 28, 1836, leaving no children.

WM. DURKEE, b. Aug. 10, 1760; m. Hannah — and Betsey Dorrence.


710. v. SAMUEL SHEFFIELD, b. Nov. 20, 1766; m. Anna.

711. vi. DAN, b. Sept. 4, 1770; m. Mirrion Wilson.

712. vii. ABEL, b. Nov. 12, 1772; m. Phebe and.

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715. x. JACOB, b. Mar. 24, 1772; m. Louisa Brooks.

716. xi. ABIGAIL, b. ———; m. Stephen Cooper Brooks. She was known as "Aunt Nabby."

717. xii. SARAH, b. July 26, 1768; d. young.


719. xiv. NANCY, b. ———; m. ——— Hall.

328. ISAAC FOSTER (Jacob, Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), b. March 18, 1743, Holliston, Mass.; m. Patience ———. He went from Mass. to Me. in 1765-70 and was accidently killed by a tree falling upon him.

Between 1760 and 1770 Isaac Foster settled in (New Boston) now Gray. He was the first Foster and ancestor of all of that name in that town at the present time. It is said of him that he was well educated, and came of good family. Some of the old people have told that he had two brothers come to see him and they were very nicely dressed and stopped at the hotel, claimed that he married beneath him. He d. ae. 45. Res. in Mass. and, Gray, Me.

720. i. JOHN, b. Oct. 1, 1768; m. ——— ———.

721. ii. ISAAC, b. Jan. 21, 1770.

722. iii. JACOB, b. Sept. 3, 1771; m. Mary Young.


724. v. SAMUEL, b. July 6, 1774; m. Martha Humphrey.

725. vi. RACHEL, b. April 28, 1776.

726. vii. WILLIAM, b. April 28, 1776; d. young.


729. x. WILLIAM, b. Oct. 7, 1753; m. Lucy Spencer and Sarah Jane Cheever.

730. xi. REBECCA, b. Feb. 24, 1784; m. ——— Whitney; a des. is Enos Whitney. The following are names of Fosters and descendants of Fosters who reside in the vicinity of Gray and are supposed to be related to Isaac and Patience: Silas W. Foster, Gray, Me.; Samuel Foster, Gray, Me.; Samuel Howard Foster, Brunswick, Maine; George Foster, Mechanic Falls, Me.; Daniel Foster, Raymond; Marshal Morse, Gray, Me.; Jacob Foster, Gray, Me.; Leonard Foster, Poland, Me.; Samuel E. Dolley, Gorham, Me.

336. COL. JOSEPH FOSTER (Jeremiah, John, Reginald, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass., July 19, 1730; m. Oct. 18, 1756, Lydia Giddings, dau. of Daniel and Mary (Butler) b. 1732; d. July 27, 1784; m. 2d, 1790, Mrs. Hannah Somes; d. before 1810. Joseph Foster was born in Chebacco Parish, Ipswich, now the town of Essex, Essex County, Mass.; his father was Capt. Jeremiah Foster, of that place, born in 1691, in Ipswich, died March 25, 1769; his mother was Dorothy, daughter of Na-

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thaniel and Joanna (Kinsman) Rust, of Ipswich; she was born July 14, 1700, and died May 14, 1745.

Joseph Foster was the seventh of a family of twelve children and a great-great-grandson of Reginald Foster. He was also a great-great-grandson of John Dane, of Ipswich, Mass., author of "A Declaration of Remarkable Providences in the Course of My Life. By John Dane, of Ipswich, 1682." Boston, 1854. Elizabeth, daughter of John Dane and wife of Reginald Foster, was his great-grandmother. Elizabeth Dane was a niece of Rev. Francis Dane, forty-eight years minister at Andover, Mass., who, boldly denouncing the witchcraft delusion of 1692, was prominently connected with the trials at Salem when almost every member of his family was under arrest or suspicion, and a daughter and granddaughter were tried and condemned to death.

Joseph Foster married Lydia Giddings, daughter of Lient. Daniel Giddings, of Chebacco; she was the mother of all the children. He again married Hannah Somes, widow of Isaac Somes, with six children; they had no children. Isaac Somes was captain of the privateer ship Tempest, lost at sea in 1752. Hannah Somes was living in 1808, but died prior to May 9, 1810, when the administrator's account of her estate is dated.

In early life Colonel Foster made many voyages at sea, being in 1760, master of the schooner Wolfe, at Gibraltar, and in 1761 of the schooner Joseph, in the West Indies. In 1762, he returned and settled permanently in Gloucester, Mass. He was engaged in commerce, and from 1766 to 1771, and probably before and afterward, had vessels trading to Cadiz, Malaga, Gibraltar, St. Kitt's, Monte Cristo, St. John's, Guadaloupe, West Indies, also coasting and fishing. He was prominent in Gloucester during the Revolution, and was colonel of the forces there. In 1772, he was captured in command of the Rebel letter-of marque ship The Polly, and was a prisoner of war on parole at Windsor, Nova Scotia, in July of that year. This parole paper is still preserved. He is said to have been drummed through Halifax, Nova Scotia, at that time, in retaliation for similar treatment inflicted by him on British prisoners at Gloucester. The following notices of Col. Joseph Foster are taken from the History of Gloucester, by John J. Babson, Gloucester, 1860, to which the family are indebted for much information. At a town meeting held in Gloucester, December 28, 1772, to protest against the "despotic measures adopted by the British Ministry" in opposition to the "rights and liberties of the people of the American colonies," Joseph Foster was chosen one of the seven members of the "Gloucester Committee of Correspondence," then elected (p. 360), who, March 6, 1775, "were continued in office" (p. 374). In 1774 he was one of the five Selectmen of Gloucester (p. 585), and in 1775 he was the representative of the town in the General Court of Massachusetts (p. 594). In 1779 he was one of the five delegates to the convention to form the State Constitution (p. 595), and after the Revolutionary War he was again the representative to General Court, in the years 1784, 1785 and 1786, and one of the four representatives in 1788 (p. 594).

At a town meeting March, 1774, Joseph Foster was chosen one of the two "special constables" appointed; "in case the small-pox should come into town, they having had it" (p. 371).

In March, 1775, he gave £2-8s., being one of the largest contributors, towards £117 7s. rd., raised in Gloucester, for the relief of the distress caused in Boston by the act of Parliament shutting up that port (p. 372).

"Tradition asserts that the merchants of the town" of Gloucester smuggled extensively during "the last years of our colonial existence," and "till their commerce was destroyed by the war. A story is told concerning one of those smuggling adventures, which is deserving of remembrance for a clever device of its chief actor. A schooner, belonging to Col. Joseph Foster, came from a foreign port in the night; and, according to custom, the hatches were immediately opened, and the landing of the cargo was commenced, the owner himself assisting. A considerable part was landed and stored before daybreak; but more than half was still on board, and, early in the morning, a tidewaiter was expected from Salem. The fertile mind of Colonel Foster hit at once upon an expedient. On the Cut was a watch-house, where John M'Kean, a stout Irishman, had been employed, in a time of alarm about the small-pox, to stop all strangers entering the town, and subject them to a fumigating process. It is sufficient to say, that his majesty's officer of the customs was on that morning ushered into the watch-house by John M'Kean; that he was kept there all day, and released after dark, purified from all infectious disease, so far as a thorough smoking could do it" (p. 387).
In 1776, "five small armed vessels, commissioned by the State" of Massachusetts, "made Gloucester Harbor their rendezvous." "They cruised during the day in Boston and Ipswich Bays, generally returning to port at night." One of them, commanded by Captain Manly, captured a brig with a cargo of oats, bacon, porter and other articles. She was chased ashore by the frigate 'Milford,' on to the rocks at Brace's Cove, where the prize crew landed. Capt. Joseph Foster, with a company of minute men, marched over from town to protect the vessel, in case the frigate should send a force to take possession of her. He got out some of the cargo; but, during the night, a boat's crew from the frigate boarded the brig, and set her on fire, by which she was destroyed" (p. 411).

It was in 1779, a "period of great poverty" in Gloucester, when paper money had depreciated to about one-seventieth of its nominal value," and "about one-sixth" of the whole population were "living chiefly upon charity," "that a large troop of women, in want of the necessaries of life, marched to Colonel Foster's store, and made
known their determination to supply themselves with provisions and groceries from his stock, in spite of all resistance. Some of the number were prepared to take an exact account of the articles delivered to each person, with reference to payment, if they should ever be able to pay; but, pay or no pay, they would have them, and proceeded to help themselves accordingly. This merchant was one of the most ardent patriots of the town; and it is related of him that his conduct on this occasion proved him to be one of the most benevolent: for the tale of suffering and destitution that the women had to tell so touched his feelings, that he liberally supplied their wants, and dismissed them with words of the utmost kindness and sympathy" (p. 441).

In September, 1779, a convention of delegates to form a State Constitution assembled at Cambridge. Joseph Foster was one of the five delegates from Gloucester. "The convention completed their work in March, 1780; and submitted the Constitution they had agreed upon to the people of the State." At a town meeting held in Gloucester on the 22d of May, "the Constitution was accepted by a vote of forty-eight in its favor. No negative votes are recorded; nor is anything more known of the debate than what is contained in a letter from Paul Revere, of April 25, 1777, and in 1766 he Foster said that they objected to it." The Constitution was adopted by the State (p. 442).

"In the year 1804, a prominent citizen of the town departed this life—Col. Joseph Foster; who died (December 10), aged seventy-four. Colonel Foster was a native of Ipswich. He was brought up in humble circumstances, and was indebted solely to his own energy and shrewdness for his advancement in life. He is supposed to have come to this town about 1760, and to have entered immediately upon those mercantile employments, in which, as a ship-master or merchant, he was afterward engaged to the end of his days. In the Revolutionary crisis, he was a patriot of the most ardent stamp; and was always ready to lend his personal exertions and his pecuniary means to help the town through the struggle. He was a man of rough manners; but he enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his townsmen, and was chosen frequently to various important public offices. He was several times elected representative (1775, 1784, 1785, 1786 and 1788), and was one of the delegates to the convention for forming the State Constitution (1779). He built and occupied a house near the easterly end of Front street (near the foot of Pleasant street), at the head of a lane leading to his wharf; but he had previously resided in a house, still standing (in 1860), at the head of Hancock street. His business had been pursued with such success, that he died possessed of a large estate."  

On the space between Hancock street and Pleasant street, Gloucester, we still see three houses of the olden time, the first of which was the residence of one of the most distinguished patriots of that town, Col. Joseph Foster.  

He left a son Joseph, who became a sea-captain, and was lost at sea about 1816; having never been heard from after leaving home on a voyage to the West Indies.


730. i. MARY, b. in 1757; m. July 17, 1777, Col. Nathaniel Wade; d. Oct. 26, 1826. Res. Ipswich, Mass. She d. Dec. 25, 1785 and he m. again. Ch.: Nathaniel, William Foster, Mary and Timothy. He sustained various trusts in the town; was long county treasurer, and representative from 1795 to 1817. He distinguished himself as a brave, patriotic and faithful officer in the Revolutionary War. He was at Bunker Hill—as captain of the Ipswich Minute Men—at Harlem and White Plains. Was colonel in the whole campaign in Rhode Island. While on duty there he sat president of the Upper Providence District Court. In 1778 he commanded a regiment against the insurgents under Shays. For many years he was colonel of the Middle Essex regiment. When introduced to General LaFayette at Ipswich in 1824 the General immediately recognized him, and, grasping his hand, said, "My dear sir, I am rejoiced to see you; it is just such a starry night as we had when I met you in Rhode Island." Colonel Wade's benevolent manners and actions secured to him high and extensive esteem.


732. ii. JOSEPH, b. May 23, 1764; m. Rebecca Ingersoll.
733. iii. LYDIA, b. prob. 1760; m. March 5, 1780, John Osborne Sargent, of Gloucester. Both d. 1786. He was son of Epes, junior and gt. gr., son of William 2d. who was son of William and Mary, of Bristol, England. William, senior, went from Exeter, England, to Barbadoes. when young and was educated there. He returned to his native country, and there m. Mary 'Epes, who stole from her home in the habit of a milkmaid, to become his wife. Such is the family tradition. The son, who came to Gloucester, first appears there in 1678, when he had a grant of two acres of land, at Eastern Point, where he built a house. He was a mariner and owned a sloop, which he probably employed in coasting. The date of his death is not known; but it is certain that he d. before, June, 1707; perhaps at sea, as in the settlement of his estate no charges are made for sickness or funeral expenses. The inventory of his property amounted to £278. He m. June 21, 1678, Mary, daughter of Peter Duncan, who d. Feb. 28, 1725. They had fourteen children, but it is only by one son, Epes, b. in 1690, that the name has been perpetuated. Epes Sargent was a prominent citizen, and several of his descendants have been distinguished men. He m. April 1, 1720, Esther Macartly, and again, Aug. 10, 1744, Mrs. Catharine Brown, of Salem; soon after this last date he removed to Salem, where he d. Dec. 6, 1762. His children by his first wife were: Epes, b. in 1721; Esther, 1722; Ignatius, 1724; James, 1726, d. in 1727; Winthrop, 1728; Sarah, 1729; Daniel, 1731; William, 1734; and Benjamin, 1736. By his second wife, he had Paul Dudley and John. His remains were brought to Gloucester, and placed in the family tomb. He acquired considerable property there as a merchant; was the principal acting magistrate in town for several years, and its representative in 1740. In Salem he took an active part in public affairs; was colonel in the militia, and long a justice of the General Sessions Court. An obituary notice in a newspaper of the day, gives him a high character as a merchant, magistrate and Christian. His son Epes, m. in 1745, Catharine, daughter of Hon. John Osborne, of Boston. She d. Feb. 7, 1785. An obituary notice contained in a Salem paper of that month, describes her as a lady of eminent virtue. Early in life Mr. Sargent engaged in mercantile pursuits, in which he acquired a large property. A few years prior to the Revolutionary War, he owned to vessels, which were employed in the fishery and foreign commerce; and was carrying on at that time a very extensive trade; but the total suspension of his business, which the war occasioned, together with the embarrassing situation into which he was thrown by joining the unpopular side in the contest with the mother country, caused heavy pecuniary losses, by which his property became greatly reduced. He d. 1779, and left Epes and John. Ch. of Lydia: 1. Amelia Bernard, b. 1780; m. 1801, Daniel Rogers. She d., s. p., 1802. 2. Frances, b. 1785; m. April 8, 1805, John Baker. She d. Aug. 24, 1806, and left one ch. 3. Epes, b. March 7, 1784; m. Jan., 1806, Mary Pearson, d. 1807; m. second, Oct. 18, 1808, Hannah D. Coffin and Mary Otis Lincoln. His son John Osborne, b. Sept. 20, 1811, graduated at Harvard in 1830, studied law and after several years' practice in Boston and New York, finally settled in Washington. John Osborne Sargent was born in Gloucester, Mass., and passed his childhood there, and in the town of Hingham. He was sent to the Latin school in Boston, the prize annals of which, and the record of a Latin ode, and a translation from the elegy of Tyrtaeus of his composition, show his early proficiency in classical education. He passed to Harvard, and was graduated in 1830. While there he established the clever periodical in which we have already spoken in the notice of one of its contributors, Dr. O. W. Holmes, The Collegian. He was further assisted in it
by the late William H. Simmons, the accomplished elocutionist and essayist; Robert Habersham, Jr., of Boston, Frederick W. Brune, of Baltimore, and by his brother, Epes Sargent. On leaving college Mr. Sargent studied law in the office of the Hon. William Sullivan, of Boston, and commenced its practice in that city. This was at the period of political agitation attending the financial measures of President Jackson. Mr. Sargent became a political writer and speaker in the Whig cause, and was selected to deliver house of the Legislature of Massachusetts. For some three years he was almost a daily writer for the editorial columns of the Boston Atlas, and added largely by his articles to the reputation which the paper at that time enjoyed as an efficient, vigorous party journal. In 1838 Mr. Sargent removed to the city of New York, and was well known by his pen and oratory during the active political career which resulted in the election of General Harrison to the presidency. The Courier and Enquirer, for three or four years at this time, was enriched by leading political articles from his hand. At the close of the contest he reengaged in the active pursuit of his profession. To this he devoted himself, with rigid seclusion from politics, for eight years, with success. He was drawn, however, again into politics in the canvass which resulted in the election of General Taylor, upon whose elevation to the presidency, he became associated with Mr. Alexander C. Bullitt, of Kentucky, in the establishment of the Republic newspaper at Washington. Its success was immediate and unprecedented. In about six months it numbered more than thirty thousand staunch Whigs on its subscription list. Its course, however, was not acceptable to the members of the Cabinet. A rupture was finally brought about, and he withdrew from the editorship of the paper. After Millard Fillmore was elected President, Mr. Sargent returned to the paper and edited it with great vigor, and was tendered the mission to China. His brother Epes, b. Sept. 27, 1813, was poet, journalist and author. During his childhood he lived in St. Petersburg; was educated at the Boston Latin School, and spent two or three years at Harvard. After leaving the college he passed an industrious literary life in New York and Boston. Beginning with school-boy effusions in The Literary Journal (conducted by himself and other students at the Boston Latin School) and The Collegian (a Harvard paper established by his brother, John Osborne Sargent), he was afterwards connected with the editorial staffs of the Token, Parley's Magazine, The New England Magazine, The Advertiser, of Boston (1837), The Mirror, of New York (1839-40), The New Monthly Magazine (New York, 1843), The Transcript, of Boston (1844-53), The School Monthly (Boston, 1858), and The New World, of New York. He was also a frequent contributor to The Knickerbocker Magazine, The Atlantic Monthly in its earlier days, and other periodicals. He also assisted Samuel G. Goodrich in preparing his "Geography" and several of the "Peter Parley" books. In 1836 Mr. Sargent wrote a play in five acts, "The Bride of Genoa," for Miss Josephine Clifton. This play was produced at the Tremont Theatre with great success, and was published in the New World under the title of "The Genoese." In the following year he wrote for Ellen Tree a tragedy, "Velasco," which was produced with success in Boston and frequently in England, where it was commended by Serjeant Talfourd and the elder Vandenhoff. Two other plays—"Change Makes Change," a comedy, and "The Priestess," a tragedy—complete his dramatic works. The first of these was produced at Niblo's Garden, in New York city, about 1839 or 1840, and afterward by Burton at Philadelphia. "The Priestess" was acted at the New Boston Theatre for thirteen nights in 1855, and twenty copies of the text was printed privately. Among the other works published by Mr. Sargent are the following: "Wealth and Worth" (1830), "What's to be Done?" (1841), "The Life and Services of Henry Clay" (1842), "Fleetwood," a novel (1845), "Songs of the

734. iv. SARAH, b. 1762; m. William Dolliver 3rd, of Gloucester, son of William and gr.-son of Peter and Abigail (Saunders). William was cousin of William, who m. her sister Elizabeth. Res. Gloucester, where she d. Nov. 1, 1836, s. p.


736. vi. JUDITH, b. 1772, m. April 16, 1793, Thomas Bradbury Saunders; res. Gloucester and Dorchester. Being left a widow, she kept a fashionable young ladies' boarding school at Dorchester, with Miss Clemintina Beach, an English lady, from 1800 to 1820. She d. Oct. 22, 1841 in Dorchester, s. p.

737. vii. BENJAMIN, b. 1769; m. Mary Ingersoll.


346. MOSES FOSTER (Moses, John, Reginald, Reginald), b. abt. 1730, in Ipswich, Mass. m., Ashburnham Mary —. He resided in the northeast part of the town, and, in company with Zimri Heywood, owned a mill. The site of the early mill is now in Ashby. In 1770 he removed to Shelburne. He d. res. Ashby and Shelburne, Mass.

739. i. MILICENT, b. May 1, 1758; d. Oct. 3, 1760.

740. ii. SARAH, b. April 14, 1760.

741. iii. KEZIAH, b. March 19, 1762.


744. vi. BROOKS, b. March 14, 1769.


347. CAPT. AARON FOSTER (Moses, John, Reginald, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass., —, 1723; m. —, Ruth Lowe, b. June, 1728; d. March 24, 1811. His will was probated Jan. 6, 1821. He was a soldier in the Colonial Wars, was at the taking of Louisburg, and later served in the Revolutionary War with his two sons, Moses and Thomas. In 1744-5 news of the war with France and Spain being received, preparations were made for the invasion of Nova Scotia. These were not completed until the following March, when troops sailed from Boston. The grand design was the capture of Louisburg, styled the "Dunkirk of America." Among the 3,000 troops called, Ipswich furnished her full quota. Tradition mentions "Aaron Foster," a young man of 23 years. Herein follows the young soldier's report; a bright, capable and vigorous "talk," showing the "stuff" of which such men are made. This expedition was one of the most remarkable events in the history of North America. When the news reached Boston the bells of the town rang merrily, and all the people were in transports of joy. The news spread rapidly through town, carrying gladness, and affecting Christian hearts with a sense of the interposition of God in behalf of the colonies! And well they might rejoice.
and give thanks. It was a signal victory. Next year the French made great effort to retrieve their loss, but failed in each attempt.

The biography of Aaron Foster begins thus: "After the sermon by Dr. John Wise an infant is brought forward for baptism; its name is Aaron Foster. We look with deep interest upon this little face, for 'we' (as spirit of the later age) can tell, without the gift of prophecy, what manner of child this shall be. We follow him through childhood and youth, and see him rise to manhood. We see him a young soldier, age 23, in the combined army at the taking of Louisburg, and we behold him also traversing the ocean as captain of a vessel. We follow him into the Revolutionary army, fighting the battles of his country for liberty. We see him after the war at the head of a numerous family, and find him still living in the 19th century. After his departure from life we see, at his funeral, not only children, but a retinue of grandchildren, growing to respectability and usefulness. Among these we recognize 'Moses Foster,' of Wenham, 'Thomas Foster,' (father) and 'David Choate' and 'Rufus Choate,' of Boston. He d. Dec. 25, 1811. Res., Ipswich, Mass.

746. i. MOSES, b. Nov. 4, 1760; m. — — —. 747. ii. THOMAS, b. April 9, 1762; m. Sarah Storey. 748. iii. ZEBULON, b. Aug. 2, 1766; m. Polly Storey. 749. iv. MIRIAM, b. Nov. 28, 1771; m. Oct. 15, 1791, David Choate, b. Nov. 29, 1757. He d. March 28, 1808. She d. Jan. 14, 1853; res., Ipswich, Mass. She was his second wife, the first having d. s. p. in 1754. After his second marriage he established his home on Hog Island, where he continued to live until 1800, when he removed to the main land and died at the age of fifty. He was a man of uncommon intellectual endowments. He had a quick, accurate perception, full recollection and a judgment ever ready to decide, and never made more than one decision on the same subject. He lived the friend and supporter of virtue, order and steady habits. Ch. by Merriam: i. Mary, b. Oct. 4, 1792; m. Nov. 28, 1813, Dr. Thomas Sewall. She d. March 29, 1855. They had one son and both d. in Rockville, Md. 2. Hannah, b. Aug. 12, 1794; m. Sept. 2, 1822, Rev. Robert Crowell. She d. Feb. 9, 1837. They had 6 ch.; res., Essex, Mass.; one is Prof. E. P. Crowell, Amherst, Mass. 3. David, b. Nov. 20, 1790; m. Jan. 14, 1828, Elizabeth Wade; res., Ipswich, Mass. Prominent citizen, teacher, magistrate, state senator. Ch.: a. David Choate, Jr., b. Nov 27, 1828; m. Jan. 1, 1856, Susan E. Kimball; P. O. address, Salem, Mass. b. Helen Maria Choate, b. Sept. 16, 1831; d. Nov. 21, 1854. c. Rufus, b. March 24, 1834; m. Sept. 7, 1850. Sarah E. Burnham; P. O. address, Essex, Mass.; two ch. d. Hannah E. Choate, b. July 20, 1810; P. O. address, Salem, Mass. e. William C. Choate, b. Jan. 6, 1843; m., lst, Lydia M. Gage, May 13, 1869; m. 2d, Elizabeth M. Norton, May 13, 1893. f. Washington, b. Jan. 17, 1840; m. Sept. 21, 1875, Grace R. Whitton; P. O. address, Greenwich, Conn. 4. Rufus, b. Oct. 7, 1799; m. March 20, 1825, Helen Olcott; 7 ch. Res., Boston. He d. in Halifax, N. S. It was every way desirable that one who had personal recollections of Rufus Choate should prepare a sketch of his life and character. All the more was this the case, inasmuch as the genius and the efforts of this man contributed so largely to the history of the family. There must yet be living many who can recall the charm of his personality and of his eloquence. Less than twenty years ago a writer remarked: "Boston swarms to-day with admirers of Choate." The present writer was never privileged to meet the great advocate. His eyes never watched those rapid and forcible gestures by which the soul sought to give expression to its passionate thoughts and feelings; his ears never drank in the music of that voice, which charmed as the fabled lyre of old. It can only be imagined, the reluctance with which he undertakes to write. There is but one reflection to lead him to take heart of grace in this attempt. If those who knew the man, who saw him daily in court and at his home, who listened to his impassioned pleadings and to his familiar table talk; if they despaired of being able to give us any adequate idea
of their conception of his learning, his power, his genius, his
worth, it certainly will not be expected of one who never stepped
upon the vantage ground of personal intercourse that he should
be free from misgivings in regard to his ability to bring into
near and distinct view the shining qualities of a mind so highly
gifted, of a character so nobly grand. I
cannot but regret
for myself the un-
fulfilled desire of my
youth, but no doubt
those for whom I
now write can draw
from the ample
sources to which I
am compelled to re-
sort, a better, a
truer, a nobler idea
of the man than I
could have conveyed
had I written under
the most favorable
circumstances. I re-
call that in the year
of his death, one of
his biographers, Mr.
Edward G. Parker,
said: "After all
those who knew
and loved Mr. Choate
can do, he will be
forever unknown to
those who never saw
and heard him." Still,
later on, Mr.
Edwin P. Whipple
wrote: "It is diffi-
cult for those who
knew him to convey
to a younger genera-
tion, which never
passed "under the
wand of the magi-
cian," the effect
which he produced
on their own minds
and hearts. How,
then, can a writer
who comes to this
work as I must
come, when he reads
these admissions on
the part of those
who wrote from
within the circle of
personal friendship—how can he have confidence in anything ex-
cept in the benevolent indulgence of his readers? It must be a
matter of profound satisfaction to us all that those who have
written worthy of this member of our family, have done so
with manifest affection and esteem. They have shown us, as
Mr. Whipple has shown us, the effect which he produced on their
own hearts and minds." I remember that Mr. Samuel Gilman
Brown told me, when his "Life of Rufus Choate" was completed,
in 1862, that the work had been one of interest and love. Mr.
Joseph Neilson said of the many contributors to his volume of
"Memories"—"that a loving spirit moved them, and presided over their work." The part which Mr. Neilson himself took in the preparation of that work abundantly proves his own affectionate devotion to the memory of a brother in professional life.

Rufus Choate was born on Choate Island, Chebacco Parish, the second precinct of Ipswich, "Tuesday, Oct. 1, 1799, at 3 o'clock p. m.," as the event was carefully recorded by his father in the family Bible. This place of his birth remained one of his homes as long as he lived. One of his homes, we say, because when he was only about six months old his father purchased a house in the village of Chebacco, still retaining possession of the farm on the island. The summers of the lad were likely to be spent at the island home; the winters on the mainland. The situation of the farmhouse is well shown in a view of the island presented on an early print. According to the writer's recollection, the house stands facing about south by east, to speak in nautical language, which ought to be almost our mother tongue. The slope in front, somewhat steep, a thick-matted sward, always green, runs down fifteen or twenty rods, perhaps, to the broken bank of the creek. There is a fringe of bass-wood and other native trees along the shore. The near view is of marshes at low water, with a tidal stream winding and broadening down to the bay. At high water all that field is as a quiet lake. Its shelter from the sea is afforded by two bare arms of sand, the Loaf, or in the phrase of earlier times, Two-Penny Loaf, stretching up from the south toward Castle Neck, which is extended from the north. The whiteness of the sand, of which these barriers to the sea are formed, and the rounded heaps into which it is drifted by the winds, deceive unaccustomed eyes with the appearance of snow. Between the two points there is left an open space through which one looks out upon the limitless sea. The character of the scene is sculpturesque. Its beauty consists in clearness and grace of outline, in boldness of relief, and in its setting of unornished blue. We dwell thus particularly upon the outlook from the home of the subject of this sketch, because a nature so sensitive as his must have received impressions from the surroundings in his earlier years that went with him through life. His ancestor, John Choate, settled in Massachusetts in 1667, and his grandfather of the same name was a member of the State Legislature from 1741 until 1761, and for five years a member of the Council. At an early age he was remarkable for his memory, and when he entered Dartmouth, in 1815, he was a good Greek and Latin scholar. He was graduated in 1819; studied law with Wm. Wirt, in Washington, at Ipswich and Salem; was admitted to the bar in 1823, and practiced in Danvers until 1828. In 1828 he removed to Salem, and in 1830 he was elected to Congress, where he distinguished himself in a speech on the tariff. He was re-elected the following term, but resigned in 1834, and removed to Boston, where he soon acquired fame as a lawyer, and occasionally delivered lectures on literary and historical subjects. In 1841 he was chosen to succeed Daniel Webster in the United States Senate, and delivered speeches on the McLeod case, the Bank bill, the confirmation of Mr. Everett as Minister to England, the Bankrupt law, on Mr. Clay's resolution for retrenchment and reform, the Naval Appropriation bill, the tariff, the bill to provide further remedial justice in the courts of the United States, on the ratification of the Webster-Ashburton treaty, the Oregon boundary, the Smithsonian Institution, and the annexation of Texas, which he opposed. He left the Senate in 1845, and resumed the practice of his profession, and from that time until his death there was no case involving great legal difficulties or pecuniary responsibility to which he was not summoned. In 1850 he traveled through Europe. He was a delegate to the national Whig convention, held in Baltimore in 1852, and he urged the nomination of Daniel Webster for the presidency. In 1853 he was a
member of the convention for revising the Constitution of Massachusetts, and in the two years succeeding he took much interest in national politics, and supported Mr. Buchanan for President. He delivered an address at a Union meeting, in Faneuil hall, Boston, and one in Washington in February, 1851, and in July, 1853, read at Dartmouth college, a eulogy on Daniel Webster, which remains unsurpassed in that style of eloquence. His last public oration was given on July 4, 1853, on "American Nationality." Owing to impaired health, he planned a visit to Europe in 1859, but became so ill that he left his steamer at Halifax, where he died a few days after landing. Mr. Choate was an eloquent orator, who rarely indulged in invective, but excelled in quaint humor. He possessed great personal magnetism, a musical voice, wealth of learning and a sweet and gentle nature. He was frequently compared to Lord Erskine. His writings have been edited by S. G. Brown (2 Vols., Boston, 1862; see Recollections of Eminent Men, by Edwin P. Whipple, Boston, 1886). Mr. Choate married Miss Helen Olcott, of Hanover, N. H., in 1825, and their son Rufus, born in Salem, Mass., in 1834, died Jan. 15, 1866; was graduated at Amherst in 1855; was admitted to the bar in Boston in 1858, and served in the Civil War. He was promoted to the rank of captain, and resigned in 1862. 5. Washington, b. Jan. 17, 1803; d. Feb. 27, 1822, while in junior class at Dartmouth. 6. Job, b. Dec. 25, 1806; d. March 10, 1808.


751. vii. MARY, b. Aug. 13, 1756; m. 1812, Capt. Oliver Lakenbam. She d. March 24, 1837—dau. is Mrs. E. A. Burnham, 498 Giddings ave., Cleveland, O.


753. ix. AARON, b. Sept. 10, 1764; d. April 13, 1768.

754. x. JOANNA, b. Nov. 27, 1758. She d. Aug. 10, 1822.

364. CAPT. JONATHAN FOSTER (Jonathan, Jonathan, William, Reginald), b. Haverhill, Mass., Oct. 11, 1727; m. June 28, 1764, Rebecca Dorman, dau. of John and Rebecca (Smith), b. 1732; d. Oct. 16, 1794. He served in the French and Indian War, and was a lieutenant, and the family have his diary, which he kept in 1758. He was captain in the Revolutionary army. He d. July 28, 1813. Res., Boxford, Mass.

755. i. ISRAEL, b. March 16, 1765; m. Mehitabel Carleton.

756. ii. CHARLES, b. April 26, 1767; m. Lucy Austin and Mehitabel Chandler.

757. iii. BETSY, b. March 12, 1769; m. —— Spafford. Their son Capt. Aaron, m. Betsey Foster (his cousin), a desc. is Israel Spafford, of Bradford, Mass.

758. iv. AMASA, b. May 8, 1771; m. Oct. 1, 1792, Betsey Poor.

759. v. JONATHAN, b. Feb. 3, 1774; m. Mary Kimball.

760. vi. PHINEAS, b. July 27, 1776; m. Frances Harrold.


761. i. JEDIDIAH, b. Nov. 25, 1762.

762. ii. PHINEAS, b. Aug. 1, 1764.

763. iii. ASA, b. April 20, 1770; m. Dolly Morrill.


764. i. ASA, b. ——; m. Anna Bartlett.

765. ii. ABNER, b. ——.

766. iii. DANIEL, b. ——.


Wm. Foster and Anna Abbott, a granddaughter of old Samuel Phillips, the Salem goldsmith, started in with a fine old clock (still doing its time) in 1775. He
lived over to 1803, having seen his only son in a unique business of boarding boys on a sort of school farm, perhaps better adapted for tender youth than the larger school on the hill. Miss Bailey has told us almost all that is known about this old home school. William expected to be married early, and built on the north wing of this delightful old haunt of the ancestral genii. But he put it off, perhaps, because his mother lived to 1820. There were the Rogers, nephews of Hannah, and the Browns of Sarah, over in Tewksbury, who of course, with the Kimball kin, would be pardoned for feeling a little hopeful pride in this childless Uncle William, who owned the center of the town and all the old paternal estate unbroken.—Miss Abbott.

767. i. HANNAH, b. June 20, 1756; m. Feb. 27, 1777, Lieut. Timothy Rogers, of Tewksbury; she d. Oct. 24, 1794.

768. ii. WILLIAM, b. June 1, 1758; m. Sarah Welch Kimball.


770. iv. SARAH, b. Sept. 9, 1765; m. June 8, 1794, Joseph Brown, of Tewksbury.


771. i. JOHN, b. Feb. 10, 1773; m. Sarah Burt.


382. ISAAC FOSTER (John, William, William, Reginald), b. Andover, Mass., April 28, 1737; m., prob. Jan. —, 1761, Dorcas Jewett, of Tewksbury, b. —, 1741; d. May 26, 1792; m., 2d, Ann —; d. May 9, 1798. The following petitions present a vivid picture of the wanderings and adventures of an Andover soldier, who was taken captive by the Indians. These were the tales which our great-grandfathers used to tell to their children, gathered around the fire, of winter evenings, when the back-log blazed and the "mug of cider simmered slow," and, sipping it ever and anon, the hero of many fights waxed warm, and shouldering crutch, or seizing musket from over the chimney piece, showed how battles were fought in the "Old French War," kindling in young breasts the martial ardor that flamed up in Revolutionary fires. "The Petitions of Isaac Foster of Andover Humbly Sheweth: That, whereas he was an enlisted soldier, in the service of this Province, in Company 2 of Lieut-Col. James Frye, in the year 1756 & in sd company proceeded to Port William Henry, & on the 18th of Sept. following was by Detachment sent on a Scouting Party under the command of Capt. Hodges to the Westerly side of Lake George, and, on the 16th, the Party being surprised by a Large Body of the enemy and mostly killed or taken, he had the unhappy Fate to fall into the Hands of a Number of those barbarous Indians called Ottawas, inhabiting beyond Lake Superior; who, after having rifled his Pockets of $4, obliged him to proceed with them to a Lake called Alimpagon, lying Northerly of Lake Superior 150 miles, and (as the French say) 1100 miles from Montreal. With the savages he was detained two years, during which time he suffered inconceivable hardships, and at the expiration of it, being permitted by his Indian owner to accompany him down the Lake to a French Place called Detroit, he there interceded with a Frenchman to ransom him, which he accordingly effected for three hundred Livres; which sum your Petitioner Discharged by Labour. And after being detained by the French at sd Detroit & Montreal near 14 months Longer he was brought to Crown Point at the time of the late exchange of Prisoners, and is since returned Home, having been absent (from the day he was taken) three years & two months. And whereas, he has received pay no longer than till the Day of his Captivity, he humbly begs your Excellency & Honors would take His case under your wise Consideration & and make him such further allowance for his time, &c., as in your great goodness & wisdom shall seem meete, which your humble petitioner, as in Duty bound, shall ever Pray.

"Andover, Jan. 7th, 1766."

This petition, drawn up so carefully, and written in every respect so correctly, bears evidence of being the composition of a man more accustomed to the use of the pen than the captive was, who had been three years campaigning. Who wrote it may be surmised from the fact that it was ordered to pay to Samuel Phillips, Esq., for the use of the petitioner in full remuneration for his services and sufferings within mentioned the sum of eight pounds. Three years before, the father of the petitioner, John Foster, had presented a petition for his son's pay, to be given to him.
He then supposed his son to be dead, not having heard from him for so long. Thus did the youth of Andover early mature in life's experience, and such were the suspense and anxiety of kindred "in regard to soldiers in the king's service:"—

"The Petition, of John Foster, of Andover, April 2, 1757. Humbly sheweth that Isaac Foster, a minor, the son of your petitioner, was a soldier in his Majesty's service in the expedition against Crown Point, in the year 1756, in the Company of Col. James Frye, and in the month of Sept. the said Isaac (as he was scouting on his duty) was either killed by the enemy or taken captive, by reason whereof his Gun was not Returned. Yet there is kept back, out of his wages, from your petitioner, for said Gun the sum of £4, so that, without the interposition of your Hon'rs your Petitioner might be a sufferer for omitting that which it was not his power to perform; your petitioner therefore humbly supplicates the consideration and favor of this Great and Wise Court, praying (with submission) that your Hon'rs would be pleased to allow him the said sum of £4, retained as aforesaid, or otherwise, as in your wisdom & Goodness you shall think fit and judge meet, and your Petitioner, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

John Foster."

"Ordered to be paid the full wages due to his son without any deduction."

What a day of happy surprise that must have been when the long-lost son returned to relate his manifold escapes and adventures!

Vol. 123, page 3, Reg. Deeds at Salem, Essex Co. Isaac of Tewksbury, in 1767, has an arrangement with David Trull and Charles Furquoise for seven years—Nov 19, 1766: They pay him £4 a year all the part of the seven years he lives (which seems to indicate he is about through with farming) and rent a farm, "all I possess in Tewksbury in right of late wife Dorcas, dec., which lands are descended to me, in death of wife by courtesy of England: 100 acres in 3 parts; a homestead which he lives in and pays taxes on, with 1 cow, which they feed; reserving this dwelling house to Isaac & heirs & a piece of land, etc.; he to improve other lots named & parts about the barn & yard & pile wood—they to cut no timber save for fences—He to clear up the uncleaned land for his own use only, etc."—some arrangement, which is not clear to me; should like to know the relation of Charles Furquoise and David Trull to this apparently old man with heirs. He may have held the property for baby Seth, but in seven years from 1766, Seth, born 1762, would be only 11 years of age, if alive. Johnson Brook and Sam Hazeltine (formerly of Bradford) are on his bonds. Ann may have been a Hazeltine and wife of his son Isaac. Res., Tewksbury, Mass.

773. i. SETH JEWETT, b. May 18, 1762.
774. ii. ABIAH, b. May 25, 1763; m. Sarah Whiting.
775. iii. MARY, b. Dec. 19, 1764.
776. iv. EZRA, b. March 20, 1767; m. Abigail —. Hon. J. L. Davenport, of the Department of the Interior, writes as follows. "Ezra Foster made an application for pension on April 4, 1818, at which time he was 52 years of age, and residing at Lyman, N. H., and his pension was allowed for three years' actual service as a private in the Massachusetts troops, Revolutionary War. He enlisted at Tewksbury, Mass., and served under Captain Hudson and Colonel Tupper. His widow, Abigail, made application and received a pension for the service of her husband, as above set forth. He died Feb. 22, 1856. Their children's names were: Mary, Nancy, George, Isaac, Ezra, John, Lois and Joseph."

777. v. SOLOMON, b. May 6, 1769.
778. vi. ISAAC GRAY, b. June 22, 1771.
779. vii. JOHN, b. May 15, 1773; m. Betty Baldwin Stickney. John's age ——, who moved away with his Betty, from Andover, and died in Albany, Me., June 24, 1806. His widow took her letter from South church, and married, for her second, down there, Benjamin Clark, and I have written to a son, Daniel Clark, to hunt up the old gravestone.

"Isaac, of Tewksbury, sent his son John over here to marry Betty Baldwin Stickney, of the line of Blacksmith John, a resident of North Parish. They moved to Albany, Me., which John, shortly before his death, helped to survey. This family take a strong interest in old Andover."—Miss Abbott.

780. viii. JOEL, b. March 16, 1776.
383. GIDEON FOSTER (John, William, William, Reginald), b. Andover, Mass., Aug. 21, 1739; m. March 13, 1768, Elizabeth Russell, b. 1745; d. Sept. 15, 1820. "Gideon Foster and his wife, Elizabeth Russell, lived in the house that Dea. Ballard Lovejoy demolished to build his present residence. He had daughters only, was a veteran of the Revolution and the special care of his nephews, 'Master Billy,' to whose interest the father of the schoolmaster commends him when only a small boy, for had he not fought for his country when William, with the care of a large estate could not be spared in person? The old tannery, on his and the adjoining estate of his brother John Ballard, was worked by him and the tenants of what must be now the Matthews place, then taxed as the estate of William, of Boston, and his brother John, at first a resident of Reading."—Miss Abbott. He d. Aug. 9, 1817. Res., Andover, Mass.

782. i. ELIZABETH, b. Feb. 23, 1769; d., of a fever, June 27, 1843; unm.


784. iii. TAMISON, b. May 1, 1773; d. March 23, 1776.

785. iv. SARAH, b. June 14, 1775; m. May 19, 1803, Jonathan Gleason, of Andover.

786. v. PRISCILLA, b. April 5, 1778.

384. OBADIAH FOSTER (John, William William, Reginald), b. Andover, Mass., May 25, 1741; m. May 30, 1769, Hannah Ballard, dau. of Hezekiah and Lydia, b. Dec. 6, 1748; she m. (pub.), 2d, June 7, 1792, John Chandler; d. Dec. 22, 1838. "Obadiah Foster married Hanna Ballard, of Hezekiah's family, and they added lands and lent money and baptized the children regularly at the South Church; and Obadiah generously lends right and left his ready cash, in times when good silver was the currency, and died suddenly in 1780, with the new order of things to bother his widow. She thought there was a wide margin, but when the neighbors came to her help and balanced the books, her dower and the home lot was all that could be saved, and Obadiah's fair estate was severed far and wide. Joshua Chandler was ready to give her his first wife's charge, and, with her daughter Dorcas, she went over to the old Capt. John Chandler farm, still in the hands of Dorcas Foster's descendants. Space will not allow of the honorable mention of the descendants of Obadiah, who from Hudson and New Salem went west and south to build new commonwealths."—Miss Abbott. Administration on his estate was granted his widow Hannah, who gave bonds, with Hezekiah Ballard and Gideon Foster, Oct. 2, 1780. His real estate was valued at £1,251 9s. 5d.; personal estate £2,748. 16s. 1d. Yeoman. Hannah (Ballard) (Foster) Chandler gives a cow in her will to Lucy Foster, the negro girl, and names Sally Duncklee as her dan. He d. July 25, 1780. Res. Andover, Mass.

787. i. JOHN, b. March 3, 1770; m. Mary Danforth, Lucy Hastings and Mrs. Sally Morse Couch.


790. iv. FREDERICK, b. July 20, 1775; m. Nancy Finch of Newbury Dist., S. C. He d. in Etowah, Ala., Aug. 5, 1830.


792. vi. GIDEON, b. May 23, 1779; m. Tabitha Robbins, Pamela Winn and Mrs. Ruth Rose.


793. i. SOLOMON, b. Oct. 26, 1774; m. Hannah Hodgman.

794. ii. MARY, — —

795. iii. NATHAN BROWN, b. — —; a grandson is Nathan Huston, of Belfast, Me.

387. DEA. ASA FOSTER (Asa, William, William, Reginald), b. Sept. 11, 1733, Andover, Mass.; m. Buxford, Nov. 18, 1762, Hannah Symons, of Buxford, b. Nov. 5,
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1733; she d. June 28, 1775; m., 2d, in 1776, Hannah Peters; d. Jan 11, 1815. He moved to Canterbury, N. H., from Andover. Was one of five brothers and two sisters who went to Canterbury, N. H., probably before 1772, as his father, Asa Foster, Gent., deemed to Asa Foster, Jr., of Canterbury, N. H., 240 acres of land in Canterbury that year. He was appointed deacon in 1773, and honorably sustained that office for more than forty years, until his death, Sept. 30, 1814. He was appointed civil magistrate May 16, 1791. He married, 1st, Hannah Symonds, daughter of Joseph Symonds and Mary Peabody, and granddaughter of Win. Peabody and Hannah Hale, and great-granddaughter of Mary (Reginald) Foster and Lieut. Francis Peabody. He d. Sept. 30, 1814. Res., Canterbury, N. H.

796. i. ASA, b. June 3, 1765; m. Sarah Morrill.


388. HON. ABIEL FOSTER (Asa, William, William, Reginald), b. Andover, Mass., Aug. 8, 1735; m. May 15, 1761, Hannah Badger, dau. of Gen. Joseph Badger, of Gilmanton, N. H. She d. Jan. 10, 1768, act. 26; m. 2d, Oct. 11, 1769, Mary Rogers, b. Nov. 1, 1745. She d. in C. March 12, 1813. She was a daughter of Dr. Samuel and Hannah Wise Rogers, of Ipswich, Mass. Her father was a descendant of John Rogers, of Dedham, England, and Rev. Nathaniel, Rev. John and Rev. John, of Ipswich, Mass. Her mother was a daughter of Major Ammie Ruhamah Wise, who was a son of Rev. John Wise, of Ipswich, who was a son of Rev. Joseph Wise, of Roxbury, Mass. She d. March 12, 1813. Among the household effects she brought to her new home was a fine Venetian mirror, which a great-grandfather, Rev. Nathaniel Rogers, brought with him to Ipswich, Mass., in 1636. This mirror is now in the possession of Mrs. Edward K. Warren, of Three Oaks, Mich., a daughter of Hon. Henry Chamberlain. He was born in Massachusetts, fitted for college and graduated at Harvard in 1756. Was ordained minister at Canterbury, N. H. He studied law, was admitted to the bar, after his removal to New Hampshire, where in 1754, he was one of the judges (chief justice) of the Court of Common Pleas for Rockingham county. Was representative in Congress from 1789 to 1791 and from 1795 to 1803. He was much employed in public business. Was one time president of the New Hampshire State Senate. His integrity, virtue and usefulness secured the esteem, confidence and favor of the people of New Hampshire and the respect of numerous friends. He was an intimate friend of Gen. Washington, whose miniature likeness on ivory, a gift from him, is in possession of one of Mr. Foster's descendants. A fair estimate of Mr. Foster's character and an interesting incident con-
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Photographed from a portion of the painting by Trumbull in the rotunda at Washington, of Gen. Wasl resigning his commission as Commander-in-Chief of the Army to Congress.

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nected with some of his neighbors and constituency may be found in a letter written to a friend in New York in 1846 by Hon. Daniel Webster. "On a hot day (says Mr. Webster)—it must have been in one of the last years of Washington's administration—I was making hay with my father, just where I now see a remaining elm tree, about the middle of the afternoon. The Hon. Aabel Foster, M. C., who lived in Canterbury, six miles off, called at the house and came into the field to see my father. He was a worthy man, college learned, and had been a minister, but did not have any considerable natural powers. My father was his friend and supporter. He talked awhile in the field and went on his way. When he was gone, my father called to me, and we sat down beneath an elm on a haycock. He said, 'My son, that is a worthy man; he is a member of Congress; he goes to Philadelphia and gets six dollars a day, while I toil here. It is because he had an education, which I never had, if I had had an early education I should have been in Philadelphia in his place. I came near it as it was, but I missed it, and now I must work here.' 'My dear father,' said I, 'you shall not work; brother and I will work for you and wear our hands out and you shall rest.' And I remember to have cried, and I cry now at the recollection. 'My child,' said he. 'It is of no importance to me; I now live but for my children. I could not give your older brother the advantages of knowledge, but can do something for you. Exert yourself; improve your opportunities. Learn—learn, and when I am gone, you will not need to go through the hardships which I have undergone, and which have made me an old man before my time.' The next May he took me to Exeter to the Phillips Academy, and placed me under the tuition of its excellent preceptor, Dr. Benjamin Abbott." Foster was present as a member of Congress in 1793, when General Washington resigned his commission as commander-in-chief. The painting of this scene by Trumbull hangs in the rotunda of the Capitol at Washington. He sits in the foreground on the left of the picture as you look at it. General Washington presented him with his portrait in enamel. It is now in the possession of his great-grandson, Alfred Foster of Unionville Courthouse, South Carolina. He d. Feb. 6, 1866. Res., Canterbury, N. H.

799. i. HANNAH, b. April 25, 1762; m. Jan. 13, 1781, Cogswell; m. June 14, 1785, Zebobah Sargent.

800. ii. WILLIAM, b. Dec. 24, 1763; m. Betsey Morrill.

801. iii. JAMES, b. Dec. 28, 1765; m. Mrs. Betsey Sanborn.

802. iv. SARAH, b. Dec. 30, 1767; m. — Tilton.

803. v. MARTHA, b. Aug. 10, 1770; m. March 25, 1792, Col. Jeremiah Clough, Jr. Col. Jeremiah Clough, of Canterbury, N. H., was born Aug. 21, 1768. His father was Capt. Jeremiah Clough, of the Revolutionary army. Jeremiah Jr. was a soldier in the War of 1812 and died at Sackett's Harbor in 1814. Their children were:

1. Jeremiah Foster, b. Nov. 27, 1774, who m. Eleonor Ham. Their children were (a) Mary, not m.; teacher in Mass. (b) Martha who m. Frederick Gerrey, of Sudbury, Mass., where he now lives—Noel C., Fred., Charles and Eleonor.

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S. vi. ABIEL, b. Feb. 19, 1773; m. Susannah Moore.


S. viii. ELIZABETH, b. March 9, 1777; m. March 25, 1800, Enoch Gerrish, of Boscowen, N. H.


S. i. DANIEL, b. at Andover, June 29, 1761.

S. ii. HANNAH, b. at Andover, Feb. 5, 1763.

S. iii. SIMON, b. Jan. 22, 1765; m. Susanna Worthen.

S. iv. BETSEY, b. April 9, 1767.


S. vi. DORCAS, b. Nov. 24, 1770.


S. viii. ABIGAIL, b. April 3, 1776.

S. ix. RUTH, b. Sept. 11, 1779.

S. x. JEREMIAH C., b. April 6, 1784; m. Susanna Bradley.


S. i. NATHANIEL, b. Nov. 19, 1769; d. April 11, 1773.

S. ii. SARAH, b. Aug. 21, 1771; m. S. Hall.

S. iii. NATHANIEL, b. Sept. 4, 1773.

S. iv. DAVID, b. April 1, 1776; m. Sarah Dearborn.

S. v. JOSEPH, b. Sept. 22, 1779.

S. vi. TIMOTHY, b. Aug. 21, 1782; m. Hannah Carter.


S. i. SAMUEL H., b. Nov. 6, 1771; m. Elizabeth Symonds and Mercy Porter.

S. ii. JOHN, b. July 22, 1773; m. Sarah Kimball.

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ISAAC, b. Aug. 4, 1763; m. Betsey Gilliott.

MEHITABEL (Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass., Feb. 18, 1782; m. Hampstead, N. H., Oct. 31, 1754, Mehitabel Worthing (or Worthing), dau. of Samuel, b. 1733; d. 1826. They were married by Rev. Henry True in Hampstead, N. H., and moved to Granville, N. S., in 1760, and resided there for nearly sixty years. His widow was unusually active for a woman of her years, and, to demonstrate to relatives and friends that this was so, participated in a dance when 92 years of age. Samuel Worthing’s wife was Mehitabel Heath resided in 1732 in Timberlane; organized into a town in 1749, as Hampstead, N. H. He d. Jan. 29, 1819. Res., Granville, N. S.

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846. i. SARAH, b. ——, 1750; d. ——, 1760, in Hampstead, N. H.

848. iii. JOHN, b. March 20, 1760; m. Elizabeth Ricketson.
849. iv. EZEKIEL, b. March 30, 1763; m. Elizabeth Dring.
850. v. JOSEPH, b. Oct. 18, 1771; m. Jane Ray.
851. vi. EZRA, F., b. Aug. 1, 1773; m. Luranna Troop.


852. i. JEREMIAH, b. Feb. 7, 1773; m. Sally Killam.
853. ii. [There were four sisters, one has descendants residing in Mass., another m. a Blaisdell, and resided in Chicago.]

431. ISAAC FOSTER (John, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Lebanon, Conn., in 1725; m. Deerfield, Mass., July 11, 1744, Irena Allen, b. ——, 1725; d. Dec. 13, 1762; m. 2d, ——, 1794, Edatha Miller; d. after 1796. Removed with father to Deerfield about 1741. Served in Old French and Indian War of 1746; also French and Indian War 1757, and in the Revolutionary War 1776 and 1777 at Ticonderoga and Bennington. Leading citizen of the town of Greenfield; member of the Committee of Safety; was selectman, assessor, sealer of leather, etc., for many years; married Irena, dau. of Edward and Mercy (Childs) Allen, of Deerfield. She died, and he married, 2d, Edatha Miller. He was a man much respected in Greenfield, and a man of considerable property; owned considerable land; had a large mansion house, which overlooked the whole town of Greenfield. From his porch he could see the smoke from every chimney in the town. He held the office of sealer of leather for forty consecutive years, and it is supposed he was a tanner by trade, on this account. As stated above, he was in the Revolutionary War, was a private in Capt. John Wells' Company, in Col. Timothy Robison's regiment of Hampshire County men. Saw service at Ticonderoga in 1777; also was in Capt. Timothy Childs' Company, Col. David Field's regiment; had active service at Bennington. He was buried in Greenfield. He d. March 19, 1796. Res., Deerfield and Greenfield, Mass. Children born at Greenfield:

854. i. DOROTHY, b. June 23, 1755; d. Sept. 8, 1765.
855. ii. WARHAM, b. May 12, 1757; d. Sept. 30, 1758.
856. iii. WARHAM, b. May 18, 1759; d. Sept. 18, 1777.
857. iv. ISAAC, b. April 3, 1761; m. Rebecca Hunt.

432. LIEUT. EZEKIEL FOSTER (John, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Lebanon, Conn., ——, 1727; m. May 23, 1751, Margaret Henry. Removed with his father to Deerfield 1741. Served in French and Indian Wars, 1747-48, under Lieut. Child; also as a lieutenant in Capt. Agrippa Wells' Company, Hampshire County troops in the Revolutionary War, 1775-77. Lieut. Ezekiel Foster m. 1751, Margaret Henry, at which date he was a resident of Deerfield. Served in Revolution, going out May 1, 1775, as second lieutenant; in Capt. Agrippa Wells' Company, Col. Asa Whittcomb's Regiment. Traveled 112 miles; out 3 mos., 8 days; dis. Sept. 23, 1775; and in the discharge papers is spoken of as ensign. A Dr. Ezekiel Foster is given as being resident in District No. 4, Bernardston, in 1760. The date of his death coincides with that of Lieut. Ezekiel Foster, April 17, 1805, and I presume them to have been identical. An Ezekiel Foster was out on the western frontier for 20 days in 1756; had the title of corporal. He was in Capt. Israel Williams' Company, stationed at Colerain, Oct. 19, 1756, to Jan. 23, 1757, for which service he received 4 pounds, 12s. 5d.
"A legal meeting, held in 1773, of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Bernardston, held at the House of Elijah Sheldon in said town," when it was "voted that Messrs. Hezekiah Newcomb, Caleb Champion, Elijah Kingsley, Daniel Slate and Ezekiel Foster be a committee to plan ye pews in ye Meeting house according to Greenfield Meeting house; also to set said house & order where people may erect pews, and the people that build pews shall hold them one year next ensuing, and no longer, unless the Town see cause, and the Committee are directed to observe this rule in setting ye house, viz.: Age, Estate and Qualification." He d.——. Res., Bernardston, Mass.

858. i. EPHRAIM, b.——.
859. ii. EZEKIEL, JR., b. in 1752; m. Chloe Burnham.
859½, iii. RUFUS, b. in 1761. At age of 19 was out in the Fourth and Fifth Cos., Fifth Regt., Hampshire Co., under Lieut.-Col. David Wells; mustered July 24, 1780. He m. and settled in Mich.

859½, iv. LURANY, m. —— Babcock; resided Caledonia, N. Y.
859½, v. CHLOE, m. —— Gately; res., N. Y. State.

433. ENSIGN JOHN FOSTER (John, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Deerfield, Mass., ——, 1744; m. Deerfield, April 24, 1779, Mindwell Atherton, b. Nov. 4, 1766; d. abt. 1790; m. 2d, Hancock, N. H., Aug. 6, 1794, Lydia Foster, of Temple, N. H., b. Dec. 30, 1761; d. July 19, 1842. She was dau. of Joshua and Lydia (Peabody) Foster. (See Andover branch.) He served in the French and Indian Wars, from Greenfield, Mass., or Deerfield, and was also in the Revolutionary War. Was a farmer; moved to Bernardston, and in 1779 moved to Hancock, N. H. His first wife, Mindwell Atherton, was dau. of Oliver (5) and Mary (Severence, and gr.-dau. of Adonijah (4) and Anna (Barnard), who was son of Joseph (3) and Mary (Taylor), dau. of Capt. John Taylor, and gr.-son of Hope (2), who was son of Captain Humphrey, of Dorchester.

Sergt. John Foster's name appears on Maj. John Burke's enlistment roll, ending Nov. 30, 1758. Same name appears on another roll, enlisted as private. He was in Capt. Israel Williams' Company, stationed in Colerain, Oct. 19, 1756, to Jan. 23, 1757. In 1760 he is known to have resided on the Kingsley place, east of Bernardston village. Among town offices which he held were those of hog-reave, 1762-4-9; fence viewer, 1763-4; sealer of the market, 1764; surveyor of highways, 1764-66; tithing-man, 1765-68; sealer of leather, 1773-1775-78-79-80. John Foster was of Deerfield, 1741; m. April 24, 1779-81, Mindwell Atherton, of Greenfield. He was a soldier in French and Indian Wars, 1746-57. Removed to Bernardston (Sheldon's Deerfield Hist.). In the Marriage-Intention Record at Bernardston he is given as John, Jr. (He may be the one whose death occurred at Burke Fort.) John Jr.'s name appears on Burke's roll, ending Nov. 30, 1758, beside that of John Foster.

He d. July 10, 1810. Res., Hancock, N. H.

860. i. JOHN, b. Jan. 29, 1750; m. —— ——.
861. ii. SARAH, b. ——; d. June 8, 1781.
862. iii. MERCY, b. March 30, 1756.
863. iv. ISAIAH, b. ——; m. Patty Hartwell.
864. v. JOSHUA, b. Feb. 12, 1796; m. Sally Hopkins, Mary Ann Fletcher and Mrs. Dorothy Little.
866. vii. SILLAS, b. ——; m. ——. A son is Marcus A., of Colorado Springs, Col.

435. CAPT. ELIJAH FOSTER (David, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Lebanon, Conn., Feb. 26, 1734; m. Sharon, Conn., Oct. 9, 1757, Deborah Holley. Capt. Elijah was born in Lebanon, Conn.; moved to Sharon with his parents, and was a highly-respected citizen there. He resided where Dr. Sears resided in 1842, and was an early favorite of the town. He was for many years the constable. He entered the Continental army as lieutenant in 1776, and was active in it until its close. He commanded one of the Connecticut companies during the war, and died of small-pox soon after one of his terms of service. His body is buried in the old graveyard at Sharon, and this is the epitaph on the gravestone:

Here lies the body of Lt. Elijah Foster,
Who died of small-pox, June 14, 1777,
In the forty-second year of his age,
On his return from the army.
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868. i. OLIVE, b. Jan. 11, 1769.
869. ii. JOEL, b. Feb. 23, 1759.

438. COL. BENJAMIN FOSTER, JR. (Benjamin, Benjamin, Isaac, Reginald), b. Massachusetts, 1726; m. Scarboro, Me., March 26, 1747, Abigail Milliken, b. May 29, 1731, dau. of Edward, Esq.; d. — —; m. 2d, in Greenland, N. H., in 1765, Elizabeth Scott. He was colonel of the Sixth Lincoln County Regiment of Machias in Revolutionary War. He was born in the year 1726, and, while yet a child, went with his father to Scarboro, in Maine. There, when but eleven years of age he was left alone by his father to take care of a large stock of cattle during the winter, till the arrival of his father with the remainder of the family in the spring. He afterward joined the Provincial army, in the first French and Indian War, with Gen. Abercrombie, in his unsuccessful attack upon Fort Ticonderoga, the failure of which expedition he always attributed to lack of bravery and address in the English com-

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...nder. In such scenes as this of trial and danger he acquired a character for courage and fortitude well suited to the stern times in which he lived. No danger could daunt, no obstacles discouraged him, and, as he himself often said, "He never knew what fear was." He was one of the first settlers in East Machias, to which place he went in 1765, having then married his second wife, Elizabeth Scott, of a worthy family of two brothers and three sisters, who were also among the first settlers there. Being a man of the character above referred to and also of strict integrity and piety and deacon of the church, he was naturally a leading man, and was justly regarded as the father of the town. At the commencement of the Revolutionary War and after Boston had been taken by the British forces, the lumber trade, which was the only means of support of the little colony, was cut off, and the early settlers suffered for the necessities of life. Whole families subsisted for weeks on nothing but clams, and these most scantily dealt out. Day after day, for several weeks, Colonel Foster traveled a long distance to dig from the flats the only food which could be procured to save his large family from immediate starvation. Such was their suffering that assistance and provisions were at length sent to them from the Provincial government. It is related of the Colonel that, on the occasion of one of his visits to the clam flats, having filled his pockets with the savory bivalves, he became so
exhausted that he sat down upon a rock and was making in his mind the choice of sitting there to be drowned by the flowing tide or taking up his bucket and trudging his weary way to his half-starved family, when he happened to raise his eyes, and discovered a long-expected vessel, laden with provisions for the starving pioneers. Immediately his feet and ankle-bones regained strength, and he hastened up to the town with the joyful news. In the year 1775, soon after the battle of Bunker Hill, Capt. Ichabod Jones, of Boston, a Tory in politics, obtained permission of the British admiral commanding at Boston to freight a small vessel with provisions to Machias, where some of his connections resided, on condition that he should bring back a cargo of wood and lumber for the use of the King's troops. In pursuance of this plan, a well-armed schooner, The Margaretta, Captain Moor, acted as convoy to Jones's vessel. The ships arrived at Machias, and the provisions were unloaded, and the loading of the vessel with lumber began. Foster, as well as a majority of the citizens, were zealously attached to the cause of liberty and looked with suspicion upon the arrival of the British vessel, and though as a matter of necessity they had consented to receive the provisions, yet they were highly exasperated at the idea of becoming agents to further the design of the enemy. On a pleasant Sunday morning the officer of the armed schooner went up to Machias to attend religious services; but the intrepid deacon and most of the leading men were not that day at their usual places for worship. At a spot in the woods, westerly from the village, and near a brook (see Foster's Rubicon), these daring heroes, isolated from all the rest of the world, were discussing the expediency of seizing and making prisoners of the British officers, and of taking the first naval prize ever taken from her mother country by her grown-up and restless daughter. To cut short the discussion and insure celerity of execution, Colonel Foster jumped across the brook and invited every man who was in favor of the plan to follow him. Every man soon followed him across the brook—the first instance, I presume, of ever "polling the house" in Machias parliamentary proceedings.

The British officers, for some cause, became suspicious, and, seeing the members of the council of war approaching, immediately took to their boats, and escaped just in time to prevent their seizure. Colonel Foster immediately consulted with Captain O'Brien, and it was speedily determined to give chase and capture the enemy. O'Brien took command of Jones's vessel, while Colonel Foster, with part of the company, took charge of another vessel, and with such weapons of defense and offense as they could hastily muster, these two vessels started in pursuit. I cannot learn that Foster's vessel had any part in the brave hand-to-hand contest which resulted in the capture of the "Margaretta," and the death of her brave commander, Captain Moor. The most reliable information which I can obtain is, that Foster's vessel accidentally got aground. The British vessel and Jones's vessel were afterward regularly adjudicated upon and condemned as lawful prizes, and the prize money
distributed among the captors. About the same time an English tender arrived in the bay, and the captain came on shore to inquire for the "Margaretta." Capt. Stephen Smith, with a small party, near Buck's harbor, waylaid and took him prisoner, and O'Brien and Foster, with their two vessels, took both the tender and her crew. The crew were afterward sent as prisoners to Falmouth. The two brave commanders proceeded to the headquarters of the American army, then at Cambridge, to convey intelligence of the victory, and were there received with shouts of applause. Congress afterward voted them public thanks for their bravery and good conduct. In consideration of their gallant conduct, government proceeded to take some measures for the defence of this place, then so remote and exposed to the assaults of the enemy on account of their daring exploits. A fort was built at the Rim, near the "Avery House," and a garrison established under Colonel Allen.

In 1777, Sir George Collier, with a fleet of four vessels, arrived in the bay for the purpose of avenging upon the people of Machias the capture of the "Margaretta." Leaving the fleet below, he came up the river to reconnoitre or attack the town in boats. The inhabitants had prepared for defense. A breastwork had been thrown up at the Rim, just below the fort; an iron chain, suspended by a log boom, was stretched across the river and fastened to a rock on each side. Colonel Foster commanded at the breastwork on the Rim. After an engagement with the boats, with various accounts (some of them without doubt much exaggerated) of the loss of the British, but with none killed, and but one wounded of Colonel Foster's men, the boats retired. The next day the British advanced with an armed brig, and, under a heavy fire of cannon, landed a large body of men, who passed through the fort, broke the booms, and after burning and destroying two dwelling houses, and a building used as a guard-house, re-embarked on board, apparently satisfied with the glory of their exploit. An exaggerated account of this expedition was afterward published, stating that they had taken and destroyed two magazines full of leather, rice and other stores, which in fact was a shoemaker's shop, in which there might have been some hides. The brig sailed up the river under a continuous fire from each bank, Colonel Allen with the Indian allies on the right bank above Colonel Foster, and Captain Smith on the left bank. The crew of the brig were unable to land. Once they attempted it in a long boat, but Neptune, a noble Indian, under Colonel Allen, after having repeatedly requested the privilege of firing at the boat's crew, and being denied until they should come nearer, at last breaking over the authority of his commander, with a hasty expression of Indian eloquence, mingled
with Yankee profanity, rushed into the river to his waist, and, raising his long gun with a deadly aim, fired; one officer fell in the boat. The boat returned to the brig and the brig returned down the river. The yells of the Indians and the shouts of the people nearly drowned the sound of the musketry, which followed their retreat with increased rapidity and effect.

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On arriving near the fort the brig grounded on a point and swung off stern to the shore, when a deadly contest ensued, with considerable loss to the enemy. One incident connected with this engagement is worth relating. When the enemy surprised and took the fort and the inmates were hurrying out, Benjamin Gooch and Edgar Hathaway, two of the noted inhabitants of our town, stopped long enough to take up a plank in the floor, and drop through the swivel which they had to defend the fort; and they had just time to escape. When the brig was aground she was in fine position to be operated upon from Colonel Foster’s entrenched position at the Rim. Gooch and Hathaway revealed the hiding place of the swivel; it was taken up and placed upon a rude stretcher, a blanket thrown over it, and, while those on board the brig were saying, "We have fixed one of them, they are bearing him off," the swivel was solemnly conveyed to the entrenched position, and there securely lashed to a pine stump, and its first discharge sent a messenger through a cabin window, which killed the steward and a dog on board the brig. The brig and the fleet afterwards retired, and the inhabitants were not again molested during the war. The loss on the part of the inhabitants was one killed and one wounded. Such was the issue of the Revolutionary battles fought in the town, and, while the spot where it happened is but a short distance from it, and the ruins of the fortifications may still be seen, yet few look upon them as the scene of so glorious a defence as the history of our country affords—and the man who conducted it is generally forgotten, and sleeps without any tombstone to mark the place of his last repose.

At the time of these stirring events, Colonel Foster was more than fifty years of age, and the father of a family of ten sons and two daughters. Most of them survived him and were respected and honored citizens of the town. Colonel Foster was a bold, energetic man, of strong feelings and generous impulses, of strict integrity and piety—a benefactor to the town, and one whose character has left its impress upon his succeeding generations, and whose virtues and sufferings and noble deeds of daring should be kept in remembrance and fill a large space in the early history of that town. He d. July 4, 1818. Res., Scarboro and Machias, Me.

870. i. JACOB, b. ——; m. Anna Jones.
871. ii. DANIEL, b. ——; d. young.
872. iii. JOHN, b. ——; m. Phebe Burr.
873. iv. BENJAMIN, b. ——; m. Ruth Scott.
874. v. ABIJAH, b. ——; m. Apphia Talbott.
875. vi. ELIZABETH, b. ——; d. young.
876. vii. LEVI, b. ——; m. Sally Beal.
877. viii. BETSY, b. ——; m. Joshua Burr; removed to Trenton.
878. ix. ASA, b. ——.
879. x. SAMUEL, b. ——; m. Comfort Scott.
880. xi. DANIEL, b. ——, 1761; m. Hannah Gardner.
881. xii. GEORGE, b. ——; m. Cynthia Chase.
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440. ISAIAH FOSTER (Benjamin, Benjamin, Isaac, Reginald), b. in New Hampshire, ——; m. ——, Lydia Fogg. In 1761 and 1762 western Maine was suffering from drought and forest fires. Isaiah Foster, of Scarboro, took a few companions and set out in a whale-boat eastward in search of marsh hay. Arrived at Machias, Foster was cheered with the sight of unscathed acres of grass, and also with what his trained eye saw was even more valuable—forests upon forests of timber close to an extraordinary water-power standing at the head of tide navigation. His report to stricken Scarboro led, in May, 1763, to the first permanent settlement at Machias. How Isaiah Foster stayed behind in Scarboro with his aged father, but let his younger brothers go to the new land, and how, at the elder Foster's death, so complete was this migration that there was no man left to help Isaiah in digging his father's grave, and how the former twice visited this colony of his planting, and the last time died on his way back at Cherryfield, are town traditions.

The severe drought had left the people there with not provisions enough for three weeks more. The little town consisted at this time of eighty families and a hundred single men. They kept only a few cows and some oxen for the log-hauling. Potatoes were almost the only vegetable, and of these there were not enough for their own consumption. Moose were abundant, but the art of hunting them was unknown to most of the earlier settlers. Long expeditions were exhausting to hungry men, who had sometimes found even the search for clams no easy task. They remembered well the "clam year" of 1767, when the vessel that was to bring them supplies had become ice-bound on her way, and for two months the people gleaned a scanty subsistence from potato sprouts and remnants of starching-flour and from the clam beds.

In justice to these men, who, it would seem, might have improved their lands more, it should be noted that Machias had at first supposed herself to be in the jurisdiction of Nova Scotia, and had applied to Nova Scotia for a township grant. When in 1770 the grant from Massachusetts was received, it was not to be valid until it had the King's signature. This uncertainty about ownership made the people the more intent on making the most out of what was theirs in hand—the unlimited lumber resources. There were no highways to connect them with the distant settlements, even feebler than themselves, and communication by water could easily be controlled by an invading foe. A little later they petitioned the Honorable Congress of the Massachusetts Bay, "not for charity," but for supplies to be delivered to Smith and Stillman, who should "obligate themselves to pay the whole amount on demand in lumber." "We have no country behind us to lean upon," they said, "nor can we make an escape by flight; the wilderness is impervious, and vessels we have none." He d in Cherryfield, Me. Res., Scarboro and Machias, Me.

881½. i. BENEN, b. Nov. 14, 1760; m. Deborah Kinney.


*Samuel Johnson married three times. His first wife left but one child. His second wife was Abby Cates, a child is Marcelus Johnson, who died Nov. 20, 1854, the mother dying soon after. He afterwards married Marilla Manson, Unity, Me., Nov. 20, 1863. Three children, Samuel Bordman, born Aug. 14, 1863, Jackson, Me.; Ezra Abbott, Dec. 6, 1865, Jackson, Me.; Abby Marilla, March 25, 1870. The widow of Samuel Johnson and her three children live in Bangor, Butte County, Cal.
WOODEN FOSTER (Benjamin, Benjamin, Isaac, Reginald), b. Maine, —; m. —, Frances Scott. He was a blacksmith by trade, and was residing in Scarboro, in 1763, where he was engaged by the Machias association to go with them there and assist in erecting a sawmill. He, however, ever after resided there. Res., Machias, Me.

EZEKIEL FOSTER (Benjamin, Benjamin, Isaac, Reginald), b. abt. 1734; in Mass., in that part later Maine; m. — — —. He resided in Scarborough, but moved to Machias, Me., soon after his brother went there. He was one of the persons on board of the sloop, soon after the Revolutionary War broke out, who assisted in the capture of the "Margaretta," a sloop bound for Boston with lumber for the British. In the battle a number of persons were killed, and the crew of the Margaretta were taken to Machias as prisoners of war. Res., Scarborough.


DEA. SAMUEL FOSTER (Jeremiah, Abraham, Jacob, Reginald), b. at Ipswich, Mass., Jan. 8, 1741; m. July 6, 1769, Susanna Wood, dau. of Bennet, b. April 14, 1759; d. Oct. 31, 1839. He was a worthy and influential citizen. His name was found on the Ashburnham town records quite frequently. "Susanna Foster, guardian for Joel Foster, aged 13; Amos Foster, aged 11; Obad Foster, aged 6, and Susanna Foster, aged 3 years, minor children of Samuel Foster, late of Ashburnham, May 23, 1793. One of the witnesses is Nathaniel Foster, one of the bondsmen is Abraham Foster."—Worcester Probate.

Copy of the will of Samuel Foster, Sr., of Ashburnham, Mass., who was born in Ipswich, Mass., about 1714, and moved with his parents to Ashburnham, in 1757, where he died April 15, 1793.

In the name of God, Amen:

I, Samuel Foster, of Ashburnham, in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, yeoman, being sound in memory but weak in body, make and ordain this to be my last will and testament, revoking all former wills, and, first of all, I commend my soul to Almighty God, hoping for mercy and eternal salvation through Jesus Christ, the redeemer; and my body I assign to the earth from whence it was taken, believing I shall receive it again in the gracious morning of the resurrection. My personal charges I will to be paid, with all other debts, by my executor. As to
the estate, real and personal, that I am possessed of, I give and bequeath in the following manner:

Imprimis: To Susanna, my dearly beloved wife, I give and bequeath all my household furniture, the west room in my house and the chamber over it and a free passage up the front stairs into it, a third part of the kitching chamber—viz.: the south-west end of the kitching—to use when she needs, and the use of the room back of the kitching, when she has occasion, without molestation, and the use of the cellar under the north-east front room, with the stairs that lead down to it. And further, for her comfortable subsistence, I will that my son Nathaniel, to be hereafter mentioned, or which son soever shall take my home place, shall annually, and from year to year, keep for her two good cows, summer and winter, and four sheep, and bring into the house and deliver to my beloved wife, eight bushels of Indian corn, six bushels of rye, and four bushels of wheat, two barrels of cider, one bushel of malt, fifteen pounds of flax, twelve pounds of sugar, one gallon of rum, one pound and half of tea. Further I will and ordain that she have the privilege of taking fruit out of the orchard in the season as she needs, and to have six bushels of winter apples; that she have fifteen cords of wood yearly, cut and fit for the fire, and the free use of the woodhouse. Likewise that she have a horse whenever she desires to ride to meeting or elsewhere, and also that the said son pay all the expenses accruing on account of her sickness, to physicians, nurses, etc., and provide annually one hundred pounds of merchantable beef, and 'tis my will and intentions that all of the above articles be merchantable.

Item. To Abraham, my first born, I give and bequeath the house in which he lives, together with the blacksmith shop, the land east of the house lying in a three square form and two acres round his barn, beginning at the road four rods west of the barn and running north far enough to take in two acres. Likewise, I give him what land I have lying south of the road, be the same more or less acres, with all the privileges therewith belonging on condition that he pay to his brother Jeremiah Bennet, when he comes of age, thirty pounds lawful money, and if he does not pay at the time to allow him interest until payment is made. Likewise, I give him my son Samuel, who is apprenticed to him, and not bound, till he is of lawful age, to do with him as if he was his own child; and further I give to my son Abraham my son Joel till he is of lawful age, to learn them both the blacksmith trade, and to furnish them with the tools proper to set up the trade with as they come of age. Such tools as he can make himself, he to find the iron and steel necessary to make them.

Item. To Nathaniel, my second son, I give and bequeath all my home place with the buildings, privileges, commodities, etc., keeping the part of the house reserved for the use of his mother, together with two other lots joining together—one of which I bought of Conn and Ames, and was laid to them to make up the Fourth Division Lot No. 22 equal to the other rights; The other I bought of John Cushing—together with my stock of cattle and husbandry tools, he to make provision bequeathed for his mother. I also give him my son Hosea till he comes of lawful age, to do with as his own and to give him then a pair of steers two years old the spring before. I also give him all my notes of hand and book debts, he at the same time to pay what debts I owe. I will further that he pay my sons Amos and Obadiah twenty pounds lawful money each as they come of lawful age; to my daughter Susanna twenty pounds lawful money when she arrives at the age of eighteen, unless she should marry before that age, in that case to pay her the legacy upon her marriage. I also give him the use of the improvement on the lot I bought of Mr. Pope till my son Hosea comes of age, and likewise of the lot I have lying between Mr. Jones and Mr. Wetherbee, being on the road to Ringe, until my son Samuel comes of age, and that part of my house reserved for the use of his mother shall revert to him at her decease. In consideration of the privileges he has, I will and order him to pay all taxes on the lands I have willed to his brothers while they are minors.

Item. To Jeremiah Bennet, my third son, I bequeath thirty pounds lawful money, which I have ordered Abram to pay him when he is of age, and my share in the Ashburnham Library; and I have given him to John Cushing till he is of lawful age to deal with as his own.

Item. To my son Samuel I bequeath one half of my lot lying between Mr. Jones and Mr. Wetherbee as above mentioned or described.

Item. To my son Hosea I give and bequeath the lot I bought of Mr. Pope, No. 2 in the Fourth Division.
Item. To my son Joel one half of the lot in common with his brother Samuel, above mentioned.

Item. To my son Amos my lot which I bought of Mr. Haywood, which is No. 15, in the Fourth Division, and twenty pounds lawful money, to be paid by Nathaniel, when of lawful age.

Lastly. To my only daughter Susanna I give and bequeath the sum of twenty pounds lawful money, to be paid by Nathaniel as above mentioned. The lot I bought lately of my brother Jeremiah I would have him take back and give up my note, but if not I order my executor to sell it to discharge the debt. My wearing apparel I will to be divided equally between my sons Amos and Obadiah.

My three pews in the meeting house I dispose of in the following manner: The pew behind the body seats adjoining to Mr. Jones I give and bequeath to my wife, the other two to my children to have equal rights in this property. Finally, I order my son Nathaniel to provide decent gravestones for me and his mother.

Thus have I disposed of my earthly possessions and do hereby constitute and appoint Susanna, my wife, and my son Nathaniel executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have signed, sealed and declared this as my last will this twenty-eighth day of March, A. D., 1793.

(Signed)

Samuel Foster.

In presence of

John Cushing
Francis Lane
Elizabeth Dickenson.

A true copy: Examined.


Foster; i. ABRAHAM, b. April 8, 1770; m. Sarah Willard and Mary T. Davis.

ii. NATHANIEL, b. Dec. 26, 1771; m. Hepsibeth Cutting.


iv. SAMUEL, b. Feb. 9, 1776; m. Lydia Searns.

v. HOSEA, b. Aug. 1, 1778; m. Polly Joslin.

vi. JOEL, b. Aug. 21, 1780; m. Dolly Wetherbee and Mrs. Ruth Fuller.

vii. AMOS, b. Nov. 16, 1782; d. unm. Sept. 1812.

viii. OBEDIAH, b. Oct. 25, 1786; m. (pub.) July 15, 1809, Deborah Willard; but d. unm. July 23, 1800.


910. MARY, b. — —. Will of Mary Foster of Boston, single woman; brother Joseph Foster, two sisters, Sarah Foster and Rachel Foster; late
father Abraham Foster, deceased; nephews. Moses B. Foster and Joseph Foster and John Foster; niece, Sally Foster, and her brother, my nephew, John Foster, before named.

Dated Sept. 11, 1827, signed in presence of H. G. Foster, Nancy W. Foster and Susan H. Foster. Lib. 126, fol. 65-6.

• Petition. Joseph Foster and John Foster, of Boston, show that they are appointed execs of will of Mary Foster, late of Boston, single woman, dec'd, who was of full age at time of making will.


911. ii. JOSEPH, b. —; m. —

912. iii. SARAH, b. —

913. iv. RACHEL, b. —

176. NATHANIEL FOSTER (Nathaniel, Abraham, Jacob, Reginald), bap. Nov. 7, 1742, First Church, Salem, Mass.; m. Nov. 22, 1764, Elizabeth Yell, dau. of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Yell, who was baptized Sept. 9, 1745. He d. April 29, 1773. Res. Salem, Mass.

914. i. ELIZABETH, b. in 1766; bap. in First Church of Salem, Mass., May 1, 1768; d. in North Yarmouth, Me., April 1, 1826; m. Sept. 28, 1783, Nathan Safford, who was born in 1760, and d. in North Yarmouth, Me., Dec. 27, 1823. They had one child, and probably others. Nathaniel Safford, b. in Yarmouth, Me., June 13, 1786; removed to Salem, Mass., in 1806 and there d. Nov. 20, 1847, a merchant. He married, first, at Salem, Mass., Aug. 8, (Dec. 8, Town Records,) 1808, Sally Smith, adopted daughter of George K. (perhaps Kight) and Sally (Driver) Smith; she b. in Salem, Mass., July 11, 1791 and died there March 16, 1810. He married, 2d., Oct. 14, 1813, Hannah Woodbury (see Driver Family No. 50; also Appendix Ives Family, No. 62.)

915. ii. NATHANIEL, bap. July 31, 1768.

916. iii. SARAH, bap. July 22, 1770.

917. iv. ABIGAIL, bap. May 10, 1772.


918. i. ELIZABETH, b. Feb. 5, 1766; m. James Sumner.

919. ii. JOSEPH, b. April 17, 1770; m. Lucy Larkin.


921. iv. SAMUEL, b. April 26, 1777; m. Anne Whitney.


924. vii. JOHN, b. Dec., 1785; d. Aug. 9, 1841.

925. viii. LEVI, b. July 1, 1788; m. Cile Davis.


926. i. DANIEL, b. Dec. 28, 1775; m. April 7, 1799, Lydia Whittridge; d. June 16, 1799, in Havana.


928. iii. FANNY, b. March 25, 1779; m. Dec 13, 1798, Bartholomew Wallis.

929. iv. ISRAEL, b. Nov. 2, 1780; d. April 16, 1801; accidentally killed by gun.

930. v. JAMES, b. Aug. 20, 1782; m. Mary Vickery and Sarah Greeley.

931. vi. SETH, b. April 10, 1784; m. Nancy Goodridge.
932. vii. BETSEY, b. May 3, 1786; m. Dec. 4, 1806, John Buffington; d. March 8, 1838, in Boston.
933. viii. JOSEPH, b. May 17, 1789; m. Rebecca Batchelder.
934. ix. AUGUSTUS, b. Nov. 1, 1795; d. Aug. 4, 1796.


935. i. WILLIAM, b. July 31, 1786; m. Abigail Lovett.
936. ii. ——, b. ——; d. young.
937. iii. ——, b. ——; d. young.
938. iv. ABIGAIL, b. ——; m. Captain Ebenezer Meacom.
939. v. LYDIA, b. March 25, 1788; m. Nov. 13, 1817, James Stone.
940. vi. EZRA, b. Nov. 6, 1789.

520. JAMES FOSTER (Nathan, Joseph, Jacob, Reginald), b. Dec. 18, 1747, Ipswich, Mass.; m. —, Elizabeth Hiller. "To his integrity and benevolence there are many witnesses as he had acquaintance, and no person can be more sincerely lamented." She d. in 1806 or 1807. They had nine children, eight of whom survived their father. Elizabeth Foster, of Boston, widow, admitted administratrix on estate of James Foster, late of Boston, bookkeeper, decd. Nathaniel Foster, gent., of Boston, bound with her, Jan. 14, 1794.—Lib. 92, Fol. 621.

Abraham Foster, one of committee of appraisement.—Lib. 93, Fol. 60-1-2.

In adm. account, money paid to Susanna Foster, Rachel Foster, James H. Foster.—Lib. 93, Fol. 568-9.

Adm. acct. mentions Samuel Foster's note, James Foster, Jr.'s note, Nathaniel Foster, March 21, 1797.—Lib. 95, Fol. 113.

Decree on Settlement.—Eldest son James H. Foster; other heirs, William, John, Mary, Elizabeth, Margaret, Lydia, Abigail Foster, April 11, 1797.—Suffix, Prob. Lib. 95, Fol. 130-1; Lib. 95, Fol. 137. He d. 1793. Res., Boston, Mass.

941. i. JAMES H., b. ——; unm. in 1836.


942. ii. MARY ANN, b. ——.
943. iii. ——, b. ——.
944. iv. ABIGAIL, b. ——.
945. v. ELIZABETH, b. ——; m. Amos Green; she d. in ——. He d. in 1812. They had one child, James Foster; b. in 1804; d. Sept. 19, 1821. She m. 2d. a Kellogg. Res., Gorham, Me.

946. vi. WILLIAM H., b. ——; resided in Gorham, Me.; d. in 1838.
947. vii. MARGARET H., b. ——; m. General Edward T. Smith; d. in 1846, in Portsmouth, N. H.
948. viii. LYDIA, b. ——; d. in 1844, in Portsmouth, N. H.
949. ix. JOHN WELSH, b. June 16, 1789; m. Mary Appleton.


950. i. HENRY GARDNER, b. Dec. 9, 1785; m. Anna A. Haven

951. ii. NANCY, b. ——.

952. iii. SUSAN, b. ——.


953. i. ISAAC, b. March 9, 1768; m. Charlotte Whitman.

954. ii. JOSIAH, b. ——.
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525. i. JACOB, b. Feb. 20, 1772.

526. ii. JAMES, b. July 6, 1774.


528. JOHN BRAINARD FOSTER (Isaac, Joseph, Jacob, Reginald), b. June 28, 1755; m. —, Sarah Taylor who d. May 17, 1792; m., 2d, —, Lydia Foster, who d. July 19, 1842. Res., Hancock, N.H.

529. iii. SARAH, b. Nov. 15, 1776.


531. iii. JAMES, b. April 11, 1780.

532. iv. ANNA, b. Aug. 15, 1781.

533. v. ISAAC, b. May 27, 1785.

528. JOHN BRAINARD FOSTER (Isaac, Joseph, Jacob, Reginald), b. June 28, 1755; m. —, Sarah Taylor who d. May 17, 1792; m., 2d, —, Lydia Foster, who d. July 19, 1842. Res., Hancock, N.H.

529. DR. SAMUEL FOSTER (Isaac, Joseph, Jacob, Reginald), b. Billerica, Mass., Mar. 31, 1758; m. in Stratham, N.H., Feb. 19, 1759, Mary Colcord, of Brentwood; b. Dec. 14, 1765; d. Nashua, N.H., Dec. 3, 1860. History of Candia, N.H., has this concerning Dr. Samuel Foster: “Samuel Foster was born of English parents, in Billerica, Mass. He came to Candia in 1759, in which year he married Mary Colcord, of Brentwood. They had ten children. Dr. Foster served three years in the army during the war of Independence, and was in the battle of Monmouth. In 1812 he removed to Canterbury, N.H., and returned in 1815. He died in Brentwood in 1826.” Dr. Foster must have been an interesting man, and a man of no small literary ability. He practiced medicine in his own and surrounding towns; got his pay when he could—fifty cents a visit, usually in barter, and was unable to collect much of it even at that—and reared a family of ten children. He used his influence with young people to induce them to get an education, and always helped them in any way he could. He d. in Brentwood, Jan. 15, 1826. Res., Candia, N.H.

529. i. MOSES, b. Nov. 3, 1793; m. Abigail F. Hunting.

537. ii. SAMUEL, b. Feb. 10, 1790; m. Dec. 12, 1817, Huldah Lund. He d., s. p. in Nashua, N.H., where he was a merchant, May 14, 1819.

531. iii. EBEN COLCORD, b. Dec. 5, 1791; m. Betsey Adams.


533. v. FRANKLIN, b. Feb. 10, 1798; m. Mary Hunting.

534. vi. HANNAH COLCORD, b. March 22, 1800; m. at Brentwood in Dec., 1827, Nathaniel Chase, of Brentwood. He was b. 1798; was a farmer and carriage manufacturer. She d. Nov., 1869. Had nine
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543. HON. THEODORE FOSTER (Jedediah, Ephraim, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. Brookfield, Mass., April 20, 1752; m. Oct. 27, 1771, Lydia Fenner, dau. of Gov. Arthur Fenner of Rhode Island who gr. at Brown; b. March 1, 1748; d. June 18, 1821; m. June 15, 1775, Esther Bowen Millard of Foster, R. I.; b. June 15, 1775; d. Dec. 29, 1815. He entered Rhode Island college (now Brown university), in 1767, being graduated in the class of 1770, and in 1773, on receiving the degree of A. M., delivering an oration on "The Future Greatness of the American Colonies." He received the same degree from Dartmouth college in 1776. In 1794 he was chosen one of the trustees of Brown university, which position he held until 1822. After his graduation, he began the practice of the law in Providence. In 1773 he was appointed assistant clerk of the Superior Court. In 1773 he was made justice of the peace, and from 1775 to 1787 he held the position of town clerk. In 1777 he was made sheriff of Providence county. He served as deputy from Providence in the general assembly, in six sessions, the first being that of October, 1776. From 1776 to 1781 he served as secretary of the Rhode Island council of war. In 1781 occasion arose for dividing the town of Scituate, in the western part of the state. The newly created town was named Foster, in compliment to him. As early probably as 1789 he was acting as naval officer of Providence, resigning in 1790. On the adoption by Rhode Island in May, 1790, of the Constitution of the United States, he was one of the two senators chosen to represent the State in Congress. His term of service as senator was one of the longest on record, namely, thirteen years, 1790 to 1803, and has been surpassed by only three others from that State. During this public service his wife died at Providence, in June, 1801. The next twelve years of his life were passed chiefly on his estate at Foster. After the death of his second wife, Dec. 29, 1815, he returned to Providence making his home with his oldest daughter, Mrs. Stephen Tillinghast, whose husband was a grand-son of Governor Stephen Hopkins. At her house he died Jan. 13, 1828.

At two periods of his life, namely, from 1776 to 1785, and from 1803 to 1828, his time was largely devoted to the collection of historical materials. The papers left by him (many of which were placed in his hands by Governor Hopkins), amount to about one thousand and are preserved in sixteen bound volumes now in the possession of the Rhode Island Historical Society. He was one of the earliest members and first officers of that society, organized in 1822. In 1820 he was chosen a corresponding member of the Massachusetts Historical Society. A sketch of his "Life and Services" by William E. Foster, is printed, pages 11-134 of vol. vii. of the Collections of the Rhode Island Historical Society (1885), his "Materials for a History of Rhode Island" being printed pages 67-94 of the same volume. He was educated...
at the public school and by private instructors, fitted for college and was graduated at Brown university (then called R. I. college); m. Lydia Fenner of Providence, R. I., dau. of Arthur Fenner and sister of Governor James Fenner of R. I. He married for his 2d wife, Esther Brown Millard (dau. of Rev. Noah Millard of R. I., and Hannah Bowen). He was a lawyer at Providence. He was elected a justice of the peace for the town and county of Providence at the general State election in 1773, and was town clerk for twelve years (1775-87), and was in 1776 a member of the State Legislature. In 1787 he was elected a member of the Governor's council and was for thirteen years U. S. Senator (1790-1803). "He was a thoroughly unselfish man, and had literary tastes, personal friendships, and a love of nature which were far dearer to him than pecuniary gain." In personal appearance he was dignified and prepossessing and in stature above the average height. His face which was full and round, beamed with benignity and intelligence. He had a light complexion and blue eyes. His wife Esther Millard d. Dec. 29, 1815, age 30. Rev. Noah Millard, b. at Rehoboth, Mass., Oct. 10, 1758, was the son of Noah Willard and Jane Maxwell. He was a "Six Principle Baptist." He preached without ordination at Foster R. I. (a town incorporated in 1781 and named in honor of the Hon. Theodore Foster), for some 10 years (1795-1805). In April, 1805, he removed to Burrillville, R. I., where he was ordained, Oct. 15, 1806, and preached until his death, Oct. 25, 1834. He had 5 children: Hannah, Samuel, Esther Bowen, Theodore Foster and Arthur Lemuel.

Mr. Foster was a lover of the study of antiquities, particularly American and made considerable collections toward a history of Rhode Island, which he planned, but from habits of procrastination never executed. In the preface of his life of Roger Williams, Knowles used what he found advantageous to his purpose among Mr. Foster's papers. He died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Stephen Tillinghast. He d. Jan. 13, 1828. Res., Providence, R. I.

981. 1. THEODOSIA, b. Dec. 24, 1772; m., May 23, 1794, Stephen Tillinghast; b. Sept. 17, 1765; d. Sept. 24, 1839. He was son of Daniel Tillinghast* and Lydia Hopkins, dau. of Governor Hopkins, graduated at Brown university in 1778, a merchant at Providence, and president of an insurance company. He was highly respected for his upright and honorable character. He was established for several years in business in New York. She d. Sept. 24, 1839; he d. Feb. 6, 1841. Ch.: 1. George Hopkins Tillinghast, M. D., b. March 19, 1795, graduated at Brown university in 1814; was a physician and apothecary in Providence. When about entering upon medical practice, he was crippled for life by the falling of a piece of timber upon him in a tornado. He m., Oct. 16, 1825, Louise Lyman; b. at Newport, R. I., April 16, 1797, dau. of Chief Justice Daniel Lyman† of Providence and Mary Wanton. He d. Aug. 28, 1858, age 63. Ch.: a. Francis Theodosia Tillinghast, b. Oct. 13, 1829; d. Feb. 15, 1837. b. Stephen Tillinghast, b. June 16, 1828; m. May 16, 1848, Lucy S. Leonard of Providence. He was a merchant in New York. He went into the late war for God and his native land and fell leading bravely on his company before the intrenchments at Newberne, N. C., when his fellow soldiers were just seizing upon victory, March 14, 1862, age 35. He had one child, Frances, who d. ae. 3. c. Julia Lyman Tillinghast, b. Nov. 2, 1830; m. John W. Alom of Providence. d. Henry Lyman Tillinghast, b. Jan. 13, 1833; d. Feb. 25, 1862, from injuries received at the Battle of Bull Run. He was one of the first to enlist in the late rebellion in the First R. I. regiment of union volunteers. e. Stephen Hopkins Tillinghast, b. May 9, 1835, is a resident of

*Daniel Tillinghast was descended from Pardon Tillinghast, the settler, who was born in 1625, at Seven Cliffs, near Beachy Head, Eng. He went first to Providence and thence in 1663 to Newport, R. I., but before 1677 returned to Providence again. He was in 1681 an elder of the old Baptist church. He built in 1700 at his own expense the first Baptist meeting house in that city, and gave a deed of it to the church, April 14, 1711. He m. for a 2d. wife Lydia Taher of Tiverton, R. I. The name is said to be derived from the motto "Habbab ha rum et semper," on the coat of arms, consisting of a crown, harrow and spade, indicating the life of a husbandman.

†Judge Daniel Lyman, b. in Durham, Conn., Jan. 27, 1776, left with his class, then junior at Yale, for Cambridge, Mass., after the news of the Battle of Lexington and was at once appointed Captain under Arnold, and the next year brigade-major under Gen. Fellows, and in 1778 adjutant general under Gen. Heath. He practiced law at Newport, R. I. for several years after the war. He was also Chief Justice of the State. He d. Oct. 16, 1830, age 54.
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982. ii. AUGUSTA SOPHIA, b. April 7, 1773; d. Nov. 6, 1876.

983. iii. THEODORE DWIGHT, b. Sept. 10, 1789; grad. at Brown university in 1798, studied law and went to New Orleans, La., to practice his profession, but died soon after his arrival there, in the summer of 1802, of yellow fever, unm. By second wife.

984. iv. MAXWELL STEWART, b. Dec. 6, 1804; m. Mary Howard, Lydia — and Maria Thompson.

985. v. SAMUEL WILLIS, b. in Foster, R. I., Nov. 30, 1806; m. Ruth Belden Seymour.

986. vi. DWIGHT CRANSTON, b. in Foster, R. I., Dec. 28, 1808; m. Alma Jeanette Seymour, and Cornelia Seymour.

987. vii. THEODORE, b. in Foster, April 3, 1812; m. Frances Delia Seymour and Betsey Morehouse.


544. THEOPHILUS FOSTER (Jedediah, Ephraim, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. Brookfield, Mass., March 16, 1754; m., 1774, Susanna Packard; b. 1757; d. April 2, 1801; m. 2d., Hannah Crosby. He was a soldier in Revolutionary War in Captain Wright's Company, that marched to the alarm April, 1775. Hannah Crosby died without issue. He was a farmer at Brookfield, Mass., and afterward (1795-1813), at Wilmington, Vt., where he died; a. 1878. He had a light complexion and blue eyes. He d. Oct. 8, 1833. Res., Wilmington, Vt.
DOROTHY, b. March 22, 1776; m., Dec. 1, 1796, Edmund Livermore; d. June 2, 1842; aet. 66. He was born Aug. 16, 1763 (son of Daniel Livermore and Elizabeth Allen), a farmer at Wilmington, Vt., where he also kept public house for a time. He d. there June 30, 1834; aet. 65. She d. June 2, 1842; aet. 66. Ch.: 1. Semantha Livermore, b. May 28, 1798; d. Sept. 9, 1798. 2. Daniel Livermore, b. June 30, 1794; m., Jan. 21, 1828, Mary Ann Robinson. Res., Fort Penn, Del. Ch.: a. William Darrah Livermore, b. Dec. 20, 1828, an apothecary in Philadelphia, was drowned in the Delaware river, July 19, 1854. b. Origin Livermore, b. in Blairsville, Va., Sept. 16, 1830, an apothecary in Philadelphia; d. April 8, 1864. c. Mary E. T. Livermore, b. about 1852; d. soon. d. James Stuart Livermore, b. about 1854; d. soon. 3. Susan Livermore, b. March 27, 1801; m. Joel Nye, b. Apr. 18, 1824; of Toledo, Ohio, a farmer; b. in Brookfield, N. Y., Feb. 11, 1790, son of Jonathan Nye, of Hume, N. Y., and Betsey Alton, of Thompson, Conn. Ch.: i. Alonzo Randolph Nye, M. D., b. Feb. 20, 1825, a physician at New Orleans, La., where he d. July 31, 1853. ii. Daniel Henry Nye, b. May 31, 1828; was formerly a book seller at Toledo, Ohio. He enlisted in the late rebellion April 25, 1861, in the Fourteenth Ohio regt., Company A, for three month's service, and entered the Union army anew Aug. 13, 1861, for three years, as first lieutenant and quarter-master of the regt. In Dec., 1864, the Fourth Ohio, in which he was a soldier, the Fourth and Tenth Kentucky and Tenth Indiana regts. were formed into a brigade at Lebanon, Ky., and he was made A. C. S., holding the office until his term of service was ended, Sept. 12, 1864. He took part in the battles of Wild Cat, Ky., Mill Spring, Ky., Corinth, Miss., Perryville, Ky., Chickamauga, Chattanooga and Mission Ridge, and was with General Sherman in his Atlanta campaign. He is a farmer now at Toledo, O. He m., Aug. 7, 1854, Emma Parker Swift, b. in Tiverton, R. I., June 10, 1835 (dau. of Albert Swift, of Toledo, and Catherine Estes). She d. Jan. 1, 1867. Ch.: a. Emma Swift Nye, b. Oct. 25, 1836; d. Oct. 2, 1858. b. Henry Case Nye, b. Feb. 1, 1858; d. Jan. 1, 1863. c. Emma Parker Nye, b. Dec. 31, 1866. iii. Edmund Dwight Nye, b. July 29, 1830; m., Aug. 3, 1853, Francis Lucinda Collins, b. — 28, 1836, (dau. of Morgan Lewis Collins, of Toledo, and Lucinda Lewis); a lawyer engaged in commercial agency in New York but residing with his family in Brooklyn. Mrs. Lucinda Nye, d. Aug. 24, 1854, and he m., Nov. 7, 1855, Emma Caroline Jennison, b. Jan. 30, 1836. Ch. by first wife: d. Julia Francis Nye, b. March 7, 1854; d. Aug. 18, 1854. By second wife: e. Charles Edmund Nye, b. May 28, 1861; d. soon. f. Robert Hatfield Nye, b. June 30, 1863. g. William Nye, b. April 6, 1867. 4. Alonzo Livermore, b. Feb. 25, 1803; m., April 30, 1826, Elizabeth Brunner, b. Nov. 10, 1806 (dau. of Henry Brunner and Barbara Kern, of Jonestown, Pa.) He is a civil engineer and has been busy all his life on canals and railroads in New York, Pennsylvania and Kentucky. He was engaged in United States service in improving the Des Moines rapids in the Mississippi at Keokuk, Iowa, and also the Rock Island rapids. He resides at Mendota, Ill. His wife died March 10, 1861. Ch.: h. Pamela Livermore, b. Feb. 15, 1827; d. ae. 22, May, 1849, in Kentucky. i. Fidelia Livermore, b. Jan. 17, 1829; m. Robert S. Howard. j. Maria Livermore, b. April 10, 1832; d. June 5, 1832. k. Horace Brunner Livermore, M. D., b. Aug. 23, 1833, a physician at Macomb, Ill. He m., April 1856, a dau. of Rev. Mr. Hoffman, a Lutheran clergyman at Reading, Pa. He has one child: ix. John Alonzo Livermore, b. July, 1859. 1 Alonzo Skiles Livermore, b. in Runsey, Ky., Aug. 19, 1840; m., Jan. 9, 1868, Leilia Robinson, b. in New Iberia, La. He was at Union college, N. Y., in 1858. He resides in Memphis, Tenn., and was general superintendent of the Mississippi & Tennessee railroad. He has one child: ix. Leilia Livermore, b. Oct. 31, 1868.
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 Aug. 3, 1843, Lorene Miranda Cushman. 4. Hannah Foster Has-
kins, b. March 11, 1824; m., March 16, 1842, David Stannard, of
Perkins Grove, Ill.

546. HON. DWIGHT FOSTER (Jedediah, Ephraim, Ephraim, Abra-
ham, Reginald), b. Brookfield, Mass., Dec. 7, 1757; m., May 7, 1783, Rebecca Faulkner.
She was the eldest daughter of Col. Francis Faulkner, of Acton, a leading citizen
there and a good soldier in the Revolution. He was descended from Francis, the
son of Edmund, one of the first settlers in Andover, founder of the church in 1645.
His wife was Dorothy Robinson. Rebecca's two brothers, Luther and William
Emerson, graduated at Harvard college. Dwight was born on the old place, was grad-
uated at college of Rhode Island (Brown university), in 1774 (M. A. ad eundem
Harvard), taught school in several places, studied law partly with his brother,
Theodore, in Providence, R. I., and partly with the celebrated Major Joseph Haw-
ley, at Northampton; began the practice of his profession in Providence, but
immediately on the death of his father, Oct. 17, 1775, he removed to Brookfield and
was chosen to supply the vacancy from Brookfield in the convention for forming
the Constitution of Massachusetts, created by his father's death. He was a lawyer
of extensive practice and sustained many offices of trust and honor, having been
high sheriff of the county, representative in Congress, senator in Congress from
Massachusetts, elector of President, Chief Justice of Court of Common Pleas for
the county of Worcester and member of the executive council of Massachusetts.
He was a man of very considerable acquaintance, of great dignity and levity of
manners and of unbending integrity. Before his death, for several years, he was
laid aside from active usefulness by disease. In 1784 he was commissioned justice
of the peace for the county of Worcester, Mass., and in 1785 also again, and at the
same time one of the quorum. In 1792 he was made special justice of the court of
common pleas, and in June, 1792, was appointed sheriff of the county. In November
of the same year he was chosen one of the electors of the President and vice-pres-
ident of the United States. He was afterward a member of Congress for three
successive terms 1793-9, and United States Senator, 1800-3, when he resigned. In
1801 he was commissioned chief justice of the court of common pleas for Worcester
county, and held the office for ten years. In 1818 he was made a member of the
council of Massachusetts. He d. April 23, 1823, aet. 65. "He was a man of large
intellectual acquirements, of unbending integrity and suavity of manners, and an
influential member of the Congregational Church, in Brookfield. The last six or
seven years of his life he spent chiefly in retirement. He had a light complexion
and blue eyes."

999. i. PAMELA, b. March 4, 1784; d. unm. Sept. 16, 1807.
1000. ii. ALGERNON SIDNEY, b. Nov. 22, 1785; d. unm. July 25, 1823.
1001. iii. SOPHIA DWIGHT, b. July 30, 1787; m., Nov. 8, 1816, Samuel M.
Burnside, of Worcester. Samuel M. Burnside was graduated at
Dartmouth in 1805, the son of Thomas, who was born at Northum-
berland, Coos county, N. H. His early education was in the
common schools of a new planted country, except nine months
at an academy preparatory to admission to college. After being
graduated he passed two years in superintending a female acad-
emy at Andover, Mass. In Oct., 1807, he began the study of law
in the office of Hon. Artemas Ward, later Chief Justice of the Court
of Common Pleas. No one was more able or willing to afford aid
to his students. Familiar acquaintance with the principles of
the common pleas, with uniform kindness and liberality, justified
their affectionate reverence for the character of that able jurist
and excellent man. His business was immense. He was, conse-
quently, much from home at this period and his pupils were left to
follow principally the dictates of their own judgment in regard to
their course of reading. Mr. Burnside was admitted to practice in
March, 1810, and was first sworn at the bar of the Supreme
Judicial Court upon examination, being one of few persons who
have been suffered to pass to that court without having previously
been admitted at the lower tribunal. He began business in West-
borough in the spring of 1810. In the autumn of that year he re-
moved to Worcester and ever after resided there. Ch.: 1. Sophia
Rebecca Burnside, b. about 1823; d. June 1836. 2. Harriet Pamela
Burnside, b. in 1827; resides unm. at Worcester. 3. Elizabeth
Dwight Burnside, b. in 1820; resided num. at Worcester, and d. in Feb., 1899. A Worcester, Mass., paper, in referring to her death, said: "She had been ill of the grip for a week, but her friends had not realized the serious nature of her illness, and her death is a great shock to them. Miss Burnside, who was 70 years of age this month, was the younger of the two daughters of Samuel M. Burnside, who, in his day, was one of the foremost lawyers of this city. He married Sophia Dwight Foster, whose father was Dwight Foster, at one time Senator from Massachusetts, and whose mother was a sister of Alfred D. Foster. They had three children, one of whom died in infancy, while Elizabeth and Harriet have lived together until now the death of the younger breaks the companionship. The Misses Burnside have been throughout their lives among the most notable figures in the life of Worcester. Members of an old and distinguished family, possessing wealth and taste, they have had great advantages, of which they have made good use. 'They have been most unassuming in all that they have done, but those who have been privileged to come in intimate relationship with them know how bountiful has been their life in benefit and pleasure to others. Both have been devoted to books and music and flowers. Their library is one of the best in the city and Miss Elizabeth Burnside read and spoke several languages. They patronized all worthy musical entertainments and enjoyed at their home the performances of many musicians whose personal friends they became. Their gardens have always been among the finest in the city and their house has always been beautified with fragrant blossoms. Their hospitality has been proverbial and their home has always been open to friends. In their girlhood days there were no more brilliant belles in the city, and the elder men remember well what a privilege it once was to dance with Miss Lizzie or Miss Hattie Burnside. All these charming qualities the two sisters possessed in equal degree, but they are recalled with special clearness with relation to the one who has just passed away. Miss Burnside belonged to few organizations and took no prominent part in their management. Her charities were many, but they were bestowed privately, and only those who benefitted can fully realize the largeness of her heart and the extent of her generosity. She attended the First Unitarian church from earliest childhood and attended services whenever she was able. The only near relatives who survive Miss Burnside are her sister, Miss Harriet P. F. Burnside, two cousins living in this city, Mrs. Henry Clark and Mrs. R. P. Dunn, and the children of another cousin, Dwight Foster, of Boston. The property interests of the Misses Burnside were extensive, and these are now all vested in Miss Harriet Burnside. Beside the homestead, there is the Burnside block on Main street, the property at the corner of Main and Exchange streets, some property on Burnside court and more on Central street."

Thomas Burnside, the father, was a descendant of that colony of Scots, settling in the north of Ireland about 1650, many of whom emigrated to New England in 1719. Among them was Rev. James McGregor, his maternal grandfather, ordained first minister of Londonderry, 1749, who d. March 5, 1759, leaving three sons, one of whom, Alexander, settled in Warwick, R. I. Susan- nah, only daughter of Alexander on the death of his father, was adopted and educated by her uncle James, himself childless; inherited with her brother his considerable estate and married Thomas Burnside. He was brought up in Londonderry, took an active part in the French wars and was in many bloody battles on the frontier and fought by the side of Wolfe on the plains of Abraham. He d. Nov. 3, 1798.

1002. iv. ALFRED DWIGHT, b. July 26, 1800; m. Lydia Stiles.
He was sergt. in Captain Asa Danforth's co. that marched from Brookfield Sept., 1777, and was in the battle of Saratoga, Oct. 7. He was a man of great energy. She was widow of Rev. Benjamin Bradshaw, a Pres. clergyman; b. at Westboro, Mass., May 15, 1756 (dau. of Ebenezer Parkman, afterward of Brookfield, Mass., and Elizabeth Harrington). He was a Revolutionary soldier and was present at the execution of Major Andre. His reverence for Washington was throughout life tender and strong. He removed May 7, 1782, to Providence, R. I., where he read and practiced law for a few years with his brother, Theodore. In 1786 he joined "The Ohio Company," formed in Massachusetts, under Gen. Rufus Putnam as its leader. The mechanics among them assembled at Danvers, Mass., Jan., 1788, and the surveyors at Hartford, Conn., and numbering 45 in all, set out as an advance party on their long and perilous journey. He was one of the 26 surveyors of the company. A great amount of snow had fallen all over the country during that winter, making their passage over the Alleghanies all the more tedious. But when once, with their teams, accoutrements and supplies, beyond these formidable barriers, they leaped with lion-like energy to their new work. The boat-builders and mechanics were ready with the aid of many other willing workers among the surveyors, by April 2d, to launch the craft which was to carry them and their oxens and effects to their new home. They called first Adventure Galley, and afterward The Mayflower. The river was high, and they moved on rapidly to their new home in the wilderness, and about mid-day on April 7, 1788, they disembarked at the mouth of the Muskingum river. Having completed their surveys, and fixed the site of their proposed town, they called it Marietta, in honor of Marie Antoinette, who had recently shown distinguished regard for our new American minister at the Court of Versailles, then young Benjamin Franklin. He returned to his family at Providence, June 10, and finding a little daughter added to it in his absence, named it Betsey Marietta. He was not able to make arrangements to remove with his family at once, and while delaying for that purpose the Indian War broke out, and he did not go to his new western home until 1792. Hearing of many massacres by the Indians in the neighborhood of Marietta he went to Morgantown, W. Va., where he remained for four years, teaching school and engaging in whatever other business he could find. In 1796, when all was quiet on the border, he went with his family to Belpre, O. (beautiful meadow), where his part of the new purchase had been located, just opposite the mouth of the Kanawha river, and a little above the head of Blennerhasset Island. He writes thus about himself in his diary, June 9, 1794: "No acquisition of property knowledge or happiness. Knowledge, indeed I have gained of human nature, but find it worse and worse. Lord! when and where shall we find man virtuous!" Under date of July 11, following, he writes: "Fourteen years this day since I was married. We have probably been as happy, or more so, as couples in general. Take away the evils of life, or those that we call so, and little is left. Sum the hours of real happiness; they are few in number. There is little for which we should wish to live; and yet we are averse to death; more I think from the uncertainty of the future state than from an attachment to this life. At my setting out in life I labored under almost all the inconveniences which could attend a young man. Education I had not, at least a poor one; was too young to take upon me with apparent propriety the management of a family; my partner was, and ever since has remained, feeble, and unable to endure hardships; most of her time has been spent in confinement by sickness; she has brought me five children, who, by the goodness of God, have been as healthy as an equal number in families in general. At the commencement of matrimonial life, at twenty and a half years, all the property we had of any kind would not decently furnish a house. Nothing was apparently before us but extreme poverty; to work I was unable. But by the blessing of Divine Providence I was, and yet am, able with industry to maintain my family decently—enjoying all the blessings of life and many of its superfluities. For some years I lived at an expense of near $1,000 per annum. This, however, was previous to the paper money system in Rhode Island, to which I may attribute all of my misfortunes in a pecuniary point of view, and which ultimately drove me into the western wilderness; where the Lord only knows how it will fare with myself and family. I am in no business; important objections arise against my making application for admission to the practice of the law; to work I am unable (being at times a great sufferer from calculi in the bladder); property in this country I have but little of—nothing to enable me to join to any kind of business to advantage."
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Under date of July 14, 1749, he writes: "In consequence of a commission from the governor of Virginia, appointing me a magistrate for the county of Monongalia, I have now three appointments from the governor and General Assembly, not one of which is worth a penny, and as little honor as pay. At the close of the day, at the house of W. M. Healey, the court and gentleman of the bar drank several bowls of toddy."

He resided at Belpre (1790-1804) until his death, Aug. 17, 1804; aet. 44. While in Virginia he was besides being chief magistrate in his county, associate judge also in the Court of Common Pleas, and a representative several times to the State Legislature. He was, when living in Ohio, a judge there also. He was distinguished for the uprightness and honorable ness of his conduct at all times, for his great energy and perseverance, and for his fine personal appearance and affable manners. She m. in 1808, for a 3d husband, Major William Browning, a large farmer at Belpre, O., and at one time postmaster there. She was his 2d wife. By his first marriage he had three sons. He d. Sept., 1823, a few days before his wife, who d. Sept. 5, 1823. Res., Brookfield, Mass., and Marietta, O.

1003. i. POLLY PARKMAN, b. at Brookfield, Mass., March 19, 1751; m., May 2, 1782, Dea. William Dana; d. April 28, 1815, aet. 44. He was of Belpre, O., and afterward of Newport, O., where he was a merchant and farmer and large land owner, and in every way a very substantial man. He was b. Aug. 16, 1775, and was son of Capt. William Dana, of Amherst, Mass., and Mary Bancroft. She d. April 28, 1815, aet. 34. He d. June 24, 1851, aet. 75 Ch.: i. Samuel Dana, b. July 3, 1803; m., Sept. 16, 1828, Louisa Thornly. 2. Elizabeth Harrington Dana, b. Nov. 19, 1804; m. Charles Haskell, and for a 2d husband, Dr. John McCracken. Haskell was a merchant at Newport, O.; b. 1801, son of Major Jonathan Haskell, of Belpre, O., and Phebe Green. He d. July 23, 1831, aet. 50; and she m., Nov. 4, 1834, John McCracken, M. D., b. Feb. 4, 1795; a physician of large practice in Pittsburg, Pa. (originally from county Down, Ireland); grad. at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He d. March 21, 1859. Ch.: (a) Mary Ann Haskell, b. March 10, 1827; m. Rev. Thomas Johnson. (b) Pamela Frances Haskell, b. Feb. 2, 1830; m. Dr. Robert T. Johnson. (c) Martha Jane McCracken, b. Aug. 13, 1835; a teacher in Pittsburgh, Pa. (d) William Dana McCracken, b. Sept. 5, 1842; an oil merchant in Cincinnati, O. He enlisted as a Union soldier in the civil war, in the Thirty-sixth Ohio Regt., in Sept., 1862, and was in the battles of Antietam, Md., and South Mountain, and was with General Rosecrans in his campaign in Tennessee. (e) Charles Haskell McCracken, b. Jan. 1, 1849; a clerk in Pittsburgh, Pa. (f) Mary Ann Haskell, b. March 10, 1827; m., July 6, 1848, Rev. Thomas Powell Johnston (Presb.), b. March 15, 1819, son of Thomas Johnston, of Wooster, O., and Abigail Powell; graduated at Jefferson college (Washington, Pa.) in 1843, and at the Western Theol. Sem. in Allegheny City, Pa., in 1848. He was pastor at Clarksville, Pa. (1848-58), at Lima, O. (1858-72), and was settled at Columbia, O., in 1872; but in May, 1873, returned to Lima, where he now resides and preaches a portion of the time at Ottawa, near by. Ch.: i. Mary Emma Johnston, b. Nov. 28, 1849. ii. Charles Haskell Johnston, b. Jan. 21, 1855. iii. Elizabeth Abby Johnston, b. Nov. 24, 1856. iv. Grace Dana Johnston, b. Feb. 27, 1868. (b) Pamela Frances Haskell, b. Feb. 2, 1830; m., Oct. 24, 1850, Robert Thompson Johnston, M. D., b. Oct. 30, 1822 (son of Thomas Johnston, of Wooster, O., and Abigail Powell). He studied medicine at Willoughby Med. College, O. (1844-5), and since 1845 has been a physician at Bucyrus, O. Ch.: i. Belle Johnston, b. Nov. 10, 1853. ii. Frank Thompson Johnston, b. March 23, 1857. iii. Pamela Dana Johnston, b. May 3, 1865. 3. Charles Dana, b. March 10, 1807; m., Sept. 1, 1831, Ennice Churchill, b. March 7, 1812 (dau. of Jacob Churchill, of Halifax, Mass., and Abigail Bosworth); a merchant at Newport, O. He d. Nov. 6, 1865. His widow resides still at Newport. Ch.: 1.
in 1820, a merchant at Caswell, O., in partnership with Frederic A. Foster, his uncle, and afterward, 1805-16, with Peregrine D. Foster, his cousin, son of Frederic A. Foster. She d. July 31, 1860; he d. March, 1816. They had one child: 1. William Foster Breck, b. May 14, 1806; m., Jan. 1, 1840, Elizabeth Cambell Smith, b. Oct. 31, 1820 (dau. of Dea. John Smith, of Worthington, O., and Olive Wilson, of Cooperstown, N. Y.); a merchant at Grove City, O., where he was suddenly killed by shipping off from a load of grain—the wheel running over his neck and breaking it instantly, Aug. 3, 1864, aet. 59. [Dea. John Smith was in early life a farmer, but in his, later years, after giving a large share of his property to the Am. Bible Society and to the A. B. C. F. M., went to Minnesota as a self-sustaining missionary to the Indians. After spending several years in such a way he returned to Worthington, O., to die, 1864, aet. 76. His consort died soon afterward, Aug. 26, 1864. Their son, Rev. Samuel Davis Smith, settled at Deleware, O., was Moderator of the O. S. General Assembly at St. Louis, Mo., in 1866.] Mrs. Breck resides at New Brighton, Pa. Ch.: 1. A child b. in 1840-1, that d. in a few hours. 2. John Breck (twin), b. Aug., 1842; d. in a few weeks. 3. Wm. Breck (twin), b. Aug., 1842; d. in a few weeks. 4. Seraph Wilson Breck, b. Dec. 24, 1844; m. Rev. Samuel A. Hughes. 5. George Foster Breck, b. Aug. 25, 1851. 6. Flora Estella Breck, b. Aug. 26, 1857. 7. Frank F. Breck, b. March 21, 1860. [Grove City, O., near Columbus, O., is a small village, built and improved by Mr. William F. Breck, and principally upon his wife's estate of 600 acres bequeathed to her by her father, upon which he erected a saw-mill in order to convert the large amount of black walnut timber growing upon it to a marketable use.] 4. Seraph Wilson Breck, b. Dec. 24, 1844; m. in 1854, Rev. Samuel Adams Hughes, b. at Freeport, Pa., March 4, 1835; grad. in 1860, at the Theol. Sem. in Allegheny City, Pa.; a Presb. minister in Grove City (1861-3); a chaplain in the United States army of volunteers (1863), and afterward settled at London, Pa., and then at Lawrenceburgh, Pa., 1874. Two children: (a) Ida Sloan Hughes, b. in 1865. (b) Elizabeth Louisa Hughes, b. in 1867.

1005. iii. PEREGRINE PITT, b. at Providence, Oct. 24, 1786; m. Elizabeth Cushing.

1006. iv. BETSEY MARIETTA, b. at Providence, June 7, 1788; m., April 12, 1807, Stephen Dana; d. April 9, 1870, aet. 81. Dana b. at Amherst, Mass., Nov. 24, 1770 (son of Capt. William Dana and Mary Bancroft); a man like his brother, Dea. William Dana, of large means and solid worth, at Newport, O., having had 600 acres under high culture. He d. June 6, 1834. She d. April 9, 1870, aet. 81; for 36 years a widow and a faithful, happy and beloved member of the church of Christ. Ch.: 1. Seraph Dwight Dana, b. July 29, 1808; m., Nov. 1, 1832, Colbrt O'Neal, of Belpre, O., b. Jan. 15, 1805, in Culppepper county, Va. (son of John O'Neal and Judith Suttle; she d. Sept. 13, 1869, aet. 100. Her mental powers were bright to the end. She had been eminent for her piety from early life). He is a prosperous farmer at Belpre, O. Ch.: (a) Foster O'Neal, b. Aug. 5, 1833; m., April 20, 1867, Emily Barrick; large farmer in Belpre, O. (b) Amanda Ann Hazeltine O'Neal, b. in Belpre, Oct. 2, 1835; m., April 24, 1860, Thomas Rawlall; farmer; res., Newport, O. (c) Edwin Russell O'Neal, b. Oct. 14, 1839; m., Sept. 17, 1863, Nancy Jane Scott; farmer; res., Belpre, O. 2. Mary Parkman Dana, b. May 23, 1810; m., Jan. 21, 1830, George Compton, b. in Winchester, Va., Aug. 29, 1801 (son of James Compton and Catharine Cunningham); a farmer at Bull Creek, Hood county, Va. Ch.: (a) Thomas Fredric Compton, b. Feb. 15, 1831; d. in Forest City, Col., April 2, 1855. (b) Stephen Dana Compton, b. Feb. 27, 1833; resides in California. (c) James Parkman Compton, b. July 17, 1835; d. Sept. 14, 1858. (d) Luther Barker

3. Amanda Frances Dana, b. Nov. 8, 1812; m., July 23, 1836, Seth B. Newell, and for second husband, Rev. Harvey S. Dale. Newell Jr., b. May 6, 1811 (son of Seth B. Newell, of Bethel, Me., and Betsey Kimball). He began to study for the ministry after having engaged in mercantile life for a short time in Boston, Mass., but was obliged, on account of weak eyes, to intermit his theological studies. In 1838 he established a school at McCombsville, O., and afterward at Newport, O. He was a man of genial qualities, and of very agreeable address, and an earnest Christian and very useful. He d. at Newport, Jan. 29, 1841. She m., Sept. 12, 1842, Rev. Henry Smith Dale, b. Aug. 13, 1812 (son of Rev. Jeremiah Dale, of Danvers, Mass., b. in 1787, and Mehitable Smith, of S. Hadley Mass.). grad. at Brown university in 1834, and at the Union Theol. Sem., New York, in 1840; tutor at Granville, Col. O. (1841-2); pastor of the Baptist church at Newport, O. (1842-51); at Lebanon O. (1852-6); and Prof. of Theology at the Farmant Theol. Sem., Cincinnati, O. (1866-7). He d. May 27, 1857, at Cincinnati. He was of a gentle and modest spirit, and earnestly devoted to the ministerial work. [Rev. Jeremiah Dale was the son of Ebenezer Dale Jr., of Davers, Mass., and Abigail Cutler. The parents of Ebenezer Dale Jr., b. Dec. 25, 1755, were Ebenezer Dale and Rebecca Preston, whom he m. Nov. 30, 1754. Ebenezer Dale Sr., b. March 7, 1739, was the son of John and Abigail Dale. Ch.: (a) Edward Richardson Dale, b. in Newport, O., May 31, 1844; m., Sept. 14, 1871, Sarah Vandever Ralston, b. Feb. 16, 1850 (dau. of William Lewis Ralston, of Marietta, O., b. Dec. 10, 1820, and Sarah Catharine Ward, b. March 18, 1819, whom he m. Aug. 31, 1847). He was cashier of the First National Bank at Marietta. O. He was quartermaster-sergeant in the civil war in the Seventy-seventh Ohio Regt. They have one child: i. Catharine Ralston Dale, b. June 27, 1872. (b) Theodore Dana Dale, b. in Newport, O., June 23, 1846. He was secretary and treasurer of the Marietta Iron Works Co., at Marietta. He was grad. at Marietta college in 1866. He m., May 15, 1873, Sophia Byington, dau. of Rev. Cyrus Byington, missionary to the Choctaws. George Dana, son of Capt. William Dana and Mary Bancroft. He served in the civil war, in the army of the Potomac, in the One Hundred and Forty-eighth Ohio National Guards. (c) Harvey Ewart Dale, b. Oct. 9, 1848; d. Oct. 29, 1849. (d) Julia Theodosia Dale, b., May 6, 1851; m., Sept. 1812, David Dye Johnson, b. Aug. 18, 1843 (son of William Henry Johnson and Elizabeth Dye); grad. at Marietta Coll. in 1866; a lawyer at Parkersburgh, W. Va. (e) Frances Amanda Dale, b. Aug. 28, 1853. 4. Peregrine Foster Dana, b. June 27, 1815; a farmer since 1858 in Ottumwa, Iowa, and previously in Kirkville, Iowa, and Newport, O. He m., Feb. 9, 1837, Sarah Elizabeth Greene, b. July 24, 1818 (dau. of John Greene of Newport, O., and Mary Hill). She d. March 21, 1857 and he m., Sept. 15, 1857, for his 2d wife Catharine Plummer Tinkman b. April 28, 1824 (dau. of Cornelius Tinkman, of Plymouth, Mass., and Harriet Plummer, of Marietta, O.). Ch.: 1. Mary Elizabeth Dana, b. March 21, 1858; d. June 10, 1852. 2. Sarah Melissa Dana, b. Feb. 6, 1850; d. April 7, 1857. 3. Capt. Newell Bannister Dana, b. Feb. 10, 1842; d. April 16, 1870; enlisted in the civil war in comp ny F, Four th Iowa cavalry, Oct. 17, 1861. He was made corporal Jan. 1, 1862, and first sergeant March 1, 1863. He re-enlisted as a veteran soldier Dec. 12, 1863, at Vicks-
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Burg, Miss., and was made captain of his company April 29, 1864, a.d. was mustered out of the service with his regiment at Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 8, 1865. He was in the Fourteen Mile C.eek, Miss.; Jackson, Miss., in both May and July, 1863; the siege of Vicksburg, Miss., in June and July, 1863; Canton, Miss., July 17, 1863; of Guntown, Miss., June 10, 1864; of Tupelo, Miss., July 25, 1864; of Independence, Mo., Oct. 22, 1864; of the Blue, Mo., Oct. 23, 1864; of Osage, Kans., Oct. 25, 1864; of Ebenezer, Ch. Ala., April 1, 1865; of Selma, Ala., April 2, 1865, and Columbus, Ga., April 16, 1865. He was at Macon, Ga., when the news of General Lee's defeat was received, and he participated in the pursuit of Jeff Davis. He traveled in the service over 14,000 miles. He m., Dec. 27, 1867, Mary Rudd, b. March 27, 1846 (dau. of Major Wilcox Rudd, of Wapello county, Iowa, and Rebecca ---). While a member of the Junior class of Iowa university, at Iowa City, he d. at Denver, Col., of consumption, April 16, 1870, aet. 28, being at the time on a tour for health and recreation. He was preparing himself for the ministry, and especially for missionary service in it. He excelled as a student in the languages and in metaphysics, and was also an active and devoted Christian. He had one child: 1. Albert Currier Dana, b. May 3, 1869; d. July 23, 1869. 4. Julia Battle Cole, of Nakaska county, Iowa; a farmer; b. Sept. 17, 1839 (son of William and Elizabeth Cole). One child: 1. Charles Cole, b. April 14, 1868. 5. Daniel Greene Dana, b. Dec. 7, 1845; m., Aug. 3, 1867, Mary Ann Hardesty, of Iowa (dau. of Thomas and Marie Hardesty). He enlisted in the civil war Feb. 13, 1864, in company F, Fourth Iowa cavalry. He has one child: 1. Thomas Peregrine Dana, b. Aug. 20, 1870. 6. John Greene Dana, b. June 2, 1848. 7. Nancy Ann Dana, b. Jan. 8, 1852; d. June 30, 1852. 8. Rufus Peregrine Dana, b. Oct. 18, 1853. 9. Augustus George Dana, b. Jan. 29, 1856; d. April 22, 1857. By second wife: 10. Cornelius William Dana, b. Aug. 31, 1859. 11. Lily Irene Dana, b. Oct. 25, 1859. 12. Corrie Dana, b. April 3, 1864. 13. Hetty Amanda Dana, b. Dec. 8, 1862. 5. William Pitt Dana, b. Aug. 1, 1817; m., April 28, 1841, Susan Edgerton Shipman, b. Dec. 14, 1821 (dau. of William Henry Shipman, b. at Marietta, O., April 14, 1793, and Mary Ann Edgerton, b. at Norwich, Conn., Dec. 15, 1798); a merchant at Marietta, O. She d. Dec. 24, 1849, and he m. for his second wife, April 24, 1851, Ann Elizabeth Shipman, b. Sept. 8, 1826, sister to his previous wife. He d. of consumption July 18, 1853, aet. 36. He was a devoted Christian (Baptist). Children by first wife: 1. Mary Elizabeth Dana, b. at Carroll, O., Nov. 21, 1843; m., Nov. 6, 1865, Charles H. Newton; res., Marietta, O.; 2. Charles Luther Dana, b. May 26, 1845, at Lancaster, O.; m., Nov. 5, 1868, Mary Racer; res., Marietta, O.; 3. Anna Maria Dana, b. at Marietta, O., April 10, 1847; m., May 4, 1870, Samuel Dorman Smith (son of Stephen Smith and Susan Racer). One child: 1. Maria Shipman Smith, b. Sept. 19, 1871. 4. Frances Gage Dana, b. May 27, 1845; d. July 3, 1848. 5. William Shipman Dana, b. Dec. 24, 1849; d. Feb. 18, 1859. By second wife: 6. Susan Shipman Dana, b. in Marietta, O., March 23, 1852. 6. Stephen Augustus Dana b. Aug. 27, 1810; m., Oct. 5, 1844, Jane N. Little; res., Newport, O.; b. in Newport, O., April 5, 1822 (dau. of Charles Little and Mary Allison Frazer); a large farmer, at Newport, O. Ch.: 1. Frederic Foster Dana, b. Nov. 30, 1841; a farmer and large land owner at Newport, O.; m., Nov. 19, 1872, Mary Ellen West, b. April 10, 1848, at Mountville, W. Va. (dau. of Rev. John B. West, of Newport, O., and Mary Alexander). He enlisted Aug. 31, 1862, in the Seventh Ohio cavalry, in the first brigade of the second division of the North, and served until the close of the war. He marched with Sherman to the sea, and was one of the cavalry companies
sent to search for Jeff Davis, and was one of the guards appointed to conduct him to Atlanta. He saw much hard service, and was not once ‘off duty,’ or in the hospital during his three years’ service in the rank and file. Of the 107 in his company that went to war but 31 returned to their homes. ii. Prescott Dana, b. Sept. 26, 1845; d. June 30, 1846. iii. Pamela Little Dana, b. July 25, 1842; m., Nov. 14, 1865, Albert Wilbur Delaney Kraft, b. Sept. 27, 1838, at Wheeling, Va. (son of John Kraft and Caroline Klevis, b. both of them in Laren, Hanover, Germany, who emigrated to America in 1814); an oil refiner and dealer, at Parkersburg, W. Va., and previously at Pittsburgh, Pa. He enlisted in the First Virginia Regt. of Union Vols. (Col. B. F. Kelly), under the first call for troops April, 1861, for three months, serving after two weeks’ time as hospital steward. In Sept., 1861, he reenlisted for the war in the same regiment (Col. Thomas Thornburn), and Nov. 18, 1862, was commissioned assistant surgeon, and served in that capacity to the end of the war, having been educated as a chemist and druggist.


1007. v. FREDERIC AUGUSTUS, b. at Providence, May 7, 1791; m. Sarah Arnold and Elizabeth Wilson.

1008. vi. THEODORE SEDGWICK, b. at Morgantown, Va., Feb. 19, 1795; d. Oct. 17, 1825, aet. 30. He m., in 1822, Jane Barkley, b. in 1791 (dau. of Thomas Barkley and Betsey Kilpatrick), without issue. He was a merchant at Belpre, O. She d. Feb. 10, 1831, aet. 40.


1009. i. WILLIAM, b. 1772; m., 1805, Phebe Holt, b. 1771; d. 1844. He d. in Andover in 1833. Res., Londonderry, N. H.

1010. ii. JACOB, b. April 27, 1773; m. Ruth Kimball.


1012. iv. JOHN, b. Sept. 8, 1872; m. Lucy Hastings.*

1013. v. SALLY, b. ——.


*Or did John m., Jan., 1814. Mary Harris, and have 3 ch.
1014. i. JOSEPH, b. Aug. 5, 1783; d. at Boxford, unm., 1864.


1017. iv. JONAS, b. Nov. 15, 1793; m. Mary Apthorp and Lydia B. Messer.

1018. v. MOODY, b. April 29, 1797; m. Mary Symonds.


1019. i. DAVID, b. —

1020. ii. SAMUEL, b. —


1022. iv. MOSES, b. Aug. 6, 1780; m. Sarah Baldwin.


1023. i. STEPHEN, b. —

1024. ii. JOHN, b. —

1025. iii. SAMUEL, b. —

1026. iv. JOSEPH, b. —

1027. v. EBENEZER, b. —; m. Sarah Dane.

1028. vi. PHINEHAS, b. in 1781; m. Sarah Johnson.


1030. ii. RUBY, b. Oct. 19, 1791; unm.; d. Aug. 5, 1812. The diary of Ruby Foster, published by her pastor, Rev. Dr. Eaton, of Boxford, gives the first record of the life of any woman teacher of the district schools. She writes (1810): "I have left our dear habitation and begun keeping school. Many were the tender emotions excited in my breast, and an undertaking so important and so new to me could not fail of engaging my solicitude and anxiety. God bless me in my school. Give my scholars hearts to obey and improve and myself redoubled activity, strength and wisdom."— Hist. Andover.

1031. iii. LUCY, b. Nov. 21, 1793; m., Oct. 30, 1827, Amos Kimball.
1033. v. STEPHEN, b. Feb. 15, 1798; m. Ann A. D. Davis.
1034. vi. ISAAC, b. July 7, 1806; m. Francis B. Lee.


1035. i. SUSANNA, b. April 4, 1791; m., 1828, Amos Kimball, of Boxford; d. July 4, 1838.
1037. iii. ABIGAIL, b. July 28, 1796; m., Nov. 11, 1819, Reuben Reed, of Salem.

1038. iv. NATHAN, b. Sept. 4, 1798; m. Harriet Berry.

1040. vi. REBECCA, b. Aug. 9, 1804; m., April 27, 1826, Jacob Farnham.


1043. i. DANIEL, b. June 26, 1800.
1044. ii. JOHN, b. Sept. 8, 1813.
1045. iii. HANNAH, b. Oct. 28, 1805.
1046. iv. ABIGAIL, b. ——, 1798.

572. FREDERICK FOSTER (Asa, Moses, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. Pembroke, N. H., Aug. 23, 1760; m. Sept. 6, 1785, Mary Eastman, b. London-derry, N. H., March 6, 1765; d. Dec. 31, 1836, at Grand Manan, N. B. He d. Jan. 12, 1834. He resided in Pembroke, N. H.; was a soldier in the Revolutionary War; was a tavern keeper and mill owner and owned considerable real estate, but sold out and went to Grand Manan, New Brunswick, shortly after 1800. There he bought again, but subsequently lost all. Res., Pembroke, N. H., and Grand Manan, N. B.

1047. i. BETSEY GAINES, b. April 22, 1757; d. unm. at Rockport, Me.

1049. iii. ASA, b. Oct. 11, 1789; m. Mary Kent.
1050. iv. MARY EASTMAN, b. Sept. 15, 1791; d. unm. in Rockport, Me.
1051. v. RICHARD EASTMAN, b. Feb. 15, 1795; m. Nancy M. Luce.


578. CAPT. ENOCH FOSTER (Ephraim, Moses, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald) b. April 27, 1770, Bow, N. H.; m. in Peacham, Oct., 1793, Polly Guy, b. May 10, 1776, of Peacham; d. Walden, Jan. 7, 1800; m., 2d March 10, 1810, Mrs. Susannah (Mudgett) Gould, wid. of Edward, b. Nov. 7, 1771; d. Dec. 15, 1832. He d. March 30, 1834. "Captain Enoch Foster, born at Bow, N. H., where he lived until thirteen years of age, at which time he removed with his parents to Peacham, Vt., where he lived until the year 1800, when he removed to Walden, Vt. Much of his early manhood was spent in the forest. He was often employed as a guide by the early settlers to conduct them to different parts of the country. Previous to 1854 Captain Foster and Indian Joe accompanied an official surveying party into northern Maine, acting as guides. Captain Foster was a man of stern integrity and possessed great energy, which, together, made him a friend of all. Many are the strangers who remember his generous hospitality. He was a member of the Congregational church for forty years, and died as he had lived, a zealous Christian." — Old Vermont Gazetteer. Res., Peacham and Walden, Vt.
1054. i. MERRILL, b. Feb. 10, 1795; m. Sally Gould.


1056. iii. MARTHA, b. Aug. 29, 1802; m., June 17, 1839, John Currier. She d. May 4, 1852. Ch.: i. Ellen, b. —; m. P. H. Hinckley, of Montpelier, Vt.

1057. iv. EPHRAIM, b. April 25, 1805; m. Emily Perkins and Maria S. Lowell.

1058. v. POLLY, b. April 27, 1808; she d. Nov. 1, 1843, s. p.


1063. iv. JOHN, b. Sept. 14, 1802; m. Luda Stuart.

1064. v. HIRAM, b. Dec. 9, 1805; m. Louisa A. Hale.

1065. vi. DANIEL, b. May 24, 1820; m. Mary Carpenter.

1066. vii. EPHRAIM, b. —. He d. in St. Louis, Mo.

1067. viii. FRANKLIN, b. 1809; m. Eliza Blanchard and Jane Walker.

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1073. vi. ELIJAH CHESTER, b. — .
1074. vii. HEPZIBAH, b. — —.
1075. viii. ABNER N., b. — —.

1076. i. TIMOTHY, b. Jan. 30, 1776.
1077. ii. LUCRETA, b. March 9, 1777.


1081. ii. ROXANNA, b. Aug. 8, 1810.
1082. iii. SOPHRONIA, b. July 11, 1816.

1083. iv. LINDA SOPHIA, b. Feb. 15, 1826; d. 1897.

601. ABIJAH FOSTER (Abraham, Abraham, Abraham, Abraham, Reginald), b. Topsham, Mass., Sept. 12, 1762; m. in Keene, N. H., Feb. 16, 1797, Artemedia Blake, b. 1766; d. in 1837. He came from Salem, Mass., and is said and married a Miss Blake in Keene. He was b. Sept. 12, 1762, and was a merchant in Keene. He d. April 2, 1822. Res., Keene, N. H.


1088. iii. MARY, b. Sept. 2, 1800.

1090. v. HARRIET, b. June 12, 1806; m. Milliken. — Res., Clarendon, N. Y. A dau. is Mary Cook, of Canandaigua, N. Y.

*Alpheus Brigham, of Shrewsbury, and Lydia Green (b. Dec. 25, 1760), of Westboro, were m. in Jan., 1794. He was b. Shrewsbury April 30, 1740, and was son of Captain Aa. of Shrewsbury and gr. son of David, of Westboro, who was b. in Marlboro, April 12,168, son of Thomas, Jr., and Mary (Rice). Thomas, Sr. came from London to America in the "Susan and Ellyn" in 1655._[See Hists. Marlboro, Westboro and Shrewsbury.]

1801-2. i. SIMON, b. March 15, 1793; m. Mary Perkins and Eunice Perkins.

1802-2. ii. JOHN, b. ——.

1803-3. iii. MEHITABEL, b. ——; m. —— Noyes.

610. DANIEL FOSTER (Thomas, Abraham, Abraham, Abraham, Reginald), b. March 12, 1762, Ipswich, Mass.; m., Dec. 18, 1783, Dorothy Pingree, b. June 4, 1762; d. May 15, 1834, in Newburyport, Mass. Daniel fought in the Revolution, was in Lafayette’s select battalion, and was presented by Lafayette with a sword as a mark of esteem. He held many offices in Newburyport; naval offices, etc., and seems to have been a cultured and respected gentleman. He d. Aug. 29, 1833. Res., Rowley and Newburyport, Mass.

1801. i. NATHANIEL, b. Feb. 28, 1777; m. Fanny B. Brockway.

1802. ii. DANIEL, b. ——; m. Channy Fuller.

1803. iii. SOLOMON, b. ——. Res., Pottsville, Pa.

1804. iv. JESSE, b. ——; m. Ann E. Toppan.

1805. v. THOMAS, b. ——.

1806. vi. LOUISA, b. ——; d. unm.

1807. vii. MELICENT, b. ——; d. unm.

611. ASA FOSTER (Nathan, Nathan, Abraham, Abraham, Reginald), b. Warren, Mass., May 17, 1764; m. March 12, 1787, Elizabeth Thomas, b. Apr. 15, 1769; d. Jan. 28, 1803. This part of Mr. Asa Foster’s record will may be of interest. After providing for his four children, “I also give and bequeath unto my friends and neighbors, the inhabitants of the town of Rowe, from whom I have received many civilities, the sum of two hundred dollars, to be held by the care of the selectmen of said town and to be kept upon interest forever for the particular benefit of schooling in said town. Said sum of two hundred dollars to be paid out of my personal property on obligations by my executors within one year after my decease. This gratuity is not a sudden emotion but has for a long time been contemplated, and all the returns and respect I wish for is the good advice which many may find leisure to give to my orphan children with a particular regard for their interests and happiness in this and a future world.” He d. Aug. 19, 1803. Res., Rowe, Mass.

1808. i. ASA LANSFORD, b. Aug. 19, 1793; m. Louisa T. Chapman.


1107. iv. JUSTUS, b. Feb. 10, 1794; d. March 16, 1795.


612. REV. JOEL FOSTER (Nathan, Nathan, Abraham, Abraham, Reginald), b. April 8, 1755, Warren, Mass.; m., July 1, 1779, Priscilla Foster, dau. of Rev. Isaac, and sister of Rev. Emerson Foster, of Greenport, L. I., b. Aug. 23, 1756; d. Feb. 5, 1803; m., 2d, Sept. 26, 1803, Mrs. Mary Winship. She d. Nov. 1, 1835. He was b. in Western, now Warren, Mass.; fitted for college; entered Dartmouth, and was graduated in 1777. He was settled at New Salem, Mass., in 1779, and remained until 1802, when he was dismissed on account of the charges against his orthodoxy. In 1803 he was settled in East Sudbury (Wayland), and d. there. I have the following from “History of Churches and Ministers of Franklin County, Mass.,” 1854 (at Antiquarian Library, Worcester, Mass.): “Rev. Joel Foster, second pastor of First Cong. Church, New Salem, Mass. settled June 9, 1779.” I find among the Greenfield, Mass., deeds a Joel Foster, of New Salem, a clergyman bought land there of Daniel Giles, Oct. 27, 1794. Joel, of East Sudbury, will, date Sept. 18, 1812. Prob. Dec. 8, 1812; wife, Mary; ch.; son-in-law, Rev. Ezekiel L. Bascom, Sophia Huntington, Joel, Nathan L. [brother, Rev. John Foster, of Brighton]. He d. Sept. 24, 1812. Res. New Salem and East Sudbury, Mass.

1104. i. NATHAN LANSFORD, b. Dec. 8, 1757; m. Azubah L. Cone.

1105. ii. JOEL THEODORE, b. Dec. 9, 1755; m. ——; d. Dec. 13, 1813, in Burlington, Vt., and buried with military honors in Presbyterian church-yard.


1107. iv. PRISCILLA ELVIRA, b. March 23, 1782; m., Sept. 24, 1800, Rev. Ezekiel L. Bascom. She d. April 6, 1801, at Northampton, Mass. New Salem, Mass. The following are the notes I made in the New Salem cemetery: “For other nymphs let vernal roses bloom, Mine be the peaceful mansions of the tomb.” Priscilla Elvira Bascom, consort of Rev. Ezekiel L. Bascom,
FANNY ALMEDA, b. Dec. 2, 1783; m., May 26, 1805, Samuel Elliott, Esq., of Brattleboro, Vt. She d. July 26, 1806, leaving Edwin Day, b. March 11, 1806; m. Jeanette — ; res., Providence, R.I. The father m. 2d, a dau. of Rutherford Hayes. He was b. Gloucester, Mass., Aug. 16, 1777; d. W. Brattleboro, Dec. 10, 1845. He was the first lawyer in B.; was postmaster for many years; was Judge of Probate, Representative in the Legislature. Several of his sons, by his second marriage, graduated at college.

REV. JOHN FOSTER, D.D., (Nathan, Nathan, Abraham, Abraham, Reginald), b. Warren, Mass., April 19, 1763; m. in Boston, April 15, 1785, Hannah Von Webster, b. — , 1759; d. June 19, 1840. She was aunt of Professor Webster.


Rev. John Foster, of Brighton, delivered the Artillery election sermon of 1809. He was born in Western, now Warren, Mass., April 19, 1763, and graduated at Dartmouth college in 1783. He married in April, 1785, Hannah Webster, of Boston. Allibone, in his "Dictionary of Authors," mentions Mrs. Foster as having written "The Coquette; or, The History of Eliza Wharton," one of the earliest American novels. A church was organized Feb. 27, 1783, by the people living within the district now called Brighton. About thirty persons withdrew from the churches in Cambridge and Newton to form the First Church in Brighton. Rev. Mr. Foster was the first pastor of this newly-organized church, and was ordained to the christian ministry and installed as pastor November 1, 1784. He was one of the Board of Overseers of Harvard university; a member of various literary, benevolent and religious societies, and published between twenty and thirty of his sermons. Dr. Holmes, in the "Atlantic Monthly," when he portrays a few of the early ministers of the association with which his father was connected, and whom he met in his youth, says: "Following in the train, mild-eyed John Foster, D. D., of Brighton, with the lambent aurora of a smile about his pleasant mouth, which not even the Sabbath could subdue to the true Levitical aspect." Rev. Mr. Foster resigned Oct. 31, 1827, having completed the forty-third year of his ministry. He died at Brighton, Sept. 15, 1829, aged 66 years.

Hannah Foster, author, d. in Montreal, Canada. She was a daughter of Grant Webster, of Boston, and married John Foster, a minister, in Brighton, Mass., from 1754 till 1827. Mrs. Foster published "The Coquette; or, The History of Eliza Wharton," founded on fact (new ed., with a preface by Mrs. Jane E. Locke, 1855); "The Boarding-school" (1796), and "Lessons of a Preceptress" (1798).
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1109. i. WAINWRIGHT, b. Feb. 4, 1786; d. —.
1111. iii. HANNAH WHITE, b. Dec. 22, 1790; m. —— Barrett; res., Montreal, Canada.
1112. iv. HENRY, b. May 31, 1793.
1113. v. ELIZABETH LANESFORD, b. Oct. 19, 1794; m. ——; res., Montreal, Canada.
1114. vi. HARRIET VAUGHN, b. Sept. 9, 1796; m. —— Cheney; res., Montreal, Canada.


1115. i. TRYPHENA, b. ——; m. Ray ——, res., Norwich, N. Y.
1116. ii. REBECCA, b. ——; m. Abner Chapin; res., Norwich.

1118. iv. SOPHIA b. ——; m. Loveland Paddock; res., Norwich N. Y.

Some of the sons reside in Watertown, N. Y.

1119. v. ELIZA, b. ——; m. ——. Res., Norwich.
1120. vi. CLARISSA, b. ——; d. ——.
1121. vii. ANNA, b. ——; m. ——. Res., Norwich.
1122. viii. NATHAN, b. ——. Res., Watertown, N. Y.
1123. ix. JUDE, b. ——.

615. CORP. JUDE FOSTER (Nathan, Nathan, Abraham, Abraham, Reginald), b. Warren, Mass., m. ——, Sarah Goodnough, of Princeton; and 2d after her death, Lydia M. ——. He served in the Revolutionary army; just when, the pension rolls don't say; was a corporal; granted a pension March 4, and died in 24 days. See Rev. Soldiers.

The Worcester County Probate records have this: "Joel Foster, of New Salem, was appointed administrator of Jude Foster, late of Paxton, in 1789. The children were: Sally, Polly, Betsey, Lydia and Judith. The widow was Lydia M. Joseph Dow was Judge." He d. March 28, 1790. Res., Rutland, Mass.

1124. i. POLLY, b. ——; m. ——. She d. New York State.
1125. ii. BETSEY, b. ——; m. Whitmore; res., Hartford, N. Y.
1126. iii. JUDITH, b. ——. Res., N. Y.
1127. iv. SALLY, b. ——.
1128. v. LYDIA, b. ——.


In a sketch of the life of one who has worthily attained high public distinction, particularly where that distinction is due to an unusual development of the noblest moral and intellectual faculties, it is but fitting that a few words should be said about his parents.

Capt. Daniel Foster, his father, was the son of Hannah Standish, a great-granddaughter of Capt. Myles Standish. He served under Gen. Gates in the War of the Revolution, and fought in the battles of White Plains, Saratoga and Stillwater. In
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1802, at the age of forty-seven, he married, for his second wife, Welthea Ladd, of Franklin, where he made his home and where the subject of this sketch was born. He died January 28, 1824. His stirring patriotism and the stories of the war, which formed the earliest recollections of his son, probably had much to do in establishing indelibly that love of and pride in his native land which was so manifest in Mr. Foster's after-life.

Welthea Ladd, his mother, was connected by lineage with some of the principal colonial families of Eastern Connecticut. She was a woman of unusual energy, shrewdness, intellectual ability and conversational power; and it has been said by those who knew both mother and son, that there was a strong resemblance between them in intellectual traits. It is certain that he cherished the most tender, practical affection for her, and that, from his earliest years, when his earnings were but meager, to the day of her death, in 1851, his care for her and for his only sister was unceasing.

Mr. Foster's only inheritance from his parents was an honored name and an unstained character. He had to depend upon his own resources to gain an education, which in his childhood was begun in the common schools. At the age of sixteen he studied for nine months under Rev. Abel Flint, D. D., of Hartford, and during the two following winters taught school in his native town. In 1824 he completed his preparatory studies with Rev. Cornelius B. Everest, of Windham, and in February, 1825, entered Brown University, where he was graduated in September, 1828, with the highest honors of his class.

The following winter Mr. Foster taught as an assistant in the school of Mr. Roswell C. Smith, in Providence, and the next spring began the study of law at Norwich, Conn., in the office of Calvin Goddard, one of the leading lawyers of the State. In the autumn of 1829 he took charge of an academy at Centreville, Md; and during the year spent at that place was admitted to the Maryland bar. Then, returning to Norwich, he resumed his law studies under Judge Goddard. In 1831 he was admitted to the bar of New London county and immediately opened an office for practice in Norwich town—the old town some three miles north of Norwich proper. In 1833, at the solicitation of friends, he moved to Hampton, in Windham county, where he practiced for about a year, when he returned to the city of Norwich, which became his home for life and where he was active in his profession up to the time of his death.

Mr. Foster's deep interest in political questions led him to undertake, in 1835, the editorship of the "Norwich Republican," a Whig journal, but he was compelled to abandon that work after about a year by the rapid increase of his professional responsibilities. From the outset of his career he was very successful as a lawyer, rising with rapidity to a foremost position at the bar of his State, his mind being peculiarly analytical, his arguments clear, earnest and persuasive and his zeal untiring. Despite his lucrative practice Mr. Foster was persuaded to enter politics, and, in the spring of 1839, was chosen a representative in the general assembly of Connecticut. This honor was repeated in 1840, 1846, 1847 1848, 1851, and again in 1870; after he had retired from the Senate of the United States and during the last four terms of his membership of the assembly he was Speaker of that body.

In 1850 and 1851 Mr. Foster was the candidate of the Whig party for governor of Connecticut. In both these years there was no choice by popular vote, a majority, not a plurality, being required by the State law, and the general assembly elected a democratic governor, although, in the latter year there was a small Whig majority in the assembly, and, there being a split in the party ranks, Mr. Foster's opponent, Hon. Thomas H. Seymour, was elected by the close vote of 122 to 121. Later in the same session an attempt was made to elect a United States senator, but again the Whigs could not unite on a candidate, and, although Mr. Foster, whose name was mentioned for that office as early as 1848, received within six ballots of the requisite number, no election was possible, and, the assembly adjourning without action, the next House, being Democratic, sent the Hon. Isaac Toucey to the senate.

The year 1851, however, was not without its successes. Mr. Foster was given the honorary degree of LL. D by Brown university, and chosen mayor of Norwich, to which office he was re-elected in 1852 by the absolutely unanimous vote of his fellow citizens—no ballot being cast against him, a well-merited and unusual compliment and especially gratifying, coming as it did from those who knew him best.

On the 10th of May, 1854, Mr. Foster was elected to the United States Senate, where he took his seat on the 4th of March, 1855, and served his State and country
with honor and distinction for twelve years. His election for a third term was
merely expected by the people of his State, but he did not receive the nomina-
tion of his party caucus. This was due to two causes, the first and real reason was
a prejudice on the part of many people in the State against electing a United States
senator to a third term; no one had ever been so elected and only six had been elected
to a second term. The other cause was an erroneous impression industriously circu-
lated that Mr. Foster was too friendly to Andrew Johnson, then President. That this
impression was erroneous is very largely shown by the fact that although Mr. Fos-
ter's name was prominently mentioned in connection* with the Austrian mission,
then vacant, President Johnson did not nominate him for that post. The President
may have thought that such a nomination would have been only too gratifying to
the Senate, with which he was not on cordial or even friendly terms.

Mr. Foster's views regarding President Johnson were briefly stated to the
writer of this article when he said that while he did not agree with him he did not
think that he had been guilty of any act worthy of impeachment—or words to that
effect. It is quite possible that Mr. Foster might have been elected to a third term in the United States Senate if he had consented to run independently, as he was urged
to do, but he refused absolutely to do so.

To enter into the details of Mr. Foster's senatorial career—1855 to 1867—would
be almost like giving the political history of the causes that led up to the war of
the Rebellion, and of the Rebellion itself, so closely was he identified with the
legislation of those times. As early as 1854, in his inaugural address as speaker of
the Connecticut legislature, he said "Our domestic policy on such a question as now
agitates our country, is liberty—liberty and right, not slavery and might." In that
he struck the keynote of his own being; for with him always, in all matters that
came before him, the instant question for instant decision, was as to what was
right, and his action, in following the right, was inflexible.

During the earlier portion of his senatorial career Mr. Foster was not a frequent
participant in debate; but, on the 25th of June, 1856, he established for himself a
high position as a debater, and a man of deep, calm, sound, dispassionate, judicial
reasoning power. Matters pertinent to the Kansas and Nebraska bill were under
discussion, and then, as also two years later, in connection with the Lecompton
Constitution Bill, Mr. Foster most manfully opposed every measure tending to ad-
mit slavery north of 36° 30' of latitude, as limited by the "Missouri Compromise."
As in this matter, so in all the acrimonious debates of ante-bellum days Mr.
Foster maintained a firm and consistent position, ever opposing the aggressions of the
pro-slavery element in the Senate, and upholding what he believed to be right in
moral, political, and legal matters.

The election of Mr. Lincoln having brought matters to a crisis, President
Buchanan, in his message to Congress in December, 1860, referred to "the dis-
tracted condition of the country and the grievances between the slaveholding and the
non-slaveholding States," and Mr. Powell, of Kentucky, introduced a resolution for
the appointment of a committee of thirteen to consider this matter. Mr. Foster sup-
ported this resolution in the interest of harmony, although, as he said in one of his
letters, "Disruption of the Union is, I believe, inevitable. ... It will lead to war
and bloodshed and I deplore it. Still, I am opposed to having slavery established
or recognized by the Constitution of the country beyond the limits assigned to it, be
the consequences what they may," etc.

Probably no man in the Senate enjoyed more intimately the confidence of Presi-
dent Lincoln than did Mr. Foster. Often he was the spokesman of Mr. Lincoln's
views.

On March 11, 1861, when Senator Wigfall, of Texas, declared in debate that
he was "a foreigner and owed no allegiance to the government," Mr. Foster rose
in his seat and moved Mr. Wigfall's expulsion, and his name was dropped from the
rolls of the Senate.

In 1863 he advocated the compensated emancipation of slaves in Missouri.
In 1864 he advocated the repeal of the Fugitive Slave Act, but favored an
amendment preserving the old act of 1793, by which the reclamation of the fugitive
slave was hedged about with every publicity and form of law. This could only be
applicable to fugitives from States not in rebellion, since all others had been
emancipated on January 1, 1863, by Mr. Lincoln's proclamation, and was advocated
as being but strict justice to the slaveholding States that remained in the Union,
however at variance with the popular feeling at the North at that time.

In 1866 he opposed granting the right of franchise to negroes in the Dis-
Mr. Foster aided in every manner possible the vigorous prosecution of the war. He advocated the increasing of the medical department of the volunteer service. He opposed the abandonment of the military academy at West Point. He was always most discriminating in his opinions, and some of his actions were therefore misconstrued in the excitement of the times though they had been upheld by the calmer judgment of later years.

He served on numerous committees, notably Indian Affair, Land Claims, and as chairman of those on Foreign Relations and Pensions.

On the 31st of March, 1865, he was made one of a special committee "to inquire into the present condition of the Indian tribes," etc., etc. He had frequently been called to the chair of the Senate, and on the 6th of March was chosen president pro temp. of the Senate. Upon the assassination of Mr. Lincoln, on the 14th of the following month, he became ex-officio vice-president of the United States, which position he held until he resigned it, on March 2, 1867, on account of the approaching expiration of his term as senator. There probably never was a better presiding officer in the Senate of the United States or in any other legislative body, as is shown by the very eulogistic resolution of thanks adopted upon his retirement. That he did not very seriously feel his defeat for a third term, is evidenced by his letter to a friend, in which he says: "The loss of my election did not seriously affect my digestion, or my sleep, and will not, I fancy, affect the crops."

The Special Indian Committee, of which he was a member, made an extended journey under a suitable military escort thorough Kansas, New Mexico and Colorado. Everywhere it was received with the greatest enthusiasm, and upon Mr. Foster, as acting vice-president of the United States, was bestowed the utmost respect and veneration by the thousands who flocked to see him and shake hands with him—the greatest "Father" they had ever beheld. He enjoyed the trip immensely and was unbounded in his enthusiasm at the beauty and magnificence of the country.

Upon Mr. Foster's retirement from the United States Senate in 1867 he at once returned to Norwich and resumed the practice of his profession, of which he was very fond, as is seen by his own words: "The position (United States senator) is a pleasant one, certainly quite the most so of any in our Government. Yet, for myself, I confess I prize professional honors—those of my own profession—more than any political distinction. Professional honors are not won without deserving them. Political preferment may be gained without merit and lost without crime."

While speaker of the assembly in 1870, Mr. Foster was chosen by that body associate justice of the Supreme court of the State, receiving every senatorial vote and 197 out of 202 votes in the House. He held this office with distinction until 1876, when, having reached the age of seventy, he was compelled to retire by statutory limitation.

In 1869 he had been urged to accept the Kent professorship of law at Yale, but had declined doing so. After his retirement from the bench, however, he consented to become a special lecturer there on "Parliamentary Law and Methods of Legislation," and in the anniversary exercises of 1879 delivered an exhaustive address on the duties of an advocate where he knows of the guilt of his client. He said: "It is the province and duty of an advocate to interpose all legal defenses for the benefit and protection of his client, and to see to it that no grounds are taken against him, but such as are warranted by law. This being done, whether the accused be acquitted or convicted, the duty of the advocate is done."

Mr. Foster's political experiences after his retirement from the United States Senate serve to show how entirely he was animated by the sense of duty. He did not believe in the wisdom of the "carpet-bag" form of government at the South, or in the financial policy of the administration, and, in 1872, supported Horace Greeley for President although he did not wholly represent his opinions. In 1875 he reluctantly accepted a democratic and liberal-republican nomination for Congress, although there was no hope for his election in his strong republican district.

Although Mr. Foster's life was so largely occupied with political and professional duties, he found time to serve on numerous boards and commissions. At one time he was a commissioner from Connecticut to settle the disputed boundary question with New York; at another to negotiate the purchase of Fisher's Island; at another to consider the feasibility of simplifying the system of legal procedure in the courts of the State. He was a member of the International Code Conference of America; of the Social Science Association; president of the New London County Historical
Society; honorary member of the Cobden Club of London, although a protection-ist; Vice-President of the Congregational Union, and of the American Bible Society; a delegate of the Evangelical Alliance of the United States to Basle, Switzerland; president of the Conn. Congregational Club, etc.

Although Mr. Foster's public life was full of interest it was perhaps in his private life that he was seen at the best by his intimate associates. He was a man of the keenest, most sparkling wit of brilliant conversational power, of serious and yet playful mirth, most courteous, polished and gentlemanly manner, always considerate of others, refined and never boisterous, abounding at times with suppressed mirth and beaming over with light rippling laughter that was scarcely audible. He was always most differential to women, charitable to the poor, suitably familiar with all of whatever station in life, and interested in everything tending to the improvement of those about him.

Mr. Foster was married twice, and probably the greatest grief of his life was in the loss of his loved ones. The first Mrs. Foster was the daughter of a prominent Norwich family, and became the mother of three children all of whom died at an early age. The second Mrs. Foster, to whom he was married in 1860, shared with him the excitments and interests of the greater part of his public career, and has given to the world in a most interesting volume, a memorial of her husband, which, however, necessarily incomplete, has been largely used in compiling this sketch, and of which Phillips Brooks said: "It ought to be in every Young Men's Library in the land." With her he enjoyed such leisure as he was able to snatch from a life filled with political and professional obligations. Their chief pleasures were in the summers spent at their beautiful home in Norwich, where to this day, 1890. Mrs. Foster still resides, and in later years, in trips to the south in the winter. Despite his fondness for travel his visits to Europe were necessarily few and very short. He first crossed the ocean in 1848, before the days of steam, in the packet ship "Henry Clay," although he was able to stay away from home only a few weeks. His later trips were almost equally brief and did not occur until after he had retired from the United States Senate. From a financial point of view his public life was a detriment to him, as is usually the case with men of the highest integrity and closest application to duty. Whatever money he possessed was made in the practice of his profession, and very much the larger part of his fortune was acquired after he had retired from the Supreme bench at the age of seventy.

Besides the likeness published with this article, which is from a photograph taken from life, there is a fine marble bust of Mr. Foster, made by C. Calverley, in the Capitol at Washington, and an equally fine oil painting of him, by Mr. Lazarus of New York, in the Corcoran gallery at Washington.

Mr. Foster died on Sunday, September 19th, 1880, at his home in Norwich. On the Monday previous he was taken ill with a light malarial fever which gave those about him little anxiety until Friday afternoon when he was seized with a convulsive chill which was instantly followed by delirium and unconsciousness from which he never rallied. He lies buried at Norwich, in beautiful Yantic Cemetery, on the banks of the river of the same name.

The love which Mr. Foster bore for education and whatever tended to the betterment of mankind, found expression, not only during his life time but after his death, in munificent bequests to Yale college for the endowment of a professorship of common law, and to the Norwich Free Academy of which he had long been a trustee.

Rather than to enter further into a description of those traits which made Mr. Foster's life remarkable, it is well to quote briefly from what has been said of him by eminent men who knew him well:

"He obeyed the dictates of his conscience rather than the dictates of party or policy.... Because he did this, all men whose admiration is worth gaining shall bend in respectful, grateful homage to his memory."—"Norwich Star," Sept. 20, 1880.

"Mr. Foster had great breadth of mental vision. He was of a judicial cast of mind naturally. He never took partial or narrow views of things. This was true not only of his admirable service on the bench, but of his career as a senator and as an individual; and without doubt this trait had much to do with the reliance which Abraham Lincoln—noble, temperate, humane Lincoln—placed on him as a counselor amid the perplexities and awful responsibilities of the war. Mr. Foster could not be partisan; neither could Mr. Lincoln."—"Norwich Bulletin," Sept. 24, 1880.

"Judge Foster is most remarkable for his verbal memory. It exceeds that of any one else I have ever known. He is always ready with the happiest of quotations.
from classical writers and poets, both in English and Latin."—Mr. John Hooker, Court reporter during Mr. Foster's judgeship.

"As a scholar, a lawyer and a statesman Mr. Foster ranked among the most distinguished members of the Senate; and the record that he made during the twelve years that he was a member of that body is one of which the State that honored him by placing him there may well be proud."—Col. John T. Wait.

"To his great learning, legal, scientific and literary, he added those accomplishments of mind and manner that fitted him to shine in private life, as well as at the bar, on the rostrum and in the halls of Congress. In his death he has bequeathed to all the living a notable, pure and Christian example, commanding universal respect, admiration and emulation."—Hon. John D. Park, Chief Justice of Conn.

"His style of speaking is classic and severe, distinguished by power of argument, appositeness of illustration, and close logical demonstration. Having a fine command of the purest English, and a knowledge of its weight and value seldom attained, he is enabled to make his argumentative efforts the more effective from the precision and perspicuity with which they are rendered. This makes him powerful in arguing intricate points of law before a court. When addressing a jury he manages to fix the attention of the jurors at the outset, before going into the merits of the case, and steadily retains it unbroken to the end."

"He possesses the highest power of wit, together with a keen sense of the ridiculous, and his retorts on occasions suitable for displaying those powers are unanswerable. No matter how trifling the amount or how uncertain the prospect of remuneration for his services, he worked just as hard and with the same zeal as though the case involved large interests and abundant reward."—Sketches of Eminent Americans, 1852.

"So modest and unobtrusive was he in all his actions, so devoid was he of every thing in the nature of self-ostentation, that society in a measure failed, while he lived, to recognize as it should the daily beauty of his life."—Hon. David A. Wells.

"Few men of his age have kept so freshly the warm feelings of youth, or been so fully in sympathy with the changes of modern thought, and whatever belongs to genuine reform."—Prof. Simeon E. Baldwin.

"Among the men whom I have known in public and in private life, there is no one left for whom I had a higher regard or warmer respect."—Hon. Robert C. Winthrop.

"From my earliest recollection he has been a representative man, not only in Norwich, but in Connecticut, and before the entire nation; and throughout a long, unsullied political career he has been an example of enlightened, independent and patriotic statesmanship."—Pres. Daniel C. Gilman, of Johns Hopkins University.

"As a senator he was among the foremost when there were giants in that chamber. He was a trusted counsellor of Lincoln, and respected and beloved by his associates. As a judge, he was conscientious, dignified, learned, and impartial. As a lawyer, he was unsurpassed. He had every qualification needed to maintain a position in the front rank, whether as an advocate before the jury or the judges. In learning, eloquence, pathos, wit, argument, sarcasm, and tact—all brought to contribute toward the highest success in the noblest of professions—he was facile princeps."—Hon. Augustus Brandegee.

"When visitors from the Old World have come to see me, I have taken pride in pointing to the late acting Vice-President of the United States, taking his modest place and work on an equality with all the rest of us, as a noble and characteristic example of what is best in American republicanism."—Leonard Woolsey Bacon.

Considerable has been written in relation to the ancestry of Hon. Lafayette S. Foster, but until now I have not seen anything in print that has been authentic. I copy the following from his letters dated Norwich, Conn., Oct. 12, 1874: "Your father was the grandson of Nathan Foster. Nathan Foster was the eldest brother of Daniel Foster, my father. Their father's name was Nathan, and his wife, their mother, was Hannah Standish. She was the granddaughter or great-granddaughter of Myles Standish, I am not certain which. Her father, Josiah Standish, was living at Stafford, in this State, as early as 1720. His son-in-law, Nathan Foster, was also living there at the same time and he remained there till his death, which took place soon after 1750. They emigrated from Massachusetts, from Duxbury or Ipswich I believe, whether they came to Stafford together or not, I do not know. Nathan Foster, the elder, my grandfather, your great-great-grandfather, had fourteen children, four of whom were daughters. Nathan, the eldest son, was your great-grandfather; Daniel, one of the younger children, was my father. The other sons were Asa and Standish; the sisters were
Mary, Mehitable, Sarah, Ennise, Lois, Hannah and Phebe. They were all married. Lois married a Palmer. 'Joanna Boylston Lanman was b. March 20, 1603, dau. of Hon. James Lanman of Norwich, Conn., and his wife Marion (Chandler), Joanna's father was graduated at Yale in 1778; was a lawyer; was member of the convention that formed the first constitution of Connecticut; was for two years a representative and for several years a senator in the Connecticut legislature; was for five years attorney for the State for New London county; was senator in Congress 1819-1825; was judge of the Supreme Court of Connecticut for three years, also mayor of Norwich for three years. Pet. to dispose of personal property, dated July 24, 1882. Frank Johnson app. by court at Norwich, Conn., Exec. of est. of Lafayette S. Foster, of Norwich, Conn. Suff. Co., Mass., Prob. Lib., 343, Fol. 532. He d. Sept. 19, 1880. Res. Norwich, Conn.

1729. i. ALFRED STANDISH, b. 1840; d. Oct. 22, 1841; aet. 19 months.
1733. iii. MARY CHANDLER, b. April, 1845; d. July 12, 1846, aet. 15 months.


1732. i. DANIEL G., b. —. He d. s. p.
1734. iii. MARY, b. —; m. — Guilbert, son of Oram; res., Chicago.
1735. iv. NANCY, b. —; m. — Saunders, son of Oril; res., Rochester, N. H.


Rev. Festus Foster, son of Standish Foster, sixth in lineal descent from Myles Standish, was born in Canterbury, Conn., Sept. 30, 1776. He remained on his father's farm till the age of eighteen years. His family about that time removing to Rowe, Mass. He was there prepared for college under the tuition of Rev. Preserved Smith, the minister of that town, and was graduated from Williams college in the year 1800. After leaving college he took charge of a Grammar school in Pittsfield, meanwhile entering on studies preparatory for the ministry, under the direction of Rev. Dr. Lathrop, of Springfield. He was ordained in Petersham, Mass., Jan. 13, 1802. In 1818 he removed to Brimfield, Mass., where he settled upon a farm, and spent his remaining days there. Mr. Foster represented the town two terms in the State Legislature, commanding attention on all occasions, and proved himself an influential and useful member of that body. He was a man of brilliant attainments. There was a quickness of wit, and a general freshness and raciness in his conversation, which made his talk peculiarly spirited and attractive. He left various published writings, chiefly sermons, and occasional addresses.—Extract from Hist. Brimfield, Mass.


1796. i. JOHN WELLS, b. March 4, 1815; m. Lydia L. Converse.
1797. ii. MARY WELLS, b. March 26, 1804; d. unm., Jan. 1, 1883.
1798. iii. DWIGHT, b. Aug. 14, 1806; d. unm.
1799. iv. CAROLINE, b. Feb. 1, 1809; d. unm.
1800. v. FISHER AMES, b. July 4, 1811; d. unm., March —, 1853.
1801. vi. FRANCIS FESTUS, b. March 24, 1818; d. unm.

630. REV. DAN. FOSTER, A. M. (Isaac, Daniel, Abraham, Abraham, Reginald), b. in 1748; m. —, Rebecca Bogge. He received the degree of A. M. from Yale college and Dartmouth college. He did not graduate from any college. Had an excellent education; studied Divinity with his father; settled in Poquonock, Windsor, in 1771. He was dismissed because he preached Universalism—like his father. Removed to Vermont; later to N. H., and died in Charleston, N. H., 1809-10.

The forthcoming history of Congregational ministers of Vermont has this: "Rev. Dan. Foster was born in Stafford, Conn., about 1748. His father, Rev. Isaac Foster, was settled in West Stafford in 1764, and in later years became a Universalist. One of his brothers also had a similar career. He was not a college graduate, but received in honorary A. M. from both Yale and Dartmouth colleges in
1774. He was pastor at Poquonock, Conn., from 1771 to 1784, and at Westerfield, Vt., from 1787 to 1795. Under his ministry this latter church became "poisoned with errors, rent with divisions and disheartened by opposition, and at its close was left with few members and in a low spiritual condition. He then removed to Charleston, N. H., where he taught a classical school, and acted as the supply of the Congregational church from 1804 till his death in 1806. Like his father and his brother, he at length avowed Universalism, and published a treatise in defence of that belief. He had one son and two daughters, and died at Charleston, aged 62 years." He d. in March, 1810. Res., Windsor, Conn., Westerfield, Vt., and Charleston. N. H.

1142. i. REBECCA WAKELY, b. ——.


1143. i. HANNAH, b. ——.


1145. i. SHERLOCK, b. ——; m. Tamma Reed and Abigail ——.

1146. ii. CHARLOTTE, b. ——. Joseph Dorr, Judge of Probate of Worcester county, appointed Reuben Reed guardian of Charlotte Foster, Luke Foster and Isabel Foster, minor children of the late Rev. Daniel Foster, of New Braintree, April 24, 1798.

1147. iii. LUKE BALDWIN, b. ——, 1783; m. Eunice Knight.

1148. iv. ISALINDA, b. ——.

1149. v. ELIZABETH, b. ——. Betsy Foster, of New Braintree, was appointed guardian of Elizabeth Foster, daughter of the late Rev. Daniel Foster, of New Braintree, April 24, 1798. Benjamin Foster was appointed guardian of Fordyce Foster, son of Rev. Daniel Foster, late of New Braintree. Children, more than 14 years of age, electing their own guardian, 1798.

1150. vi. FORDYCE, b. ——, 1780; m. Elizabeth Wilcott.

1151. vii. DANIEL, b. ——.

635. REV. ISAAC FOSTER (Isaac, Daniel, Abraham, Abraham, Reginald), b. Stafford, Conn., ——; m. ——, Rebecca Newcomb, b. Dec. 29, 1758, dau. of James and Mrs. Submit (Downer) Davis. He was a Presbyterian, afterward an Episcopal clergyman.

Rev. Isaac Foster, of Hartford, Conn., "a young candidate, for settlement, arrived in Hallowell, April 13th, and the next Sunday preached in the meeting-house "by the desire of the committee," who, during the succeeding weeks, invited him to preach the three following Sundays. Having complied with this request, he officiated with so much satisfaction that a town meeting was called for the 8th of May, to see if the town would invite him to settle and provide for his "salary and settlement." Upon assembling a motion was submitted to invite him to settle in this town in the work of the ministry," which was taken by "polling the house," when fifty-seven were arrayed in favor of the motion and four against it.

A large committee was now raised (consisting of James Howard, Benjamin Pettingill, Samuel Cony, Noah Woodward, Jonathan Davenport, Jeremiah Ingraham, Samuel Badcock, Enoch Page, Simon Dearborn, Henry Sewall, Nathan Weston, Daniel Savage, James Page, Ezekiel Page and Daniel Cony), to report
what stipulation should be made with Mr. Foster for "his support and maintenance." The committee, after the meeting had taken a half hour's recess, reported that the town should "pay £100 lawful money annually" as a salary, on condition that Mr. Foster "shall formally and regularly received ordination;" and that should be his salary as long as he "continues to be the town's minister and public teacher." To this they added "£50 settlement." The report was accepted, and £10 a year added to the settlement for the first five years.

A committee was appointed to inform Mr. Foster, who probably had returned to Harpswell, of the result of the meeting. He arrived again at Hallowell, July 3d, and on the 5th answered the committee by letter, in which he says: "Taking under consideration the union which at present subsists, with the generosity that appears among you, I accept the call." He preached in the meeting-house Sunday, the 9th of July, also the 16th and the 23d. At the last date, Henry Sewall, in recording the fact, says he "preached poor doctrine." The next Sunday he exchanged with Rev. Thomas Moor, of Wiscasset. On the 6th of August he again preached, and as Sewall says, "Armenian doctrine." Two days after Sewall "had a conference with Mr. Foster," but "could not convince him of the impropriety of his doctrines." On the 12th he again conversed with him "respecting experience," and on the next day, which was Sunday, he records in his diary that "Mr. Foster preached rank Armenianism."

The following day, Monday, the 14th of August, a town meeting assembled to fix the time and make provisions for the ordination of Mr. Foster, at which Simon Dearborn, Joseph North and Wm. Howard were appointed a committee to confer with him in relation to the time, which was finally fixed for the second Wednesday in October. It was then determined to send to seven churches to assist on the occasion; three of which were to be nominated by the town, two by the church, and two by Mr. Foster. The town selected the churches at Bristol, Bath and Harpswell; and the church the churches of East Pownalborough and Falmouth, second Parish. The "letters missing" were drawn and signed by Daniel Cony, Joseph North and Brown Emerson in behalf of the town; two blanks left to be filled by Mr. Foster's nominations. A committee was appointed, consisting of Joseph North, Wm. Howard and Amos Pollard, to provide for the entertainment of the council.

Capt. Sewall, who had opposed the appointment of a day for the ordination, on the day succeeding the meeting "had a close, plain and solemn interview with Mr. Foster respecting his heretical doctrines." After this conference, and on the same day, Mr. Foster left for Connecticut, and returned October 2d with his family and his two brothers, John and Daniel, who were ministers and members by the candidates' nomination of the ordaining council.

Sewall, who doubtless was the embodiment of the opposition, on Wednesday, the 4th, "held a private fast at Esq. Pettingill's, respecting the approaching event of Mr. Foster's ordination," and "drew seven objections against his doctrines, to be laid before the council," a copy of which he presented to Mr. Foster on the 5th. Sunday, the 8th, the Rev. John Foster, the candidate's brother "preached flagrant Free-will doctrine," and Daniel Foster lectured at the meeting-house Monday; and according to Sewall he "preached poor doctrine."

At length, Wednesday, the 11th of October, the day appointed for the ordination, arrived. In the morning the council, composed of the two Fosters and Rev. Samuel Eaton of Harpswell, Rev. Alex. McLean of Bristol, and probably Rev. Thomas Moore of Pownalborough, assembled at Daniel Cony's house. Sewall was present and presented his "seven charges against the candidate's doctrines," and "endeavored to sustain them." The hearing upon these lasted until noon, when Sewall left the council to debate the matter. "The debate held till near sunset, when they proceeded to the meeting-house and laid hands on the candidate."

The opposition to Rev. Isaac Foster, which made its appearance at the time of his ordination, had increased and strengthened. Meetings were regularly held on the Sabbath at Benjamin Pettingill's, or Henry Sewall's house, which were occasionally attended by clergymen from a distance. The difficulty was aggravated and the opposition increased by the institution of legal proceedings, which grew out of the indiscretion of the parties. Captain Sewall had been provoked to the utterance of a charge "that Mr. Foster was a liar and he could prove it." Thomas Sewall was in some way connected with the charge. They were both summoned in January before Justice North, on a complaint to answer to the State. Captain Sewall records that he "did not pretend to deny" the charge, but offered evidence of its truth in justification. Whether the legal maxim of that day, "the more truth the greater libel," was invoked against him or his proof was insufficient, we are not
informed. He was found guilty and fined 15 shillings and cost. From this judgment he appealed. But Thomas Sewall, who was fined 12 shillings, did not appeal.

The old matter of defamation between Mr. Foster and Henry and Thomas Sewall broke anew May 9th, when they were each sued by Mr. Foster in actions for damages, which were laid in the writs at £500. Paul Blake, an inhabitant of the town, was with great promptness dispatched by the Sewall’s, the next day, after the service of the writs to Mendon, where Mr. Foster formerly preached, to procure evidence against him. He returned the 30th of the same month "with the depositions of two of the committee for procuring preaching," for that town. These related to "Mr. Foster’s preaching there." However, previous to this, on the 24th of May, Thomas Sewall had agreed to submit his case to the determination of Thomas Rice, Jedediah Jewett and George Thatcher, but Captain Sewall, with more resolution, "concluded to stand on legal ground," and the action against him was entered at the June term of the court at Pownalborough, and continued by consent to the January term at Hallowell.—[Hist. of H.


1152. i. ISAAC, b. Feb. 12, 1786; m. Nancy Planting and Mary Mather.

1153. ii. NATHANIEL, b. ——, 1788. He d. in Baltimore, Md., in 1807; a printer by trade.

1154. iii. REBECCA, b. ——; m. —— Pool; res., Baltimore, Md.

1155. iv. HIIRAM, b. ——. After the death of his father, with his mother he went to South America after gold, and both are supposed to have died there. Nothing further ever heard from them.

639. REV. JOHN FOSTER (Isaac, Daniel, Abraham, Abraham, Reginald), b. Stafford, Conn.; m. ——, Ennice ——.

He was the son of Rev. Isaac Foster and was born in Stafford, Conn.; received an excellent education; graduated at college, and was ordained at Paxton, Mass., over the Congregational church, Sept. 8, 1755. This society had for some time been divided over trouble with their former pastor, Rev. Alexander Thayer, and was particularly divided over Mr. Foster’s settlement, but after a long and warm contention among themselves, his friends carried their point, and the malcontents separated from the old society, and a new church was formed. Some idea may be obtained of the opposition made to the settlement of Mr. Foster from the following protest of several of his opponents:

"We, the subscribers, inhabitants of the town of Paxton, do nerveously solemnly, sincerely and wholly protest and declare against the proceedings to be had and taken by the inhabitants of the said town of Paxton, now assembled in town meeting, the consequence of a warrant, signed by a major part of the selectmen of said town of Paxton, as illegal, unlawful and unconstitutional and unprecedented. And now the subscribers do further solemnly protest and declare that we will not, directly or indirectly, be out any cost, or charge, or pay any money that shall be assessed upon us, the subscribers, for settlement, or pledge, that the inhabitants of said town of Paxton shall agree to give Mr. John Foster, except it is taken from us by force, as it is our opinion that the constitution will not admit of any such precedent. And we request that this protest may be read in the said town meeting and recorded with the records in said town of Paxton. As witness ours, this thirteenth day of December, Anno Domini, 1784." Signed by twenty of the inhabitants.

Mr. Foster remained pastor of the church for two years, and taking into consideration the wrangle among the church members was a remarkable record under the circumstances.

From Paxton he went to Taunton, and was installed May 16, 1792. He was born in Connecticut, and his father was a clergyman, as were his brothers. It is said of him at Taunton that no minister there was more admired, and that he owed a great deal of his prominence to his voice and solemn manner. His voice was unequalled for deep and solemn tones. He was very eccentric, and was dismissed from Taunton in 1799. From there he went to Stonington, Conn., where he preached and taught. Later he went to New York City, and taught there and preached occasionally. He afterward moved to Athens, N. Y. He d. ——, 184—. Res., Paxton and Taunton, Mass., and Jan., 1840, in Norwich, Conn., and Athens, N. Y.

1156. i. JAMES GARDINER, b. Paxton, Aug. 31, 1786; m. —— ——.

1157. ii. CICERO, b. Paxton, July 31, 1788.

1158. iii. NARCISSA, b. ——; m. —— Hull; res., New York.

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1165. i. SALLY, b. April 30, 1791.
1166. ii. PATTY, b. Jan. 1, 1795.
1167. iii. BETTY KITTERIDGE, b. Dec. 3, 1798.
1168. iv. CLARISSA, b. March 13, 1802.
1169. v. JOSEPH, b. June 16, 1805.
1170. vi. MOSES, b. June 16, 1809; m., Dec. 29, 1834, Lucinda Chandler; res., Tewksbury.


1175. i. RACHEL, b. July 22, 1785.
1176. ii. RHODA, b. Jan. 10, 1787.
1177. iii. LYDIA, b. Nov. 11, 1789.
1179. v. NABBY, b. Oct. 25, 1795.

658. LIEUT. AMOS FOSTER (Amos, Amos, Benjamin, Abraham, Reginald), b. Tewksbury, Mass., May 23, 1753; m. ——, Beulah ——. She d. June 15, 1776; m. 2d, Elizabeth Kitteridge.

At the time of the dedication of the statue to Gen. Joseph Warren, at Charleston, in 1858, one of the speakers quoted the last works of the General on the authority of Amos Foster, a Revolutionary soldier, then residing in Tewksbury. The statement was questioned, and Mr. Foster wrote the following letter in relation to the matter:

"Sir,—I have read the piece in the Patriot, in which it is doubted whether the toast you gave on the 4th of July, as the words of Warren, are correct. They are strictly true, and stated exactly as I told you on the morning of the anniversary. I knew Dr. Warren before that day; had seen him among the troops at Cambridge, and am certain of the fact. His words made a lasting impression on my mind, and I have repeated them a thousand times. I was a private in Captain Walker's company, in Bridge's regiment, and was on the ground all the night before, building up the works. After the old engineer had fixed his stakes, Eliakim Walker, Jonathan Beard and myself (who are both living, I believe—Mr. Beard was at the celebration with me), though he had not got them quite straight, and we moved one of them to square it up.

The day of the battle I was near the redoubt; we did all we could; but were obliged to give up at last. The last time the British came up we were moving off all in a hurry into the rear of the redoubt, to stop them as they came up, and there it was that I saw General Warren; his clothes were bloody, when he cried out to us: 'I am a dead man, fight on, my brave fellows, for the salvation of your country.' We had no time to do much, but got off as quick as we could. I never saw Warren after that. The British fired upon us both small and large guns on the retreat, and more of us got off than could reasonably have been expected.

I knew General Putnam and Colonel Prescott well. I saw Putnam riding around, very active. I saw him ten times at least, I should think. Putnam went off with David Baily and a number of others, and they took tools with them to entrench on Bunker Hill, but a number of them came back again. I was close by Asa Pollard when he was killed. The ball struck the ground and hopped along before it struck him. Mr. Benjamin Baldwin rolled him up in a blanket, and they carried him off and buried him. I do not know anything more of a very great importance. I saw a good deal, and remember a great deal, but it is not worth writing, that I know of. I am willing to tell all I know. It appears to me that the blood was running down his (Warren's) arm, or side, when he spoke the words, but we were all in such a hurry, I won't be certain about that. I shall send an order for my money under the resolve. I am, sir,

Your most obedient servant

Amos Foster.

General William H. Sumner."

Amos, of Tewksbury; will, date Oct. 7, 1835; Prob. Nov. 10, 1835; Ch., Elizabeth Blanchard, Hannah Griffin, Enoch, Amos, Zephaniah Foster. He d. in 1835. Res., Tewksbury, Mass.
1170. i. BEULAH, b. May 31, 1776; m. Amos Blanchard, of Wilton, N. H. Beulah, of Tewksbury; child of Amos, Jr.; minor, under 14 years; guardian paper date March 10, 1790.


1172. iii. AMOS, b. May 30, 1785; m. Rhoda Foster.


1174. v. ZEPHANIAH KITTERIDGE, b. Sept. 22, 1791; m. Mercy T. Trull.


1176. i. OLIVE, b. April 7, 1786.

1177. ii. WILLIAM, b. Feb. 9, 1789; m. Anna ——.

1178. iii. LUCY, b. June 26, 1791.

661. NATHAN FOSTER (Amos, Amos, Benjamin, Abraham, Reginald), b. Tewksbury, Mass., May 14, 1762; m. Norway, Me. (the first marriage in that town), May 17, 1791, Miriam Hobbs, b. July 17, 1772; d. Dec. 24, 1804; m. 2d., Sally Hobbs, sister of his first wife, b. Jan. 8, 1752, dau. of Jeremiah, of Hopkinton, Mass., and Norway, Me. Nathan Foster was born in Massachussetts and before reaching his majority went to Maine. He located at what was later incorporated as Norway. Was always a farmer. He took a prominent part in all of the town's affairs. His death was very sudden. He went to the barn to attend to his stock and was found dead in the yard, where he had fallen, as was supposed, in a fit of apoplexy. He d. Feb. 5, 1836. Res. Norway, Me.

1178-2. i. NATHAN, b. April 9, 1794; m. Mrs. Sarah (Gilson) Wheelock.

1179-2. ii. MIRIAM, b. May 18, 1791.


1181-2. iv. AMOS, b. March 31, 1796; d. April 20, 1827. He was a soldier in the War of 1812 in Capt. Amos Town's company.

1182-2. v. JEREMIAH, b. Sept. 23, 1797. He was corporal in Capt. Amos Noyes' Company in the "Aroostook War" in 1839, in Maine. m. ——.

1183-2. vi. WILLIAM, b. April 5, 1799; m. Calista Wood.


1186-2. ix. SALLY, b. April 17, 1807; m. April 11, 1842, Hon. David Frost. He was b. Dec. 12, 1809. She d. Sept. 3, 1844. Res. Norway, Me. Was a school-teacher; justice of the peace, 28 ye rs; select-
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1190-2. xiii. LUTHER F., b. March 3, 1815; m. Eunice B. Millett.

1191-2. xiv. DAVID T., b. May, 1818; m. Hannah —. The widow res. Lawrence, Mass., with m. dau.

1192-2. xv. HARRIET, b. Oct. 5, 1820; d. June 1, 1828.

1193-2. xvi. LYDIA, b. Jan. 17, 1823; m., 1832, Wm. Frost, Jr. He was b. Jan. 9, 1812. By Lydia he had two children; m. 2d. and d. March 18, 1852.

1194-2. xvii. CLARISSA, b. Jan. 27, 1820; m. Fred Knight. She d. leaving two or three sons who res. in So. Dak.


1179. i. SALLY F., b. June 30, 1797; m., March 22, 1815, Ansel T. Archer. She d. Oct. 29, 1865.


1181. iii. JOHN B., b. March 4, 1803; m., June 2, 1829, Hannah Silsby. He d. March 31, 1848.


1183. v. MEHITABEL S., b. Nov. 26, 1808; m., June 10, 1832, Jonathan Smith. She d. 1839.

1184. vi. MARY ANN, b. May 7, 1812; m., Dec. 1, 1831, Richard Goodwin. She d. May 17, 1850.

1185. vii. JOANNA S., b. Sept. 30, 1815; m., Sept. 30, 1835, William Stanwood; m. 2d., Emerson Orcutt; she d. 1895.

1186. viii. MOODY A., b. July 19, 1823; m., Nov. 5, 1851, Martha Bunker.

1187. ix. LUCY A., b. May 27, 1825; m., April 27, 1842, Daniel Jordan. She res. —

1188. x. AVILDIA G., b. July 31, 1828; m., Sept. 29, 1850, Thos. Foster.


1190. xii. EMELINE, b. Dec. 5, 183—

675-2. CAPT. BENJAMIN FOSTER (Asael, Gideon, Benjamin, Abraham, Reginald), b. Bridgton, Me., 1770; m. Nancy Veasey of Denmark, Me.; b. 1769; d. 1859. Benjamin Foster purchased the land of Thomas Perley, then in Bridgton, now in Harrison, bordering on Crooked river and near the land of Major Emerson. Here he had a rude camp and worked clearing land several years previous to his marriage. He afterward erected a frame house and married Nancy Veasey of Denmark. He planted 12 acres of corn on burnt land the first year of his residence in Harrison. Some years after his marriage and when the population of his town had increased, Mr. Foster built a small "grocery" which was continued many years. The store was the place where many curious scenes were enacted. Being near the course of the river, the drivers resorted thither, where they could wet the inside to correspond with the outside. At one time one of the lumber drivers feigned sick
and one Old Doctor Black was called to Mr. Foster's to prescribe for him. While there the doctor was invited to take some of the ardent, which to refuse in those days would have been considered a transgression of the rules of propriety; consequently he shared in the "flow of the bowl" and was soon as merry as the merriest. Now the doctor had a white faced horse and Capt. Foster had a white faced steer, and when the doctor had become so intoxicated as not to discriminate, the drivers changed the saddle and bridle from the horse to the steer, and placed the doctor upon his back. The poor frightened creature was not acquainted with such a harness and, raising his tail high in the air, bellowed and dashed down the yard, precipitating the medicine man headlong into the mud. Capt. Foster was once camping in Bridgton when an old horse, belonging to a neighbor, kept eating from his hay stack. The owner was requested to take care of the horse again and again, but took no heed. Coming in from the wood one evening the old horse was found eating from the captain's hay. Without any delay, Foster commanded one of the men to hold the horse, when going into camp for a brand of fire, he made it fast to the horse's tail and giving him a smart cut with a stick sent him dashing down the road. The running of the horse through the wind caused the fire to burn more brightly, frightening him more and more and he never ceased running until he reached his owner's barn and stood trembling before the door. It may be unnecessary to say that the horse never returned to trouble Capt. Foster's hay.

I have now to relate the most curious and sad affair (perhaps) in the experience of Mr. Foster, and one which occurred in his early years. He had been on an evening visit to his intended and was returning when he stumbled upon a huge bear. The bear made for him at once, and to escape, Foster made haste to climb a small tree, one which he supposed too small for the bear to hug. But he soon saw his bearship coming up after him. He climbed as far as he dared to, lest his weight should break the tree. The bear took his heel in her teeth, tearing away the slipper and flesh, and, losing her hold, fell to the ground. Foster then supposed his danger past, but he was again disappointed. She had no sooner recovered her feet than she climbed the tree again, this time tearing the flesh away from his heels, clean to the bones and both man and bear fell to the ground, the tree breaking. Mr. Foster was top of the heap when they struck the ground, and ran with all his might toward his home—the bear did not follow—and was so wild with fear that he did not feel the pain of his feet until going through a field of rye stubble which pinching the mangled flesh, caused him severe distress. He was made a cripple for life, and probably considered his bride a costly prize. Captain Foster died in Harrison at the advanced age of 84 years, having issue, eight children.

Many years after, this story got into the papers, and some believed and some did not believe it. Captain Foster at one time went to New York State, and stopping at a hotel, he heard the story told by strangers to him and some said they would not believe it, then Foster, not known to the company said, "I suppose I can show you the heel if you will not believe it without," and suitting the act to the word, unclothed his feet and showed the heel crippled. The writer has often seen the heels and heard the story by the old fireside in Grandfather Foster's home in South Harrison, Me., when but a mere boy of ten years, so that there would be much fear of bears when returning home a short distance of a few rods in the evening, after a short visit at grandpa's.

Surely if the young Foster was a reader of the Bible he must have believed the words of Hosea, 13, 8 verse: "I will meet them as a bear that is bereaved of her whelps, etc."

Captain Foster died in Harrison at the age of 84 years, having eight children, some of whom died very young. He was what was called a successful man in the things of this world, being able in his old age to give each son living a good and fertile farm. He was often elected to fill some important office in town affairs, as selectman, etc.

Those settlers were skilled in lumbering, and acquainted with hardships and the use of the musket. They knew how to endure the privations of the early settlers. They were men well adapted to the work of the pioneer, and they did that work nobly and fearlessly.

We must remember that they had to evade the torch and scalping knife of the redmen, and sufferings from cold, exposure and hunger.

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4This adventure did not occur after his removal to the east side of Long Pond. Mr. Foster was reared near the line between Bridgton and Denmark, consequently had not far to go. I give the tradition as related by his own family.
Their camps were at first built of logs and chinked with moss in winter. The floors, if any, were hewn logs, fireplace of stones. From such rude homes many noble men and women were reared, who have gone out to make this land what it is to-day. He d. 1874. Res. Harrison, Me.

1191. i. AMOS P., b. Oct. 11, 1804; m. Annie Knight.
1192. ii. BENJAMIN S., b. June 25, 1806; m. Esther T. Cushman.
1193. iii. ABIGAIL L., b. May 25, 1808; d. young.
1194. iv. THOMAS V., b. Dec. 17, 1810; m. Mary Ann Phinney and Alvilda G. Foster.
1195. vi. VALENTINE LOWELL, b. Aug. 7, 1815; m. Julia Scribner, Ellen Blake and Susan Newcomb.
1196. vii. GEORGE, b. 1817; m. Ann Osgood.
1196½ viii. JOSEPH, brother of George as above, d. when a young man at home.
1197. ix. NANCY, b. Aug. 25, 1813; d. young.


1199. ii. DAVID, b. Aug. 23, 1809; m. Angelina W. Pingree.


1201. iv. LYDIA BURPEE, b. June 25, 1815; m. Curtis Taylor. Both d. Lydia Taylor had one son and one daughter. The whereabouts of son Cyrus Edwin is unknown to me. She has a daughter, Mrs. Sarah Conant living in Topsfield.

202. v. GORHAM PARSONS, b. March 15, 1818; m., Oct. 27, 1843, Mary Foster, dau. of Simon; no ch. living. He d. Nov. 5, 1851. (See)


1205. viii. PHILEMON CUMMINGS, b. March 23, 1805; m. Eliza Felton and Hannah Pickard.


679. MOSES FOSTER (Moses, Jonathan, Caleb, Abraham, Reginald), b. Dec. 25, 1790, in the second house built by his father upon his Milford estate; m. first, May 8, 1817, Fanny Coggin, daughter of Joseph Coggin, of Mount Vernon, N. H.; b. April 27, 1799; d. May 9, 1842; and 2d., Sept. 27, 1842, Diana Wallingford, daughter of Benjamin Wallingford, of Milford. He greatly enlarged the house left him by his father living in it until 1847, when he relinquished it to his son, John Everett Foster, in whose possession it still is. From 1847 to his death, April 4, 1873, he resided in a house built by him in the former year in the village of Milford. Res., Milford, N. H.

1207. i. JOSEPH COGGIN, b. April 11, 1818; m. Abigail Ann Eaton and Julia Ann Gould.
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1208. ii. REUBEN FULLER, b. Jan. 19, 1821; m. Elizabeth Ames.
1209. iii. JOHN EVERETT, b. May 17, 1824; m. Sophia P. Farley.
1210. iv. MOSES FREEMAN, b. Jan. 6, 1832; m. Adelaide L. Doane.
1211. v. DIANA, b. Sept. 5, 1845; d. Sept. 5, 1845.
1212. vi. BENJAMIN F., b. Oct. 8, 1846; m. Celia P. Peabody.
1213. vii. GEORGE WALLINGFORD, b. June 20, 1848; d. July 7, 1848.

680. ISAAC PLUMMER FOSTER (Moses, Jonathan, Caleb, Abraham, Reginald), b. March 5, 1792, in Milford; m., Nov. 16, 1816, Harriet Brooks, of Salem. In 1816 he removed to Salem, almost at once connecting himself in business with the late Thomas Brooks, whose daughter he married, and succeeding to the business in 1816. After fifty-seven years of active business life, he retired in 1873, and was succeeded by his son Isaac Plummer Foster, who carries on the business on the same spot at the head of Derby wharf, where it has now been conducted for seventy-three years past. She d. May 2, 1880. He d. May 22, 1881.
1215. i. HARRIET, b. Sept. 13, 1817; m., Aug. 12, 1856, Rev. Luther G. Bingham, who d. Jan. 22, 1878, in Middlebrook, N. J.
1216. ii. SAMUEL BROOKS, b. July 10, 1819; m. Mary H. Worcester.
1219. v. ADELINE BROOKS, b. Jan. 6, 1832; d. June 23, 1868.

685. SERGT. WILLIAM FOSTER (Nathan, Caleb, Caleb, Abraham, Reginald), bapt. Rockport, Mass., May 30, 1760; m. ---. He served in the Revolutionary War for many years and resided in Bristol, Me. Was sergeant in the Massachusetts State troops. Was granted a pension July 22, 1834 while residing in Lincoln county, Me. He was in the battle of Bunker Hill. He d. ---. Res. Bristol, Me.
1221. i. THOMAS D., b. 1782; m. Joanna Carter.
1222. ii. EBENEZER, b. 1780; m. Margaret Bates.

688. JOHN FOSTER (Nathan, Caleb, Caleb, Abraham, Reginald), b. bapt. Rockport, Mass., March 30, 1760; m. Susannah Robinson, of Plymouth, Mass. She was granddaughter of Rev. John Robinson, the Pilgrim pastor who came over in the Mayflower. She d. in 1842. He served in the Revolutionary War and was said to have been at the Battle of Bunker Hill. He was granted a pension but it was afterward suspended by the Government as it was said "the name was not on the rolls." No such corps as he alleges was maintained in 1775 and he did not serve six months." He moved from Rockport to John's Island, Bristol Bay, coast of Maine. He d. aet. 75, in 1837. Res. Bristol, Me.
1223. i. SARAH, b. 1781; m., 1804, Rev. John Thurston. He was son of Captain John of Rockport, Mass; was b., 1781 and d. Nov. 9, 1853. She d. Nov. 26, 1847. He was a farmer, mariner and school teacher in So. Bristol, Me. Was a preacher and a man of great strength and agility. It is said of him that he was one of nature's noblemen. Ch.: 1. Susan S. b. 1805; d. 1831. 2. Nancy, b. April 21, 1808; m., 1828, Capt. Robert Russell. 3. Sarah, b. 1810; d. Aug. 20, 1848. 4. Eliza, b. March 13, 1812; m. Capt. Horace Pierce; res. Southport, Me. 5. Almina, b. 1813; d. 1831. 6. John, b. 1815; m. Mrs. Almina Given; wrecked on Rye Beach, N. H. Nov. 1850. 7. Mahala, b. 1817; m. Capt. Daniel Cameron, 2d. 8. Thomas Foster, b. Sept. 21, 1822; m. Abigail Yose Albee. 9. Ambrose, b. 1824; d. 1826. 10. Harvey b. 1826; d. 1830. 11. Arville Lyons, b. June 27, 1827; m. 1848. Daniel Cameron, 2d, selectman, town treasurer of Southport, Me.
1224. ii. THOMAS, b. July 16, 1789; m. Jane Sproul.


1226. iv. ABBY, b. —; m. John Stinnson of Deer Island, Me.

1227. v. ALEXANDER ROBINSON, b. —; m. Betsey Thurston.

1228. vi. JOHN, b. —; m. Mary Mann.

1229. vii. SUSAN, b. —; m. Capt. James Sproul of Bristol, Me. They had 6 children.


1230. i. ZEBARD, b. Oct. 7, 1802; m. Mary Thompson.

1231. ii. JOB, b. —.

1232. iii. SALLY, b. —.

1233. iv. HANNAH, b. —.

1234. v. BETSEY, b. —.

1235. vi. WILLIAM, b. —.

1236. vii. MARTHA, b. —.

1237. viii. MIRIAM, b. —.

1238. ix. THOMAS STONE, b. Aug. 7, 1811; m. Caroline A. Sproul.

700. JACOB FOSTER (Jacob, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), b. Berwick, Me., June 23, 1764; m., Oct. 3, 1786, Rebecca Vose. She d. Aug. 30, 1841. He served his time as an apprentice in Watertown, Mass. He afterward resided at Charlestown, Mass., at the corner of Main and Union streets, where he pursued his calling of a cabinet maker, and originated the business which was afterward successfully carried on by his son Charles and others, under the style of Foster, Lawrence & Co. Many stories are told of his eccentricities. He was married by the Rev. Mr. Robbins of Milton, to Rebecca, dau. of David and Sarah Vose, of Milton. Jacob, Charlestown, letter date, May 21, 1839, ex. Aug. 20, 1839, wife Rebecca, Ch. Jacob, next of kin, Charles, Henry, Edwin F. Adams, Rebecca Damon, Sarah V. Waldo. [Middlesex Prob.] He d. Sept. 1, 1858. Res. Charlestown, Mass.


SARAH VOSE, b. Sept. 3, 1798; m. Charles Frederick Waldo, son of Jonathan and Militta (Messenger) Waldo of Salem. Mr. Waldo was sailing master on board the United States frigate Constitution and lost a leg in the engagement between that vessel and the British frigate Java. Their children were: 1. Charles Foster Waldo, b. April 18, 1813. He now resides in London, England, where he has done business for many years. He married Sophia Briggs, dau. of Captain Robert Ball and Sarah (Barker) Edes of Charlestown, June 24, 1844. She was born at C. May 2, 1820. They have had: i. Sarah Ellen Waldo, b. Aug. 20, 1845, at Boston, now in England. ii. Sophia Briggs Waldo, b. — at Newton; d. —, England. iii. Mary Edes Waldo, b. —. Brooklyn, N. Y.; d. Nov. 1, 1859, Manchester, England. 2. Sarah Emily Waldo, b. Nov. 30, 1819. She was for several years a missionary at Corfu, where she married John York of Zante, April 18, 1848. Their children were: 1. George Waldo York, b. Aug. 14, 1849, at Zante; d. Oct. 20, 1850, at Dresden. ii. Emily Catharine York, b. Jan. 5, 1851, at Charlestown; d. there Sept. 22, 1851. Mrs. York d. at Charleston Jan. 9, 1851. A life of Mrs. York has been written containing an account of her missionary labor. Mr. York was married again and now resides at Washington, D. C. 3. Mary Jane Waldo, b. Jan. 2, 1822. Married Augustus Joseph, son of Samuel and Deborah Archer of Salem, Mass., May 17, 1841. Mr. Archer resides and does business in Salem. They have had issue all born in Salem. i. Caroline Emily Archer, b. March 7, 1842. ii. Emily Waldo Archer, b. April 6, 1844. iii. Agnes Deborah Archer,
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1243. v. CHARLES, b. June 13, 1789; m. Lydia Webb, and Susannah Catharino Rogers.

1244. vi. HENRY, b. Dec. 8, 1801; m. Mary Taber Swift.

1245. vii. JACOB, b. June 7, 1803; m. Louise Webb.

701. HENRY FOSTER (Jacob, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), b. Berwick, Me., Sept. 17, 1766; m. May 24, 1792, Susanna Hooper, b. ——, 1772; d. April 17, 1847. He attended the Academy at Exeter, N. H., for a season, after which he came from Nelson to Walpole, about 1790, to engage in teaching school. Susannah, daughter of Capt. Levi Hooper, was one of his pupils, of whom he became enamored, and afterward married. His marriage induced him to buy a farm in the neighborhood of his father-in-law, where he remained during life. He taught school several winters after his marriage. Although bred in the severe orthodoxy of his day, in his mature years he took a wide departure from the teachings of his father, and nothing delighted him more than a discussion on religious topics with his townsman, he always taking the most extreme opposite views from the religious conventionalities of the day. He preferred Blackstone to theology, and acquired a better knowledge of the law than many of his contemporary practitioners. He was also a diligent student in science, and, being far in advance of his neighbors in knowledge, and of decided opinions of his own, he was not so popular as he might otherwise have been with many of his townsman; still his weight of character had a potent sway, and everybody feared his criticisms. He held the office of deputy sheriff many years; was selectman one year, and for some time justice of the peace. He d. d. Sept. 6, 1852. Res., Walpole, N. H.

1246. i. SALLY, b. June 1, 1793; m. Dr. Ebenezer Crain, of Springfield, Vt., and had thirteen children. She d. Aug. 19, 1859. Ch.: 1. Henry Foster, a physician; m. Helen, dau. of Judge Porter, of Springfield, Vt., and had eight ch., six of whom are living; one is Richard, a physician. 2. Joshua. 3. Susan. 4. Mary Ann; m. Joseph Merrick, of Pennsylvania; they have two ch. living. 5. Louisa Maria. 6. Pauline. 7. Frank Eleazer. 8. Noble; m. Kate Snyder, of Pennsylvania, niece of Governor Snyder; they have two ch. living. 9. Frederick; m. Martha Williams, of Springfield, Vt., and had six ch. 10. Sarah. 11. Francis. 12. Franklin E.; m. Fanny Whitney, of Cambridge, Mass.; they have five ch., and reside in Chicago, Ill. 13. Charles S.; m. Laura Mattisson, of New York City; they had one ch.; he m. 2d, Laura B. Merriam, of Greenfield, Mass., and had four ch. He has been a successful wholesale merchant in Boston, Mass.

1247. ii. SUSAN, b. Aug. 24, 1794; m. Levi Hall, and had six ch. She d. Nov. 27, 1838.

1248. iii. HENRY PRENTICE, b. Oct. 10, 1796; m. Philena Russell and Eliza Marsh.

1249. iv. LEVI HOOPER, b. Feb. 1, 1799; m. Fanny Fitch, Mrs. Harriet Temple and Mrs. Mary S. Crossett.


703. DAVID FOSTER (Jacob, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), b. Berwick, Me., Aug. 10, 1790; m. —— Mary White, dau. of John, of Westmoreland, N. H., b. ——, 1776; d. Newark, Vt., Dec. 29, 1861. He went to N. H. with his father and family, and moved to Lyndon, Vt., from Walpole in 1805; was a farmer. He d. May 14, 1814. Res., Lyndon, Vt.

1251. i. DAVID, b. ——; d. Irasburg, Vt., 1841.
1252. ii. JOHN, b. ——; d. Athens, East Tenn., 1893.

1254. iv. REBECCA, b. ——; d. 1838, Surrey, N. H.
1256. vi. ELIZA, b. ——; d. 1887, Alabama.
1257. vii. JACOB PRENTISS, b. ——; m. Jane Leitch and Matilda Cahoon.

708. WILLIAM DURkee FOSTER (William, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), b. Canterbury, Conn., Aug. 10, 1760; m. Hannah ——; m., 2d, ——, Betsy Dorrence. William was taken prisoner by the Algerian pirates and was confined in the Barbary States for a long time. His friends 'gave up all hope of ever seeing him alive, but he was finally restored to them. He d. ——. Res., Canterbury, Conn., and ——.

1258. i. ABIGAIL, b. Jan. 15, 1780.
1259. ii. JACOB, b. March 24, 1782.
1260. iii. He had four or five other ch.

710. CAPT. SAMUEL SHEFFIELD FOSTER (William, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), b. Nov. 20, 1766, Canterbury, Conn.; m. ——, Anna ——. He was captain of one of the river steamboats on the Hudson river. He d. ——. Res., Batavia, N. Y.

1261. i. ALEXANDER H., b. ——; m. ——.
1262. ii. HANNAH, b. ——; m. Peter Jensen, and had one son and three daus. She d. in Batavia.
1263. iii. MATTHEW O., b. ——; m.; had five ch., and d. west.
1264. iv. GEO. WASHINGTON, b. ——; d. March, 1855.
1265. v. WM. CONLEY, b. ——; went South n. f. k.
1266. vi. GERTRUDE, b. ——; m. Beverly Davenport; res., Mich.; d. 189—.

711. CAPT. DAN FOSTER (William, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), b. Sept. 4, 1770, Canterbury, Conn.; m. ——, Merriam Willson, b. Jan. 1770; d. Sept. 20, 1855. He was captain in the War of 1812. In an early rhyme he is alluded to:
"Captain Dan is the man
That calls the Silver Greys together.
He swears they shall
Their task fulfill
In spite of wind or weather.
Mr. Jones, with his good old bones,
Thinks he has a hard station
Because he has
To stand on guard
Besides to weigh the rations."


712. CAPT. ABEL FOSTER (William, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), b. Canterbury, Conn., Nov. 17, 1772; m. ——, Phebe ——; m. 2d —— ——. He was captain of a military company in the War of 1812. He d. March 5, 1813. Res., Whitehall, N. Y.

1269. i. WILLIAM ABEL, b. ——; m. Clarissa Hays.
1270. ii. There were five other ch.


He moved with his parents when five years of age to New York State, and located in the woods. When but five years of age was most forward scholar in school. At an early date, when at school, was elected captain of a military company. Worked on a farm many years, and at sixteen taught school; later worked for his brother on his farm, and still later taught school. Then bought a farm and joined the children. Was first lieutenant of an artillery company, and after the death of his brother Abel he was made captain of the company and tendered their services to Secretary of War Eustis. Moved to Pennsylvania, but returned to New York State. In April, 1827, was elected commissioner of highways at Mentz, N. Y., and also held other town offices. Moved to Port Washington, Wis., in 1846, and died there. He d. June 15, 1865. Res., Mentz, N. Y., and Port Washington, Wis.

1271. i. MASON DURKEE, b. Feb. 6, 1807; m. Romina Bird.
1273. iii. JOHN CHAMBERLAIN, b. Sept. 28, 1812; m. Julia A. Haselwitne.
1274. iv. JOEL BARLOW, b. Sept. 25, 1814; d. unm. at Port Washington, Wis., July, 1861.
1275. v. GEORGE WARREN, b. Sept. 13, 1817; m. Mary E. Coe.

1278. viii. JACOB THOMAS, b. June 23, 1827; m. Sarah Maria Pidge, Anna Barber and Georgina Huston.

1279. i. ANNA, b. July 22, 1793; d. June 12, 1804.
1280. ii. LYDIA, b. April 24, 1791.
1281. iii. JOHN, b. Jan. 26, 1793.

1283. v. POLLY, b. Nov. 20, 1796; m., May 21, 1822, Oliver Clark.

1284. vi. MINDWELL, b. June 15, 1799.

1285. vii. HIRAM, b. June 6, 1801.


1287. ix. ANNA, b. Dec. 6, 1804.


1288. i. DORCAS, b. April 5, 1801; m., Feb. 4, 1847, Samuel Harmon, of Windham. She d. in Wautoma, Wis.


1290. iii. JOB Y., b. Dec. 28, 1803; m. Statira Leighton.


1292. v. SHEPHEL, b. Feb. 12, 1809; m. Rosana Dolloff.


1295. viii. HANNAH, b. ——; d. ——.

1296. ix. SUSAN, b. ——; d. ——.


1297. i. JAMES H., b. ——. Daniel, of Raymond, and Leonard, of W. Poland, Me., are sons.

1298. ii. SOLOMON BERRY, b. Nov. 4, 1810; m. Eunice Ricker.


1300. iv. SAMUEL J., b. June 14, 1808; m. Annie Emerson.

1302. vi. CHARLOTTE, b. —; m. Noah Ricker; res., Cumberland Mills, Me. She d. one year after m., leaving son. Samuel Ricker went west and d. 1897. A child is Martha Knight; res., C. M.

1303. vii. MIRIAM S., b. —; m. — Fogg; res., Gray, Me. A son is Scammon Fogg; res., Gray, Me.


1304. i. PHILIP, b. in 1806; m. Fannie Cummings.
1305. ii. ISAAC, b. March 21, 1807; m. Rachel Jane Chever and Sarah Jane Howard.


1307. iv. JANE, b. —; m. — Kimbell; res., Bangor, Me., and d. there.
1308. v. NANCY, b. —; m. — Libby. She d. Mattawankeag, Me., May 8, 1897. A son is W. F.; res., Mattawankeag, Me.

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1310. vii. WILLIAM CHARLES, b. Sept. 8, 1825; m. Rosanna Grant.


1312. ix. HERMAN N., b. July 5, 1826; m. Eliza Moore.

732. CAPT. JOSEPH FOSTER (Joseph, Jeremiah, John, Reginald, Reginald), b. Gloucester, Mass., May 23, 1704; m. Nov. 3, 1782, Rebecca Ingersoll, dau. of Medifer and Dorothy (Low), b. Aug. 26, 1759; d. April 27, 1820. He was third mate of the Rebel Letter of Marque ship "The Polly," of which his father was captain; captured in 1782 by the English, and was a prisoner of war on parole at Windsor, Nova Scotia, in July of that year. (For copy of parole of Capt. Joseph Foster, see page 195 of this book.) He m. at the house of his father, who then resided at the "Farms" in Gloucester, Rebecca Ingersoll, daughter of Medifer (David, Samuel, George, Richard), and Dorothy (Low) Ingersoll, of Gloucester; b. Aug. 26, 1759, in Gloucester. He resided in Gloucester and was one of the selectmen in 1798, 1804, 1805, 1806 and 1807, being a republican in politics. He attended the Independent Christian church. He was the administrator of the estate of his father. He was a sea captain and was lost at sea in 1816, having never been heard from after sailing from Gloucester, Aug. 3, 1816, in the sloop "William," belonging to William Pierce & Sons, bound to the island of Guadalupe, West Indies. He is supposed to have been lost in a hurricane, about the middle of September, near that island. His wife d. April 27, 1820. He d., was lost at sea. Sept. 1516. Res. Gloucester, Mass.


1314. i. JOSEPH, b. Aug. 10, 1783; d. July 5, 1784.


1317. v. BENJAMIN, b. April 12, 1788; m. Ruby Frye.

1318. vi. REBECCA, b. Feb. 21, 1792; d. June 1, 1792.

1319. vii. REBECCA, b. Nov. 2, 1793; m. in Gloucester, David Elwell, of Gloucester, born May 6, 1788, son of Isaac Elwell, born July 12, 1743, in Gloucester; d. Jan. 22, 1832, and Martha (Brown), his wife, born Aug. 16, 1747, in Gloucester, d. Dec. 21, 1788; Isaac Elwell's second wife was Mrs. Tamma Davis, born July 26, 1747, d. March 15, 1835. Residence, Gloucester. She died Dec. 23, 1828, in Gloucester. David Elwell again married Aug. 8, 1830, in Gloucester, Mary Ellery Calder, of Gloucester; res. Boston and vicinity; they had 4 ch. She d. Jan. 27, 1852, at Arlington, Mass., in her ninetieth year. The first merchant vessel to carry the Stars and Stripes through the Straits of Magellan, was the Endeavor, of Salem, Captain, David Elwell, in 1824. (Prblee's History U. S. Flag, p. 362.) He d. April 27, 1870, in Fernandina, Florida, while on a visit to his descendants there. Children born in Gloucester: 1. Nancy Davison, b. in May 24, 1817; m. Sept. 24, 1840,
in Boston, Francis H. Flagg, of Boston; b. Feb. 23, 1811; res. Tallahassee, Florida; she d. June 25, 1843, at Bel Air, near Tallahassee. Francis H. Flagg m. 2d., Mary Elizabeth Maxwell, only child of William McWhir Maxwell, of Tallahassee, by his first wife; his second wife was Rebecca Foster Elwell; and had children. He died Dec. 27, 1857, in Tallahassee. Child: 1. Isaac, b. in 1811; d. Oct. 16, 1841. 2. Rebecca Foster, b. April 3, 1819; m., June 7, 1842, in Tallahassee, Florida, William McWhir Maxwell, of Tallahassee (his second wife), b. Dec. 27, 1807, in Bryan County, Ga. Res. Bel Air, near Tallahassee.

1320. viii. JEREMIAH, b. Oct. 25, 1794; d. 1795.

1321. ix. JEREMIAH, b. Dec. 1, 1797; m. Caroline Stevens and Charlotte Babson.

1322. x. MARY ELIZA, b. Dec. 1, 1797; d. Dec. 1, 1797.

1323. xi. THOS. JEFFERSON, b. Jan. 20, 1801; m. Julia Ann Babson and Rebecca Elwell.


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737. BENJAMIN FOSTER (Joseph, Jeremiah, John Reginald, Reginald), b. Gloucester, 1769; m., Jan. 11, 1790, Mary (Polly) Ingersoll, dau. of David. In Aug., 1791, he was master of the brigantine "Polly" of Gloucester, from Martinique, and he was also master of the same vessel in May, 1792, and in March, 1793. April 4, 1794, the brigantine "Polly," Benjamin Foster, master, was captured at Point à Pierre, Guadaloupe, by the "Siren" or "Sirius," an English frigate, George Engleton, commander one of Admiral Jarvis' fleet. The "Polly" was laden with molasses, and, with coffee, sugar, etc., and with cargo was valued at $6,571.10. o. "Polly" was the name of his wife. He is last mentioned in Colonel Foster's books in June, 1795. She is last mentioned in Feb. 1796. He d. between 1799 and 1800. His widow m., Dec. 1800, Joseph Locke, a merchant of Boston, whose first wife was her sister Martha Ingersoll and who d. s. p. Mary became the mother of Mrs. Frances Sargent Osgood, the poetess, of Mrs. E. D. Harrington, the author of various graceful compositions, and of Mr. A. A. Locke, a brilliant and elegant writer in prose and verse, for many years connected with the public journals. Mr. Joseph Locke d. April 17, 1838. His wife d. July 22, 1839. Frances Sargent Locke, b. June 18, 1811, in Boston; m., in 1835, Samuel S. Osgood, the artist, and d. May 12, 1850, in New York. Notices of her life will be found in the American Encyclopedia, Johnson's Universal Cyclopaedia, and Allibone's Dictionary of Authors; and notices, with portraits and selections from her poems, in Duyckinck's Cyclopaedia of American Literature, and in Griswold's, May's, and Read's Female Poets of America, from the last of which the following is taken: "Frances Sargent Osgood, the subject of this notice, was the daughter of the late Joseph Locke, and was a native of Boston, in which city she resided until her marriage with Samuel S. Osgood, an artist of distinction. A noted writer says of her, in a critique: 'Her personal not less than her literary character and existence, are one perpetual poem. Not to write poetry—not to think it—act it—dream it, and be it—is entirely out of her power.' Her first volume, The Wreath of Wild Flowers, was published in England during a visit to that country, immediately after her marriage. In the words of the critic already quoted, 'there was that about the volume—that inexpressible grace of thought and manner, which never fails to add a ready echo in the soul. The next collection of her poems was published in New York, about three years since (1846), and was most favorably received by the public and the press throughout the country. A charming naiveté, an exquisite simplicity, an inimitable grace, with at times a thrilling and impassioned earnestness, are Mrs. Osgood's chief characteristics as a writer. We close our remarks with a just and beautiful tribute to our fair authoress, from the pen of a sister poetess: 'With her beautiful Italian soul, with her impulse, and wild imagery, and exuberant fancy, and glowing passionateness, and with the wonderful facility with which, like an almond tree casting off its blossoms, she flings around her heart tinted and love-perfumed lays, she has, I must believe, more of the improvisatrice than has yet been revealed by any of our gifted countrywomen.' Mrs. Osgood died in May, 1850." 2 children. He d. —. Res. Gloucester, Mass.

1326. i. ANN MARIA, b.1795. Her father died during her infancy, and her mother m., Dec. 1800, Joseph Locke, of Boston. She was educated in Boston, and married, in 1821, Thomas Wells, of Boston, an officer of the United States Revenue Service, and the author of some prize poems printed in Kettell's Specimens of American Poetry. He was son of Capt. Thomas Wells and a grand-son of Samuel Adams, the father of the Revolution. She began to write verses when very young, but published little until her marriage. In 1831 she published Poems and Juvenile Sketches, and afterward occasionally contributed to periodicals, her chief attention having been given to a young ladies' school. Notices of her life will be found in Allibone's Dictionary of Authors, and Duyckinck's Cyclopaedia of American Literature, page 456, vol. 2; and notices with selections from her poems. In Kettell's Specimens of American Poetry, and in Griswold's, Read's and May's Female Poets of America, from the last of which the following is taken: "Miss Foster, now Mrs. Wells, was
FOSTER GENEALOGY.

born about the year 1794, in Gloucester, Mass., but was educated in Boston, and has lived there ever since. She is a highly accomplished woman, possesses a well-furnished mind, and as admirable a talent for drawing and music as for poetry. She was also, when young, no less distinguished for her exquisite beauty, than from her genius and accomplishments. Her poems were published in a volume, in 1831, but are not so generally known as they deserve to be. The specimens we subjoin are delightful for their touching simplicity, purity of thought, and fervor of feeling. Mrs. Wells is a sister of Mrs. Frances S. (Locke) Osgood, who when a child, was her loved and loving pupil, as we gather from a verse of pleasant but half mournful memory, "

1. Thomas Foster, b. July 22, 1822, in Boston; m., Oct. 7, 1840. Sarah Morrill of Roxbury, Mass.; b. June 11, 1829. Res. Winchester, Mass. Four children. 2. Samuel Adams, b. April 2, 1824, in Boston; m. 1st, Angelina P. Bates, of Springfield, Mass.; 2d, June 20, 1861, Lavina Howard Oldfield. He d. August 30, 1864, in Virginia City, Nevada. Three children. 3. William Vincent, b. Jan. 31, 1826, in Boston. He m., Jan. 19, 1854, in San Francisco, Laura Ann (Wheelock) Jones. He was the author of the Life and Public Services of Samuel Adams (his great-grandfather) Boston 1865, 3 vols. 8vo. He served as an aide-de-camp to Maximilian in Mexico and was with him "to the last." No ch. iv. Anna Maria, b. Sept. 2, 1828; m., Jan. 3, 1849, James D. Whelpley, M. D. Shed. July 9, 1860, and Dr. Whelpley m. 2d. Mary Louise Breed; after his death his second wife m. Jacob Storer, son of Rear Admiral G. W. Storer, U. S. Navy, of Portsmouth, N. H. Ch.: Anna Vincent, b. Oct. 18, 1853, an accomplished singer and artist; m., Feb. 9, 1871, Dr. Edward Renouf, of Boston, Mass., and soon after marriage went to Europe with him. 2 ch. The following lines are copied from an old song in possession of the family; they are among the best Mrs. Wells ever wrote, and the music, which is particularly well adapted to the lines, made the song a great favorite. It will tenderly recall their old homes to the wanderers of the family.

NEW ENGLAND.

Anna Maria Wells

New England, New England, my home o'er the sea,
My heart, as I wander, turns fondly to thee,
For bright rests the sun on thy clear winding streams,
And soft o'er thy meadows the moon pours her beams.
New England, New England, my home o'er the sea,
The wanderer's heart turns in fondness to thee,
Thy breezes are healthful, and clear are thy rills,
And the harvest waves proudly and rich on thy hills,
Thy maidens are fair and thy yeomen are strong,
And thy rivers run blithely thy valleys among.
New England, New England, my home o'er the sea,
The wanderer's heart turns in fondness to thee,
There's home in New England where dear ones of mine
Are thinking of me and the days of "lang syne"
And best be the hour, when my pilgrimage o'er,
I shall sit by that hearth-stone and leave it no more.
New England, New England, my home o'er the sea,
My heart as I wander turns fondly to thee.

Moses Foster (Aaron, Moses, John, Reginald, Reginald), b. Nov. 4, 1760, Ipswich, Mass.; m. — — —. Was in the Revolutionary War. He married and lived in the town of Wenham, a much respected citizen and an honored man. He had a family of sons and daughters, whom he lived to see in their own homes. He d. Nov. 20, 1812. Res. Wenham, Mass.

1828. i. William, b —; m. Mariah Andrews.
1829. ii. Warren, b. —; m. Judith Burnham.

Thomas Foster (Aaron, Moses, John, Reginald, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass., April 9, 1762; m., Nov. 29, 1757, Susan Storey, b. Mar. 14, 1766; d. Hamilton, Mass., June 15, 1818. He was in the Revolutionary War. He was an upright honest man, caring for his home and family till his country's call "to arms." He enlisted promptly with his father and went to join Washington at Cambridge. He was mustered out, with honor, with others who survived, but his health was gone. Susanna Story was one of the most remarkable women of her time. It is to such women as she that the races are largely indebted for the wonderful powers of mem-
ory and of appreciation, of all facts, circumstances and conditions which make up the average life, whether of poverty or of riches, of intelligence or its opposite in the human species. Compelled by hard conditions to rear her children as she could (for her husband had served through the War of the Revolution and came home disabled, broken in health, etc.), she never faltered in duty. Whatever her hand found to do she did, and taught her children to be self-supporting and to aid each other while her hands were busy. She "taught" these children the rudiments of knowledge, but it was not alone the "knowledge" which she gained from authors (for that was exceedingly limited) but it was the common sense application to everything which belonged to her life. She could find a sermon in every circumstance, a lesson for daily practice in each event, and in her own whole conduct there was an unfailling lesson for every child. Every one loved her for her pure morality, her high standard of right and her sweetness of manner and gentle courtesy to all neighbors and friends alike. He d. Nov. 10, 1860. Res., Essex, Mass.

1330. i. THOMAS, b. Dec. 30, 1793; m. Sarah Lakeman.

1331. ii. DAVID CHOATE, b. Nov. 5, 1806; m. Martha Lamson and Nancy Lamson.


1334. v. AARON, b. Dec. 25, 1789; d. unm. in 1807. He followed the sea.

1335. vi. SUSAN, b. Sept. 15, 1794; d. Nov. 1811.


1338. ix. CHARLES WM., b. Aug. 23, 1801; d. at sea, 1843.

1339. x. EDWARD, b. June 8, 1809; d. April 9, 1811.

748. ZEBULON FOSTER (Aaron, Moses. John. Reginald, Reginald), b. Chebacco, now Essex, Aug. 2, 1766; m., Nov. 30, 1794, Polly Story, dau. of William of Essex, b. Aug. 3, 1770; d. Aug. 3, 1851. Mr. Story was a captain in the Revolution and his commission is now in the possession of Capt. Jeremiah Foster of Henniker. Mr. Foster went to that town in March, 1814, and settled upon the hill so long known as "Foster Hill." He resided here the remainder of his days. He d. Dec. 16, 1849. Res., Henniker, N. H.

1340. i. LYDIA, b. Nov. 2, 1795; m., Nov. 21, 1814, Alexander Whitney and removed to New London in 1825-6. d. April 27, 1875; eleven children.

1341. ii. ZEBULON, Jr., b. Sept. 6, 1797; m. Abigail Wheeler, Lois Whitney and Eliza A. Folsom.


1343. iv. WILLIAM S. b. March 19, 1801; m. Harriet Page and Mary Coolidge.
POLLY, b. April 23, 1803; m., April 17, 1827, Ira Colby. He was
b. Henniker, N. H., Dec. 31, 1803; was a farmer; d. July 7, 1873,
March, 1853. 2. Ira Colby, Jr., b. Jan. 11, 1831; m., June 20, 1867,
July 11, 1878; d. Aug. 10, 1879. Polly Foster Colby who died
in Claremont, N. H., May 15, 1896, aet. 93 years and 22 days,
was born in Essex, Mass. Her son, Hon. Ira Colby, was a promi-
cent lawyer and her daughter, Mariette, was long a principal
teacher in Africa and now resides in Claremont, N. H. Hon.
Ira Colby, Jr., was a representative in the legislature of New
Hamphire in 1864 and 1865. Was a member of the Sen-
ate in 1869 and 1870, representative to the republican national
convention in 1876, representative in the legislature in 1881
and 1883 and in 1887. For more than twenty years he was ap-
pointed and elected State's attorney for the county of Sulli-
van. Has been in the practice of law since 1860 at Claremont.
His son, Ira Gordon Colby, who is a grad-
uate of Dartmouth college and Boston Uni-
versity Law School, is now asso-
ciated in business
with him. 3. Adee-
line R. Colby, b. Nov.
22, 1833, now Adee-
line R. Gibson
(widow), Waterloo, Wis. 4. George F. Colby, b. July 5, 1836,
now of Elgin, Neb. 5. Caroline Colby, b. Sept., 1837; d. March,
1853. 6. Mary Etta Colby, b. April 19, 1839, now in Chicago,
114 So. Wood St. 7. Helen Maria Colby, b. March 12, 1842, now
lives in North Carolina; is Helen M. Vose. 8. Anna Eliza
Colby, b. Jan 7, 1844; d. Sept. 24, 1871; was Anna E. Vose.
JEREMIAH, b. June 22, 1805; m. Adeline Rice and Martha B.
Huntoon.

MICAJAH, b. Aug. 27, 1807; m. Betsey Tucker.

MIRIAM, b. Sept. 19, 1810; m., April 3, 1834, Moody Tucker. He
was a life-long resident of Henniker, N. H., a selectman and
worthy citizen, b. Dec. 25, 1806, son of Thomas and Charlotte
(Green). Ch.: 1. Thomas F., b. Oct. 12, 1836; m., Dec. 23, 1859,
10, 1834; d. June 10, 1838.

ISRAEL FOSTER (Mathew, Jonathan, Jonathan, William, Reginald), b.
Boxford, Mass., March 16, 1765; m., April 17, 1794, Mehitable Carleton, b. Feb.,

REBECCA, b. ——; d. young.

RICHARD, b. ——; m. ——.

PHINEHAS, b. ——.
1351. iv. FRANCIS, b. ——.
1352. v. ELIZA, b. ——.
1353. vi. JONATHAN, b. ——.


1355. i. BETSEY, b. March 12, 1800.
1356. ii. JOHN PLUMMER, b. Oct. 28, 1817; m. Sarah A. Peabody.
1358. iv. LUCY, b. Nov. 17, 1800.
1359. v. JOANNA CHANDLER, b. Sept. 9, 1808.

1361. vii. CHARLES WILLIAM, b. June 9, 1815; m. and had two sons, Fred and Nathaniel.

1362. viii. ELIZABETH, b. Feb. 28, 1803.


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1360. i. WILLIAM HENRY, b. Jan. 9, 1810; m. Hannah G. Locke.

1370. ii. CHARLES P., b. Oct. 14, 1806; d. unm.

Will—Charles P. Foster, of Boston, Sister, Mrs. F. H. Downes; Mary Foster, daughter of my brother William Foster; Mrs. Downes, three daughters; E. A. Foster, daughter of brother Frank Foster; cousin, Susan, wife of William Boyd, of Portland, Me. Dated Oct. 26, 1872. Prob. Sept. 8, 1879. Lib. 515, Fol. 62.


1371. iii. JOHN HARROD, b. May 2, 1808; d. unm.
1372. iv. GEORGE, b. Feb. 10, 1815; m. Adele Ruston, — — — and
1373. v. FRANCIS, b. Aug. 4, 1819; m. Sarah E. Lemist.
1375. vii. FRANCES HARROD, b. June 25, 1827; d. John Downes. She
d. Nov. 25, 1856. John Downes was son of Commodore Downes,
U. S. N. Ch.; 1. Lieut. John Downes, U. S. N. Address,
Naval Hospital, Quincy, Mass. 2. Francis Foster Downes.
Res. Eliot St., Jamaica Plains, Mass. 3. Philip Verplanck
Hoffman Downes. 4. Frances Harrod Downes; m. Lieut.
Arthur P. Nazro, U. S. N.; d. Nov. 1, 1893. 5. Adele Rushton
Downes. 6. Mary Campbell Downes.
1376. viii. EDWARD, b. June 12, 1824; d. unm. Dec., 1882. Lemuel Shaw,
of Boston appointed administrator of estate of Edward Foster,
of Boston, Dec. —, 1882; leaving no widow; next of kin being
William H. Foster, of Brookline, brother; George Foster, resi-
dence unknown, brother; Frances H. Downes, of Boston, widow,
sister; and Elizabeth A. Foster, of Boston, niece. Jan. 15, 1893;
Prob.
1763. ASA FOSTER (Richard, Jonathan, Jonathan, William, Reginald), b.
Boxford, Mass., April 29, 1776; m., Jan. 20, 1802, Dolly Morrill, of Salisbury. He
1377. i. ARCHELAUS MORRILL, b. March 10, 1803; d. March 24, 1827.
1378. ii. ASA, b. Nov. 10, 1806; d. April 22, 1835, n. c. m.
1379. iii. RICHARD KIMBALL, b. Aug. 21, 1809; m. Elizabeth Webb.
1764. ASA FOSTER (Abner, Zebediah, Jonathan, William, Reginald), b.
Newry, Me., —; m., Anna Bartlett, dau. of Enoch. He d., ae. 85. Res.,
Newry, Me.
1380. i. NATHAN, b. —; m. Patty Stearns.
1381. ii. REUBEN B., b. —; m. Sarah Bartlett.
1382. iii. ENOCH, b. Jan. 1, 1799; m. Persis Swan and Mrs. Amaziah
Nutting.
1383. iv. ELI, b. —; m. Dorcas Bartlett.
1384. v. BENJAMIN, b. —; m. Louisa Coburn.
1385. vi. ASA, b. —.
1386. vii. JOEL, b. —.
1387. viii. SILAS, b. —.
1388. ix. BETSEY, b. —.
1389. x. ANNIE, b. —.
1390. xi. SUBMIT, b. —.
1391. xii. LYDIA, b. —.
1392. xiii. POLLY, b. —.
1393. xiv. ELHANAN BARTLETT, b. Feb. 13, 1823; m. Mehitable Chap-
man. He was a farmer. Res., No. Waterford, Me.
1708. WILLIAM FOSTER (William, John, William, William, Reginald), b.
Andover, Mass., June 1, 1758; m., Aug. 27, 1826, Sarah Welch Kimball, b. Dec. 20,
1786; d. March 16, 1850. His mother was a sister of the John Abbot, who helped
found the Andover Theo. Seminary. They resided together, "Master Billy," or
"Master William," as he was called, kept a family school for boys for several years,
and after his mother’s death, married Miss Kimball, of Plaistow, N. H.
The private boarding school of Master William Foster was opened some years
after Phillips’ Academy, and was chiefly intended for boys who did not wish to take
a classical course. Mr. Foster lived on his father’s estate, the home of his boyhood.
He made additions to the house to adapt it to the wants of his large household,
which numbered sometimes more than twenty-five. The ancient house, as he
remodeled it, still stands—a long rambling building, nestled under the hill, a little
off Central street, a half mile west from the South Church. Near the street was a
school-house, now removed.
The old family manse has names of boys carved on its walls, and many nicks
of their penknives in its wainscotings. A large part of the furniture and books of
Master Foster are stored in the garret, queer chests of drawers, strong desks, and toilet sets, at which, no doubt, reluctant lads made themselves presentable at early morning hours. Some aged persons now remember having seen the boys at table, seated on long benches, and each with a bowl of milk or chocolate, and the fresh loaf, baked on the great brick oven's bottom, nicely swept clean of the live coals. The boys had ovens in the sand-hill, near the house, where at night, when they were supposed to be safe in bed, they roasted unlucky chickens, which disappeared mysteriously from the roost. Mrs. Foster's mother presided over the household—a gentle, placid lady of the old school; a sister of Samuel Abbott, Esq., the founder of the Theological Seminary. She d. in 1820, aged eighty-seven. The school was continued until within a few years of her death. Mr. Foster married, late in life, Miss Sally Kimball, of Plaistow, N. H. He had one son, the late Mr. William P. Foster.—Hist. Andover.


1894. i. WILLIAM PHILLIPS, b. Jan. 21, 1830; m. Jane C. Kimball and Anna M. Barrowe.


1897. iii. JOHN, b. July 23, 1802; m. Sarah Harding.

1898. iv. WILLIAM, b. Jan. 12, 1806; d. young.

1899. v. MARY OSGOOD, b. Sept. 29, 1812; m. Jonathan Blood, s. 1.

1400. vi. WILLIAM PITTS, b. Dec., 1810, m. Lucinda Randall.


1401. i. SARAH, b. May 14, 1793; m. William Denton, of Braintree. Ch.: 1. William Pitt; m. and had one child.


787. JOHN FOSTER (Obadiah, John, William, William, Reginald), b. March 3, 1779, in Andover, Mass.; m., in 1799, Mary Danforth, dau. of Samuel and Mary (Toothaker), b. March 1, 1780, in Billerica; d. Nov. 27, 1802; m. 2d, June 14, 1803, Lucy Hastings, dau. of Benjamin and Experience (Ball), of Bolton, b. Feb. 26, 1783; d. Sept. 10, 1842; m. 3d, Jan. 25, 1843, Mrs. Sally Morse Couch, of Boscawen, N. H.; d. Jan. 24, 1866. He lived in Andover and Tewksbury until 1810, when he removed to Nottingham, West N. H., afterward called Hudson, and was there engaged in mercantile pursuits until 1830; thence he removed to Warner, N. H., where he resided until his decease, April 13, 1846. Mr. Foster possessed a quick and sound judgment, great energy of character and rare virtues. He was mild, frank, manly and determined in action, urbane and conciliatory in manners, exemplary in habits, and "scrupulously faithful and conscientious in the discharge of all the duties of life." While he had no fondness for, and would rarely accept public office, his kindliness of heart and good judgment drew many to him for suggestions and advice. His influence was widely felt in every community in which he resided. He had eight children; two by his first wife, and six by the second. He d. April 13, 1846. Res., Andover, and Tewksbury, Mass., and Hudson and Warner, N. H.


1404. ii. SABRA, b. May 31, 1802, in Andover; m., Dec. 25, 1822, Dr. Isaac Tewsbury, of Hampstead, N. H.; d. Nov. 25, 1858.


1407. v. JOHN, b. Dec. 30, 1817; m. Harriet Sanford.

1408. vi. GEORGE, b. Sept. 23, 1821; m. Salome F. Little.

1409. vii. JOHN H., b. Dec. 7, 1811; d. April 26, 1818.


1411. i. JAMES FREDERICK, b. March 17, 1806; m. Caroline D. Bedney.

1412. ii. WILLIAM, b. Feb. 14, 1808; m. Elizabeth Wheeler.
1413. iii. MARY ROBBINS, b. Dec. 26, 1809; m. Dexter Bowman; a descendant is Mrs. Charles Foster of Bangor, Me.

1414. iv. THOMAS ROBBINS, b. Dec. 23, 1811; m. Caroline Alley.


1416. vi. JOSEPH WINN, b. July 24, 1818; m. Sarah Alley.


1418. viii. FRANCIS, b. Sept. 13, 1822; m. Lucy M. Robinson.


1420. i. REBECCA, b. Sept. 15, 1803; m., Dec, 5, 1822, Asa Brooks, b. 1800; d. s. p., 1855. She d. March 20, 1852.

1421. ii. WILLIAM, b. July 28, 1815; m. Alice Clarks.

796. COL. ASA FOSTER (Asa, Asa, William, William, Reginald), b. June 3, 1705, Canterbury, N. H.; m. there Nov. 10, 1794, Sarah Morrill, dau. of Dea. David, b. May 17, 1772; d. in Canterbury, N. H., March 25, 1868. He was a farmer and prominent citizen. At the age of fifteen enlisted in Capt. Ebenezer Webster's company, Col. Moses Nichol's regiment of New Hampshire militia, which was sent in 1780 to West Point then under the command of Benedict Arnold. Here he was for a short time one of that traitor's body guard. It was not long after he was relieved from that service that Arnold's treachery was discovered. He was a witness of Arnold's daring escape when he rode down the steep cliff to the boat which took him down the river to the British ship Vulture. He retained his interest in military affairs after the close of the war and served for many years as colonel of the militia, but he finally resigned, having become convinced that war was an unchristian and uncivilized mode of settling disputes. He m. Sarah dau. of Dea. David and Abigail (Emerson) Morrill. He passed most of his life in Canterbury, raised a family of twelve children; was noted for his rugged honesty and devotion to what he believed right; was prominent in the early days of anti-slavery agitation in advocacy of freedom for the slave, and in general was an ardent friend of all reform. He died at the age of 95, Aug. 21, 1861. Res. Canterbury, N. H.

1422. i. ASA EMERSON, b. Sept. 20, 1795; m. Maria Chickering.

miah Francis Calef, b. March 30, 1835. b. Robert Calef, b. May 1, 1803. iii. Edward Baker Calef, b. Jan. 25, 1862; m. Helen Wal-


1424. iii. HANNAH, b. April 2, 1768; d. unm. June 13, 1826

1425. iv. ADAMS, b. Feb. 22, 1800; m. Sarah Bradley Eastman.

1426. v. HARRISON, b. Sept. 30, 1801; m Caroline Chadwick, and d. s. p., Nov. 20, 1841, in Salem, Ohio.


4. Lucien Morrill Kilburn, b. Jan. 20, 1842; m. Lizzie H. Peet, Oct. 19, 1870, at Fontanelle, Iowa. He is a member for his second term, of Iowa State Senate, from xvi district. She was b. Jan. 1, 1847, in Maine. Their ch. are: a. Charles Wheelock Kilburn, b. July 3, 1872, graduated at Highland Park Normal College, 1893; post-graduate Pen. Art, 1894; d. April 22, 1897, while teaching at Memphis, Mo. b. Geo. G. Kilburn, b. Jan. 6, 1874, graduated at Highland Park Normal
College, 1893. c. Mary Louise Kilburn, b. Nov. 30, 1880. 5. Charles Kilburn, b. Dec. 14, 1847; d. Sept. 8, 1869. They lived in Boscawen, N. H. Eliphalet Kilburn was a prominent citizen of Boscawen, being identified with all the interests of his community. He was strongly interested and actively engaged in propagating anti-slavery ideas, and in building up a right sentiment in regard to general morality. Of their children, only two, Galen F. and Lucien M., lived to active manhood. Hon. Galen F. emigrated to Iowa and settled in Adair county in 1858. He studied law with C. C. Cole of Des Moines and practiced in Fontanelle for years. Was a member of the Iowa house of representatives in the 12th general assembly. Afterward moved to Creston and died in 1887. Hon. Lucien M. served in the 16th N. H. Vols., in the War of the Rebellion, as captain of Co. E. The regiment was assigned to the 19th army corps and served in the department of the gulf. After his return to New Hampshire he served two years as Superintendent of schools in Webster county. He went to Iowa in 1868 and settled in Adair county, where he has since resided. He was elected to the State Senate in 1893 to fill a vacancy caused by the election of the incumbent to Congress, and was reelected to a full term in 1895. He is an earnest advocate of reform in the administration of public affairs and an active worker along any line which benefits the public and his fellow citizens.

1428. vii. SARAH, b. Dec. 7, 1805; d. unm. May 31, 1890, a teacher in Cleveland, Ohio.

1429. viii. GALEN, b. Oct. 10, 1807; d. s. p., March 9, 1895. He was born in Canterbury, N. H., was fitted for college at Gilmanton Academy in the same State. He studied law with Hon. Henry Shippen at Methadville, Pa., and afterward with Hon. T. H. Sill in Erie, Pa. This was after he had graduated at Amherst college in 1831. He was admitted to the bar in Erie and practiced his profession in that city until 1863. He continued in business there several years longer, but in 1869 returned to his native town where he resided until his death from pneumonia. He never married.

1430. ix. STEPHEN SYMONDS, b. Nov. 17, 1809; m. Abby Kelly.

1431. x. DAVID MORRILL, b. Oct. 11, 1811; m. Sarah B. Robertson.

1432. xi. NEWEL ABBOT, b. Feb. 7, 1814; m. Eliza Jane Allison and Ellen French.

1433. xii. CAROLINE, b. Jan. 13, 1816; res. unm. 29 Kenyon st., Hartford, Conn. "At the age of eighty-two her interest in the questions of the day is as vivid, and her sympathies are as warm as if half a century of active life lay before her. She is loved and admired by all who are fortunate enough to come within the circle of her influence."


1434. i. PATTY, b. March 24, 1793; m., Aug. 2, 1834, Enoch Gerrish.

1435. ii. CHARLES, b. Oct. 4, 1794; m., Ruth Tilton.


1437. iv. PEARSON MORRILL, b. July 28, 1798; d. unm., March 12, 1870.

1438. v. HYRAM, b. April 2, 1800; m. Cordelia Hogle.

1439. vi. RUTH CHICKERING, b. Nov. 23, 1802; d. Aug. 17, 1821.


1441. viii. WILLIAM HENRY H., b. Aug. 21, 1806; m. Rowena Wheelock.

1442. ix. ABIGAIL, b. Aug. 6, 1808; m. Amaziah Wood. She d. Dec. 7, 1873 in Rochester, N. Y.

1443. x. MARY, b. June 10, 1810; d. April 3, 1813.

1444. xi. ARTHUR MASTEN, b. Feb. 19, 1812; m. Jane Sheldon.

1445. xii. MIRIAM, b. Oct. 19, 1816; m. Ira G. Rowe. She d. June 8, 1859.


1446. i. HANNAH, b. March 1, 1791.
1448. iii. THOMAS, b. Jan. 29, 1795; d. March 11, 1795.
1449. iv. CLARISSA, b. June 11, 1796.
1450. v. JEREMIAH, b. Aug. 4, 1798.
1452. vii. PETER, b. April 27, 1803.

804. ABIEL FOSTER (Abiel, Asa, William, William, Reginald), b. Canterbury, N. H. Feb. 19, 1773; m., Feb. 25, 1796, Susannah Moore, b. April 9, 1775; d. Solon, Ohio, June 22, 1853. She was the daughter of Captain Samuel and Susanna (Webster) Moore of Canterbury, N. H. Abiel died Feb. 24, 1846. Both died and buried at Solon, Ohio. Abiel Foster, Esq., son of Rev. Abiel and Mary Rogers Foster, was a tall, fully six feet, well-proportioned man, weighing about 220 pounds. His hair was of a light color and he had a fair complexion, florid when young. He was educated in part at the famous Phillips Academy, Exeter, N. H. He had a good academic education, and was noted for the beauty and regularity of his penmanship. He was at the national capital one or more times when his father was in Congress. He read law and was well versed in its general principles. For more than thirty years he held a commission as a justice of the peace, and at one time most of the civil business of Canterbury and vicinity was before him. He was in 1816 clerk of the New Hampshire Senate. It is presumed that he intended to enter public life, but the change in political parties prevented it. He was a Federalist. He lived on the homestead but never took great interest in agriculture, nor did he perform much labor on the farm. He was at one time in trade at Canterbury. He sent his eldest son to Dartmouth college, and all his children obtained fair to good educations. In 1836, he emigrated to Columbus, Ohio, his daughters Augusta, Sarah and Catharine going with him. His son Abiel was at that time principal of a high-school at Columbus. His daughters Eliza and Martha Jane were matrons or teachers in State institutions. In 1843, he and his wife went to Solon, Ohio, where they lived with his daughters Susan Stephens and Nancy Hannaford until the time of his death. He d. in Solon O., Feb. 24, 1846. Res., Canterbury, N. H.

1453. i. POLLY, b. Jan. 1, 1797; m., June 18, 1817, Moses Chamberlain. Moses Chamberlain, son of Major Moses and Rebecca (Abbott) Chamberlain was born in Louden, N. H., Feb. 7, 1792. Till about twenty-one his time was spent in the common schools, about his father's farm and mills, and as clerk for Hon. Stephen Ambrose, merchant of East Concord, N. H. About 1815 he went to Pembroke, N. H., and engaged in trade, remaining there until 1835, when leaving his family in Pembroke, he spent nearly a year in Ohio and Michigan, purchasing in the latter State a large tract of unimproved lands. Returning he was in trade in Concord, N. H., till the fall of 1843, when with most of his family he moved to Michigan to improve his estate, now in Three Oaks, where the rest of his life was spent. He was deeply interested in religion, schools, and reforms; like all traders of his time sold liquors, till convinced of its wrong, and in 1829 gave it up, the first one in New Hampshire to do so, it is said, from principle. With others organized a Congregational church at Three Oaks, which is now the oldest, largest and strongest of that denomination in southwestern Michigan. He died Feb. 12, 1866, at Three Oaks, Mich. He married Mary (Polly) Foster, born Jan. 1, 1797, daughter of Abiel Foster, Esq., of Canterbury, N. H., June 18, 1817. She d. June 18, 1870, at Three Oaks, Mich. He was b. Feb. 7, 1792, in Louden, N. H.; d. Three Oaks, Mich., Feb. 12, 1866; was a merchant and farmer. She d. June 18, 1870. Ch.: 1. Mary Foster, b. Nov. 3, 1813; m., at Concord, N. H., Nov. 1, 1838, Hale Esterbrook Crosby of Concord, N. H. He was born at Ashburnham, Mass., Oct. 18, 1816, and was a printer at Concord, N. H., and merchant.


Children of Henry Chamberlain and Sarah Jane Nash: 1. Henry Nash, b. Nov. 21, 1851. Children of Henry Chamberlain and Rebecca VandeVanter Ames. 2. Mary Louise, b. May 17, 1858; m., Feb. 18, 1880, Edward Kirk Warren. Res., Three Oaks, Mich. He is the inventor and patentee of “Featherbone” and is the president of the Warren Featherbone Co., of Three Oaks, Mich. He was born in Ludlow, Vt., April 7, 1847, the son of Rev. Waters and Caroline C. (Parsons) Warren. The father was born in Ludlow in 1800 and the mother in Sandisfield, Mass., in 1813. They were married in 1833 and had four sons. His father, who was a Congregational minister, removed to Michigan in 1858 and was settled at Three Oaks as home missionary pastor. It has been the home of the family since that time. Edward entered
the employ of Henry Chamberlain as clerk in a dry goods and
general store in 1864, five years later entered the partnership of
McKie & Warren, dry goods, ten years later succeeded
Henry Chamberlain in the dry goods business there, in the fall

of 1882 invented what is now known as featherbone. Since that
time he has been exclusively engaged in developing that industry.
He now employs three hundred people there and about seventy-
five at their branch factory at Porter, Ind. 3. Rebecca Belle,
b. Oct. 13, 1859; m., June 16, 1884, Lee Chamberlain at Three
Oaks, Mich., iron merchant of Columbus, Ohio, now of Los
Angeles, Cal. He was born Sept. 7, 1856. 4. Paul Mellen, b.
Feb. 25, 1865. His preliminary education was obtained in the
village school of Three Oaks, Cushing academy, Ashburn-
ham, Mass., Olivet college, the mechanical department of the
Michigan Agricultural college and Sibley college of Cornell
university. A constructive faculty early developed decided him
to follow mechanical engineering. The degree of B. S. was con-
ferred on him by the Michigan Agricultural college in 1888 and
the degree of M. E. by Cornell university in 1890. At the
university his name was on the honor list for a "thesis of dis-
tunguished excellence," the subject being "Losses of Heat in the Steam Cylinder and Their Amelioration." The results of his experiments excited the attention of engineers in this country and in Europe and are now accepted as correct. On leaving he took a position as assistant engineer with Frick Co., engineers of Waynesboro, Pa., whose principal business was building machin-

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ery for and equipping power plants and refrigerating and ice-making plants. In this position the variety of work given him ranged through the various operations of calculating and designing machinery and plants, erecting them and testing when completed. The winter previous to the World's Fair he went with the Hercules Iron Works of Aurora, Ill., as mechanical engineer and for them designed special machines for their Columbian exhibit which ended in a disastrous fire. Owing to the stagnation of business and engineering enterprises at this time he accepted the position of assistant professor of mechanical engineering at the Michigan Agricultural college. Here he brought to bear on his work his practical knowledge of engineering with very satisfactory results and found the field so inviting that he has remained in it, keeping in close touch, however, with active practice by occasionally engineering consultation work. In 1896 at the opening of Lewis Institute he took the position of assistant professor of drawing and machine design, in charge of the department and has since been promoted to associate pro-
fessor of mechanical engineering, which position he now holds. He is a staunch believer in the advantages of technical education and thinks that when its teachers have approximated an ideal standard the mutual training given the student will excel that formerly attained through what is usually classed as culture studies. In societies he is a member of the college fraternity of Delta Tau Delta, Tan Beta P, The Technical Honor Fraternity corresponding to Phi Beta Kappa of the classics, The American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the Technical Club of Chicago. He m., April 23, 1891, Olivia Langdon Woodward, at Chicago, Ill., their acquaintance beginning at Cornell. Their ch. are: 1. Rebecca Vandevanter, b. Mar. 6, 1892. 2. Wheelock, b. Oct. 14, 1894. 3. Olivia, b. Nov. 22, 1897. Olivia L. W. was born July 8, 1869, at Fulton, Ill.

Children of William and Caroline S. Chamberlain: a. Alice, b. Oct. 14, 1858; m., April 14, 1881, James H. Hatfield, res., Kalamazoo, Mich. b. Grace Amanda, b. Mar. 1, 1861; m., Feb. 16, 1897, Daniel Tellier, Jr.; res., Jackson, Mich. c. Moses Abbot, b. July 25, 1863; d. Oct. 20, 1875. d. Lucy Florence, b. June 29, 1866; m., Feb. 27, 1889, Frederick A. Parsons, res., Bridgeport, Conn. e. Carrie Elizabeth, b. June 20, 1869; m., Aug. 17, 1893, Dr. E. L. McCann, res., Chicago, Ill.; f. William Oliver, b. July 27, 1872; m., Sept. 1, 1897, Josephine Supple of Jackson, Mich., res., Kalamazoo, Mich. g. Benjamin Ralph, b. July 24, 1882.—Mellen Chamberlain, LL.D., son of Moses and Mary Foster Chamberlain, was born in Pembroke, N. H., June 4, 1821. His early life was spent on the farm, in his father's store, and teaching district schools. He fitted for college at Pembroke academy and the Literary Institute; graduated at Dartmouth college, 1844; was principal of the Brattleborough (Vt.) high school, 1844-7; member of the Dane law school, Cambridge, Mass., and librarian, 1847-8; lawyer, Boston, Mass., Jan., 1849-66; judge of the municipal court, Boston, and several years chief justice, 1866-78, and librarian of the Boston Public Library, 1878-90. He represented the thirteenth Suffolk district in the legislature, 1857-8, serving on the special committee for the revision of the statutes; State senator, 1863-4, the last year chairman of the judiciary committee. He had previously served on the school committee, as alderman, and city solicitor. He is a member of the Massachusetts Historical Society, corresponding member of the Royal Society of Northern Antiquarie, Copenhagen, Denmark, and other historical societies, and Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He has now in preparation a history of Chelsea, Mass., of which he has been a resident since
1849; LL. D. from Dartmouth college, 1885. He has written many papers for publication, and delivered many addresses which were of great historical value. He has made one of the largest private collections of historical documents, manuscripts, autographs, portraits and engravings which he has by testamentary bequest left to the Boston Public Library, and which has been transferred and placed in a room in the library fitted up for that special purpose. He married Martha Ann, daughter of Col. Jesse Putnam, of Danvers, Mass., June 6, 1849.—Henry Chamberlain, son of Moses and Mary (Foster) Chamberlain was born in Pembroke, N. H., March 17, 1824. He was a student in the Pembroke "Gymnasium" in 1841; clerk in his father's store, Concord, most of the time, August, 1836-43, save at Ashby, Mass., awhile 1840-1; went with his father's family to Michigan, 1843, and worked on his father's farm till 1850. He then went to Three Oaks, Mich., where he has since resided. There he cleared a large farm, dealt in merchandise and real estate, laid out and named village and township of Three Oaks; has taken great interest in opening highways, building school-houses and churches, and the material improvement of the country; has held most offices in the school district, village and township; many years a member of the board of control of county affairs; member of the legislature, 1839, and member of the State board of agriculture, having control of the Michigan Agricultural college, 1835-6. He was grand-master of Masons in Michigan, and a member of the Michigan semi-centennial commission, 1855. A democrat in political affiliations, he has received the votes of his party for State senator, member of the constitutional convention, three times for Congress, three times for United States senator and once for governor. He married 1st, Sarah Jane Nash, Jan. 16, 1851. She was b. Sept. 11, 1830, and d. June 1, 1857, 2d, Mrs. Rebecca Van der Vanter Ames, at Marion, Ind., Nov. 19, 1856. She was b. Aug. 7, 1825, and d. Aug. 27, 1896.

William Chamberlain, son of Moses and Mary (Foster) Chamberlain, was born in Pembroke, N. H., Feb. 7, 1854. He went to Michigan with his father's family, and cultivated the homestead farm till 1864, when he moved to the village of Three Oaks, Mich., and engaged in mercantile business till 1892, but still carrying on his farm. He has been an active worker in church and Sabbath school, and deacon of the Congregational church for many years; has acceptably filled many local offices; was many years one of the county superintendents of the poor, and later one of the board of inspectors of Michigan State prison; president of the Michigan State Agricultural Society in 1888, and many years one of the executive committee; member of House of Representatives, 1871-3, and Senate 1879-80; member of the 15th commission for revision of the State laws of taxation, 1883; and since April, 1893, warden of the Michigan State prison, at Jackson, which position he has filled with much ability. His financial management has been as successful as his discipline. He married Caroline S. Chamberlain at Canterbury, N. H., March 20, 1857. She is a granddaughter of Martha Foster Clough, who was a daughter of Hon. Abiel Foster.
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shire, July 1, 1829; married. 2. Martha Jane, b. in New Hampshire, Nov. 17, 1830; m. N. C. Bosworth; lives in Cleveland, Ohio.
3. Susan Minerva, b. Solon, Ohio, July 15, 1832; m. Smith.

1458. vi. JOSEPH, b. Nov. 7, 1804; m., Minerva M. Means.
1462. x. SARAH, b. May 25, 1811; d. unm. Solon, Ohio, 1883.
1463. xi. CATHARINE, b. Sept. 16, 1812; d. of a spotted fever, March 20, 1823.
1465. xiii. A still-born child, June 1, 1817.


1466. i. EDMUND GREENLEAF, b. Nov. 2, 1802.
1468. iii. JOHN HUBBARD, b. March 4, 1808.
1469. iv. JOSEPH MOODY, b. Jan. 5, 1811; m. Elizabeth Fellows.
1470. v. BENJAMIN OSGOOD, b. Aug. 1, 1813.


1471. i. CHARLES HENRY, b. Dec. 15, 1813; m. in Berrien county, Mich., Louisa Aldrich. He is a house and sign painter. Had several children, but they are all dead—unm. Res., Larabee, Iowa.
1472. ii. JONATHAN B., b. Sept. 10, 1816; m. Mary H. Fellows.
1474. iv. SUSANNA, b. March 6, 1822; d. unm. Dec. 23, 1877.

821. DAVID FOSTER (David, Asa, William, William, Reginald), b. Canterbury, N. H., April 1, 1776; m. in Loudon, Sarah Dearborn, of Loudon, N. H. She d. in LaSalle, Ill., Oct. 1, 1845. He was a farmer. He d. in Buda, Ill., Sept. 10, 1843. Res., Canterbury, N. H.

1475. i. FRANKLIN, b. April 20, 1806; m. Harriet Kendall.
1478. iv. GEORGE W., b. June 2, 1816; m. Clara Dole; d. 1871.
1479. v. JOSEPH, b. July 8, 1810; m. Elizabeth B. Vaughn and Elizabeth Childs.
1480. vi. HENRY BRADLEY, b. Dec. 11, 1820; m. Harriet S. Dole.
1481. vii. LUCY, b. July 11, 1812; m. Frederick Tucker. She d. —.
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1483. i. STEPHEN BARTLETT, b. Aug. 23, 1816; m. Nancy Bean Sibley.

1484. ii. JOHN CARTER, b. Jan. 18, 1807; m. Ruth M. Pingry.


825. SAMUEL H. FOSTER (Jonathan, Asa, William, William, Reginald), b. Canterbury, N. H., Nov. 6, 1771; m., July, 1797, Elizabeth Symonds. She d. June 25, 1801; m., 2d, May 16, 1802, Mercy Porter, of Danvers, Mass., who d. in New York City in 1847. She was dau. of Thomas (Nathaniel, Joseph, John), and great-great-granddaughter of John Porter, of "Porter's Plains," Danvers (also called "Porter of Salem") Freeman, 1623, who was disarmed in 1636 for being a supporter of Ann Hutchinson, and was warned to leave Boston in 1637, went to Hingham; was representative to General Court in 1644, and selectman of that town. He m. Mary Gardiner. He d. in 1846. Res., Newburyport, Mass., and New York City, N. Y.

1487. i. SAMUEL ROGERS, b. Sept. 19, 1798, in Newburyport, Mass.; d. ——, 1803.


1489. iii. SAMUEL HENRY, b. Jan. 24, 1804; m. Eliza Wheaton, of Portland, Me.

1490. iv. CHARLES WILLIAM, b. Aug. 20, 1805.

1491. v. MARIA ELIZA, b. April 8, 1807.

1492. vi. EDWARD AUGUSTUS, b. Nov. 9, 1808.

1493. vii. GEORGE JAMES, b. July 27, 1810.


1494. i. JOHN SAMUEL, b. Feb. 17, 1802.

1495. ii. ABEL KIMBALL, b. June 13, 1803.

1496. iii. AMMI RUHAMA, b. July 1, 1805; m. Mrs. Lancaster.


1498. v. MOSES BROWN, b. April 11, 1810.

1499. vi. EDWARD HORATIO, b. April 9, 1814.

1500. vii. FINETTE, b. April 12, 1815; m. ——. Lancaster.


1501. i. THOMAS, b. Sept. 2, 1820; m. Eliza P. Schaats.

1502. ii. MARY, b. Oct. 6, 1813; m. William Montgomery; d. without children, Oct. 27, 1850.

1503. iii. DAVID, b. Nov. 11, 1815; d. unm. 1850.

1504. iv. CHARLES, b. Jan. 1, 1818; m. Clara Henry; had children, Clara and Henry, both of whom d. unm.; Charles d. Aug. 4, 1854.

1505. v. HENRY, b. ——; m. ——; d. Aug. 7, 1854; left no children.


836. BENJAMIN FOSTER (Isaac, Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Hampstead, N. H., May 24, 1755; m. there Jan. 23, 1776, Elizabeth Richardson, of Granville, dau. of Col. Philip, b. 1728; d. Nov. 28, 1828; m. 2d, Nov. 3, 1831, Mrs. Mary Robinson Peck, dau. of Edward. She d. 1844. She was wid. of Job Peck. Benjamin Foster, son of Isaac and Mebietal (Worthen) Foster, was born in Hamp-
stead, N. H., May 24, 1755, and came with his parents, his grandparents (Foster), one uncle and two aunts, to Granville, N. S., about 1759 or 1760, soon after the evacuation of the French. They received from the British government a grant of a large area of land opposite Port Royal, on the other side of the Annapolis river, and some of their descendants are still living on this land. He married, first, Elizabeth, daughter of Col. Philip Richardson. He married, second, Mary Pamela, widow of Job Peck. He d. Nov. 13, 1842. Res., Granville, N. S.

1507. i. BENJAMIN, b. Aug. 2, 1782; m. Mary Randall.


1510. iv. SAMUEL, b. Sept. 9, 1784; m. Lydia Chute and Catherine Crisp.


1513. vii. ISAAC, b. April 9, 1791; m. Elizabeth Patterson.

1514. viii. ABNER, b. May 9, 1793; m. Sarah Wheelock and Hattie Elliott.


1516. x. PHILIP R., b. July 3, 1799; m. Susan Frail, dau. of William. He had a son William who m. Rebecca A. Fuller. No children.


1518. xii. CATHERINE, b. Nov. 28, 1804; m. March 21, 1822, Enoch Dodge, son of Gardiner. They res. at Bridgton, N. S. Had four children: Manford, Maria, Mary and Enoch, who is now postmaster at Bridgton.


1510. i. CHARLES, b. ——, 1795; m. Mary Banks and Mary A. Green.

1520. ii. MARY, b. ——, 1797; m. Charles Dunn, son of John. She d. 1840. He was b. 1795; d. 1873. Ch.: 1. Susan; m. Ambrose Corbit, son of Ichabod. 2. Elizabeth; m. Stephen T. Foster, son of Samuel. 3. Isaac F., b. Oct. 9, 1824; m. Eliza J. Spinney, dau. of David. They had three children, who reside in Clifton, Mass. 4. Charles H.; m. Eunice Bowly, dau. of Solomon.
1821. iii. BETSEY M., b. ---, 1799; ---, Daniel Vaughn.
1822. iv. HANNAH, b. ---, 1801; m. Edward Foster, son of Samuel.
1823. v. ANN, b. Aug. 20, 1803; d. in Clarence, N. S., Sept. 15, 1889.
1824. vi. ARCHIE G., b. ---, 1805; killed in 1811.
1825. vii. JERUSA, b. April 7, 1807; m., March 15, 1832, Phinehas Phinney, son of Thomas.
1826. viii. WILLIAM, b. Dec. 27, 1813; m. Hannah Huntington.

842. SAMUEL FOSTER (Isaac, Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Granville, N. S., Oct. 1, 1770; m. ---, Betsey Wilson. Res., Annapolis, N. S.
1827. i. EDWARD W., b. ---; m., 1826, Hannah Foster, dau. of Isaac, Jr.
1828. ii. MARGARET, b. ---; m. Ariel Corbet.
1829. iii. CLARK, b. ---.
1830. iv. MARY, b. ---; m. Edward Bruce.
1831. v. ZIPPORAH, b. ---; m. Edward Gilliott.
1832. vi. MATILDA, b. ---; m. John Millner.
1833. vii. JOHN, b. ---; drowned.
1834. viii. CORBIT, b. ---; ---.

843. OLIVER FOSTER (Isaac, Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Granville, N. S., May 1, 1773; m., Nov. 13, 1796, Cynthia Fellows, dau. of Israel; d. Nov. 8, 1813; m. 2d., Jan. 1, 1817, Betsey Saunders, dau. of Daniel, b. 1789; d. May 5, 1871. He was a farmer. He d. June 5, 1827. Res., Bridgton, N. S.
1835. i. FELLOWS, b. June 19, 1797; m. Mary Clark and Azubah Wheelock.
1836. ii. CYNTHIA, b. March 24, 1799; m. Job Randall, b. 1783. She d. leaving one son, Oliver. Job m. 2d, Mary Parker.
1837. iii. ARCHIBALD MARSDEN, b. April 14, 1801; m. Eliza Bent.
1838. iv. ANN, b. July 1, 1803; m. William Fitch, b. 1794, son of Fred Fitch. Res., Horton and Cornwallis, N. S.
1839. v. MARIA, b. Aug. 23, 1807; d. April 25, 1822.
1840. vi. JERUSA, b. May 19, 1809; m., July 19, 1829, Henry Ruppee, son of William. Had three children.
1841. vii. ROBERT H., b. March 5, 1812; m. Elizabeth Hall.
1843. ix. OLIVER, b. Oct. 17, 1817; m. Helen Woodbury.
1844. x. ISRAEL, b. April 22, 1819; m. Mrs. Minetta (Foster) Morse and Mrs. Ann (Manning) Brown.
1846. xii. DANIEL, b. ---, 1824; m. ---.
1847. xiii. CHARLES WILLIAM, b. ---, 1826; m. and resides in California.

844. ASA FOSTER (Isaac, Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Granville, N. S., Nov. 24, 1776; m. July 26, 1798, Ruby Hicks, dau. of Thomas and Sarah (Chute), b. 1782; d. July 1, 1863. He was a miller. He d. Sept. 20, 1854. Res., Bridgton, N. S.
1848. i. HARRIET, b. April 26, 1799; m. Nathan, son of Amos and Susan (Chute) Randall, Jan. 21, 1819; d. Aug. 21, 1889. He d. 1864, aet. 73, without issue.
1849. ii. IRENE, b. March 17, 1802; m. Charles, son of Maurice Peters, Jan. 11, 1826; had six children; d. Oct. 9, 1866.
1850. iii. AVIUS, b. Oct. 12, 1804; m. Capt. James Peters, 1821; d. 1850. He d. 1855. Sea captain and lived at Bridgton and West Port.
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1551. iv. WILLIAM W., b. Aug. 15, 1806; m. Harriet Calvert, of St. John, N. B., 1837. She d. 1840. He m. 2d, Hannah Wheelock, 1843; d. July 20, 1873. She d. Dec. 24, 1890; left no children.

1552. v. SUSAN ANN, b. Sept. 16, 1808; m. Jacob, son of Benjamin Foster, Jr., of Cornwallis, Feb. 13, 1833. She d. —. He d. March, 1832, aet. 82, without issue.

1553. vi. LOUISE JANE, b. May 4, 1811; m. Binca Chute; lived at Bear River; then moved to Ontario; had a large family.

1554. vii. MINNETTA, b. Feb. 7, 1813; m. Obadiah Morse, Jr., Sept. 17, 1834. Had one son by Morse, who married a daughter of Robert Foster, son of Oliver; m. 2d, Israel Foster; had by Foster several children; d. —.

1555. viii. OLIVER G., b. Dec. 11, 1816; m. Eliphal A. Chute, Dec. 8, 1843; d. in Bayham, Ont., where he moved and lived, April 8, 1894; had several children.

1556. ix. S. MATILDA, b. Dec. 16, 1818; m. J. Chute, of Bear River, N. S.; moved to Boston, and d. there. They had several children.

1557. x. LEAH, b. Jan. 27, 1820; m. J. M. Chute, of Bear River; moved and settled in Ontario.

1558. xi. ELIZA, b. March 5, 1823; had six children by Charles Hill, whom she m. Jan. 30, 1850. They live in Lynn, Mass.


1559. i. PHEBE, b. May 28, 1783; d. June 6, 1783.

1560. ii. JOHN, b. April 11, 1784; m. Sarah Brown.


1563. v. FREDERICK, b. May 13, 1792; m. Rachel Benedict.

1564. vi. WILLIS, b. Nov. 15, 1794; m. Susanna Pierce and Nancy Foster.


1567. ix. EZEKIEL, b. July 26, 1801; m. Eliza Dugan.


1570. i. THOMAS, b. —, 1804; m. Mary Wheelock.


1572. iii. ELIZABETH ANN, b. —, 1809; m. Abel Wheelock; a son, Joseph Israel, b. Jan. 1, 1828, m. Elizabeth Foster, dau. of Thomas Foster; and m. 2d, Ruth Bent.

1573. iv. MARY F., b. 1811; m. William Banks; d. Jan. 1, 1877.

1574. v. TAMER, b. 1814; m. Benjamin Randall; had four children.

1575. vi. ATHALINDA, b. 1816; d. May 9, 1846.

1576. vii. ADOLPHUS W., b. 1818; m. Caroline, dau. of Jonathan Woodbury; had four children.

1576½. viii. ISRAEL, b. 1821; d. 1822.

1577 ix. MARTHA, b. 1824; m. Rev. Isaac, son of Lewis McAnn. He was a Methodist preacher; lives in Vermont.

1578. i. RUTH, b. 1796; killed by the falling of a tree March, 1814, 1579. ii. EZEKIEL, b. 1799; m., June 21, 1821, Mary A. Waters.

1580. iii. HANNAH, b. 1802; m. Newcomb Bent; had 3 daus; one d. young; Harriet A., m. Augustus Bryden, they had 4 children, 2 girls and 2 boys; Naraway Bryden m. Miss Franklin; res., Somerset, King county, N. S.; the other son, John, resides in the U. S. One of the girls m. Isaac Merton; res. Somerset; and the other girl is married and resides in Shelburne county, N. S.

1581. iv. JANE, b. 1804; m. Abel Wheelock and had 8 ch.

1582. v. JOSEPH, b. 1805; m. Zilpah Martin, dau. of Michael.

1583. vi. JOHN M., b. 1807; m. Lucilla Woodbury, dau. of Fairfield, who was son of Dr. Jonathan Woodbury. Res., Nictaux, N. S., and Halifax, where John M. d. He had one son, Fletcher, who died unm.

1584. vii. SOPHIA ANN, b. 1807; m. Edward Martin, son of Michael.

1585. viii. EZRA, b. Sept., 1814; m. Mary Ann Burkitt and Mercy Ann Van Buskirk.

CAPTAIN EZRA FARNSWORTH FOSTER (Ezekiel, Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Granville, N. S., Aug. 1, 1773; m., Jan. 24, 1798, Susanna Troop, dau. of John and Eunice (Fellows) of Aylesford, N. S., b. 1780; d. 1875. He was born in Granville, N. S., and married Susanna, dau. of John Troop, of the same place. He was commissioned lieutenant in 1812, and is said to have served in the active militia during the war and retired with the rank of captain. He removed to Bridgton before 1824, and later to Aylesford, in the same province, where he died in 1864. Res. Bridgton, N. S.

1586. i. NANCY, b. Jan. 25, 1799; m., Jan. 20, 1833, Willis Foster, son of John; res. Aylesford, N. S.; son of his father's half brother. She was his second wife, and the mother of his third son, William Rufus Leggett Foster (above mentioned), captain of militia, now living at North Kingston, N. S.

1587. ii. GILBERT, b. Sept. 16, 1800; d. unm. in 1856.

1588. iii. RUFUS, b. June 3, 1802; m. Christiana Lough.

1589. iv. MARY ANN, b. April 22, 1804; m. Bayard Foster. Res., Aylesford; brother of Willis, s. p.

1590. v. WM. YOUNG, b. May 22, 1806; m., 1835, Minetta Leonard, dau. of Seth, Esq.; was county treasurer of Annapolis county. Res. B. H., Wm. Y., d. 1858; had children; a son, Leonard, who died young; and three daughters, Charlotte, Jane and Clara. Charlotte left Bridgton with her husband, whose name was Forsyth, lived for a time at some other places in North America, and finally settled in Belfast, Ireland, where she died, leaving children; Jane died unm.; Clara is the wife of Ambrose Bent, a man of some means who lives a few miles above Bridgton. The widow, Minetta, dau. of George Leonard, is living at Bridgton, or with her dau. Clara. William Y. Foster was a member of the political party which favored the confederation of the provinces, and was a defeated candidate at the first election for members of the house of commons of Canada. He held offices of trust in town and county affairs, and, though over ninety years of age, was deputy prothonotary at the time of his death. (Further information might be had by writing to Mrs. Ambrose Bent, Paradise, N. S.)

1591. vi. GEORGE, b. Aug. 18, 1808; d. 1870.

1592. vii. LUCY, b. Aug. 21, 1810; m. William Lough. She d. s. p.

1593. viii. EUNICE, b. Oct. 25, 1812; m. Frederick Ludwig Boehm Vroom; had 5 children; m. June 15, 1836; lives or lived in St. Stephen, N. B. Frederick Ludwig Boehm Vroom (William's brother, of Loyalist descent, son of George Vroom, J. P., of Clements, N. S., and a descendant of Cornelius, son of Peter Vroom, one of the early Dutch settlers of New Amsterdam, now New York.) Ch.: William E. Vroom, of the firm of Vroom & Arnold, ship brokers, St. John, N. B., who has children and grand-children; Georgiana, now of Boston, Mass.; Frances Frederica, died in infancy; Mary,
wife of Dr. Thomas Bingay, Westport, N. S., has children and
grand-children; Caroline, died in infancy; Jessie, wife of George
Graves, Aylesford, N. S., has children, and a son who died in
infancy.

1594. ix. ISRAEL, b. May 8, 1815; d. Dec. 18, 1817.
1595. x. F. ELIZA, b. July 6, 1817; m. William Vroom, brother of Frederic-
k; had 3 children: Frances Eliza, now living in St. Stephen,
N. B.; widow of William Vroom, of St. Stephen. Children: J.
James, town clerk of St. Stephen. 2. William Frederick, a gradu-
ate of Teacher's college, New York, now teaching in New York
City. 3. Edwin Gilbert, furniture dealer in St. Stephen; two
children. 4. Charley Napier, U. S. vice-consul at St. Stephen;
two children. 5. The Rev. Penwick Williams Vroom, B. D.,
professor of divinity in King's college, Windsor, N. S.; one child,
Victoria. 6. Beatrice, living with their mother in St. Stephen.

James' American ancestors of the name of Vroom were Cornelis
(Pieters) or Cors (Pieterssen) Vroom, in Nieuwe Amsterdam,
about 1643; Hendrick (Corsz or Corszen) Vroom, b. 1653; Hend-
rick Vroom of the Raritan, b. 1683; Hendrick Vroom, b. prob.
ably at Piscataway on the Raritan, sometime after 1711; John Vroom,
U. E.; George Vroom, J. P., b. 1755, who came with his father,
Joh (or Jan) from New Jersey to Nova Scotia after the close
of the Revolutionary War; William Vroom, b. 1812.

1596. xi. SUSAN, b. July 1, 1822, still living with Capt. W. R. L. Foster,
No, Kingston, N. S.

882. DEA. JEREMIAH FOSTER (Jeremiah, Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac, Regi-
nald), b. New Hampshire, Feb. 7, 1773; m. Sally Killam, b. Hamlet, Mass.,
Nov. 26, 1770; d. Aug. 28, 1855. This branch of the Foster family trace their ancestry to
pre-Revolutionary stock. At the breaking out of the war for independence, there
were three brothers named Foster living in the colony of Massachusetts. Two of
those, being Royalists, went to one of the British provinces, but the third, whose
name was Jeremiah, enlisted in the continental army and served until the close of
the war, when he settled in New Hampshire. This third brother was the father of
Jere Foster, or as he was commonly known Dea. Jere Foster, who was born in New
Hampshire, on the seventh day of Feb., 1773. He had four sisters but no brothers.
Dea. Jere married Sally Killum, who was born at Hamlet, Mass. They had a fam-
ily of three children. Two years after the birth of Solomon, Jere Foster moved to
Maine, which was at that time a district belonging to the State of Massachusetts,
and settled at Weld, a place remarkable for its beautiful and picturesque scenery of
lakes and mountains, but at that time little better than a wilderness. Here he
engaged in farming and there the third child, Hiram, was born. Jere Foster
passed the remainder of his days in Weld and died at the advanced age of 95 years.
His daughter Sally married Daniel Dolly. He d. set. 94, Oct. 24, 1867. Res.,
Weld, Me.

1597. i. SOLOMON K., b. March 27, 1803; m. Adeline Billington.
1598. ii. HIRAM, b.— —; m. Eliza Howard.
1599. iii. SALLY POTTER, b. Goffstown, N. H.; m. July 17, 1798.

887. ISAAC FOSTER (Isaac, John, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Greenfield, Mass.,
April 3, 1761; m., Oct. 28, 1789, Rebecca Hunt. Served in the Revolutionary War
1777; m. Rebecca, dau. of John and Rebecca (Paine) Hunt of Belchertown. Was
one of the proprietors of Amherst. Built the first house in the East Parish, also
erected a hotel and other buildings. In 1799 he went from Hartford to New York
on a southern trading expedition. Was caught in a storm, driven to sea and ship-
wrecked. Was rescued and taken to Savannah, Ga. He decided to locate in the
south but on account of financial disturbances in the north changed his mind. After-
ward when en route for his home via Montreal was attacked by the smallpox
and died at Whitehall, N. Y., in 1803. His widow removed with family to Western N.
Y., where she married Abijah Scovil of W. Bloomfield, N. Y., a Revolutionary sol-
dier. She survived her second husband several years and died at Aurora, Ohio,
1600. i. ISAAC, b 1771; d. young.
1601. ii. WILLIAM, b. March 24, 1793; d. unm., Aug. 7, 1847; buried at
Aurora, O. He was b. in Greenfield, Mass., became a cripple in
infancy from the effects of a fever and lost the use of his limbs. He went to Coshocton, N.Y., with his mother after the death of his father, but soon returned east and located at Shrewsbury, Mass. With a younger brother they began the manufacture of combs.

He also learned the printer's trade. Having disposed of this factory the family located in Harpersfield, Ohio, and later moved to Murray, N.Y. Late in life he supplied various pulps and preached many interesting sermons.

1602. iii. ISAAC, b. Nov., 1704; m. Sarah Eggleston.
1604. v. MARCUS, b. Dec. 4, 1758; m., Eliza Sleeper.
1605. vi. SAMUEL, b. May 8, 1803; m. Mary W. Walker.

839. CAPT. EZEKIEL FOSTER (Ezekiel, John, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Bernardston, Mass., in 1752; m. there Chloe Burnham, b. 1757; she d. July 9, 1849. He was in the Revolutionary War and was captain. Captain Foster was captain in the Revolutionary War, and was said to have been one of Washington's body-guards, but whether this last statement is true I do not know, but have always been told so. He also did work in breaking up a fanatical and immoral sect known as the "Dorrellites" which flourished for a time in Leyden and adjoining towns, among the most ignorant and emotional portion of the people. He confronted the leader at one of his meetings and making him confess in the presence of his followers that he was a fraud, his religion a delusion, and his promising he would abandon it, and go to work and get an honest living, and thus Dorrell did, and lived there till he was somewhere upward of 90 years old, and the sect of course perished. All this you will find in brief in any history of Massachusetts. I last saw it in a book called "History of the Connecticut River Valley in Massachusetts." He d. aet. 72, in Leyden, Mass., and was buried June 17, 1824, in old Beaver Meadow yard. Res., Bernardston, Mass.

1590. ii. EZRA, b. Sept. 21, 1779; m. Nancy Smith.
1607. ii. ELIAKIM, May 29, 1786; m. Wealthy A. D. Phelps.
1608. iii. HORACE, b. ---; m. ---. Res. near Hamilton, Ontario.
1609. iv. JOSIAH, b. in 1784; m. ---. Annie Eustis.
1610. v. RUFUS, b. ---; m. ---. Res. near Hamilton, Ontario. A relative is Dr. Ralph Malcolm, Scotland, Ontario.

1611. vi. EZEKIEL, b. ---; m. s. p. Ezekiel Jr., was a deer reave in Bernardston, Mass., in 1779. Served with his father in military affairs a young lad, discharged Sept. 23, 1775; was also in the army in 1778. He removed to Canada where he married and died s. p., and his property was divided between the Canadian government and his heirs at Leyden.


860. JOHN FOSTER (John, John, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Deerfield, Mass., June 29, 1780; m. ---; Res., Vermont.

1612-2. i. JOHN, b. ---; m. Ruth Rich.

863. ISAIAH FOSTER (John, John, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. New Hampshire, ---; m. ---. Patty Hartwell, Res., Hillsboro, N. H.

1613. i. CHARLES H., b. ---; 1819; m. Martha A. Sargent.
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864. JOSHUA FOSTER (John, John, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Deerfield, Mass., Feb. 12, 1796; m. Oct. 8, 1816, Sally Hopkins, of Antrim, N. H.; b. May 14, 1795; d. March 11, 1824; m. 2d, March 22, 1825, Mary Ann Fletcher, of Peterboro, N. H.; d. May 28, 1851; m. 3d, in Peterboro, N. H., Oct. 16, 1851, Mrs. Dorothy Little, of Peterboro, b. Jan. 30, 1814. He was a tanner. He d. March 16, 1867. Res., Hancock, N. H.


1615. ii. CALISTA, b. —; d. —.

1616. iii. OTIS, b. —; d. —.

1617. iv. LYDIA, b. —; d. —.

1618. v. CHARLES O., b. Feb. 15, 1826; m. Mary Ann Gray.

1619. vi. SARAH L., b. —; d. Aug. 1, 1849.


870. JACOB FOSTER (Benjamin, Benjamin, Benjamin, Isaac, Reginald), b. Maine, —; m. —, Anna Jones. She d. Trenton, Me. He d. Trenton, Me. Res., Machias, Me.

1622. i. HOWARD, b. —.

1623. ii. NAIUM, b. —.

1624. iii. HARRIET, b. —.

1625. iv. LOUISA, b. —; m. William Chalonier, Jr., son of Dr. William.

1626. v. DANIEL, b. March 10, 1792; m. Maria Somes.

1627. vi. SALLY J., b. —; m. — Somes.

1628. vii. BETSEY, b. —; m. — Burr.

1629. viii. ANN, b. —; m. Townsend.

1630. ix. CHARLES, b. —.


1631. i. SUSAN, b. —; m. —, Moses Hovey.

1632. ii. WILLIAM, b. —.


1634. iv. HENRY, b. —.

1635. v. EMMA C., b. —.

872. BENJAMIN FOSTER (Benjamin, Benjamin, Benjamin, Isaac, Reginald), b. Maine, —; m. —, Ruth Scott. Res., Machias, Me.

1636. i. SIMEON b. —; m. Katherine Farnsworth.

1637. ii. THANKFUL, b. —; m. Tristram Moore.

1638. iii. ASA, b. —.

1639. iv. LETTICE, b. —; m. Lawrence Williams.

1640. v. JEREMIAH, b. —.

1641. vi. SUSAN, b. —; m. Samuel Burnham.

1642. vii. SALLY, b. —; m. Wade.

873. ABIJAH FOSTER (Benjamin, Benjamin, Benjamin, Isaac, Reginald), b. —, Maine; m. Apphia Talbot, dau. of Peter and Lucy (Hammond); res., Machias, Me.

1643. i. ABIGAIL, b. —.

1644. ii. LUCY, b. —.

1645. iii. ELIZA, b. —; m. Jeremiah Foster.

1646. iv. HARRIET, b. —.

1647. v. APPHIA, b. —.

1648. vi. CHARLOTTE, b. —.

1649. vii. MARY, b. —; m. Phinehas Foster.

1650. viii. FREDERICK, b. —.

1651. ix. STEPHEN T., b. —.
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876. LEVI FOSTER (Benjamin, Benjamin, Benjamin, Isaac, Reginald), b. —, East Machias, Me.; m. Sally Beal. He d. aet. 95. Res., Machias, Me.

1652. i. EDWARD, b. June 30, 1793; m. Fanny Cilley.
1653. ii. SUSAN, b. —.
1654. iii. BETSEY, b. —; m. George H. Avery, son of James and Rebecca (Edes) of Boston. Res., Machias, Me. Ch. James, Samuel T., Sally E., m. Joseph Libby; Susan F., m. James Stuart; Betsey, m. Atkins Gardner; George H., Rebecca, Mary H.; m. Joseph Miles, Julia, Caroline, Levi F.

1655. iv. PHEBE, b. —; m. Luther Hall.
1656. v. WARREN, b. —.
1657. vi. GEORGE, b. Nov. 10, 1804; m. Sarah Libbey and Caroline De Wolfe.


1668. i. BENJAMIN, b. — 1703; m. Joanna Foster.
1659. ii. ALFRED, b. —.
1660. iii. MEHTAILED, b. —; m. W. W. Foster.
1661. iv. CLARISSA, b. —; m. S. C. Foster.
1662. v. SUSAN, b. —; m. William Marsh.
1663. vi. HORATIO, b. —.
1664. vii. ELIZABETH, b. —; m. Elijah Wilder.
1665. viii. S. FREEMAN, b. —.
1666. ix. J. ANDREW, b. —.
1667. x. GEORGE H., b. —.
1668. xi. JACOB, b. —.

880. DANIEL FOSTER (Benjamin, Benjamin, Benjamin, Isaac, Reginald), b. Scarboro, Me., in 1761; m. Hannah Gardner. She d. in Vermont.

Daniel Foster was born in Scarboro, Maine, in 1761, enlisted in the 7th Mass. regiment to serve six months during the War of the Revolution; married Hannah Gould of Portland, Maine; removed to Antwerp, N. Y., in 1819, and died there. He d. July 16, 1841. Res., Portland, Me., and Antwerp, N. Y.

1689. i. JOHN WOODIN, b. Nov. 3, 1801; m. Harriet E. Gould.
1670. ii. There were fifteen children in all; n. f. k.

881. GEORGE FOSTER (Benjamin, Benjamin, Benjamin, Isaac, Reginald), b. East Machias, Me.; m. Cynthia Chase, dau. of Capt. Wm. She d. in New York City in 1856 while visiting her son Daniel and is buried in Greenwood.

He was the youngest son of Col. Benjamin Foster of Machias, Me., and who was one of the first settlers of that place and came from Mass. George, his son, married Cynthia Chase, and made their permanent home on Lower Side in the Parish of St. Davids, N. B. They were the early settlers of that place and had to clear their farms and build their roads. He came with three others; one Robert Towers, one Scott and another, whose name I do not remember. They were all stalwart men, and well qualified to do the hard things of a first settler’s life. He was a tall, well-formed, handsome man, with blue eyes and a fine tenor voice, and he loved music. He was of a mechanical turn and had a work shop on his farm where he made wagons, plows, sleds, yokes and all such farm implements. He also made cooper ware. He was called a good workman and never made a sham thing, and always finished his work. He had a clean farm and always a neat garden, where he liked to be. He led a quiet life and was a great reader, and in his latest years had in store a fund of knowledge of the world’s history. He lived to be past eighty years. When past labor he went to Presque Isle and lived in his daughter Cynthia’s family till his death. He d. 1855. Res., Machias, Me.

1671. i. VASHTI, b. —; m. Samuel Scott; a des. is Miss Eliza Hitchings, of Blaine, Me.
1672. ii. J. HARRIS, b. —; m. —. A des. is Mrs. Myra Godding of Maple Grove, Me.
1673. iii. DANIEL, b. —; m. and resides in New York City. Was a stair builder. No issue living.
1674. iv. CYNTHIA, b. Dec. 11, 1806; m., Nov. 2, 1826, Benjamin Whidden. He was a son of George Whidden and Mary Runnels. She was the daughter of Benjamin Runnels, who lived at Skowhegan,
Maine. Benjamin Whidden was born in Clinton, Kennebec county, Me., in 1796. For a part of his boyhood days, his family lived in Canaan, Me. When he was seven years of age his father died. He had two brothers, David and Samuel, and three sisters, Olive, Sally and Nancy. At the age of sixteen he enlisted in Co. B., 21st, U. S. Regular army, U. S., for three years or during the War of 1812. His enlistment was at Augusta, Me. In comparison with the movements of an army to-day it may be stated, that from that place to Sacket's Harbor, N. Y., he marched on foot, carrying his musket and equipments. He arrived with his regiment by a forced march on the morning of the day of the battle of Sacket's Harbor. The timely arrival of the regiment decided the battle. His story of the battle is this: "The place was defended by N. Y. militia under General Jacob Brown. The regulars had been for several days hastening their march through a forest country and arrived at night, the day before the battle within about twenty miles, when dispatch came to come on, immediately, if possible. A call for volunteers was made for a night march. He volunteered, when within four miles of the harbor at the residence of General Brown, where they rested, but only for a short time, for the guns of the British ships had begun to bombard the town. They 'fell in,' and at quick-march arrived in view just at daylight. From an ascent, and within a mile of the place he saw the flashes of the guns and the landed line of red coats, who had entered the town. The militia were yielding, but stubbornly. The regulars were halted only to form and load musket and fix bayonet. As they came up, he heard the officers of the militia say to their men, 'Stand your ground a few minutes; the regulars are with us.' One volley was fired; a charge was quickly made. The militia cheering and filling up the charging line. The British were cleared from the shore, leaving quite a number of dead and wounded. Among these was a general, Riale. He says this hard march, the scene of the dead and wounded lying around in the streets and yards, made him homesick and tired of war. He was then only a boy, and who wonders? He was at the battles of the Fort Erie, at Chippewa, Williamsburg, and at Lundy's Lane; was one of Col. Miller's charging party, who took the heights with thirteen cannons. He heard the words of Gen. Scott, "Col. Miller, will you lead them?" and the answer, "I will try, sir." In this charge within a few yards of the British guns, he fell severely wounded. After being in hospital awhile, he returned to his command. When the news of peace came, the army of the North was about to disband, when it was discovered that an attack on New Orleans was threatened, and his regiment, with others, were put en route for that point, and when they got as far as Pittsburg, Pa., the news of Jackson's victory caused them to return to Buffalo, where the father was discharged. He came directly to his home in Maine. About that time there was an attraction to the forests of New Brunswick, where lumbering and shipbuilding was a rising business. Thither, with many others from this State, he went. There he bought a wild farm, married and made a home. He followed farming and lumbering, making a good living with but moderate gain of property till 1840, when he sold out and moved to Presque Isle, Aroostook county, Maine. Here he cleared a good farm and helped make the town what it was. In June, 1863, he died. He had been a democrat till Winfield Scott, his old colonel and afterward, general, was nominated by the Whigs for the presidency—he voted for him. After that, he was a republican, voting for Fremont and Lincoln. He was in favor of the prohibition of the liquor traffic and an abstainer for many of his last years. He was a Universalist in faith and went out from this life with the same cheerfulness and hope and courage he had always shown to be his inspiration. He was
b. Clinton, Me., Oct. 13, 1790; d. May 27, 1863. She d. May 2, 1888. Res., St. Davids, N. B. Ch.: i. George P., b. July 18, 1826; m., April 2, 1846, Hannah C. Oliver, b. March 19, 1833. He res. So. Presque Isle, Me. Ch.: (a) Jessie Freemont, Nov. 6, 1846. Married June 5, 1881; d. May 6, 1899 at Presque Isle, Me. (b) George Benjamin, b. Oct. 13, 1826; m., Feb. 19, 1852; P. O., So. Presque Isle. (c) Cassius Clay, b. April 9, 1860; m., May 4, 1891; P. O., Orono, Me. (d) Hope May, b. Oct. 29, 1875; P. O., So. Presque Isle, Me. (e) Annie Moulton, b. Aug. 8, 1863; d. Sept. 18, 1864. 2. Mary, b. March 29, 1830 (Mary Rackliffe P. O., Maple Lake, Minnesota. 3. Vashti Harriet, b. Nov. 13, 1832 (Mrs. V. H. Downes, P. O., Houlton, Me.) 4. Sarah Jeanette, b. Jan. 31, 1836 (Mrs. Jenny Dunn, P. O. Houlton, Me.) 5. Daniel, b. Dec. 29, 1854; d. Aug., 1854; d. at ten years. 6. Emma Lavina, b. Aug. 7, 1859; d. Nov. 18, 1857; d. at seventeen years. 7. Effie, b. Sept. 8, 1843. Mrs. Effie Eastman, Ft. Fairfield, Me.; child of Effie, P. O. and address, Daisy Eastman, Houlton, Me.; child of Sarah J.; Elouise Ludwig, Houlton, Me.; child of Mary, Ambrose Rackliffe, Monticello, Minnesota. 1. Geo. F. born in the Parish of St. Davids in the Province of New Brunswick in a new log house built by his father on his then almost wild-woods farm. In Sept., 1840, his father went with his family and all his possessions to Presque Isle, in Aroostook county, Me. He was one of the first settlers in that town. At twenty-one he went to Bangor, Me. and worked at carpentering there and at Winterport, Hamden, Maine, and one winter at Salisbury, Mass. For two years he was away from home when he came back, and worked at the same as his principal occupation ever since. In 1854 he went to New York and was with his uncle, Daniel Foster, a stair builder in that city for six months. While there he attended and took lessons at the Cooper Institute in mechanical and architectural drawing; Prof. David Payton was his teacher. In the spring of 1854 he returned to Presque Isle and followed his trade, taking an active part in the affairs in the town or plantation as it was then. He held the office of the first treasurer of the town, and has been placed in some place of trust in town nearly every year since 1853. Married Miss Hannah O. Oliver, of Houlton, Maine. Established a home in Presque Isle. About that time he was commissioned as deputy sheriff, and served four years; by this means he became much better acquainted with the people of the county, and others of the State. In 1863, received a commission of Governor Washburn as a provost marshal of Northern Aroostook. After the Peninsular campaign by Gen. McClellan, quite a large number of soldiers had come home on furlough; surgeon's furlough, "or sick leave" as it was called, and were absent over the limited time. His duty was to examine all such, their papers, and report them by copy, to look into their physical condition or ability to return to their respective commands and use his best judgment in ordering them to the front; seeing to their transportation. In case that he was not obeyed, he was to arrest them, ordering all such as wore the army uniforms to assist. He was also furnished with a list of all absentees from the army; deserters as well. These he was commanded to arrest and place in the county jail and report. He carried a command to all post masters and revenue officers ordering them to carry out these orders. He immediately attended to these duties, traveling over a large territory in out-of-the-way places finding some deserters; some hundreds of others. He had no trouble and rather enjoyed the work. In October, 1864, he was drafted into the service. He was then a deputy sheriff and one of the selectmen of the town. He would long before have volunteered, but it seemed more his duty to stay with his little family so dependent on him and attend to other duties. He was en-
rolled in the 16th Maine volunteers, but upon request was transferred to the 3d Maine Battery, which was then in front of Petersburg, Virginia, where he went. One of his tent mates, a relative, Theodore B. Foster, of Ashland, was of the direct line of Col. Ben Foster; was a congenial camp fellow and true soldier, and a worthy descendant of his grand-sires. He might say this was flattery, but his associates will say it is but just compliment. President Lincoln was with them a little while on the day of the surrender of Petersburg, where he mingled with the men and took a lesson on Whidden's gun, having the privates show him how to handle and aim it, asking the name of the parts. They gave him hearty cheers when he left, which he acknowledged by a tip of his tall hat. On the 17th of June, 1865, at Augusta, Me, he was mustered out because the war had ended and our flag waved over an undissevered Union. In February, 1866, he bought, in company with John H. Sprague, a saw and shingle mill at So. Presque Isle, which he has to now, 189a, occupied, and operated in part and for the last fifteen years as a carpenter's machine shop, making doors, sashes, blinds, furniture, house finish and general job woodwork. In 1867, on a bolt in the republican party, he was elected to the legislature of the State, and served the term. It was not of his asking, because he never aspired to official place. Since 1862, he has accepted the nomination of senator twice and sheriff once. As it now seems to him, he will enjoy his independence during the remainder of his life.


1676. vi. LYDIA, b. ——; d. ——; m. —— Cameron; ch.: i. George F., who is city treasurer, Bangor, Maine.

1677. vii. JOHN, b.—--; married, but no issue living.


"Benen Foster made an application on Dec. 4, 1832, at which time he was 72 years of age and residing at Wakefield, York county, Maine, and his pension was allowed for two years and nine-months, actual service as a private in the Massachusetts Troops, Revolutionary War. He enlisted at Machias, Me., and served under Capt. Moore and Col. Allen. His widow, Deborah, made application and received pension for the service of her husband as above set forth. He was born in Scarboro, Maine, and died Oct. 21, 1843.(?) Their children's names were: Loas, Lydia, Mary, James, Benen, Susannah, Israel, Gideon, Elizabeth, Jepthah and Moses."

A descendant writes: "Family tradition says that he (Benen) was born in Salem, Mass., and Perley Derby, of Salem, to whom I wrote inquiring, said he was probably descended from John, of Salem. Benen Foster was born in the United States, I am sure, for he is always spoken of among the older members of the family as being a 'Yankee' 'born in the States.' I have hoped to find him, or of him, in Machias, Me., because he enlisted as private in Capt. Jabez White's regiment July 15, 1776; dis. Dec. 13, 1776; raised for defense of Machias against Nova Scotia. Also in Capt. Dyer and West's regiments, May, 1777. He received bounty from Lincoln county, Me., and was in artillery company off and on from 1777 to 1778. This I learned at archives, Boston State House." Another descendant sends the following: "Benjamin Foster, b. Scarborough, Mass. (later Maine), Nov. 14, 1760, d. Oct. 10, 1839; m., 1782, Deborah Kinney (in Sunbury county) b. Jan. 30, 1763, at
FOSTER GENEALOGY.

Burton, New Brunswick; d. Apr. 13, 1850. Benjamin and Deborah had children as follows: Loas, Lydia, Mary, James, Benjamin, Susannah, Israel, Gideon, Elizabeth, Jephthah, John Moses, Aaron. I think this proof that Benan was a contraction of Benjamin." He d. in N. B., Oct. 16, 1839. Res., Oromuco, N. B., and Wakefield, Maine.

1677- i. LOAS, b. Apr. 21, 1783; d. 1811.
1678- 2. ii. LYDIA, b. July 15, 1785; d. 1800.
1679- 3. iii. MARY, b. Oct. 17, 1787; d. 1808.
1680- 4. iv. JAMES, b. Nov. 3, 1789; d. 1860.
1681- v. BENEN, b. Sept. 30, 1792; d. 1850.
1682- 6. vi. SUSANNAH, b. Sept 20, 1794; d. 1882.
1686-10. x. JEPTHAH, b. Jan. 22, 1803; d. 1870.
1687-11. xi. JOHN MOSES, b. May 7, 1805; m. Sarah S. Wheeler.
1688-12. xii. AARON, b. Dec. 15, 1809; d. 1809.


1678. i. AZRO, b. Jan. 18, 1812; m. Attazera D. Shattuck.
1679. ii. GILBERT, b. ——.
1680. iii. ANN, b. ——.
1681. iv. ABIEL, b. ——.
1682. v. JOHN, b. ——.
1683. vi. ROBERT, b. ——.
1684. vii. SUSAN, b. ——.
1686. ix. GEORGE, b. ——.
1687. x. FRANK, b. ——.
1688. xi. FRED, b. ——.

885. JOHN WOODEN FOSTER (Wooden, Benjamin, Benjamin, Isaac, Reginald), b. ——; m. Lucy Chase; m. 2d. Mehitabel Meserve. Res., Machias, Maine.

1689. i. JENNIE, b. ——; m. Nathaniel Babbb.
1690. ii. SALLY, b. ——; m. Joseph Larabee.
1691. iii. FANNY, b. ——; m. John White; m. 2d. —— McGlaunin.
1692. iv. JOHN WOODEN, b. ——; 1810; m. Caroline Rackliff and Mrs. Maria Simonton.
1693. v. THANKFUL, b. ——; m. Amos Ackley.
1694. vi. CHARLES, b. ——.
1695. vii. ISAIAH, b. ——.
1696. viii. RUTH, b. ——; m. Levi Chase, son of Ephraim and Lydia (Hathaway). Res., Machias, Me. Ch.: Cyrus, Charles, Cynthia, m. Parker Dennison; Lucilla, Mary E., m. John Parsons; Esther L., m. Gilbert Dennison and Ezra Dennison; Isaiah, Eveline, m. —— McGuire; Amanda, m. Wm. Hautley; Deborah, m. Stephen Pigeon.
1697. ix. MERCY, b. ——; m. Pearl Howe.
1698. x. LUCY, b. ——; m. Moses Elsemore.
1699. xi. SALLY, b. ——; m. Jacob Crosby.
1700. xii. POLLY, b. ——; m. —— Butler.
1701. xiii. SUSAN, b. ——.
1702. xiv. SOLOMON M., b. ——.


1703. i. WILMOT, b. ——; m. Wm. Foster.
1704. ii. LYDIA, b. ——.
1705. iii. JABEZ W., b. ——.
1706. iv. AARON MOSES, b. ——.
1707. v. CYRUS W., b. ——.
1708. vi. JOANNA, b. ——; m. Benjamin Foster.
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1709. vii. PHINEHAS, b. Mar. 17, 1795; m. Ruth Rich and Mary Coffin Foster.

1710. viii. EZRA, b. —.

1711. ix. DRUSILLA, b. —; m. John P. Harris.

1712. x. CYNTIAH, b. —; m. Stephen T. Harris.

1713. xi. JEREMIAH, b. —.


1714. i. MARTHA, b. —; m. T. P. Folsom and Henry S. Chase, son of Wm. and Lucy (Smith).

1715. ii. JAMES, b. —.

1716. iii. NATHAN W., b. —.

1717. iv. ELIZA, b. —; m. Luther Carey.

1718. v. JOEL, b. —.

1719. vi. HIRAM, b. —.

890. JOEL FOSTER (Wooden, Benjamin, Benjamin, Isaac, Reginald), b. —; m. Mary West. Res., Machias, Maine

1720. i. STEPHEN, b. —.

1721. ii. JOEL, b. —.

1722. iii. EZEKIEL, b. —.

1723. iv. STEPHEN C., b. —.

1724. v. REBECCA, b. —; m. Alfred Foster.

892. ELIAS FOSTER (Wooden, Benjamin, Benjamin, Isaac, Reginald), b. —; m. Mary Gooch, dau. of Benj. and Molly (Nash); m. 2d., Lucy Dorman. Res., Machias, Maine.

1725. i. REBECCA, b. —.

1726. ii. SARAH, b. —; m. R. Pagan Buckman.

1727. iii. WOODEN, b. —.

1728. iv. MARY, b. —.

1729. v. JANE, b. —; m. Geo. W. Blake.

1730. vi. EZRA, b. —.

1731. vii. LEWIS, b. —.

1732. viii. MARY, b. —; m. Jacob Day.

1733. ix. GILBERT D., b. —.

1734. x. LEONARD, b. —; d. —.

1735. xi. LEONARD C., b. —.

1736. xii. WILLARD W., b. —.

1737. xiii. E. BURTON, b. —.

1738. xiv. S. HARRIS, b. —.

1739. xv. ALMIRA, b. —; m. Albion P. Wellington.

1740. xvi. A. LORING, b. —.


1741. i. CHARLES, b. Oct. 10, 1803; m. Lavinia P. Chase.

1742. ii. LOUISA, b. —.

1743. iii. ELIZABETH, G., b. —.

1744. iv. LOUISA, b. —; m. Simeon Chase.

1745. v. ANN, b. —; m. Josiah P. Kellar.

1746. vi. OLIVE, b. —.

1747. vii. FRANCES U., b. —; m. David Brown.

896. BENJAMIN FOSTER (Ezekiel, Benjamin, Benjamin, Isaac, Reginald), b. Limerick, Me., May 1, 1777; m. Limerick, Me., Oct., 1797, Hannah Bartlett. She d. Dover, Me., aet. 79. He was a farmer. He d. Nov., 1867. Res., Dover, Maine.

1748. i. EREASTUS, b. Oct. 25, 1801; m. Betsey Clough.


1750. iii. SUSAN, b. Apr. 11, 1805. A son is B. B. Smith, Dover, Maine.

1751. iv. MARY, b. Aug. 9, 1806; d. s. p.
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1753. vi. LEIGHTON, b. April 19, 1810; m. Clarissa Ricker.

1754. vii. LYDIA, b. April 10, 1812.


1757. x. KEZIAH, b. —. A dau. is Mrs. Cynthia J. Ingalls, Sherman Mills, Maine.


1758. i. JOHN, b. Nov. 11, 1795; m. Bernice Harris.

1759. ii. SALLY, b. —.

1760. iii. NATHAN, b. —.

1761. iv. LEONARD, b. —.

1762. v. AUSTIN B., b. Nov. 11, 1807; m. Sarah W. Stout.

1763. vi. HANNAH, b. —.

1764. vii. LEWIS, b.

1765. viii. AUNTICE, b. —.

1766. ix. AMOS b. —.

1767. x. PHEBE b. —.

1768. xi. ELECTA b. —.


1769. i. JOHN W., b. May 12, 1794.


1771. iii. MARY J., b. June 20, 1810; m. — Watts; went west.

1772. iv. ELIJAH WILLARD, b. Oct. 8, 1807; m. Tryphena Lovewell.

1773. v. ABIGAIL, b. July 6, 1796. She d. s. p.


1775. vii. SOPHIA, b. Sept. 21, 1800.

1776. viii. HARRIET WILLARD, b. June 16, 1805; d. s. p.

1777. ix. ABRAHAM, b. July 14, 1802; d. s. p.

901. NATHANIEL FOSTER (Samuel, Jeremiah, Abraham, Jacob, Reginald), b. Ashburnham, Mass., Dec. 26, 1771; m., Jan. 11, 1795, Hepeshire Cutting, dau. of Samuel. He was a farmer in the northeast part of town and conducted a sawmill. Until the death of another person by the same name he was styled Jr. He d. Sept. 30, 1836. Res., Ashburnham, Mass.


1779. ii. SAMUEL, b. July 28, 1799; m. Emeline Kibling.

1780. iii. EMMA, b. Dec. 29, 1803; m. Thomas Bennett, of Gardner. She moved to Ashburnham about 1824, and remained a number of

1781. iv. EUNICE, b. —; m. Henry Carter, of Leominster; 4 ch.
1782. v. NANCY, b. —; m. Metaphor Kendall, of Leominster. She d. 1843. and left 5 ch.

1784. vii. ADELINE, b. Sept. 30, 1809; m., Sept. 11, 1832, Albert Lamb, of Leominster.
1785. viii. ELVIRA F., b. —; m. Stephen Dodge, of Leominster.
1786. ix. LEONARD, b. Apr. 14, 1814; m. Malvina Lawrence, Clarissa Cole, and Sarah Howard.
1787. x. EMMA, b. Sept. 3, 1801; d. young.

903. SAMUEL FOSTER (Samuel, Jeremiah, Abraham, Jacob, Reginald), b. Ashburnham, Mass., Feb. 9, 1776; m., Feb. 5, 1799, Lydia Stearns; b. Mar. 24, 1780. She was dau. of William Stearns and Lydia Davis and gr.-dau. of Hon. Isaac Stearns, of Billerica. He was a soldier in the French and Indian War; was a representative and senator in the State legislature and highly respected as a soldier, civil magistrate and a Christian. He was son of John, and gr.-son of John, whose father was Isaac, the emigrant ancestor who came to America in 1630 with Sir Richard Salmon, and located in Watertown. He was a selectman and highly respected; came probably from Parish of Wayland in Suffolk in England. He d. April 24, 1868. Res., Stoddard, N. H.

1789. i. STEARKS, b. Dec. 26, 1799; m. Cynthia Wilson and Mary Fuller.


1792. iv. HOSEA, b. Apr. 13, 1806; m. Mary G. Rice.

1801. iv. HOSEA, b. May 1, 1819; m. Cornelia Scaden.

905. JOEL FOSTER (Samuel, Jeremiah, Abraham, Jacob, Reginald), b. Ashburnham, Mass., Aug. 21, 1786; m. there in 1805, Dolly Wetherbee, of Ashby, Mass.; b. Feb. 21, 1774; d. May 23, 1838; m. 2d, Apr. 23, 1839, Mrs. Ruth Fuller, wid. of Benj.; b. 1774; d. Apr. 3, 1850. He was a valuable citizen, was in town office sever al years and ably and faithfully discharged every trust. He d. Sept. 6, 1859. Res., Ashburnham, Mass.

1802. i. HARRIET, b. Sept. 10, 1806; m., Apr. 1, 1830, James Hayward, of Ashby. She d. Apr. 10, 1839. He m. 2d, Melinda Corey.


1804. iii. JEROME W., b. Dec. 15, 1810; m. Mary Colson.

1805. iv. DOROTHY, b. Sept. 6, 1813; m., June, 1833, Lewis G. Houghton, of Ashby. She d. Dec. 31, 1865. He was born Apr. 12, 1804, son of Elijah and Sarah.


1806. i. MOSES B., b. ——.

1807. ii. JOSEPH, b. ——.

1808. iii. JOHN, b. ——.

1809. iv. SALLY, b. ——.


1810. i. JOSEPH, b. 1794; d. Dec. 18, 1815.

1811. ii. LUCY, bapt. Oct. 13, 1799; d. young.

1812. iii. LUCY, bapt. June 10, 1803.

1813. iv. ELVIRA CATHERINE, b. ——.


1814. i. THOMAS, b. Dec. 4, 1803; d. Dec. 29, 1804.


1816. iii. ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 7, 1807; d. Feb. 15, 1809.

1817. iv. DUDLEY, b. Nov. 15, 1809; m. Louisa Pollard and Mary A. ——.


1819. vi. DANIEL WHITNEY, b. Mar. 23, 1814; d. June 6, 1815.


1821. viii. ELIZABETH ANN, b. July 2, 1817; unm.
1823. x. JOSEPH, b. July 20, 1821; m. Lydia A. Dutton.
1824. xi. JONATHAN, b. Jan. 1, 1823.


1826. i. LAURA, b. ——; m. Henry Blanchard, of Wilmington, Mass.
1828. iii. LEVI THOMAS, b. ——; m. Mariah E. Richardson.
1829. iv. JOHN, b. 1828; d. Dec. 14, 1851.


1830. i. DANIEL, b. Oct. 10, 1807; m. Elizabeth Woodbury and Elizabeth A. Sisson.
1831. ii. JAMES, b. Mar. 25, 1809; m. Mary Rogers.
1832. iii. MARY ANN, b. Feb. 22, 1811; pub. May 6, 1838; Ebenezer S. Webber.
1834. v. ALFRED, b. Nov. 29, 1819; m. Augusta Lovett.
1835. vi. ADDISON W., b. Nov. 26, 1822; m. Lucy A. Hoserel.
1837. viii. ELIZA A., b. ——; m., Dec. 5, 1856, John E. Wallis, b. 1819; son of Josiah and Ruth.


1838. i. WILLIAM AUGUSTUS, b. Oct. 24, 1814; m. Mary Raymond and Julia F. Trow.
1839. ii. SETH, b. June 12, 1826.
1840. iii. DANIEL, b. Dec. 23, 1821; m. Louisa Dodge.
1841. iv. SAMUEL GOODRIDGE, b. May 24, 1827; m. Caroline Emmons.
1843. vi. JAMES, b. Mar. 4, 1830; d. Mar. 8, 1830.
1844. vii. JAMES, b. May 27, 1831; d. at sea. Date of death unknown.
1847. x. NANCY, b. Mar. 24, 1816. d. ——.

932. JOSEPH FOSTER (Daniel, Joseph, Joseph, Jacob, Reginald), b. Beverly, Mass., May 17, 1789; m. April 7, 1816, Rebecca Batchelder,* dau. of Asa and


1848. i. BETSEY BATCHELDER, b. ——, 1817; d. Nov. 1, 1821.


1850. iii. SALLY STANLEY, b. Jan. 3, 1822; m. June 10, 1856, Nuisip Lee, Jr., widower, aet. 42, son of Philip and Abigail; d. May 26, 1865.

1851. iv. REBECCA BECKFORD, b. Aug. 8, 1826; d. Aug. 12, 1826.


1853. ii. SARAH ELIZABETH, b. July 7, 1829; d. May 5, 1833.

1854. iii. WILLIAM LOVETT, b. Nov. 4, 1837; mariner; d. unm. June 13, 1858; consumption.

1855. iv. JOHN ELLINWOOD, d. of cholera infantum, 1841-2.

949. JOHN WELSH FOSTER (James, Nathan, Joseph, Jacob, Reginald), b. June 6, 1789; m. Aug. 31, 1824, in Portsmouth, N. H., Mary Appleton, b. in 1789, in Boston, dau. of Dr. Nathaniel Walker Appleton (Nathaniel, Nathaniel, John, John, Samuel) and Sarah, dau. of William Greenleaf, of Boston (as stated in the Genealogy of the Appleton Family; W. S. Appleton, Boston, 1874, p. 22).

Mrs. Foster's great-grandfather was Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Appleton, of Cambridge, in honor of whom the Appleton Chapel, at Harvard university was named, and Dr. Appleton's grandfather was President John Rogers, of Harvard. A grandson of her cousin, Nathaniel Appleton, of Haverhill, is Frederic W. Putnam, curator of the Peabody museum, of American Archaeology, of Harvard university.

John Welsh Foster, after his father's death, in 1793, lived for nine years with his uncle, Joseph Hiller, then collector of the port of Salem. He settled in Portsmouth, N. H., in 1812, and in 1819 was chosen deacon of the Unitarian church; he held that position and was one of the superintendents of the Sunday school as long as he lived.

A memorial of John W. Foster, edited by Andrew P. Peabody. D. D., pastor of the church, was published in Portsmouth, in 1852. He d. Jan. 10, 1852, in Portsmouth. She d. ——, 18—.


1856. i. JOSEPH HILLER, b. Aug., 1825; m. Auleada Morgan.


1858. iii. MARY A., b. ——; unm. Res., Portsmouth, N. H.

950. HENRY GARDNER FOSTER (Nathaniel, Nathan, Joseph, Jacob, Reginald), b. Boston, Mass., Dec. 9, 1795; m. Framingham, Mass., March 3, 1821, Anna Angier Haven, of Framingham, Mass, dau. of Dea. Moses Pike, b. March 14, 1795 (Gideon, Moses, Nathaniel, Richard, the emigrant). She d. Nov. 26, 1853. He was a man of scholarly tastes and much family pride, and the family genealogy was carefully preserved. He was a prominent citizen of Boston; was of the firm of Walley & Foster, East India merchants, who owned their ships in the palm of days of old Boston's India trade. He was one of the founders and supporters of the Swedenborgian church in Boston.

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1859. i. EMILY, b. May, 1825; d. Sept., 1832.
1861. iii. REGINALD, b. June 25, 1828; m. Anna Maria Wentworth.
1862. iv. OLIVIA, b. April 22, 1830; d. Sept., 1832.

953. ISAAC FOSTER (Isaac, Isaac, Joseph, Jacob, Reginald), b. Marblehead, Mass., March 9, 1768; m. in Andover, N. H., 1795, Charlotte Whitman, b. Abington, Mass., March 9, 1771; d. March 25, 1840. She was dau. of John of Weymouth, b. Oct. 9, 1740; m. (pub. Jan. 15, 1763) Betty, probably daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Gurney) Tyrell, b. Oct. 17, 1745; settled for a time at Abington. In the record of his father’s will is mentioned as a ‘laborer, resident of Abington;’ in 1872 there was a John Whitman taxed at Bedford, and there is a lot in that town still known as the Whitman lot; it is probably this John, as his brother Levi was already a resident of Bedford; he later resided at Acworth, N. H.; according to tradition in the family of the eldest daughter there were seven children. Mrs. Foster removed with her parents to Andover, N. H., being then about 18; after her marriage resided for a few years at Acworth, N. H.; then removed to Moretown, where she d. He d. Sept. 8, 1851. Res., Moretown, Vt.


1864. ii. WILLIAM BACON, b. Nov. 26, 1798; m. Eliza W. Washburn and Mrs. Lidde (Bowman) Nobles.

1865. iii. ELON, b. April 6, 1801; d. March 2, 1814.
1866. iv. CALVIN REY, b. Oct. 15, 1803; m. Susan Spooner.
1867. v. LEONARD ROBERTSON, b. April 9, 1807; m. Jane Boyington Johnson and Liva Ann Evans.

1868. vi. ISAAC GILLMAN, b. March 25, 1812; m. Elizabeth Mayo, Lucretia Hathaway, Malinda M. Perkins and Mrs. Elizabeth Loviza (Paunce) Brigham.

1869. vii. JOHN WHITMAN, b. July 12, 1813; m. Louisa A. Davis.

958. DANIEL FOSTER (Isaac, Isaac, Joseph, Jacob, Reginald), b. Newburyport, Mass., about 1776; m. ——, Phileena Pettingill, b. 1769; d. Augusta, Oct. 4, 1824. He was an inspector of brick and mortar in Augusta (see North’s History) and he married the daughter of Benjamin Pettingill, a prominent citizen of that place, whose services are quite fully recorded in North’s History of Augusta, and in Chaffin’s History of Easton, Mass. He enlisted in the army and was in the battle of Tippecanoe, in Indiana, which was fought on the banks of the river of that name, Nov. 5, 1811. The Indians, under Tecumseh’s brother, the Prophet, were defeated by the United States troops, under Gen. Wm. H. Harrison. Mr. Foster was said to have been in that battle, and was never heard of afterward.

His wife was a daughter of Benjamin Pettingill and Mrs. Judith (Castle) Atherton. Benjamin, who went to Augusta from Easton, Mass., at the time of the first settlement in Hallowell in 1779, was then 50 years of age. He was a magistrate, selectman and moderator at town meetings. He d., prob., in 1811. Res., Augusta, Me.

1870. i. DANIEL, b. July 5, 1799; m. Rebecca Eaton.
1871. ii. CONY, b. April 16, 1801; m. Caroline Brown.
1872. iii. MARY, b. ——; d. when a child.

1872. i. JONH GRAY, b. May 27, 1825; m. Mary Mole and Anna Johnson.
1872. ii. GEORGE, b. Nov. 20, 1816; m., June 2, 1842, Mary E. Jones; d. Dec. 23, 1862.
1872. iii. MARY JANE, b. Aug. 5, 1818; d. March 14, 1848.
1872. iv. MOSES GRAY, b. March 30, 1830; d. July 14, 1853.
1872-2. vii. EDWIN, b. —, 1819; m. Sarah Fox Bullard.

966-6. JOSHUA FOSTER (John, Isaac, Joseph, Jacob, Reginald), b. Hancock, N. H., Feb. 12, 1796; m. Oct. 8, 1816, Sally Hopkins; m. 2d, March 22, 1823, Mary Ann Fletcher; m. 3d, Oct. 16, 1851, Dorothy Little. He d. April 16, 1867. Res., Hancock, N. H.

1872-3. ii. CHARLES, b. Feb. 26, 1826; m. Mary Ann Gray and had one child, Ada.
1872-6. v. ELWIN C., b. —, 1852; m. Annie Shaw.


1873. i. MARY ELIZABETH, b. Feb. 21, 1824; d. June 22, 1825.
1875. iii. GEORGE HUNTING, b. March 7, 1828; m. Martha A. Bidwell.


1880. i. JOHN ADAMS, b. Sept. 10, 1819; m. Laura Lund.
1882. iii. SARAH ADAMS, b. Jan. 9, 1823; d. April 4, 1895.
1884. v. SAMUEL MOULTON, b. Mar. 18, 1833; d. Feb. 28, 1836.
1885. vi. EBEN EDWARDS, b. Feb. 15, 1827; m.
1887. viii SAMUEL T., b. Oct. 3, 1838; m. Elizabeth Pinkerton.

971. FRANKLIN FOSTER (Samuel, Isaac, Joseph, Jacob, Reginald), b. Billerica, Mass., Feb. 19, 1798; m., Jan. 12, 1826, Mary Hunting, b. Feb. 28, 1800; d. Sept. 7, 1875. Franklin Foster, fourth son of Samuel, was educated mostly by his father, who was accurate and careful, as the traditions of the family show, and secured thoroughness as far as the means of the family allowed. Three of the sons and three of the daughters showed the result of his endeavors in their mental clearness and comprehension. Franklin followed his eldest brother to the town then called Dunstable, now Nashua, on the Merrimac. There he followed his trade of wheelwright, which he abandoned later to engage, early in the forties, in lumbering for the then new enterprise of railroad building. He lived in the one house for nearly forty years, where he cared for his mother until the ripe old age of ninety-four. He was an ardent temperance advocate and freesoiler; a man modest in his opinion of himself and reverent and devout toward his God. He d. Sept. 15, 1865, Res., Nashua, N. H.


1891. iv. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, b. Sept. 17, 1829; d. Feb. 12, 1830.
1892. v. MARY, b. June 13, 1830; d. Nov. 24, 1831.
1893. vi. LUCY PAYSON, b. June 22, 1832; d. unm., Nov. 20, 1836.

994. MAXWELL STEWART FOSTER (Theodore, Jedediah, Ephraim, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. Providence, R. I., Dec. 6, 1804; m., Aug. 27, 1823, Mary Howard; b. Nov. 12, 1795 (dau. of Silas Howard of Burrillville, R. I., and Mary Bowen). She d. May 24, 1835; and he m. a 2d wife Lydia ——, who d. soon, and afterward m. a 3d wife, Maria Thompson. He was a farmer at Burrillville. He d. there May 9, 1840, aet. 44. He resided for a short time at Syracuse, N. Y. Res., Burrillville, Rhode Island.
1896. i. ESTHER, b. May 30, 1824; d. Dec. 9, 1831, aet. 7.
1897. ii. EMELINE, b. Apr. 4, 1825; m. Lewis Chamberlain, Mar. 8, 1847; b. Nov. 1, 1825 (son of Alpheus Chamberlain and Lydia Brown); a farmer at North Coventry, Conn. He enlisted Aug. 5, 1861, at Harrisville, R. I., as a private in the Fourth R. I. Regt., Co. D, and was in the Burnside expedition in Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, etc. After a year and a quarter of service he was compelled by long sickness to leave the army. Ch.: a. Mary Elizabeth Chamberlain, b. June 9, 1849; m., Sept. 20, 1866, John Hervey Talcott; b. Sept. 7, 1846 (son of Dea. Joseph Talcott of Coventry

1835. SAMUEL WILLIS FOSTER (Theodore, Jedediah, Ephraim, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. Foster, R. I., Nov. 30, 1806; m. Feb. 23, 1829, Ruth Belden Seymour; b. Nov. 6, 1808 (dau. of Ira Seymour, of Webster, Mich., and Betsey Morehouse). He removed in May, 1828, to Dexter, Mich., then all out a wilderness. and in 1830 to Scio, Mich., where he followed milling (flour and lumber) for many years. He was very zealous in advocating anti-slavery and temperance principles of private and public action at a time and in a section where such ideas were especially unpopular. In the rage for emigration to California in 1850, he went there also, for purposes of mining, and shortly after his arrival d. in San Francisco, Oct. 11, 1850. He was a man of positive convictions, generous sympathies and great energy of character. His widow resided at Hudson, Wis., and d. March 25, 1870. Res., Dexter and Scio, Mich.

1900. i. OSCAR, b. Aug. 15, 1830; d. Sept. 16, 1830.
1901. ii. ANDREW DWIGHT, b. Aug. 5, 1832; m. —.
1902. iii. ESTHER, b. Sept. 17, 1834; m. June 5, 1857, Theodore S. Seymour. Res., Milford, Iowa, and Duluth, Minn. He was b. July 1, 1828, s. p.
1905. vi. IRA SEYMOUR, b. April 1, 1846; m. Grace Louise Selleck.

1906. EDWARD DWIGHT CRANSTON FOSTER (Theodore, Jedediah, Ephraim, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. Foster, R. I., Dec. 28, 1805; m. June 8, 1832, Alma Jeanette Seymour, b. March 19, 1816, dau. of Ira Seymour, of Webster, Mich., and Betsey Morehouse. She d. in Scio, Mich., Jan. 11, 1843. He m. 2d, Nov. 1, 1843, Cornelia Seymour, her sister; b. April 17, 1806. In 1836 he removed to Scio, Mich., and engaged in milling with his brother Samuel (1836-43). In 1843 he removed to Commerce, Mich., where he was miller (both flour and lumber) until his death Aug. 16, 1852, act. 43. He was a zealous advocate of the rights and interests of the neglected and abused classes of society. His widow resided at Detroit, Mich., in 1874. Res., Scio and Commerce, Mich.

1907. i. EDWARD DWIGHT, b. at Scio, May 12, 1838, a leather merchant in Detroit (Mumford, Foster & Co.); m. Marian Langley.
1908. ii. LYDIA, b. at Scio, July 23, 1840; d. July 26, 1843.

By second wife:


1909. iv. MARY, b. Feb. 12, 1848, at Commerce; has been an invalid and bed-ridden for many years.

1907. THEODORE FOSTER (Theodore, Jedediah, Ephraim, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. Foster, R. I., April 3, 1812. In 1827, when 14 years of age, he shipped as a sailor boy on a vessel bound for the East Indies. Having received ill treatment, he deserted the ship at New Orleans and actually came back on foot from that distant point to his home in Rhode Island. Finding that his father had died in his absence, he went to Dexter, Minc., in 1829, where his brother, Samuel, then
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lived. On the formation of the Abolition party he became one of its most active members. He edited "The Signal of Liberty" at Ann Arbor, 1841-7, which in 1847, was merged in "The National Era," published at Washington, D. C. He advocated, earnestly, the election of James G. Birney to the presidency. He was considered by leading anti-slavery men a very able and clear-headed writer on our national duties, interests and dangers. He edited also for some time after 1847 "The Free Democrat" of Detroit. In 1855, he was appointed by Governor Bingham one of the Building Commissioners for The Reform School at Lansing, Mich., and before its completion, in 1856, was made its superintendent and held the office for 4 years (1856-60), being afterward also on the Board of Control. He was clerk of the city of Lansing, Mich. (1861-2), deputy-collector (1863-4) and editor (1864) of the Lansing State Republican, a position which poor health compelled him to resign soon. He d. of consumption Dec. 27, 1865, aet. 53. He was equally modest and earnest constitutionally conservative; he was from deep moral conviction thoroughly radical. Naturally very sensitive to misappreciation and opposition and obloquy, he yet delighted in defending and promoting everywhere, as opportunity offered, whatever seemed to him to be truest and best, no matter what were the odds against him. He was a man of quick perceptions, strong memory and philosophic habits of thought, with fine logical powers of reasoning. He was also a close student, and much addicted to literary occupations. He had dark hair and eyes and a florid complexion. He m., July 15, 1832, Francis Delia Seymour; b. June 9, 1804 (dau. of Ira Seymour, of Victor, N. Y., and Betsey Morehouse, afterward of Webster, Mich.)

1910. i. CHARLES TILLINGHAST, b. at Scio, Mich., Jan. 16, 1834, enlisted May 11, 1861, in the Third Mich. Regt., and joined the army of the Potomac under General McClellan. The regimental color-bearer having been killed at the battle of Williamsburgh, the colonel asked the regiment, “Who will take the colors?” No one else offering to take such a risk, he slipped forth from the ranks, after a brief delay, and said: “I will take them; they shall not go a begging.” He bore them into the next battle at Fair Oaks, May 31, 1862, knowing that he was marching to certain death, and was shot in the left side of the neck. He held fast to the dear flag after he had fallen, and said with his last breath: “Let some one take the colors.”

1911. ii. FRANCES (Fanny), b. at Ann Arbor, Dec. 19, 1842; m., April 18, 1864, Albert Eugene Cowles; b. May 14, 1838, at Chardon, O. (son of Joseph Phep Cowles and Fanny Howe). He was grad. at the law department of the University of Michigan in 1862, and since May, 1864, practiced law at Lansing, Mich. They have an adopted daughter, Grace Cowles; b. June 2, 1870.

1912. iii. SEYMOUR, b. at Ann Arbor, July 4, 1845; enlisted Dec. 20, 1863, among the U. S. Sharpshooters, 3d brigade, 3d division, 2d army corps, and served until the end of the war. He was in all the battles of the Wilderness at Todd’s Tavern, Po River, Spottsylvania, North Ann River, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Va., Weldon R. Road, Deep Bottom, Boydton Plank Road, etc., in all forty-six skirmishes and battles, and was not once wounded. He was mustered out at Detroit, July 17, 1865. He resides now at Lansing. Postmaster State Constitutional Convention, 1869; city clerk of Lansing, 1874-5-6; city treasurer, 1877-8-9; clerk of State House of Representatives, 1885-7-9; appointed postmaster of Lansing, 1886, by President Harrison—resigned March 4, 1893; member of State House of Representatives, 1895; receiver of the People’s Saving Bank, 1896; appointed postmaster of Lansing by President McKinley, 1897. He m., May 25, 1871, Mary L. Woodworth; b. Jan. 4, 1847. Ch.: 1. Charles Woodworth, b. March 28, 1873. Lawyer, Res., L. B. L.—University of Michigan, 1895; LL. B.—University of Michigan, 1896; circuit court commissioner Ingham county, Michigan, 1898; practicing law at Lansing, Mich. 2. Walter Seymour, b. Sept. 23, 1877. He is now (1898) junior in the literary department at the University of Michigan. 3. Gertrude, b. Oct. 27, 1879. 4. Theodore George, b. Feb. 23, 1888.
JUDGE THEODORE ADELPHIDUS FOSTER (Theophilus, Jedediah, Ephraim, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. March 22, 1778; m. 1803, Julia Green (dau. of Judge Jacob Green, who was brother to Gen. Nathaniel Green of Revolutionary memory). He was graduated at Brown university in 1800, studied law with Gen. Ives at Gr. Barrington, practiced the profession at Providence and was made judge (of what court not known to the writer). He d. in 1825, aet. 47. He had two daughters and three sons. His daughters were Ann and Harriet. Res., Providence, R. I.

1913. i. ANN, b. about 1804; m. a Mr. Post, who lived at Niagara Falls, N. Y., and afterward at Wheeling W. Va. They were lost with their four children on board of a schooner in a gale while on their way from Cleveland to Buffalo.

1914. ii. HARRIET, b. about 1806; m. a Mr. Cramer of Parkman, Geauga Co., O.

The names of the sons of Judge Theodore A. Foster and their history the author was not able to ascertain, although striving earnestly to do so.


1915. i. MARY, b. Sept. 25, 1807; m. 1838, Sylvester B. Hosmer. He d. 1859. She resided, in 1874, in Parkman, O.

1916. ii. DWIGHT, b. March 25, 1809; m. Betsey Brownell.


ELIJAH DWIGHT FOSTER (Theophilus, Jedediah, Ephraim, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. Brookfield, Mass., April 12, 1791; m., Oct. 10, 1814, Martha Green Lavalley; b. at Harwick, R. I., Sept. 1, 1780. She d. at Greenbush, N. Y., July 16, 1823, and he m., Oct. 5, 1823 at Greenbush, for 2d wife, widow Ruth Cor- nelia Cady nee Nichols; b. at Springfield, Mass., April 12, 1794, widow of Joseph Cady, dau. of Joshua Nichols originally of Brookfield, Mass., and Abiah Mather. She d. at West Creek, Ind., Nov. 29, 1850, aet. 56, and he m., Aug. 5, 1854, for 3d wife, widow Fanny P. Eames, nee Parmelee; b. at Wilmington, VT., Sept. 11, 1795 (dau. of Dea James Parmelee and Caroline Webster). He is a farmer. Res., West Creek, Ind.

1918. i. ELIZA DWIGHT, b. at Wilmington, VT., Jan. 12, 1816; m. Harvey Coleman, at Euclid, O., May 10, 1837. Coleman was b. at Euclid, March 4, 1811 (son of Jacob Coleman; b. Aug. 6, 1791, and d. at Morgantown, Ind., March 5, 1861, and Elizabeth Thomas; b. June 17, 1789), a merchant and manufacturer, Morgantown, Ind., he d. at Hinsley, Ind., May 9, 1843, aet. 27. Ch.: 1. Alonzo Coleman, b. at Euclid, June 14, 1838; d. at Hinsley, Ind., Dec. 6, 1844. 2. Elizabeth Mary Coleman, b. at Hinsley, Aug. 14, 1840; m., Oct. 20, 1856, Israel Egbert; b. July 12, 1831 (son of James and Sarah Egbert, a merchant at Morgantown, Ind.). a. Mary Eliza Egbert, b. Sept. 14, 1857. b. Emily Ann Egbert, b. Nov. 23, 1859. c. James Harvey Egbert, b. Aug. 15, 1861. d. Horatio Seymour Egbert, b. July 22, 1864. e. Rachel Adelia Egbert, b. Dec. 14, 1866.

1919. ii. ALFRED DWIGHT, b. at Athens, Pa., Jan. 22, 1818; m. Sarah Emeline Hathaway.

1920. iii. GEORGE LYMAN, b. at Athens, April 20, 1820; m. Temperance Hathaway and Lucy Jane Hathaway.

1921. iv. SUSANNA PACKARD, b. at Athens, March 29, 1822; d. at Greenbush, N. Y., May 31, 1833.

1922. v. MARTHA CORNELIA, b. at Troy, Pa., Sept. 12, 1824; m. Melvin A. Halsted, May 14, 1842; b. March 19, 1821 (son of William Halsted, of Lowell, Ind.; b. Aug. 23, 1795, and d. July 22, 1834,
and Patty Haskins; d. Nov. 8, 1790, and d. Nov. 30, 1850, whom he m. March 22, 1820, a miller at Lowell, Ind., of which village, recently incorporated, he was the founder. He lived at Pittstown, N. Y. Ch.: 1. William Nichols Halsted, b. Dec. 13, 1843; m., Feb. 8, 1866, Louisa Vandecar (dau. of Peter Vandecar, of West Creek, and Wealthy Clark); a carpenter at Lowell, Ind. 2. Mary Theresa Halsted, b. Nov. 15, 1849; d. July 24, 1857. 3. Theron Haskin Halsted, b. April 4, 1857. 4. An infant daughter, b. and d. Aug. 16, 1865.

1923. vi. MARIA NICHOLS, b. at Troy, Pa., Jan. 11, 1827, m. Joseph Martelle, a farmer in California, who d. without issue.

1924. vii. ALMON NEWTON, b. at Athens, Pa., July 10, 1828.

1925. viii. THEOPHILUS RANDOLPH, b. at Burlington, Pa., April 28, 1830; m. Margaret Foley.


1927. x. LEWIS, b. at Troy, Pa., March 28, 1834; m. Roxana A. Knapp.

1928. xi. VOLNEY ORLAND, b. at Mayfield, O., Feb. 23, 1837; d. March 26, 1857.

1929. xii. SUSANNA DIANA, b. at Euclid, O., Feb. 23, 1838; m. Alexander McIrath Stewart; moved to Missouri and d. there.


997. REV. PEREGRINE PYNCHON FOSTER (Theophilus, Jedediah, Ephraim, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. Wilmington, Vt., May 10, 1793; m. at Coventry, R. I., Nov. 21, 1812, Rebecca Brown, who d. about 1824, and he m. for 2d wife, May 20, 1827, at Granville, Pa., widow Catharine Smith, see Clark (widow of Amos Smith, of Candor, N. Y., and dau. of Nathaniel and Huldah Clark of Granville, Pa.); b. at Granville, Mass., June 24, 1798. She has resided of late, at Elmira, N. Y., having been a widow for the second time since 1834. He was a Free-Will Baptist. He preached for a time at Granville, Pa., and in 1839, removed to Ohio, and preached to the Baptist churches at Farmington and Southington, O. He worked during week-time on his farm, like the early ministers of New England. He d. of pneumonia at Farmington, O., Feb. 17, 1834, aet. 40. He lived a useful life, and d. a happy death.

1931. i. MARY ANN, b. at Warren, R. I., Nov. 3, 1813; m. Aug. 14, 1833, Horatio N. Converse, a merchant at Parkham, O., and afterward at Cleveland, Lake Superior, for the Upper Lake's Fur Trading Company, and afterward a forwarder at Sault St. Marie. She d. at Lithopolis, O., Feb. 1853. He m. again.

1932. ii. SUSAN PACKARD, b. at Coventry, R. I., April 12, 1815; m., April 18 1842, Lewis Knapp; b. Dec. 26, 1812 (son Daniel and Christina Knapp, of Pompey, N. Y.); a merchant tailor at Kenosha, Wis. He has also a malt house, and prepares barley for manufacture into beer and ale. No issue.

1933. iii. ALFRED, b. Sept. 29, 1816; m. Catherine Van Wagner.

1934. iv. CHARLES, b. at Coventry, R. I., April 7, 1818; m. (whom not ascertained) and had three children; his widow m. afterward a Mr. Ackerman, of Brighton, Macoupin county, Ill.

1935. v. ELIZA, b. June 19, 1819; m. Sherman Carlton, of Mantua, O., who lived in Franklin, O. He d. in 1851, and she m. for 2d husband, a Mr. Holden, of Franklin. He d. soon. She resides in Osceola, Wis. Children by first marriage: 1. Charles Carlton, b. about 1839, was a Union soldier in the civil war, and lost a leg in the battle on the Big Sandy River. 2. Robert Carlton, b. about 1841,
was a Union soldier in the civil war; lives in Pittsburg and is
married. 3. Nelson Carlton, b. about 1843, was a Union soldier
in the civil war and d. of a fever. 4. Francis Carlton (twin), b.
about 1845; resides in Mantua, O. 5. Forest Carlton, (twin),
b. about 1845; resides in Mantua, O. By second marriage she
had two children.

1836. vi. HORACE, m., was trustee for education when a young man while out hunting with a friend.

1837. vii. PHILANDER PACKARD, b. at Troy, Pa., Nov. 20, 1823; m. twice; was a Union soldier in the civil war, and d. at Raleigh, N. C., in 1864. By second wife:

1838. viii. LUTHER CLARK, b. at Granville, Pa., May 24, 1828; m., Mary E. Witherspoon and Charlotte Lindsay.

1839. ix. HARRIET AMELIA, b. in Farmington, O., June 5, 1831; m. Nov. 13, 1856, as his 2d wife. Aaron Canfield Chapman; b. April 29, 1818, at Berkshire, N. Y. (son of Jedediah Chapman and Constant Canfield), a farmer in Newark Valley, Tioga County, N. Y. No issue.


He was born on the old homestead in Brookfield; received his preparatory education by private instruction and at Leicester academy; was graduated at Harvard college in 1819; studied law with his uncle, Samuel M. Burnside, Esq., in Worcester, Mass.; was admitted to the bar in 1822, and resided in Brookfield until 1824, when he moved to Worcester; was professional partner of Mr. Burnside until 1827, when he retired from practice. He was representative in the general court in 1851-2-3 and selectman in 1832; was a member of the governor's council. He was a trustee of Leicester academy and of Amherst college; trustee and treasurer of the State Lunatic Asylum for many years. To know Mr. Foster was to love and respect him; to the manners of a real gentleman, were added that kindness and benevolence of character so universally admired by all capable of appreciating such qualities. He was chairman of the two commissions appointed concerning the State Reform school in Westborough, Mass., one to procure the site, plans and estimates for the buildings, and frame needful laws for the right management of the institution when established; and the other, to erect the buildings themselves. He was also for several years a trustee of Amherst college and a corporate member of the A. B. C. T. M. He was for many years (1832-52) an active member of the Congregational church, which, when he joined it, was under the care of Rev. J. S. C. Abbot. His personal presence was dignified and commanding. An extract from a letter written playfully by himself, Jan. 19, 1842, to his cousin, Fredric A. Foster, Esq., of Lancaster, Ohio, where he lived, and who kindly put it into the authors' hands, will place him clearly before the reader's eye. "Now if you wish to know me," he says, "imagine a man about five feet, ten and one-half or eleven inches high, with broad shoulders; a little round, oblong, fat face; large abdomen, bald head, except as it is covered with a wig; hazel eyes, and weighing from 275 and 300 pounds, and you have me. Then for character, say generally, professedly religious, a member of an orthodox church, and though far from meeting his own views of duty, maintaining such a walk as not, so far as he knows, to bring reproach upon his brethren; cautious but not shrewd in the management of his business; a whig, though not a rabid bank-whig in politics; social in his feelings and yet living very much retired, and going into very little company; teetotaler in temperance and a moderate eater, and yet having the gut occasionally, as he supposes by inheritance; having very few friends, but those few rather warmly attached, and he may say as few enemies that he knows of. Excuse this egotism; if it amuse you I shall be glad. It is honest." His personal presence is said by many to have been manly and noble. He is described as a man of naturally quick perceptions, a tenacious memory, strong powers of reasoning and careful habits of observation, and as having broad and generous views of things and being a many-sided man, and eminently genial in his disposition, and public spirited. In his religious character he is represented as having been entirely unassuming, but at the same time earnest, resolved, reliable, courageous and catholic, and altogether free from everything like ostentation or pretense in word or deed. Mr. and Mrs. Foster were distantly related, both being descendants of Reginald Foster, the emigrant, through his grand-son, Ephraim
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1940. i. DWIGHT, b. Dec. 13, 1828; m. Harriet P. Baldwin. 1941. ii. MARY STILES, b. May 23, 1830; m. as his second wife, Jan. 25, 1855, Rev. Robinson Potter Dunn, b. in Newport, R. I., May 31, 1825. Eldest son of Theophilus Calhoun Dunn, M. D.; b. in New York, July 8, 1800, of parents from Devonshire, Eng., a physician in Newport, and Elizabeth Potter; b. Jan. 23, 1806; graduated at Brown university in 1833, and remained there until 1845 as assistant librarian and instructor in French. He resigned and graduated at Princeton Theological Seminary in 1849. He was for a short time settled over the first Presbyterian church in Camden, near Philadelphia, but was soon called to the professorship of rhetoric and English literature in Brown university, which office he held for sixteen years, until his death, 1851-67. He was a man of high literary ideals and attainments and of varied scholarship, being familiar with modern English and German classics, as well as with the Latin, Greek and Hebrew. He was twice invited to Princeton, once as instructor in Hebrew, while settled at Camden, and again while at Providence as professor of English literature. He was a frequent contributor to the Princeton Review, and to the Bibliotheca Sacra, and was busy at the time of his death in editing one of the volumes of Langes’ Commentary on the Old and New Testaments. He d. of erysipelas, after a short illness in Newport, R. I., Aug. 28, 1867. His first wife was Marza Stille, dau. of John Stille, of Philadelphia, whom he m. Sept., 1845, and who d. the following year. His widow resided at Worcester, Mass. They had one child: i. Dwight Foster Dunn, b. Dec. 11, 1865, at Providence.


1905. PEREGRINE PITT FOSTER (Peregrine, Jedediah, Ephraim, Ephraim, Aoraham, Reginald), b. Oct. 24, 1786, Providence, R. I.; m. Oct. 7, 1806, Elizabeth Cushing, b. Nov., 1777 (dau. of Col. Nathaniel Cushing, of Belpre, O., originally of Boston, Mass., and Elizabeth Heath, of Pembroke, Mass.). He was a merchant at Gallipolis, O. He d. Feb. 28, 1815, aet. 28. She d. without issue June 29, 1864, aet. 87; a widow for 49 years. She was a practical, earnest, superior Christian lady. [Colonel Cushing was conspicuous in the Revolutionary War. He went with the Ohio company to Marietta in 1788, and for three years encountered with them the terrors of Indian border warfare.]

1907. FREDERIC AUGUSTUS FOSTER (Peregrine, Jedediah, Ephraim, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. Providence, R. I., May 7, 1791; m., Nov. 13, 1817, Sarah Arnold, b. Oct. 2, 1800 (dau. of Henry Arnold, a merchant at Lancaster, O., and Mary Bowman, dau. of Simeon Bowman and Mary M. Easter. They were both born at Hagerstown, Md.; he, Sept. 30, 1779, and she, Oct. 2, 1782, and were m. in 1798. He d. Sept. 8, 1857; she d. Sept. 29, 1854). She d. Aug. 21, 1842, aet. 42, and he m., for 2d wife, Oct. 8, 1844, Elizabeth Wilson, b. Dec. 30, 1813 (dau. of Col. Robert Wilson of Lancaster, O., and Jane Donivan. He was b. in Harrisburgh, Pa., in 1777, and settled in 1798, in Fairfield county, O., and m. her in 1809, and d. in 1844, aet. 67. She was from Shippensburg, Pa., and was b. in 1784, and d. in 1844, aet. 60. He was, in 1812, in the army of the Northwest, and was colonel of cavalry under Gen. William Henry Harrison). He was for nearly 25 years an active
and successful merchant at Lancaster, O. (1810-32), and a deacon, afterward ruling elder in the Presbyterian church. He has been a life-long teetotaler, and active in matters of temperance, benevolence and social progress, and was (1874) living and full of energy in a ripe and fresh old age. He has held at various times a number of important civil trusts: as director for settling up the affairs of the Lancaster bank at the expiration of its charter; receiver and paymaster for the construction of "The Lateral Canal," from Lancaster to Carroll. He has had much to do in managing estates left to his care as administrator, executor and trustee of the same. For 20 years (1832-52) he was much employed in erecting stores and homes upon his lands at Lancaster and Carroll, and especially at Carroll, which he did very much in connection with his nephew, W. Foster Breck, to develop and establish as a young and thriving town.

1943. i. PEREGRINE DWIGHT, b. Feb. 18, 1819; m. Margaret Mary Deuble and Martha Buckingham.


1945. iii. MARIE LOUISE, b. March 25, 1825; m. James E. Cheney.


1948. vi. MARTHA ELLEN, b. Feb. 21, 1837; d. April 24, 1837.

1949. vii. WILLIAM BRECK, b. Nov. 11, 1838; d. Jan. 28, 1862, aet. 23, of camp fever at Somerset, Ky., after three months' brief service as a Union soldier, in the Seventeenth O. Regt. He went to war full of eager enthusiasm to serve his country to the utmost of his ability in the hour of its greatest trial.

1950. viii. WILLIAM PARKMAN, b. Sept. 15, 1845; Supt. of the telegraph office at St. Louis, Mo.

1951. ix. THEODORE PARKMAN, b. Aug. 28, 1847; m.—.

1017. CAPT. JONAS FOSTER (John, John, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. North Andover, Mass., Nov. 15, 1793; m., 1st, Nov. 4, 1817, Mary Apthorp, of Chatham, Mass., b. July 25, 1794; d. Nov. 1, 1828; m., 2d, Dec. 2, 1829, Lydia Richardson Messer, of Methuen. She was b. Nov. 19, 1808; d. April 24, 1889, in Georgetown, Mass. He removed to Salem before 1817; kept wood and lumber wharf near North bridge, and d. —, in Salem.


1954. iii. CHARLES IRA, b. Jan. 18, 1837; m. Martha Farms Cressy.

1955. iv. LYDIA AUGUSTA, b. —; m. George S. Hutchings, organ manufacturer, Boston. Their dau. is Mrs. Alice Holden, of Cambridgeport, Mass.

1956. v. SUSAN, b.

1957. vi. JONAS A., b. in 1832; d. Aug. 11, 1833.


1018. MOODY FOSTER (John, John, John, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. Boxford, Mass., April 29, 1797; m. Feb. 1, 1825, Mary Symonds, dau. of John and Elizabeth (Pickering) Symonds; b. Feb. 1, 1801. He came to Salem after his brother Jonas, and was partner with him. He d. April 15, 1834, in Salem. His widow was living in Salem in 1873.


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Moses Foster was a native of North Andover, Mass. David Smith Foster, being the youngest of ten children, remembers some of the sayings of his father’s earlier exploits and business methods. That when a young man, he carried upon his back, in a common sack, a kit of tools for mending and repairing shoes, calling upon the village and country people soliciting work. That after accumulating a small sum of money in this manner he embarked in a small way in a general country store, keeping such goods as were called for in the line of dry goods, groceries, etc. Opening his place of business in the village of North Andover, Mass. That he frequently made trips to Boston on horseback, with saddlebags attached to the saddle. Said bags to contain the smaller articles of his purchase. A baggage-wagon freight business was conducted by one of the enterprising citizens of North Andover, and orders for West India goods and the heavier articles of merchandise were given exclusively to this “freighter.” The baggage-wagon in those days, with its four horses attached, was one of the sights, and when the driver mounted his seat, with reins in hand, ready to start for Boston, a crowd of village lookers-on gathered and gave the driver “a merry cheer and good luck to you,” repeating this exercise on every start and return of the baggage-wagon to and from Boston. He accumulated by strict attention to his business a competency, carefully investing the same; and in the purchase of small parcels of woodland, which latter purchases proved quite remunerative. He retired from active business when David was quite a young lad. He was fond of figuring out problems in algebra, and would spend many hours in this pastime in his later years. His investments in wood and timber land proved so satisfactory to him that in his will (of which David now has a copy), made on the 20th day of October, 1850, a clause was inserted whereby he decrees that a certain piece or parcel of woodland, situated in North Andover, Mass., shall not be sold and conveyed during the lifetime of his said children; or either of them, to the end that said woodlands may produce another growth of wood before they are so conveyed. Suffice it to say that $3,500 worth of wood was cut and sold from this piece or parcel of land, and the proceeds divided as provided by the terms of his will. David assumed the carrying out of this clause of his father’s will, and still holds possession of the land, but the growth of wood upon said land has not proved so prolific up to date as to warrant his following such a procedure in making my last will and testament of this particular piece of woodland. David now has in his possession the original deed of the same property, conveyed to his father by Frederick Frye, recorded in register of deeds, Essex county, Salem, Mass., July 10, 1815. His father was of robust build, fond of home and his children, and it was his delight to have them all together there on a Thanksgiving Day. He passed on in the year 1865 at the ripe old age of 85 years, respected by his neighbors and beloved by his children, only two of whom out of the ten remain; namely: David and his sister, Mrs. John F. Kimball, of Andover, Mass. He d. Jan. 23, 1865. 


1993. i. SARAH, b. May 13, 1811; d. an infant.


1965. iii. MARY PEABODY, b. Jan. 16, 1814; m. Charles Barnes, Nov. 17, 1841, of Leicester; d. May 7, 1882. Mary Peabody (Foster) Barnes left two children, a son, Charles Henry, that has since died, and a daughter, Sarah Foster, that is still living. Her address is 13 Lynde St., Salem, Mass.


1967 1/2. vi. SUSAN, b. Nov. 18, 1819; d. May 19, 1850, unm.

1968. vii. MOSES, b. Aug. 29, 1821; d. June 27, 1895; m. Oct. 28, 1851, Clara M. Hyde; m., 2d, Dec. 8, 1858, Caroline Hall.

1969. viii. CLARISSA, b. April 8, 1823; m. Hiram Berry, July 29, 1847; d. Aug. 27, 1897. Clarissa (Foster) Berry had two sons, both dead, Alfred d. young, and Clarence Herford d. in 1884. He left two children, one d. young, the other, Herford Berry, is still living. Mr. John F. Kimball is his guardian.


No children.

1971. x. DAVID SMITH, b. May 26, 1826; m. Agnes F. Byers, March 7, 1854.
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1072. i. PAULINA, b. June 6, 1820; d. Jan. 28, 1821.

1073. ii. PAULINA, b. Feb. 20, 1822.


1075. iv. HARRIET MARIA, b. April 23, 1830.

1076. v. SARAH, b. June 3, 1812; m., Feb. 5, 1838, Israel Foster.

1077. vi. DANIEL, b. Jan. 19, 1814; m. Mary S. Carlton.


1079. viii. MARTHA, b. Aug. 7, 1817; m., Oct. 15, 1839, Aaron Dunn.

1080. ix. HENRY, b. April 22, 1819.

1081. x. GEORGE OTIS, b. Feb. 21, 1833.


1082. i. EBENEZER, b. Sept. 5, 1805; m., May 9, 1833, Ellen H. Purvis. Res., A.

1083. ii. AARON, b. Dec. 27, 1808.

1084. iii. JOHN J., b. April 27, 1811.

1085. iv. SAMUEL, b. March 9, 1813.


1088. vii. DAU., b., ___; 1827; d. March 26, 1833.

1089. viii. SIMEON. b., ___.

1033. REV. STEPHEN FOSTER, M. A. (John, Stephen, John, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. Andover, Mass., Feb. 15, 1798; m., ___, Ann A. D. Davis. He graduated at Dartmouth college in 1821, and at Andover Theological Seminary in 1824; was ordained in 1824; he was a home missionary in Texas, and first professor of Latin and Greek, and afterward president of East Tennessee college, Knoxville; he d. Jan. 11, 1835, in Knoxville, Tenn.

1090. i. SARAH J., b., ___; m. Samuel A. Rhea. She was a missionary to Persia.

1034. REV. ISAAC FOSTER (John, Stephen, John, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. Andover, Mass., July 7, 1806; m., July 2, 1834, Frances B. Lee, dau. of Ebenezer and Lydia Lee, of Hanover, N. H. He graduated at Dartmouth college in 1828, and from 1830 to 1839 was a teacher in Portland, Me.; Exeter, N. H., and Kingston, R. I. Res., in 1873, North Andover. He lived in the old Foster house, built in 1715, where his great-great-grandfather, Ephraim Foster, or the latter's son, Ephraim Foster, settled.

1091. i. CHARLES LEE, b. March 2, 1836; graduated at Dartmouth college in 1860; served in the Union army in the war of the Rebellion; d. Aug. 8, 1863, in New Orleans, La.


1093. iii. CLOE'A AUGUSTA, b. October 24, 1843; m., Sept. 19, 1864, Samuel W. Knapp, of Salem.


1094. i. CHARLES SAMUEL, b. Dec. 13, 1833; m. Sarah E. Bixby and Ellen E. Rea.


1096. iii. ORRIN NATHAN, b. April 5, 1843; m. Emma W. Ingalls.

1049. ASA FOSTER (Frederick, Asa, Moses, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. Pembroke, N. H., Oct. 11, 1789; m. Grand Menan, N. B. Nov. 10, 1814, Mary Kent, dau. of John and Susanna. He always resided at Grand Menan, where he was a farmer. Res., Grand Menan, N. B.
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1997. i. MATILDA, b. —; m. Wm. Flagg, and d. in 1845, in Medford, Mass.
1998. ii. EZRA, b. —.
1999. iii. ASA EASTMAN, b. —.
2000. iv. JOHN KENT, b. —.
2001. v. RICHARD E., b. —.
2002. vi. ELIZABETH, b. —; m. — Wall.
2004. viii. WILLIAM, b. —; d. in California.
2006. x. MOSES GERRISH, b. —; m. Susan Cheney, of Grand Manan, Res., Oakland, Cal.

RICHARD EASTMAN FOSTER (Frederick, Asa, Moses, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. Pembroke, N. H., Feb. 15, 1795; m., Nov. 21, 1849, at Long Island, Nancy Maria Luce, who was b. June 30, 1813. Lived and d. at Eureka, Cal.

2008. ii. LEWIS, b. April 5, 1855; d. Sept. 6, 1859.


2009. i. EDWARD GOULD, b. April 10, 1821; m. Jeannette W. Vance and Elizabeth T. Howe.

2012½. v. PHILENA M., b. May 9, 1826; m., Jan. 4, 1845, Oliver M. Clifford, b. July 6, 1825; was a trader and d. May 16, 1853. Res., South Danville, Vt. Ch.: i. Gertrude Clifford, b. Sept. 6, 1856; m. May 21, 1878, Mrs. Gertrude Greenbank, South Danville, Vt.

2013. vi. SALLY G., b. March 17, 1830; d. s. p., July 12, 1855.
2016. ix. EMILY PERKINS, b. Aug. 21, 1833; d. s. p., Dec. 19, 1863. —

Vincent.

PARLEY FOSTER (Enoch, Ephraim, Moses, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. Oct. 28, 1807; m., March 31, 1823, Nancy Bean. He d. April 14, 1844.


2018. ii. DOUGLASS, b. —; d. unm.
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1819. i. GEORGE P., b. Oct. 3, 1835; m. Sarah S. Hubbell.

1820. ii. CARLOS BAXTER, b. in 1846; d. unm. in 1865.

1821. iii. MARY C., b. in 1834; d. in 1849.


1823. v. CURTIS E., b. May 19, 1853; d. unm., Nov. 10, 1885. He was in the wholesale boot and shoe trade in Lynn.

1824. vi. JULIA EMILY, b. ——, 1850; d. ———, 1867.


1864. HIRAM FOSTER (Ephraim, Ephraim, Moses, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. Peacham, Vt., Dec. 9, 1805; m., Troy, Vt., 1835, Louisa Agnes Hall, b. July 29, 1817; d. Nov. 29, 1893.

Hiram Foster was born in the town of Peacham, Vt., in 1835. He married Louisa Agnes Hall. To them were born eleven children, William W., Franklin, Harriet, Betsey P., infant daughter, Edward E., Charles M., Freeland H., Julia E., Alice M., and Mary E. In 1848 he moved to Barton, Vt., and the next year to Irasburg, where he lived to the age of 72. His wife was 12 years younger, and lived to the age of 75. Nine of the children are living. Forty-one grandchildren have been born at this date (1888), twenty-nine of which are living. There are fourteen great-grandchildren at this writing. In religion he was a Congregationalist; in politics, a Republican; in business, a farmer. He d. ———, 1877. Res., Peacham, Vt.

1826. i. WILLIAM W., b. July 14, 1836; m. Jennie M. Dame.

1827. ii. FRANKLIN, b. May 16, 1838; d. 1874.


Following the death of his father, Frank Ellsworth went to live with his maternal grandparents, at Irasburg, where he made it his home until he was seventeen years of age, receiving his early education in the district schools of that town. In 1873 he went to Hanover, N. H., to attend the High School, where he fitted for college, residing with his mother, Mrs. Joseph F. Preston; entered Dartmouth in 1881 and was graduated in the Class of 1885. Throughout this college course he was entirely dependent upon his own resources, meeting his expenses by teaching school winters, and during the summer vacations availed himself of whatever employment he was able to secure. In August, 1885, he was elected principal of the Boston Farm School. May 15, 1885, he married Ada E. Booth, youngest daughter of Samuel S. Booth, of Norwich, Vt. Resigning his position as principal of the Boston Farm School in September, 1885, he entered the Boston University School of Medicine, taking the full course, and graduated with the Class of '92. While pursuing his studies at the University, he was appointed principal of the Malden Evening School, which position he held until 1897. From April, 1891-2 he was House Surgeon at the Boston Homeopathic Medical Dispensary. In June, 1892, he opened an office at 39 Hancock St., Boston, Mass., where he has since been engaged in active general practice. He was elected in 1894 Instructor of Physiology at the Boston University School of Medicine, which
position he retains. Is a member of the American Institute of Homeopathy, Massachusetts Homeopathic Medical Society, Secretary of the Boston Homeopathic Medical Society, and Medical Director of the Boston Mutual Life Insurance company. He has one child, Beatrice, b. Dec. 10, 1893.


2031. vi. EDWARD E., b. April 15, 1845; m., 2d Res. Caney, Kans.


2033. viii. FREELAND H., b. Dec. 4, 1849; m. Ida L. Gilles.


2037. i. IDA E., b. June 22, 1855.

2038. ii. EVA E., b. June 30, 1856.

2039. iii. MATTIE, b. April 6, 1864.


1070. JOHN WETHERBY FOSTER (Abner, Elijah, Aaron, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. Templeton, Mass., April 15, 1798; m., in Athol, April 18, 1826, Dorinda Goddard; b. Athol, July 27, 1805; d. May 30, 1874. He was a carpenter and millwright. John W. Foster, who was born in Templeton, Mass., in 1798, was of the sturdy New England nature, and spent his life for the betterment of mankind by following the pursuits of thought and work for which he was best fitted. He was mechanically inclined, and was endowed with more of that which men call genius than is the ordinary mechanic. This line of work came very natural to him as his father, Abner Foster, was a mechanic of no ordinary ability—he was the
patentee of the first mortising machine used in the making of sash and blinds. His patent was signed by Andrew Jackson as president of the United States, and Martin Van Buren, as secretary of state. John W. followed his father's footsteps. He was the inventor of the first rolling machine used by shoemakers in place of the lap stone. He also put together the first power loom ever brought to this part of the country. He afterward duplicated this loom and made many of them for one of the pioneer woolen manufactories, the late Rufus Bullock, of Royalston. He d. leaving five sons and three daughters, Sept. 8, 1849. Res., Phillipston and Athol, Mass.


2044. ii. SARAH JUDITH, b. Dec. 18, 1828; d. May 10, 1832.

2045 iii. CHARLES AUGUSTUS, b. Nov. 28, 1830; m., Apr. 12, 1854, Sarah Robbins, of Warwick. He d. March 10, 1855, in Athol, Mass.

2046. iv. HENRY CLAY, b. June 3, 1832; m. Louise O. Fisher, Margaret M. Foster and Fannie E. Conwell.


2050. viii. ELMER GODDARD, b. July 26, 1841; d. Feb. 24, 1869. He served in the Civil war in a battalion in Fort Warren, Boston Harbor.


2052. x. WILLIAM HALE, b. Sept. 5, 1836; m. S. Maria Clark.


2053. i. FRANK E., b. Feb. 13, 1866; d. Sept. 12, 1872.


1891. HON. NATHANIEL FOSTER (Daniel, Thomas, Abraham, Abraham, Abraham, Reginald), b. Rowley, Mass., Feb. 28, 1797; m., Newburyport, Oct. 15, 1823, Fanny Bird Brockway; b. Feb. 7, 1800; d. April 18, 1876. He was born in Rowley, but before his majority, moved to Newburyport, where he married. He was always interested in military matters; was captain of the Newburyport military company, and was one of the reception committee from that city to receive General Lafayette. He was a staunch churchman, and for over fifty years was warden in St. Paul's church in that city. He held many offices in the town and for a time was representative in the legislature. He d. Oct. 21, 1893. Res., Newburyport, Mass.

2055. i. NATHANIEL, b. Aug. 8, 1830; m. Catherine L. Woods.


2056-2. i. EDMUND K., b. Dec. 28, 1815.

2057 ii. PERKINS, b. July 25, 1818; m. Martha Mears.

2058-2. iii. SIMON, b. June 19, 1822; d. March 5, 1847.


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2063-2. viii. FANNY W., b. Oct. 8, 1841; d. May 7, 1876; m. —— Towle.

Children of the above: George E. Foster, Evanston, Ill.
Howard M. Towle, Kensington, N. H.


2057. i. CLEMENT STORER, b. Aug. 18, 1823; m. Rebecca McCamant.
2058. ii. THOMAS, b. July 20, 1819; m. Amanda M. Ruch.


1098. ASA LANESFORD FOSTER (Asa, Nathan, Nathan, Abraham, Abraham, Reginald), b. Rowe, Mass., Aug. 19, 1798; m., Wilkesbarre, Pa., Aug. 24, 1822, Louise Trott Chapman; b. Northampton, Mass., July 15, 1801; d. Eckley, Pa., March 4, 1861. His parents died when he was quite young, but he was reared among his relatives, who gave him a good common school education. In 1818, he emigrated to Pennsylvania and was engaged in mercantile business at Berwick and at Bloomsburg and, in 1826, in Philadelphia. In 1827 he accepted an offer and took charge of the extensive store of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company at Mauch Chunk, Pa. He soon became identified with the progress and development of the Lehigh region, and, with the permission of his employers in 1829, he purchased a press and office material of a printing establishment and the apprenticeship of a Mr. Listy, and they published the first newspaper in Mauch Chunk, which became very popular as a news messenger from the first coal and lumber region of the Lehigh, and Mr. Foster devoted all his spare time in writing and collecting matter for "The Lehigh Pioneer," and soon became one of the leading men of the region. He devoted much of his time to the study of geology of the coal formations, in which science he became expert. His services were much in demand and greatly appreciated by companies and individuals contemplating the purchase of coal lands and opening mines. He was extensively engaged in the coal business at one time as stockholder and superintendent of a company formed in 1838, but lost heavily by the great freshet of 1841. Later, he became one of a firm who for twenty years successfully and profitably conducted the mining operations of the "Council Ridge Colliery." He lived a consistent and Christian life, measuring all his social and business relations with his fellow-men by the Golden Rule. He was a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal church, active, liberal and influential in all church and charitable work. In politics, he was a Federalist, a Whig and a Republican. He d. Jan. 9, 1868. Res., Wilkesbarre, Pa.

2061. i. THOMAS LANESFORD, b. Aug. 30, 1823; m. Henrietta Pratt.
2062. ii. CHARLES EDWARD, b. Feb. 15, 1826; m. Mary A. Jeffery.

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NATHAN LANESFORD FOSTER.

Influence in his walks of life left an abiding impression. He married Azubah Louisa Cone, second daughter of William Cone, Esq., of East Haddam, one of the first families of the town. (William cone was captain of a company of volunteers from East Haddam, 1776.) He was author of a book entitled "The Last of This Family." The following was written by Nathan Lanesford Foster in relation to his ancestors:

"In the cold bosom of our kindred earth,
Our common Alma Mater, in the soil
Of three New England States, repose the names
Of my progenitors—the progeny
Of Standish, Pilgrim Father, Puritan,
Peremost among the hundred pious ones.
Who 'mid December's icy blasts, debarked
On Plymouth's bleak, inhospitable shore,
Where, dashed on rocks, the broken billows roar!
There, too, my kindred, in collateral line,
All, All repose! for Death not one has spared—
Death, stateless tyrant! and the grave insatiate.
Found want of room in all New England's soil?
For this magnanimous, imperial State (N. Y.)
Folds, in her wide domain, my kindred dust;
Near Brooklyn's heights, unhonored with a stone
To point affection to his lowly bed.
Repose the ashes of God's minister.
The Reverend Emerson.
But thee, born fair one!
The tender branch of that beloved stock,
By chance I found surviving; and I come
To greet thee, loved one! on this distant shore."

Another poem of his began as follows:

'Perhaps, who chance to read the poet's strain
May claim an outline of his history
Know, then, though sorrow is the lot of man,
That 'sorrow, like my sorrow,' few have known—
The last survivor of my father's house—
Not much unlike the 'scathed pine;' I stand
A beacon to the world, a living proof
That sorrow, anguish, care, bereavement, death,
Are foreordained man's cheerless heritage!'

MEAR,

I heard the words of the preacher
As he read that hymn so dear,
Which mother sang at our cradle
To the ancient tune of Mear.

I longed for the land of summer,
Life's river, with waters clear,
And the calm, sweet eyes of mother,
Who sang the old tune of Mear.

Oh! tale of the shepherd's watching,
Over their flocks in the night;
Of the dear Lord sending angels
Enshrouded in glory bright!
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O, story told in the Orient,
To each wondering shepherd's ear,
That story sung by my mother
To the hallowed tune of Mead.

O, pure white babe of the manger!
Thy story shall ever run,
'Til redemption's work is finished.
All souls to God's kingdom won!

Ah me! the father has rested
Many and many a year.
The mother who sang by our cradle,
Has gone to a higher sphere.

Brothers and sisters have parted;
Some live in the better land,
And some, awaiting their summons,
Sojourn on the earth's bleak strand.

I feel when we meet up yonder
Where cometh no sigh nor tear,
Our mother will softly sing us
The grand, sweet old tune of Mead!

2066. ii. EDGAR THEODORE, b. April 7, 1823; m. Anna Lippincott.
2067. iii. JOEL WILLIAM LANESFORD, b. May 28, 1813. Joel William Lanesford Foster [mariner], died at Genoa, Italy, some time the latter part of the year 1848; having sailed from Boston, June, 1848, for Genoa, and on return of the vessel in which he sailed, to the port of Boston early in the year 1849, news was brought of his death, in Genoa, after two days' illness of a fever. Anno Etatis 36th. He was unmarried.

MY BROTHER'S GRAVE.
[Joel W. L. Foster.]
By Mrs. E. L. Mather.

Genoa's marble palaces and halls
Are bathed in the sweet moonlight, and the sea
Reflects the glorious stars, whose soft light falls,
Like words of balm to set the captive free.

And on thy grave, my brother, those blest rays
Fall fondly where no tear of love was shed,
When thou, in the fresh vigor of thy days,
Upon a foreign shore laid st at down thy head,
And died with stranger-voices in thine ear,
Without thy mother's glance, thy sister's kiss,
Without a word to breathe that hope so dear,
The hope of meeting in a world of bliss.

Farewell on earth, dear brother! oh, no more
Thy home shall be on ocean's heaving wave;
Its billows all are passed, its dangers o'er,
Thou sleepest sweetly in thy lonely grave.

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Then fare thee well! Upon Genoa's shore
Thy body mingles with the flowery sod!
Yet look we up, where pleasures evermore
Surround thee, with thy Father and thy God.

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Ah! then, dear brother! in the "better land,"
I trust to meet thee, where no parting tone
Will reach our re-united household band,
All met, in joy, to worship round the Throne!

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2070. vi. JOHN WEBSTER, b. Feb. 19, 1821; m. Elizabeth Cafoone and Nancy Cutler.


2073. ix. REGINALD HEBER, b. Sept. 10, 1831; m. Joanna Dikles.

2074. x. HENRI LYSANDER, b. Sept. 17, 1833; m. Angelica Constantia Wenzell.
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2078. iv. EDWIN D., b. Dec. 5, 1836; m. Carrie M. Jenness.


John Wells Foster, L.L. D., was a lineal descendant of Myles Standish. He was born in Petersham, Mass., March 4, 1815, where his father, Festus Foster, a graduate of Williams College, and a man of vigorous intellect and brilliant attainments, was minister for a long term of years. His mother was Patience Wells, a member of the celebrated Wells family of Massachusetts, and from whom he received his baptismal name. After he had acquired the rudiments of learning, as taught in the public schools of the town, he went to Wiliabraham Academy, from there entering the Wesleyan University, at Middletown, Conn., in 1831. After graduating with high honors, he began the study of law, remaining in New England one year, when he removed to Zanesville, O., continuing his law studies in the office of Goddard & Converse, and was admitted to the bar. After practicing law awhile, he finally chose civil and mining engineering as his pursuit in life. His education, which was broad and liberal, was the foundation on which he built enduring fame. He soon became a recognized authority in geology and metallurgy, and was employed by Eastern capitalists to examine the mining regions and report results. In the geological survey of the State of Ohio, he was selected by Professor Mather as one of his assistants, and made a valuable report on the Ohio coal fields. He was employed by several mining companies to visit the Lake Superior copper mining regions. In 1847 the government instituted a geological survey of that country, under direction of Dr. Jackson. Mr. Foster was appointed one of the assistants, the labor giving him wide scope for the exercise of his mind in the department of science in which he subsequently became famous. Professor J. D. Whitney was his chosen companion and associate. Two years later the completion of the work was entirely confided to them. The result of their labor was a volume entitled, "Foster & Whitney's Report on the Lake Superior Region," which was published by direction of Congress. This work now remains the authority on the subject of which it treats, and was one of the most valuable reports ever made to Congress. At the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which met in Cincinnati in 1851, Agassiz rose at the close of the communication, and declared it to be one of the greatest generalizations ever made in American geology. In 1854 Mr. Foster was prominent in Massachusetts politics. To him more than to any one man did Governor Gardner owe his election. He was elected by the Legislature one of the Governor's Executive Council, and was recognized as the power behind the throne. Had his tastes inclined toward a political life, he would have attained high public position, but he forsook politics for more congenial pursuits, and gave himself unrestrainedly to science and literature. In 1858 he made Chicago his home, where for a time he was Commissioner of the Land Department of the Illinois Central Railroad, and held a similar position on the Chicago & Alton, but the pursuit of knowledge was the ambition of his life, and he soon gave up all else and once more turned his undivided attention to science, where his heart had always led him.

He served as professor of Natural History in the University of Chicago, which honored itself by honoring him with the degree of Doctor of Laws.

In 1869 Mr. Foster was chosen president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, in recognition of his distinguished services in the cause of science. He was also an honorary member of many learned societies at home and abroad. Perhaps it was in Europe that the scientific labors of Mr. Foster were most highly prized. His fame had crossed the ocean, and the scientific men of Europe, such as Tyndall, Huxley, Lisle and Lubbock, were his intimate friends and corres-
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poundents. His place among the scientific men of this continent, and of this age, is in the front rank, and his name stands in history side by side with Agassiz and Maury. In 1869 Mr. Foster published a comprehensive and interesting book, "The Mississippi Valley; its Physical Geography," including sketches of the topography, botany, climate, geology, etc. Unfortunately the plates were destroyed in the great fire, but the work took at once high rank as a scientific authority on the subjects of which it treats. Just prior to his death he published a most valuable work in the department of archeology, which he had made his specialty. It is entitled, "Pre-Historic Man," and gives the results of his investigation of the mounds found in various places in the Western States.

He was editor of the Lakeside Monthly, and at all times contributed important papers to various scientific societies, Sillman's Journal, American Naturalist, and other scientific periodicals.

He was one of the founders of the Chicago Academy of Science and its president, which office he held at the time of his death. So interested was he in its success that long after he had become a victim to his hereditary enemy—the gout—he would attend the meetings when every step was painful, forgetting his suffering in the companionship of the congenial souls he found there, all interested in the subjects that lay so close to his heart. Among his many accomplishments, he possessed the gift of being very clever with his pen. He had books filled with pen and ink drawings, many being sketches of the Lake Superior regions, showing him to be an excellent artist. He also finished from his easel several landscapes, which have been pronounced admirable by art connoisseurs.

In the spring of 1873, his health becoming very precarious, he removed from Chicago to Hyde Park, where he could enjoy the open fields and fresh country air. The change seemed to benefit him, and he was looking forward to the writing of another book, for which he had abundant material prepared. But it was not to be. After enjoying his country home for one short month, on Sunday, June 29th, with the setting of the sun, the summons came, and he departed without a blemish on his character, as a man or author, leaving nothing but "sweet memories in each mourner's heart." Personally, Mr. Foster was a noble specimen of manhood, of commanding height, strong, finely built, portly, and of handsome features. His head bore the stamp of intellect. In manner he was courtly and courteous, genial and kind to all. Notwithstanding his genius and great learning, he had the simplicity of a little child, and all those virtues that shine so brightly in every-day life. His varied experience, his wide and accurate knowledge of facts, his intellectual comprehensiveness and discriminativeness, made him the peer of the foremost scholars of his time, while his personal and social qualities made him respected and loved by all who came within the radius of his winning personality. It has been said by many who knew him well, that he had not an enemy on earth.


2083. i. MARQUIS CONVERSE, b. June 1, 1841; d. 1841.


2085. iii. MARY WELLS, b. July 27, 1845; d. 1847.

2086. iv. HARRIET LYON, b. Oct., 1847; d. 1848.


2088. vi. KATE CONVERSE, b. May 8, 1856; d. 1879.

1145. SHERLOCK FOSTER (Daniel, Isaac, Daniel, Abraham, Abraham, Reginald), b. Warren, Mass., ——, 1786; m. there 1815, Tamma Reed, b. 1793; d. Warren, 1817; m., 2d, ——, Abigail ——. He was a farmer. His widow, Abigail, was appointed guardian of their children, Tamma, Joseph B., Abigail, Isabella F.,

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1847. REV. LUKE BALDWIN FOSTER (Daniel, Isaacs, Daniel, Daniel, Abraham, Abraham, Reginald), b. New Brantree, Mass., ——, 1783; m., May 27, 1813, Eunice Knight, of Warren. She d. there in 1822. He was a member of the first class graduated from the Academy in Monson. He entered Burlington College where he studied for the ministry, graduating in 1811; he was ordained as pastor of the church at Rutland, Mass., Feb. 24, 1813. His life work was soon accomplished, for the Lord called him home after a pastorate of four years; he was strongly attached to his church by whom he was greatly beloved. He died, aged 28 years; his wife died in 1822. In Rutland he purchased the farm formerly owned by Rev. Mr. Buckminster.

From History of Rutland, Mass.: "Mr. Foster's ordination, Feb. 8, 1813. At a church meeting, duly convened at the meeting-house, twelve o'clock, at noon—voted, that, whereas, the town has concurred with the church in the invitation of Mr. Luke Baldwin Foster, to take the pastoral charge of the church and congregation in this town, and the said Mr. Foster having given his answer in the affirmative, they will now proceed to invite the following churches, viz.: The church in Shrewsbury, Holden, Paxton, Oakham, Barre, Hubbardston, Princeton, Hardwick, Monson and the Second Church in Wilbraham, to convene with their pastors and delegates to form an Ecclesiastical Council, for the purpose of separating the said Mr. Foster to the work of the Gospel ministry in Rutland. Voted that Dea. Jonas How, Dea. Lilly Flint and Mr. Jonas Reed be a committee to wait on the venerable council with a copy of the proceedings of the church. The ordination was on Feb. 24, 1813, when the Rev. Mr. Luke Baldwin Foster was separated as minister of the church and society in Rutland."


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He fitted for college, but did not enter on account of ill health. He read fluently in Greek and Hebrew, and on account of his health went to sea. He made the trip to Calcutta, and was absent nearly a year. This was in 1800. He stopped at Canton, China. While there, in company with one of the sailors, he took one of the ship's boats and visited the city. While there two men took him and the sailor by the arm, and without saying a word, marched them back to their boat. He was a farmer and jeweler and died in Quechee, Vt. He d. Aug. 3, 1827. Res., Southbridge, Mass., and Quechee, Vt.

2098. i. ELIZABETH READ, b. April 26, 1809; d. Aug. 7, 1810.


2100. iii. JANE FRANCES, b. Nov. 7, 1811; m. in 1831, Judge John Porter.

The death of Hon. John Porter, of Hartford, Vt., which recently occurred at his home, in that town, removes an honored and venerable citizen and a prominent public man. The deceased was a veteran county officer and a pioneer Republican. For over thirty-five years he held the office of Probate Judge in Windsor county, being in continuous active service up to the week of his death. He was a faithful and competent official. Judge Porter was a leading Republican and served as a member of the first Republican State Committee. He was also a Fremont Presidential Elector in 1856. He was one of the commissioners having charge of the rebuilding of the State House in 1857. From 1860 to 1872 Judge Porter was a director of the Vermont and Canada railroad, at one time being vice-president. For thirty years he was a director in the Woodstock bank. He was a member of the State Senate from 1836 to 1845. He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention, and was a delegate to the Republican State convention in 1834, when his son, Hon. C. W. Porter, of Montpelier, was nominated for Secretary of State. Judge Porter was born in Hartford in 1793, and lived in his native town for eighty-eight years. He was universally esteemed. He was b. 1793; d. 1876. She resides in Quechee, Vt. Ch.: 1. John Foster Porter, b. May 11, 1832; grad. from Dart. Col. in 1855, and was a prominent lawyer in Troy, N. Y., and d. in 1855. 2. Jane Frances, b. April 6, 1834. Res., Brookline, Mass. 3. Louise Adelaide, b. Sept. 21, 1836. Lives in New Bedford, Mass. 4. Henry Wolcott, b. Aug. 5, 1841; d. 1842. 5. Mary Elizabeth, b. Aug. 21, 1843; d. 1847. 6. Charles Wolcott, b. July 1, 1849; d. 1891. He graduated at Andover, Mass., and was a lawyer in Montpelier, the capital of the State, and was Secretary of State for six years, and died at 42 years.

JUDGE JOHN PORTER.


2110. ii. OLIVER, b. July 2, 1818; m. Abbie Hill.


1874. ZEPHANIAH KITTERIDGE FOSTER (Amos, Amos, Amos, Benjamin, Abraham, Reginald), b. Tewksbury, Mass., Sept. 22, 1791; m. —-, 1822, Mercy T. Trull, b. —-, 1793; d. —-, 1855. He was a farmer. Zephaniah, Tewksbury: letter, date Nov. 21, 1837; ex. same; wife, Mercy. Ch.: Elizabeth O., Enoch, Joel, John T., Mary Ann, Zephaniah P.; all minors. Mercy, Tewksbury; will date April 18, 1867. Prob. Sept. 20, 1881. Ch.: Mary Ann Fanner, wife of Joseph Fanner, of Tewksbury; Zephaniah P. Foster and John T. Foster, of Tewksbury; Joel Foster, of Methuen; Enoch Foster, of Tewksbury; Elizabeth O., wife of Nathaniel P. Cole, of San Francisco, Cal. He d. Sept. 11, 1837. Res., Tewksbury, Mass.

2112. i. ENOCH, b. April 22, 1817; m. Mary J. Frost.


2114. iii. ZEPHANIAH P., b. Dec. 26, 1824; m. Emily B. Carleton.

2115. iv. JOHN T., b. May 20, 1827; m. Susan H. Chandler.

2116. v. JOEL, b. March 3, 1829; m. Sarah M. Gray.


2118. i. MARY ANN, b. Oct. 17, 1809.

2119. ii. CHARLES, b. Feb. 23, 1813.

2120. iii. LUCY SAUNDERS, b. Aug. 5, 1815.

1878. NATHAN FOSTER (Nathan, Amos, Amos, Benjamin, Abraham, Reginald), b. Norway, Me., April 9, 1794; m. in Tewksbury, Mass., Mrs. Sarah (Gibson) Wheelock, b. Dunstable, Mass., Dec. 30, 1791; d. Nasim, N. H., July 13, 1882. He was born on the old place in Norway, Me., where he resided until a young man, when he went to Tewksbury, Mass., and was there married. His wife had two little sons, by a former husband. They had six children. The four oldest were born in Tewksbury, and the other two in Norway, to which place he afterward moved, and ever after resided. Was a soldier in the War of 1812, in the Company of Capt. Amos Town. Was a farmer, often selectman, a Methodist, Whig, and a very intelligent man. He died of a fever, Jan. 9, 1857. Res., Norway, Me.
1822. CAPT. JEREMIAH FOSTER (Nathan, Amos, Amos, Benjamin, Abraham, Reginald), b. Norway, Me., Sept. 23, 1707; m. — — —. He was captain of the North Norway military company. Jeremiah Foster, Jr., served as private in Company E, First Maine Regt. Vols. for three months. He enlisted in Co. E, Fourteenth Maine Regt. in 1861 and was discharged for disability; was mustered in with Co. G, Twenty-ninth Maine Regt. in 1863 and was discharged for disability in 1864. Res., Norway, Me.


2122. ii. HANNAH AUSTIN, b. Sept. 15, 1824; m. Jonathan Morse, at Lowell, May 1, 1851. She d., Boston, July 8, 1864.

2123. iii. CALVIN BRADLEY, b. 1825; d. July 4, 1837, at Norway, Me. He was drowned accidentally while in bathing with other boys, getting beyond his depth.

2124. iv. AMOS, b. Oct. 10, 1827; m. Annie Olivia Seavey.

2125. v. LEONA EMILY, b. Aug. 13, 1831, Norway, Me.; m., July 13, 1850, Alfred M. Norton, of Nashua, N. H.

2126. vi. ELLEN FRANCES, b. April 2, 1833; m., Sept. 29, 1852, Charles S. Whitehouse, of Genio, N. H. Those deceased did not leave any children.

1832. WILLIAM FOSTER (Nathan, Amos, Amos, Benjamin, Abraham, Reginald), b. Norway, Me., April 5, 1799; m. there May 26, 1830, Calista Wood, b. July 16, 1809; d. Oct. 19, 1881. William, son of Nathan Foster, the early settler, was born on the farm at Norway Center, April 5, 1799, where he died, January 26, 1884. Mr. Foster came of a family which had many of those characteristics that distinguished the early settlers of this town. While a boy, he started out for himself by apprenticing himself to Daniel Town, the veteran blacksmith, where he soon became proficient in the art. Having served his time, he started on foot for Massachusetts, and on his arrival there he found employment in doing the iron work in a shipyard. He afterward received an invitation from Mr. Town to return to Norway and go into partnership with him, which he accepted. About the year 1820 he built a shop at Frost's Corner, got married and commenced life in earnest. His industry and thrift resulted in the acquisition of a competence which served to render comfortable his later years. In 1844 he gave up the shop and went to farming on the land, where he spent the remainder of his life, save a few years at South Paris, where he moved, that his children might enjoy better educational advantages, and where he served as postmaster. He returned to Norway in 1860. He joined Oxford lodge of Masons in 1824, and ever had a strong attachment to the order. By his wife, Calista Wood, of Waterford, he had seven children, four of whom survived him. He died January 26, 1884. Res., Norway, Me.

2127. i. JEREMIAH, b. —

of Kenyon has been received with great satisfaction, not only in Gambier and Mount Vernon, but by all friends of Kenyon. His name was not presented to the trustees by the nominating committee, but his election was unanimous; and one of the trustees has described their deliberations as pervaded by a solemnity which seemed directly due to the guiding presence of a Higher Power.

If this be so, then all friends of Gambier can rest assured that no mistake has been made, and that in due time a better and a greater work than ever before will be inaugurated upon the hill.

Professor Peirce was waited upon at Gambier last Friday evening by the executive committee of the trustees, Hon. C. Delano and Rev. G. F. Smythe, of this city, and Chas. E. Burr and T. P. Linn, of Columbus, and formally notified of his election. While he will probably not return them a formal answer for a couple of weeks, the Republican feels warranted by all the circumstances in stating that it is practically certain that he will accept the trust.

If he accepts the office, William Foster Peirce will probably be the youngest college president in the United States. He is only twenty-eight years old, having been born at Chicopee Falls, Mass., February 3, 1868.

The son of Mr. L. M. Peirce, of Springfield, Mass., a large dealer in pianos and organs, he traces his lineage back to John "Peers," who came from England to Massachusetts in 1636. The name since then has been variously spelled. For 250 years the family has been of the traditional orthodox New England faith, known as Congregational. Professor Peirce is, so far as he knows, the only churchman in his large family, on either his father's or mother's side.

At the Springfield High School he was prepared for college, entering Amherst at the early age of sixteen. Although he took the classical course he was greatly interested in natural science, and, until his senior year he expected to become a practical chemist. For two summers during his course he attended the Amherst Summer School, doing laboratory work in science. But in his senior year he elected the study of philosophy with Prof. Garman, who is an inspiration to every Amherst student, and he discovered a decided taste for philosophy, and determined to make the teaching of philosophy his profession. At Amherst he had the honor to be elected to the Senior Scientific Society and to the Phi Beta Kappa Society, and these elections well indicate his all-around scholarship.

Being graduated in 1888, he spent a year in business with his
father, in which he gained a practical knowledge of book-keeping and much valuable experience. In 1885 he entered for a year the Graduate school of Cornell University, for the study of philosophy and economics. His thesis for the degree of M. A. was presented to his alma mater instead of to Cornell. It was a masterly production on the "Methods of Inducing Introspective Power: one Aspect of the Pedagogics of Psychology." It has since been published as a monograph by the Ohio University.

After the course at Cornell, Professor Peirce taught in a boys' boarding school in Northern Massachusetts. In June, 1891, he was married to Miss Louise Fagan, of Hackettstown, N. J., the happy event being the outcome of an acquaintance and attachment formed in the Graduate school at Cornell. At the age of eighteen Miss Fagan was graduated from Vassar College. After a year of graduate work at Vassar in philosophy and English she went to Cornell at the same time as Professor Peirce, for further work on these lines.

In January, 1892, Professor Peirce came to the Ohio University at Athens as substitute for the professor of psychology and pedagogy. His work there was so acceptable that the chair of philosophy and ethics was created for him, and he was elected to it. But at the same time he was considering the chair of history and economics in the University of Colorado, and the Spencer and Wolfe professorship of mental and moral philosophy at Kenyon. Although, of the three positions the one at Kenyon was much the least attractive financially, the high reputation of Kenyon in the East and the fact that it was the college of his church, determined him to come to Gambier.

He has steadily grown in the esteem of his colleagues and acquaintances. With unusual mental strength and attainments he unites unusual loveliness of character and grace of manner. A profound scholar, he is a man of the times, awake to present day interests. His interest in Kenyon is deep and strong. In the spring of 1893 he wrote for the University Magazine, of New York, some elaborate articles on the college, which were published with handsome illustrations. His ideals for the college are high, and his interest in all the departments of the institution is intense. It is safe to say that if his ideals can be realized, new life will be infused into all of them. He appreciates the academy as a high-class preparatory school, and has the cordial respect and regard of the regent and masters. He appreciates the purpose and opportunity of Bexley Hall, having himself been ordained to the diaconate in June, 1894, and expecting soon to be advanced to the priesthood. He will have the cordial co-operation of the Bexley professors. Professor Peirce is a member of the County Teachers' Association and also of the State Teachers' Association. In the Ohio College Association at Sandusky last summer he opened the debate on Corrections for Cramping. Of the learned society for Psychological and pedagogical inquiry, the membership of which is limited to twenty-five specialists, Professor Peirce is a member and is also its secretary and treasurer.

With a high place already among profound and accurate scholars Professor Peirce nevertheless takes a very active interest in all forms of athletic exercises, and is the star tennis player of Gambier. He can umpire a game of football or baseball acceptably, and his genuine interest in such things brings him very close to the hearts of the students.

For three months last summer in the absence of the rector, Professor Peirce conducted the services at St. Paul's Church, this highway, and made many warm friends among our citizens. We all will wish him all success and every blessing in the great work before him.

2134. vi. CHARLES C., b. Dec. 7, 1846; m. Dora E. Wheeler.
2135. vii. GEORGE W., b. July 10, 1849; m. Elizabeth P. Witt.
FOSTER GENEALOGY.


2136. i. WALLACE VALENTINE, b. Jan. 13, 1840; m. Abbie Thomas.


2139. iv. LIZZIE E., b. June 5, 1849; d. unm.


1191. AMOS P. FOSTER (Benjamin, Asael, Gideon, Benjamin, Abraham, Reginald), b. Brighton, Me., Oct. 11, 1804; m. Mrs. Annie Knight, of Otisfield. She d. —, 1869. He settled in Harrison. He was a farmer by occupation, living where Samuel Pitts now lives on the Pond road. Mr. Foster removed to Otisfield some years since, where his wife died in 1869. Res., Harrison, Me.

2142. i. BENJAMIN, b. —; m. Susan E. Clark.

2143. ii. ABIGAIL, b. —; d. young.


2146. i. CYRUS K., b. Jan. 12, 1833; m. Mary E. Morrow.

2147. ii. EZRA T., b. May 11, 1834; m., 1861, Marrilla Morrow. Res., Harrison, in the same house with his brother Cyrus.

2148. iii. CHARLES W., b. Feb. 3, 1836; m. Frances A. Libbey.


1193. THOMAS VEASEY FOSTER (Benjamin, Asael, Gideon, Benjamin, Abraham, Reginald), b. Dec. 17, 1810; m., June 8, 1823, Mary Ann Phinney; m. 2d, Nov. 29, 1850, Alvilda G. Foster (his cousin), dau. of Asael. Mr. Foster settled in Stoneham after a short residence in Harrison, and has speculated in land and horses. Has had issue; five children. Res., Stoneham, Mass.

2150. i. STEPHEN, who m. Emma Robinson; now dead.

2151. ii. EMELINE, m. — Purinton, of Lynn, Mass.; now dead.

2152. iii. ABIGAIL, m. to Eben Leach, of Portland.

2153. iv. ADALINE, m. to Augustus Baker.

2154. v. NANCY, b. Aug. 15, 1813.

1195. VALENTINE LOWELL FOSTER (Benjamin, Asael, Gideon, Benjamin, Abraham, Reginald), b. Aug. 7, 1815; m. Julia Scribner; m. 2d, —, Ellen Blake; m. 3d, —, Susan Newcomb. He also lived in South Harrison, and a farmer by occupation, although a lumber dealer to some extent. He had issue; six children. Res., Harrison, Me.

2155. i. JOSEPH, b. March 1, 1843; m. Hannah Edson, of Harrison, and resides in that town.

2156. ii. ALBERT, b. July 9, 1845; d. Jan. 11, 1847.

2157. iii. MARY, b. Dec. 12, 1847; m. — Hamblin.

2158. iv. FRANK.

2159. v. ELLEN, and one other.

1196. GEORGE FOSTER (Benjamin, Asael, Gideon, Benjamin, Abraham, Reginald), b. —, 1817; m. Ann Osgood, of Bridgton, Me. (own cousin). George was first a trader in a small store at Harrison village; also a land speculator for several years in Harrison, then moved to Portland, Me. He finally became quite
wealthy. He kept a large wholesale flour store in Portland, and dealt largely in lumber out West and up in New Hampshire. He has issue; four children. She was a very estimable lady of many friends wherever she lived and was beloved by all who knew her. Res., Portland, Me.

2160. i. CLINTON, b. —; d. —.
2161. ii. ARTHUR, b. —; d. —.
2162. iii. ROSE, b. —; d. —.
2163. iv. EMMA, b. —.


2166. iii. SOLOMON L., b Sept. 27, 1836; m. Mary A. Langley.


2171. i. CYRUS E., b. —. Res., Roslindale, Mass.

1205. PHILEMON CUMMINGS FOSTER (Philemon, Philemon, Jonathan, Caleb, Abraham, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass., March 23, 1805; m. Eliza Felton; m. 2d, Ipswich, Hannah Packard, b. Dec. 21, 1820. Res., Georgetown. Philemon Cummings Foster was the second child of Philemon Foster, Jr., and Naby Hobbs. His occupations were shoemaker and farmer. He lived the most of his life in Ipswich, Rowley and Georgetown, and died in Georgetown, and was buried in Ipswich, Mass. He d. Sept. 1, 1876. Res., Georgetown, Mass.

2172. i. ELIZA MARY, b. —; m. Benjamin Fuller. Res., Boxford, Mass.
2173. ii. WALTER CUMMINGS, b. —; d. —.
2174. iii. RICHARD R., b. Nov. 11, 1842; m. Harriet E. Towlie.
2176. v. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, b. Feb. 12, 1849; m. Jemima Alfretra Dexter.


Rev. Joseph Coggin Foster, D. D., was born in Milford, N. H., April 11, 1818. On his father's side he was in the sixth generation from the emigrant, Reginald Foster of 1639, through Abraham, Caleb, Jonathan, Moses, Moses. Grandmother, Mary Fuller. Mother, Fanny Coggin. When about sixteen years old, he became an apprentice in the printing-office of the Farmers' Cabinet, Amherst, N. H., where he derived great advantages from the exchange list of periodicals and from a bookstore connected with the office. From there he went to the Literary and Theological Institution, now Colgate University, Hamilton, N. Y. In August, 1841, he graduated at the New Hampton Theological Institution, New Hampshire, having devoted about five years to studies preparatory to the gospel ministry. His first pastorate was in Brattleboro, Vt., where he was ordained pastor of the Baptist church, January 19, 1843. In this position he remained till July, 1856—more than thirteen and a half years. From this place he went directly to Beverly,
Mass., where he was installed as pastor of the First Baptist church, August 7, 1856. This pastorate continued until January, 1873—about sixteen and a half years. From this place he removed to Randolph, Mass., where he was installed pastor of the Baptist church January 23, 1873. This pastorate continued till January, 1882—nine years. He then became associate editor of the Watchman, Boston, the Baptist paper of New England. He still remains connected with that paper, March 9, 1898, having been engaged in this service more than sixteen years. During the nearly forty years of his work as pastor of these churches he baptized 331 candidates, and served on town school committees twenty-nine successive years. He received the honorary degree of A. M. from Brown University, Providence, R. I., in 1857, and the honorary degree of D. D. from the Central University, of Iowa, at Pella, la., in 1883. He saw much development of the churches to which he ministered, as shown by various kinds of efficiency, including benevolent contributions and extensive improvement of church property. In two instances superior houses of worship were built under his administration. He was actively engaged in educational and denominational work, holding responsible positions on various boards, and performing much official, secretarial and financial services. Some of his publications have had extensive circulation. He has written much for the periodical press aside from his editorial work. He is now, March 9, 1898, within about one month of eighty years of age.

The Boston Transcript, in a lengthy obituary notice, says: "From the beginning he was actively engaged in educational and denominational work. He served on town school committees nearly thirty successive years, and for a considerable number of years he was chairman of the school committee in Beverly, up to the time of his removal from the town. When he left the town, he had just been re-elected for three years. In Randolph he was one of the trustees of the public library from its opening in 1884, as long as he remained in the town, being vice-president most of the many years. He held various responsible positions on boards of benevolent societies, especially in secular and financial service. He was recording secretary of the Northern Baptist Educational Society fourteen years, from 1868 to 1882, and treasurer of the conference of Baptist ministers in Massachusetts thirty-one years, from 1865 to 1896, in which time he had charge of about $100,000 for the benefit of indigent, aged and disabled Baptist ministers. He served three years as a member of the board of the American Baptist Missionary Union, from 1852 to 1855. For twenty-two successive years he never attended the association to which his church belonged without being either clerk or moderator. Some of his publications have had extensive circulation, one of which, a tract on "Baptism and Communion," has been in great demand, several hundred thousand copies having been printed. An eight-page tract on "Responsibilities for Intemperance," was published by the National Temperance Society in New York and placed among their standard works. From an early period of his life he wrote for newspapers, and he continued to do so through his years as a student and a pastor. For three years he wrote a weekly Boston letter for the Watchman, a Baptist paper in New York. In December, 1881, he became assistant editor of the Watchman, and remained upon the editorial staff for more than fourteen years, till December, 1896. The honorary degree of A. M. was conferred upon him by Brown University in 1857, and of D. D. by Central University at Pella, Ia., in 1883."

The will of Rev. Joseph C. Foster, late of Randolph, contains the following public bequests: One thousand dollars each to the American Home Baptist Mission Society of New York and the American Baptist Missionary Union of Boston, said bequests to be paid on the death of the testator's wife, and $300 to the conference of Baptist ministers in Massachusetts. On the death of his wife a trust fund, of which she has the income during life, is to be divided share and share alike, among the following societies: The Baptist Education Society of New York, for the benefit of the Hamilton Theological Seminary; Conference of Baptist Ministers in Massachusetts; the Massachusetts Baptist Convention and the Northern Baptist Education Society. The testator names as executors of his will his wife, Julia G. Foster, his son, William E. Foster, and Francis I. Hazelwood, D. D., the district secretary of the Baptist Home Missionary Society. The will was drawn January 18, 1893. He died in Augusta, Ga., March 16, 1899. Residence, Randolph, Mass.

2175. 1. WILLIAM EATON, b. June 2, 1851; m. Julia Appleton.

1208. REUBEN FULLER FOSTER (Moses, Moses, Jonathan, Caleb, Abraham, Reginald), b. Jan. 19, 1821, in Milford, N. H.; m., Nov. 9, 1843, Sarah Elizabeth Ames, dau. of William Ames, of Hollis, N. H. He early removed to Concord,
Foster Genealogy.


2179. i. HARRIET BROOKS, b. Sept. 19, 1847; d. Aug. 4, 1849.

2180. ii. HENRY FULLER, b. July 17, 1849; d. Aug. 21, 1850.

2181. iii. CHARLES BROOKS, b. May 16, 1851; m., Sept. 16, 1875, Grace Ellen Hunt, dau. of Albin Hunt, of Concord, N. H.

1209. DEA. JOHN EVERETT, FOSTER (Moses, Moses, Jonathan, Caleb, Abraham, Reginald), b. May 17, 1824, in Milford in the house in which his grandfather, his father, he himself, and his son, have successively lived; m., Feb. 15, 1848, Sophia Phelps Farley, dau. of Jesse Farley, of Hollis, N. H.

Deacon and Mrs. John E. Foster celebrated their golden wedding Tuesday afternoon and evening, Feb. 15, 1898, at Milford, N. H., a very large company of friends and relatives being present. The reception was at their residence, on Federal hill, and among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Farley, of Hollis, who, fifty years ago, stood as bridesman and bridesmaid when Mr. and Mrs. Foster were united in marriage, and who aided in the reception of the guests. Letters of regret were received from Governor Ramsdell, Prof. A. E. Dolbear of Tufts College, the Rev. C. H. Thornton, field secretary of the Congregational Building society of Chicago; W. E. Foster, librarian of the Providence public library; Mrs. Humphrey Moore, of Milford, and Mrs. W. E. Hidden. The presents were very numerous, over $100 in gold being received, $50 of which was from the Congregational church. Three original poems were read by Mrs. B. F. Foster, one of which was written by Jesse Webster Foster, a grandson, and was pronounced very meritorious. Deacon John E. Foster was born where he now resides, and was the son of Moses and Fanny (Coggin) Foster, who, and bought the farm which ever since has remained in the family. The family history in this country dates back to 1630, when Reginald Foster came over from England and settled in Massachusetts. Of the children of Moses Foster four are still living—the Rev. Joseph C. Foster of Randolph, Mass., Moses F. and Benjamin F. Foster and Deacon J. E. Foster, who are residents of Milford. Mr. Foster acquired his education in the public schools of this town and the Literary and Scientific Institute of Hancock. In early life he taught school in Amherst and in Illinois, and later was engaged, for a time, in probate business in Hillsborough. A large portion of his life, however, has been devoted to agricultural pursuits, and at 74 years of age is still a prosperous and successful farmer. For twenty-five years a deacon of the Congregational church, he has always been an earnest worker for the religious and educational development of his town and has been an active agent in the collection of data for the forthcoming history of the town. Politically, he has been a life-long Republican. Fanny (Coggin) Foster, who, for fifty years, has shared the joys and sorrows of the good deacon’s home life, and contributed very largely to its comfort and happiness, was one of ten children born to Jesse and Mary (Phelps) Farley, of Hollis, her great-grandfather Farley moving from Bedford to Hollis and establishing his home there in the primeval wilderness. Of the ten children three, besides Mrs. Foster, are still living, namely: John, Alfred and Jefferson Farley, all residents of Hollis at the present time. Mr. and Mrs. Foster have two children, George E. Foster, managing editor of the Ithaca, N. Y., Democrat, and Flora S., wife of George N. Woodward, of this town. Res., Milford, N. H.

2182. i. GEORGE EVERETT, b. Aug. 27, 1849; m. Mary Burrit.

2183. ii. FLORA SOPHIA, b. April 18, 1866; m., Oct. 27, 1886, George N. Woodward, of Nashua, N. H., son of Aaron B. Woodward, of Amherst, N. H.
1210. MOSES FREEMAN FOSTER (Moses, Moses, Jonathan, Caleb, Abraham, Reginald), b. Jan. 6, 1632, in Milford, N. H.; m., Sept. 13, 1860. Adelaide Lutheria Doane, dau. of Zenas Doane, of Lawrence, Mass. From 1850 to 1853 he was connected with various manufacturing establishments in Massachusetts, and since 1853 has resided chiefly in the South, being engaged in the business of cotton manufacturing. He was from 1870 to 1876 superintendent of the Langley Manufacturing Co., Langley, S. C., but is now living in Milford, N. H.

2184. i. FANNY DOANE, b. April 16, 1862; m., Jan. 6, 1897, Ralph C. Bartlett.

1212. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN FOSTER (Moses, Moses, Jonathan, Caleb, Abraham, Reginald), b. Oct. 8, 1846, in Milford, N. H.; m., May 25, 1869, Celia Frances Peabody, daughter of Ezra Brown Peabody, of Milford, a descendant of Reginald Foster, through his daughter Mary Foster, who m. Lieut. Francis Peabody, of Topsfield, as stated elsewhere.

2185. i. HATTIE MARIA, b. Aug. 3, 1873.

1216. MAJOR SAMUEL BROOKS FOSTER (Isaiah P., Moses, Jonathan, Caleb, Abraham, Reginald), b. July 10, 1819, in Salem; m., Feb. 21, 1842, Mary Haraden Worcester, dau. of Rev. Samuel Worcester, D. D., of Salem. He was engaged in business in Salem, and afterward in Boston from 1862 till his death in 1872. He held a commission as Major in the Salem Cadets. and was an active member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery company, of Boston, from 1853. He d. March 13, 1872, in Boston. She d. Nov. 4, 1872.

2186. i. SAMUEL WORCESTER, b. July 16, 1844.

2187. ii. MARY LOUISA, b. July 24, 1846; d. in 1847.

2188. iii. HARRIET, b. Dec. 4, 1849; d. April 3, 1867.


2191. i. THOMAS ALBERT, b. Feb. 20, 1827; m. Eliza McManus, Adela Woodman and Mary Woodman.

2192. ii. ESTHER CARTER, b. Sept. 13, 1815; m. in Unity, Me., in 1843, John Perley, b. Mar. 15, 1812; d. May 29, 1895. She d. Oct. 30, 1895, leaving Eliza Jane Perley, a teacher; Res., Ontario, Cal.; Roscoe John Perley; Res., Unity, Me., and Mrs. Helen Perley Clark, who had three children, Amy G., Gretchen and Effie.

2193. iii. ANN C., b. —; m. — Bean; s. p.


2194. v. EBENEZER, b. —; m. —.


2195. i. DANIEL, b. Dec. 5, 1802; m. Sarah Hussey.

2196. ii. ELIZABETH, b. —; m. — Watts.


1224. THOMAS FOSTER (John, Nathan, Caleb, Caleb, Abraham, Reginald), b. Bristol, Me., July 16, 1795; m. there June 10, 1813, Jane Sprout, b. Dec. 30, 1793; d. July 20, 1868. Was an inholder. Thomas was one of the men who helped to garrison the fort at Bristol during the war of 1812. Being at that time a young married man, his wife, with her infant in her arms, sat on the hills all day Sunday watching the fight. The English officer often coming to their farm house for pork, eggs, etc., that they wanted, and returning to their ships in boats. At the age of 57 he walked from Castine, Me., to Ellsworth, Me., not because he was obliged to, but for a whim. This was printed in all the leading Maine papers. He was for many years the proprietor of the Old Ellsworth House, and after him his son Joseph kept it until his health failed. He had twelve children. He d. April 16, 1857. Res., Bristol and Ellsworth, Me.

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2200. iii. ZABUD, b. July 16, 1816; m. Nancy B. Miller.


2202. v. ELIZA F., b. May 13, 1824; m. John Noyes, of Boston. She d. s. p. He was a soldier in the Civil War.


2204. vii. STEETSON, b. Aug. 26, 1828; m. Margaret Nichol.

2205. viii. JOSEPH H., b. —, 1838; m. Annie Blake.


2207. x. ARNOLD B., b. Nov. 25, 1826; d. unm.

2208. xi. FRANCIS L., b. Aug. 14, 1832; d. young unm.

2209. xii. JOSEPH H., b. —; d. —.

1227. ALEXANDER ROBINSON FOSTER (John, Nathan, Caleb, Caleb, Abraham, Reginald), b. Bristol, Me. —; m. —, Betsey Thurston, dau. of Ambrose and Polly (Gamage). She d. Sept. 6, 1870. He d. —, 1869. Res., Bristol, Me.

2210. i. AMBROSE, b. —.

2211. ii. ALEXANDER, b. —.

2212. iii. FREDERICK, b. —.

2213. iv. ELIJAH, b. —.

2214. v. JOHN JACKSON, b. —.

2215. vi. THOMAS, b. — Res., Rockland, Me.

2216. vii. CHARLOTTE TRUMBALL, b. —; m. —, William Cunning- ham, of New Castle, Me.

2217. viii. BELINDA, b. —.

2218. ix. NANCY THURSTON, b. —.

2219. x. DEBORAH TARR, b. —.

2220. xi. HARRIET THORP, b. —.

1228. JOHN FOSTER (John, Nathan, Caleb, Caleb, Abraham, Reginald), b. Bristol, Me. —; m. —, Mary Mann. He d. —. Res. —.

2221. i. ANNIE, b. —; m. —, Hawes Garish, of Boston.


2224. iv. EMILY, b. —; m. —. Went to California.

1230. ZABUD FOSTER (Zabud, Nathan, Caleb, Caleb, Abraham, Reginald), b. Bristol, Me., Oct. 7, 1802; m., Freedom, April 14, 1823, Mary Thompson, b. 1805; d. Montville, Me., March 6, 1894. He d. March 6, 1894. Res., Montville, Me.

2225. i. EDWARD ROSE, b. July 30, 1831; m. Sarah Jane Smith and Martha Longley Allis Smith.

2226. ii. JOHN WESLEY, b. —. Res., Washington, D. C.

2227. iii. LAURA, b. —; m. — Madison. Res., Port Jefferson, L. I.

1233. THOMAS STONE FOSTER (Zabud, Nathan, Caleb, Caleb, Abraham, Reginald), b. Montville, Me., Aug. 7, 1811; m. there Dec. 6, 1840, Caroline A. Sprowl, b. Nov. 19, 1821. He was a farmer. He d. Aug. 6, 1887. Res., Montville, Me.


2229. ii. THOMAS LORIN, b. May 5, 1848; m. —.

2230. iii. CARO V., b. Dec. 17, 1850; m. and d. March 26, 1881.

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2233. vi. AMOS G., b. Nov. 28, 1855; d. April, 1767.


2235. viii. BURTON F., b. Nov. 23, 1844; m. Mary Ellen Briggs.

1243. CHARLES FOSTER (Jacob, Jacob, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), b. Charlestown, Mass., June 13, 1789; m., Nov. 17, 1823, Lydia Webb, dau. of Nathan and Sarah Leach, b. Boston, April 2, 1801; d. Sept. 21, 1827; m., 2d, Nov. 10, 1828, Susannah C. Rodgers, dau. of Jonathan and Ann, of Boston, b. Sept. 1, 1800; d. Oct. 25, 1865. He was senior partner of the firm of Foster, Lawrence & Co. Resided for several years at Winter Hill, Somerville; but during the latter years of his life at Cordis street, Charlestown. He was remarkable for his benevolence and charity. He d. Sept. 1, 1866. Res., Charlestown, Mass.

2236. i. MARY LOUISA, b. Charlestown. She married George Francis, son of Edward and Ruth (Torrey) Cutter, of Boston, June 29, 1847. Mr. Cutter was born Aug. 30, 1819. Is a paymaster in the United States navy, and has been over twenty-five years in the service. They now reside at No. 43 Chestnut St., Charlestown. Mr. Cutter being at present stationed at this navy yard.

2237. ii. CHARLES, b. Oct. 27, 1826; m. Charlotte M. Bowman.

2238. iii. LYDIA WEBB, b. Dec. 8, 1830. Resides at Brooklyn, L. I.


2240. v. SUSAN ADAMS, b. Jan. 30, 1835. She m. Rev. Stephen Henry, son of James and Huldah (Maffet) Camp, of Hartford, Conn., July 26, 1856. They reside in Brooklyn, where Mr. Camp is settled as pastor of Unity church. They have adopted Willie Warren, b. in Scotland, May 29, 1862.


1244. HENRY FOSTER (Jacob, Jacob, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), b. Charlestown, Mass., Dec. 8, 1801; m., Aug. 14, 1837, Mary Taber Swift, dau. of Josiah and Elizabeth Hathaway. He was a merchant of Boston, doing business with Pernambuco, South America, at which place he resided many years, and founded the house of Henry Foster & Co. Mrs. Foster resided at No. 21 Monument Square, Charlestown. He d. June 12, 1855. Res., Charlestown, Mass.

2242. i. GEORGE HENRY, b. June 20, 1838; m. Constance Atherton.


2244. iii. WILLIAM ROSS SWIFT, b. April 10, 1841; d. Dec. 24, 1850.

2245. iv. MARY SWIFT, b. May 20, 1846.

2246. v. FREDERICK PRENTISS, b. Aug. 17, 1851; graduated at Harvard College, Class of '75.


1245. JACOB FORSTER (Jacob, Jacob, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), b. Charlestown, Mass., June 7, 1803; m., June 22, 1830, Louisa Webb, of Boston. He was a commission merchant in Boston, for many years having his office at No. 26 Long Wharf. He was married by the Rev. Warren Fay, to Louisa, dau. of Nathan and Sarah (Leach) Webb, of Boston. Jacob, Charlestown; will date Dec. 15, 1856; prob. Aug. 11, 1857; wife, Louisa; chil., Edward J. Edward J., child of Jacob (of Charlestown) and Louisa; Forster guard.; bond Aug. 11, 1857. He d. July 7, 1857. Res., Charlestown, Mass.

2248. i. LOUISA, b. July 2, 1831.


2250. iii. EDWARD JACOB, b. July 9, 1846; m. Anita D. ——.

Henry Prentice Foster was the eldest son of Henry and Susanna (Hooper) Foster, and was born in Walpole, N. H., in 1796, and died in the same town in 1861. His father was a private in the War of 1812; his service consisting of a few months of garrison duty at Portsmouth, N. H., just before the close of the war. A few years after he purchased a farm in Walpole, where he went to reside with his young bride, Miss Philena Russell, of Walpole family, also which has always taken a front rank in local affairs, and from whom came as a direct lineal descendant John Edward Russell, P. H. D., a professor at Williams College, and at one time a popular lecturer at the Harvard Divinity School, supplying for Prof. C. C. Everett, the able dean of that school, who was absent in Europe for few years.

By this marriage there were born two sons and a daughter, Caleb Foster, now a venerable, respected and well-do-do farmer, of Walpole; Henry Thomas, who died in Walpole, in 1879, and Elizabeth Philena, who afterward married Dr. A. J. Huntoon, who went to Topeka, Kans., to reside as one of the first settlers in 1857, where she died in 1863. Philena, his first wife, died in Walpole in 1839. The subject of this sketch married for a second wife Eliza Marsh, and from this union were born Charles Marsh, now practicing law in Topeka, and Katie J., who married Benjamin Adams, of East Derry, N. H., where she now resides. Henry P. Foster was a man of more than ordinary ability. His advice and counsel was much sought and prized by his fellow-townsmen, and he was often urged to accept local municipal offices, both town and county, but he uniformly refused. He had but a common school education, but was an extensive reader. His extreme modesty was a source of regret to his friends and neighbors, and probably prevented him from holding many positions of trust. His first wife was a zealous worker in the Washingtonian Temperance movement, and through her influence he became a total abstainer, and to this is largely due the fact that all his male descendants, now numbering twelve, have always strictly followed his example in this respect.

His sterling honesty and uprightness was in keeping with his Puritan ancestry and their traditions which always surrounded him. His frugality and excellent judgment brought him in middle life independent circumstances for the times and surroundings in which he lived, and when in later years he retired from business, to lead a quiet life in the beautiful village of Walpole, he became a fair type of the country gentleman, peculiar in those days to rural New England. He inherited from his father a direct, frank and positive manner of speech, and an abhorrence of duplicity or any appearance of the same, which has remained a universal family trait among all his descendants. He d. Aug. 18, 1861. Res., Walpole, N. H.

1254. i. CALEB, b. March 22, 1825; m. Isabel Eliza Marsh.

ii. HENRY THOMAS, b. Oct. 15, 1826; m. Hannah M. Fuller.


iv. CHARLES MARSH, b. Oct. 17, 1841; unm. Res., Topeka, Kans. Charles Marsh Foster was born in Walpole, N. H., on a farm. His father, Henry Prentiss Foster, a farmer, married for a second wife Eliza Marsh, and to them was born the subject of this sketch. He attended the District School and High School of his native town and spent a short time in Kimball Union Academy, at Meriden, N. H., where he was graduated about 1860. He at once entered Harvard College and took a degree of A. B. in 1861; studied law with the Hon. F. A. Vose in his native town, then practiced law for a short time in Alstead, N. H., and in 1868 moved to Topeka, Kans. His precocity as a scholar, from the beginning of his school life, was the comment of the town, and the recollections of it have been prominently interwoven with the traditions of his historic birthplace.

The above is from relatives of his family, and what follows is from his own acquaintance made without kinship to him.

He has lived in the city of Topeka nearly thirty years, and during all his stay here has never made an enemy or deserved
one. His whole life here has been a literary abstraction. He has been the constant source of supply for nearly every lawyer in the State, and especially in times of their extremity has he been a common fount upon which attorneys of this State have constantly drawn and never exhausted; it has become proverbial concerning his knowledge of law generally, as found in nisi prius decisions, unpublished decisions, out of print reports. That wherever there has been a decision rendered by some means he has obtained and carries it in his head. The person who writes this sketch never, in his life, saw or heard of a man who was such a wilderness, such a mass of knowledge or information, and in whatever direction knowledge or information ramifies. By his most intimate friends he has never yet been discovered devouring a book for any length of time, and he always has known its contents. The finances of this country, the local politics of this country, and any sort of information concerning the people, that would seem to have been local, and with but little extended notoriety, were equally familiar to him. A learner of languages, simply attracted by coming upon a stray book of the languages. A professor of thorough bass and harmony for a period in an Academy of music here, after a casual study of some treatise on that subject which he accidentally picked up. Whatever the writer may say in relation to Harriet Temple—her life was not at all molest the serenity of this gentleman, unless there is an error in the fact. He has lived for thirty years in an entirely literary atmosphere; has taken no note of things temporal as concerned himself personally. He has been the kind friend of Judges from the Supreme Justice down. He has been the assistant counsel, unpaid at that, in any number of cases where he has rendered great services to the lawyers engaged, and had he the commercial element in his make-up and could have understood life, other than its literary abstractions, he would have been one of the most famous men in the Foster tribe.

The people of Topeka are his friends; they must be, because he has done everything in the world that he could do for everyone that ever called upon him for a favor. —Joseph G. Waters.


1240. LEVI HOOPER FOSTER (Henry, Jacob, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), b. Walpole, N. H., Feb. 1, 1799; m. May 8, 1822, Fanny Fitch, dau. of Henry and Fanny (Gage), b. Feb. 18, 1803. She d. June 2, 1868; m. 2d., Jan. 15, 1872, Mrs. Harriet Temple. She d. Aug. 18, 1876; m. 3d., Dec. 5, 1876, Mrs. Mary S. Crossett. He was a farmer. He d. Feb. 11, 1852. Res., Walpole, N. H.

2256. i. GEORGE H., b. April 2, 1825; m. Lydia Ham.


2258. iii. FANNY SOPHIA, b. Dec. 25, 1831; m. April 1, 1858, Edward Kenwood Reynolds, of Maryland. Had 2 d eds. Res., Washington, D. C.


TIONAL CHURCH IN DEDHAM, MASS. MR. ANDERSON'S CHILDREN WERE ALL BORN BETWEEN 1827 AND 1847. THE TWO OLDEST ARE NOT LIVING.

2262. VII. CALEB, b. —, 1803; d. —, 1820.
2263. VIII. JACOB, b. —, 1807; d. —, 1809.

1855. DR. GEORGE TIFFANY FOSTER (David, Jacob, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), b. Lyndon, VT, June 4, 1810; m. Pittsfield, Mass., Jan. 30, 1847, Ann Eliza Baxter, b. July 26, 1816; d. May 5, 1897. George Tiffany Foster was born at Lyndon, VT. Prepared himself for college and took partial courses at Middlebury College, Vermont, and at Wesleyan College, Middletown, Conn. Supported himself by teaching in the intervals of his attendance at the college. About 1840 he was the principal of the City academy, Hudson, NY, where he was very popular, until he left to pursue his studies. He attended lectures at the Berkshire medical college, Pittsfield, Mass., and then at the Albany medical college, Albany, NY, where he graduated with the degree of M. D., January 26, 1847. Four days later, January 30, 1847, he married Anna Eliza Baxter, at Pittsfield, Mass., and shortly afterward settled in Windsor, Mass., where a daughter, Adeline Augusta Foster, was born April 15, 1848. In 1850 he moved to Chatham Four Corners, NY, where he practiced medicine for ten years. Here two children were born, Isabella Jones Foster, June 15, 1852, and Mathias Lanckton Foster, June 17, 1859. During this time he was an ardent abolitionist and entered with zeal into the controversies of the day to the great detriment of his practice. During the three years 1857-1860 he kept a private school. Finally, his health gave away, he left Chatham and moved to Pittsfield, Mass., where he lived quietly in a semi-invalid condition until his death from dysentery, October 22, 1890. While he lived in Pittsfield, the Prohibitionist party was organized, and he was one of the fifteen voters who supported the ticket the first year in that town. He died October 22, 1890. Residence, Pittsfield, Mass.
2265. II. ISABELLA JONES, b. June 15, 1852; d. May 21, 1857.
2266. III. MATHIAS LANCKTON, b. June 17, 1859; m. Constance Hunter Savage.

1857. JACOB PRENTISS FOSTER (David, Jacob, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), b. Lyndon, VT; m. Jane Leitch; m. 2d, Matilda Cahoon. Res., Passumpsic, VT.
2268. II. MARY F., b. —; m. Bowman. Res., Brookhaven, Miss.
2269. III. DAVID JOHNSON, b. July 27, 1817; m. Mabel M. Albic, Pittsfield, VT.
2270. IV. JOHN CAHOON, b. —; m. —. Res., Passumpsic, VT.
2271. V. REBECCA, b. —; m. —. Somers, Res., Passumpsic, VT.
2272. VI. LENORA, b. —; m. Sandborn. Res., Passumpsic, VT.

1861. ALEXANDER HAMILTON FOSTER (Samuel, William, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), b. Batavia, NY; — m. —, —. He d. May 24, 1884. Was killed by the cars. Res., Batavia, NY.

2276. II. JAMES, b. —; m. Louisa Thomas.

1871. DR. MASON DURKEE FOSTER (Jacob, William, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), b. Feb. 26, 1807; m. —, Romina Bird. After his death she m. again. He was a physician and surgeon at Port Gibson, Manchester, Ontario county, NY. Was a successful practitioner and is buried in Auburn, NY. S. P.

2276. I. DAVID H., b. Hamilton, NY; Aug. 8, 1843.
2277. II. JOHN JACOB, b. Sept. 23, 1852; m. Minerva Hill.
2278. iii. FRANCES T., b. March 4, 1849; d. ____.  
2279. iv. MARY E., b. May 16, 1849.  
2280. v. AUGUSTINA C., b. March 4, 1838.  

1275. CAPT. GEORGE WARREN FOSTER (Jacob, William, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), b. Sept. 13; 1817, Whitehall, N. Y.; m. Oct. 15, 1848, Mary Elizabeth Coe, b. Oct. 23, 1830. At the age of five years he moved with his parents to the town of Mentz, Cayuga county, in the same state. Here he attended the district schools and also worked on his father's farm. At the age of fifteen he taught the district school in a neighboring district and also again in his seventeenth year. The next year was occupied in home study and reciting at the academy in Auburn, which was five miles distant and to which he walked twice a week. In 1837 he entered the law office of Hon. William H. Seward, where he remained until 1841 and during which time he served as clerk of the Court of Civil and Criminal Jurisdiction. He was also deputy clerk of the United States district court for the Northern district of New York. In the fall of 1842 he entered Yale law school, and remained one year and finished all the studies in the course. After his return from law school he practiced law at Port Byron for two years. In the fall of 1845 he came West, arriving at Milwaukee September 21, 1845, and opened a law office there. That winter, not finding the law business lucrative, he taught school at Port Washington. In the fall of 1846 he commenced surveying and also did conveyancing for the new settlers, who were then pouring in; his law business also began to grow. In 1879 he moved to Appleton, Wis., where, on account of his heavy professional labors, his nervous system broke down completely and he was compelled to give up his profession entirely and remove to Port Washington, where he again resumed his practice in 1883 and continued in active practice until his death. He was one of the leading members of the Wisconsin bar. During the war he was appointed judge-advocate by the governor of Wisconsin with the rank of captain, and was also appointed special district attorney to prosecute those engaged in the draft riots at Port Washington. He was one of the leading citizens and the original mover toward the building of a harbor at Port Washington—went to Washington and appeared before the committee on rivers and harbors, and his labors procured the first appropriation for the harbor improvement. He was an excellent German scholar and proficient in Greek, Latin and French. He was a profound scholar, and in all his researches he worked back to the fundamental principle of the subject under discussion. He was in all his professional labors a profound lawyer in all the meaning of that word. He was a staunch Republican in politics and before the organization of that party was a Whig. He died February 6, 1895. Res., Port Washington, Wis.  

2281. i. SOPHIA LOUISE, b. Feb. 29, 1852; d. Sept. 13, 1864; unm.  
2282. ii. ADDIE COE, b. Dec. 25, 1861; d. Sept. 20, 1864; unm.  
2283. iii. WILLIAM MASON, b. July 1, 1859; unm. Received a common school education and attended Lawrence University, at Appleton, Wis., for one year; admitted to the bar in 1884, and practiced law at Milwaukee, Wis, since 1888. Politics, Republican.  

2285. v. CHARLES LINNEUS, b. March 21, 1865; d. Jan. 23, 1887; unm.  
2286. vi. ANNIE STEWART, b. Aug. 20, 1866; unm.  
2287. vii. FREDERICK ALBERT, b. June 20, 1871; unm. Res., Milwaukee, Wis. At the age of eight years he moved, with the rest of his father's family, to Appleton, Wis., where they lived for a few years, when, on account of his father's ill health, they returned to Port Washington. He there attended the public and high schools and was graduated from the latter at the age of fifteen. He then attended the high school at Niles, Mich., for a short time. In his seventeenth year he entered a law office in Milwaukee, Wis., where he remained until the winter of 1891, when he entered the University of Wisconsin, taking two years of academic work and then entering the law department of the university, from which he was graduated with the class of 1895. Before entering law school, he took and passed the state bar
examination and was admitted to the bar. While in the law department of the university, he was private secretary to Justices Cassaday and Orton, of the Wisconsin Supreme Court. He is a member of the Chi Psi fraternity. After finishing his law course he entered the legal department of the Santa Fe railroad company at Chicago. In 1896 he removed to Milwaukee, where he is practicing his profession. In politics he has followed in the footsteps of his father. Addresses: William M. Foster, 101 New Ins. Bldg., Milwaukee, Wis.; Annie S. Foster, res., Milwaukee, Wis.

1278. COL. JACOB THOMAS FOSTER (Jacob, William, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), b. Ments, N.Y., June 25, 1827; m. Port Washington, Wis., Nov. 26, 1849, Sarah Mariah Page, b. May 5, 1833; d. Dec. 8, 1866, accidentally killed in a mill at Hokah, Minn., by her dress catching in machinery; m. 2d Jan. 3, 1869, Anna Barber, b. 1826; d. Feb. 2, 1893; m. 3d, Nov. 29, 1893, in Chicago, Georgia Huston, b. 1867. Res., Chicago, Ill., 231 Forty-second street.

2288. i. JACOB FRANK, b. March 28, 1851; m. Clara Walton.


2290. iii. CLARK HARROLD, b. Dec. 11, 1859; m. Hattie Kellogg.

1290. JOB YOUNG FOSTER (Jacob, Isaac, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), b. Gray, Me., Dec. 28, 1803; m. there April 8, 1827, Sateria Leighton, of Falmouth, Res., Gray, Me.

2291. i. JULIA ANN C., b. —; m. Oct. 29, 1848, Job A. Spencer. Res., Dry Mills, Me.


2292. i. DORCAS C., b. Feb. 17, 1837.


2294. iii. JACOB, b. Aug. 4, 1841; m. Mary Allen.


2296. v. DANIEL A., b. May 7, 1851.

2297. vi. EDWARD P., b. Aug. 1, 1853.


2299. viii. SHEPHEL GRANVILLE, b. April 11, 1856; m. Carrie J. Davis.


2300. i. THOMAS J., b. Oct. 17, 1836; m. Mary R. Devine.


2303. iv. HENRY M., b. April 22, 1844; d. Aug. 27, 1858.

2304. v. HORACE C., b. Sept. 7, 1847; m. Annie M. Frank.


2306. vii. JOHN R., b. Dec. 16, 1851; m. — — — — — — — .

2307. viii. EARNEST, b. March 14, 1853; d. March, 1854.


2309. x. HENRY W., b. Dec. 11, 1857; m. Jennie E. Colley.

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2310. i. MARTHA A., b. —; m., Oct. 1, 1848, Charles E. Libby.

2311. ii. HANNAH C., b. —; m., Sept. 16, 1849, Marshall Morse.

2312. iii. JONATHAN O., b. Nov. 20, 1833; m. Jan. 2, 1897.

2313. iv. JANE, b. —; m. Joel S. Bailey.


2315. vi. SAMUEL J., b. in 1844; m. and Res. North Gray, Me.

2316. vii. SILAS W., b. Dec. 22, 1835; m. Sarah J. Bailey and Angie A. Briggs.

1304. PHILIP FOSTER (William, Isaac, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), b. Argyle, Me., —, 1806; m. there about 1827, Fannie Cummings, d. July, 1829; m. 2d., —, 1834. Was a farmer and stock raiser. Philip Foster was born in Maine and married Miss Fannie Cummings. He was employed by a company to go to California to build some mills. A ship was loaded with machinery, and he was put in charge, but on the passage the ship went to Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, and was there about six months, and Mr. Foster proceeded to Portland, Ore. He finally settled at Oregon City and entered the mercantile business, but later he engaged in the building of the toll road across the Cascade mountains, having his headquarters on the west side. Here he established a trading post to furnish supplies to the immigrants. Mr. Foster was one of the earliest settlers of Oregon, coming about 1843. He died in 1887, at the age of eighty years. His wife died one year after marriage. He d. Clackamas, E. Ore., 1887. Res., Argyle, Me.

2317. i. GEORGE, b. —. Res., Vancouver, Ore.

2318. ii. LUCY A., b. —; m. —. Burnett. She d. Dec. 26, 18—. A des. is Burnice Howell, of Portland, Ore.

2319. iii. FRANK W., b. —; m. —.

2320. iv. JAMES W., b. May 22, 1829; m. Louisa M. Rockhill.

2321. v. MARY, b. —.

2322. vi. MARTHA, b. —.

2323. vii. ISAAC, b. —.

2324. viii. EGBERT, b. —. Res., Eagle Creek, Ore.


2325. i. HARVEY, b. —.

2326. ii. WILLIAM STINSON, b. Aug. 18, 1845; m. Sarah A. Bussell and Nancy B. Jones. Relatives are Mrs. John B. Bussell, Old Town, Me.; Mrs. Sarah A. Foster, Old Town, Me.; Andrew H. Tibbetts, Old Town, Me.; Harvey Foster, 5 Sherwin street, Waterville, Me.

1310. WILLIAM CHARLES FOSTER (William, Isaac, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), b. Argyle, Me., Sept. 8, 1823; m. Nov. 27, 1856, Rosanna Grant, b. Oct. 31, 1838. He is a farmer and lumberman. Res., Argyle, Me.

2327. i. LUCY R., b. March 12, 1864; m. —— Littlefield. Res., Greenbush, Me.

2328. ii. ESTHER, b. Feb. 15, 1866; d. Dec. 24, 1884.

2329. iii. MARY E., b. March 28, 1868; m. —— Ballard. Res., Old Town, Me.

2330. iv. ALBERT F., b. Sept. 27, 1870.

2331. v. STEPHEN A., b. Dec. 2, 1872; m. and Res. Argyle, Me.

1311. JOSEPH WELLINGTON FOSTER (William, Isaac, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), b. Maine, Oct. 24, 1815; m. in Franklin Dec. 9, 1837, Harriet L. Scammon, b. Sept. 20, 1807; d. July 14, 1868, at Franklin, Me. Joseph W. Foster was born at Oldtown, Penobscot county, Me.; educated in common schools and seminary. At the age of twenty-one years went to Washington county in charge of lumbering operations at Cherryfield, on the Narraguagus river, where he built mills and operated for some years. Was married to Miss Harriet Scammon, of Franklin, while in business in Cherryfield. Some years after moved to Franklin, Hancock county, and continued in the lumbering business till an old man. He was a man of good habits; strictly temperate, a devout member of the church; a trusted public
officer all his life; never allowed the needy to go from his home empty-handed. The last year of his life was spent in Big Rapids, Mich., where he died at the age of about sixty years. June 19, 1869. Res., Franklin, Me.

2332. i. STEPHEN W., b. Feb. 22, 1839; m. Louisa F. Fickett.

2333. ii. BETSEY J., b Aug 21, 1840. She d. 1862.

2334. iii. JOHN H., b. Feb. 11, 1842; m. Georgiana Dykins.


2336. v. MARTHA ANN, b. Apr 24, 1845.

2337. vi. JAMES F. b. Sept. 4, 1847.

2338. vii. DUDLEY W., b. Nov. 1, 1848; m. Clara M. Wakefield.


2339. i. HARRIETTA, b. Feb. 8, 1850; Mrs. Isaac Terrill, Oldtown, Me.


2343. v. RUEL H., b. Jan. 20, 1859; m. April 15, 1883. Add., Argyle, Me.

2344. vi. ADONIRAM, b. April 20, 1861; d. April 21, 1861.

2345. vii. ANDREW W., b. Nov. 27, 1863; m. June, 1886 Add., Augusta, Me.

2346. viii. ADELBERT E., b. Feb. 11, 1866; m., November, 1894. Add., Argyle, Me.


2348. x. NORA M., b. July 8, 1871; d. March 16, 1879.

1313. CAPT. JOSEPH FOSTER (Joseph, Joseph, Jeremiah, John, Reginald, Reginald), b. Gloucester, Mass., Aug. 2, 1844; m. Sept. 2, 1858, Adelaide Coues Spalding, dau. of Dr. Lyman and Elizabeth (Coues), b. Dec. 3, 1805. She d., Portsmouth, N. H., Sept. 24, 1888. He was a sea captain. After attending school in Boston he decided to go to sea at once, and made his first voyage in the Massachusetts, William Vinson Hutchings, of Gloucester, master, a large ship belonging to Boston. While at Batavia the ship was engaged to go to Japan, and proceeded under Dutch colors to Nagasaki, where the Dutch were allowed to send one vessel every year, this being the only trade allowed with foreigners. The Massachusetts was at Nagasaki during the winter of 1799-1800, and is believed to have been the second American vessel which visited that country. A Japanese picture, brought home on that voyage, marked "Joseph Foster, Jr., Ship Massachusetts, William Hutchings, master, Japan, 1799," and "Japan, April, 1800," is still preserved. He was captain of the private-armed schooner-of-war Sword Fish in 1812. He married, May 17, 1866, Lucy Elwell, of Gloucester, born February 10, 1784; died September 7, 1837. He again married, September 2, 1838, in Portsmouth, N. H., Adelaide Coues Spalding, born December 3, 1805, in Portsmouth, daughter of Lyman Spalding, M. D., and Elizabeth (Coues) Spalding of that place. Notices of Dr. Spalding will be found in the Spalding Memorial, page 130, the Rambles About Portsmouth, Allibone's Dictionary of Authors, the American Cyclopedia, and Johnson's Universal Cyclopedia, from the last of which the following is taken: Lyman Spalding, M. D., was born June 5, 1775, at Cornish, N. H., graduated at Dartmouth college in 1798; studied medicine and aided in the establishment of the medical school of Dartmouth, where he delivered the first course of lectures on chemistry; began the practice of his profession at Portsmouth, in 1799; in 1812 became president of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, in Western New York; removed to New York City in 1813; planned the United States Pharmacopoeia, and in 1820 was one of the committee for its publication; was a skillful anatomist, and member of many learned societies in Europe and America. Died October 30, 1821, in Portsmouth, N. H. Captain Foster died December 19, 1843, on board brig Ventrosa, of Boston, at Holmes' Hole, Mass. The Gloucester Telegraph, noticing his death, said: "It is with the deepest pain and sorrow that we announce the death of Captain Foster. His loss is most keenly felt in this whole community. Captain Foster was a man much esteemed and respected by all who were acquainted with him for his honesty,
integrity and kindness of heart. He had been for many years a shipmaster of the first respectability and standing from this port and Boston." Mrs. Foster died in Portsmouth, N. H., Sept. 24, 1898. "Died.—Foster. In this city, September 24th, at the residence of her son, Pay Inspector Joseph Foster, United States Navy, Mrs. Adelaide Coues Foster, aged ninety-two years, nine months and twenty-one days, daughter of Lyman Spalding, M. D., of Portsmouth, and widow of Capt. Joseph Foster, of Gloucester, Mass. Funeral this Monday afternoon at half past two o'clock."—[Portsmouth, N. H., Chronicle, Sept. 26, 1898.] "Adelaide Coues Foster.—Mrs. Adelaide Coues Foster, the aged and esteemed widow of Joseph Foster, and mother of Pay Inspector Joseph Foster, United States Navy, died at the residence of her son in this city, early on Saturday after a long illness. Her age was ninety-two years, nine months and twenty-one days. She is survived by two sons."—[Portsmouth, N. H., Chronicle, Sept. 26, 1898.] He died at sea Dec. 19, 1843. Res., Gloucester, Mass., and Portsmouth, N. H.
2349. x. JOSEPH, b. June 17, 1841; m. Helen Dickey.
2351. ii. LUCY ELWELL, b. Aug. 12, 1808; m. Sept. 11, 1832, Solomon Stanwood. She d. Aug. 7, 1892, in Gloucester. Solomon Stanwood, son of Richard I., of Gloucester; b. in 1808, in Gloucester. Residence, Gloucester and Boston. She d. Aug. 7, 1892, in Boston. He d. October 16, 1881, in Boston. The following notice was printed in a Boston paper at that time: "Solomon Stanwood, an old and respected citizen of Boston, died on October 16 last, at the age of seventy-three years. His father and brothers were noted shipmasters in their day, and he was himself a survivor, probably the only one, of the crew of the Augusta, a ship of less than 200 tons, which, under the command of his father, Capt. Richard [Goss] Stanwood, made a trading tour "round the world" some sixty years ago, touching at Valparaiso and other points on the Pacific, the Sandwich Islands and Manila. From the latter port a cargo of hemp and sugar was brought to Boston. The voyage was considered a remarkable one. Mr. Stanwood lived in Boston many years and had a large circle of friends." Children born in Gloucester. 1. Amelia Foster, b. July 28, 1833; d. March 13, 1834, in Gloucester. 2. Amelia Foster, b. Jan. 20, 1835; d. June 5, 1852, in Boston.
2354. v. JOSEPH, b. March 2, 1815; d. unm. July 10, 1837, of yellow fever on board barque Burlington, Captain Evans, at Havana, Cuba, of which vessel he was chief mate.
2355. vi. JOSEPH, b. Oct. 21, 1813; d. May 1, 1814.
2357. viii. WILLIAM, b. Dec. 12, 1819; m. Caroline M. Harvey.
2359. xi. LYMAN SPALDING, b. Nov. 25, 1843.; m. Elmira S. Hallet.

2360. i. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, b. June 25, 1822; d. March 15, 1853.
2361. ii. DAVID ELWELL, b. May 5, 1824.
2363. iv. GRANVILLE, b. March 30, 1820; a mariner; unm.; accidentally drowned, Aug. 25, 1859, in the Mississippi river, at New Orleans.

1321. CAPT. JEREMIAH FOSTER (Joseph, Joseph, Jeremiah, John, Reginald, Reginald), b. Gloucester, Mass., Dec. 1, 1797; m., May 10, 1821, in Gloucester, Caroline Stevens, dau. of Cyrus Stevens, of Gloucester; b. Dec. 26, 1797, in Gloucester; d. March 30, 1830, in Gloucester. He again married Nov. 6, 1834, in Gloucester, Charlotte Babson, dau. of Joseph and Mary (Babson) Babson, of Gloucester;
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b. July 15, 1808, in Gloucester; d. July 1, 1864, in Gloucester. He was a sea captain, and d. April 15, 1869, in Somerville, Mass.

2365. i. SIDNEY MASON, b. June 20, 1822; m. Elizabeth Ann Dean.
2366. ii. CAROLINE FRANCES, b. Aug. 19, 1824; d. Feb. 21, 1825.

2368. iv. GEORGIANA, b. May 25, 1828; d. Feb. 18, 1829.
2369. v. JEREMIAH, b. June 18, 1829; d. Aug. 12, 1830.
2370. vi. JEREMIAH, b. Oct. 21, 1841; m. Elizabeth K. Clark and Harriet N. Burnham.


The following extracts are taken from a notice printed in the Gloucester Telegraph, of Gloucester, Nov. 7, 1865: "Capt. Thomas J. Foster, one of our most worthy citizens, died quite suddenly at his residence yesterday morning. In early life Captain Foster was engaged in the trade between this port and Surinam, then the leading business of our merchants. Having obtained a sufficient competency, he retired from business, and of late years he has followed no particular occupation. He was for many years elected Overseer of the Poor, which office he filled with much advantage to the town. He was a man of strict honesty and integrity, whose word was as good as his bond, and in the circle of his family and friends his sudden departure creates a void that can never be filled. He was a kind and sympathizing neighbor, and in times of sickness and distress was ever ready with a willing heart and helping hand." He d. Nov. 3, 1865. Res., Gloucester, Mass.


2372. ii. REBECCA INGERSOLL, b. Aug. 21, 1839; m., Aug. 6, 1853, in Gloucester, Capt. Charles Nelson, of Frederickshaven, Denmark, whose original name of Christian Neilsen was so changed by the Legislature of Massachusetts. He was a sea captain and was lost at sea in the winter of 1863, with wife and only surviving child, in the ship "Romance of the Seas," bound from Hong Kong, China, to San Francisco, Cal. Ch.: 1. Charles Ericson, b. June 13, 1857, in Shanghai, China; lost at sea with his parents in 1863. 2. Albert, b. July, 1859, in Oakland, Cal.; d. June 28, 1860, in Oakland, Cal.

2372 1/2. iii. MARY ELIZA, b. Nov. 24, 1830; unm. Res., Dubuque, Iowa.
2373. iv. THOMAS JEFFERSON, b. Sept. 26, 1833; m. Ella Amanda Winant.

1329. WARREN FOSTER (Moses, Aaron, Moses, John, Reginald, Reginald), b. ——; m. Judith Burnham.

Will—Warren Foster, of Boston; wife, Judith B. Foster; daughter, Sophia B.
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2376. i. JOHN, b. ——; prob. d. young.

2377. ii. ELIZABETH, b. ——; m. ——, Ebenezer Low. Res., 1 New St., E. Boston. They had three daughters and one son (two daughters only survive, one of whom keeps house for her father at No. 1 New St., E. Boston—Miss Frances Low—an excellent young woman).

2378. iii. ELMIRA, b. ——; m. ——, Sweet.

2379. iv. SOPHIA B., b. ——; d. unmn.

2380. v. NANCY K., b. ——; m. ——, Lowe.

2381. vi. MARY E., b. ——; m. ——, Stinson.

2382. vii. JUDITH M., b. ——; m. Sylvester Goodwin, of Brooklyn, N. Y.


There was nothing particular in the life of Mr. Foster different from the average New Englander of his time. He was a most devoted husband and father, in its broadest, truest sense. He shared all study with his children, and no children ever had more patient and tender rearing, or more thorough training. He was also a student of history, and, in the varied ways, an indefatigable reader—always posted in matters political, social or religious. He believed in "equality of rights between the sexes," being equally jealous for the daughters as the sons. No man ever had more pride in his daughters than had he. The habit of the time was to put the sons in the advance column—always. Not so with him,—his daughters were his pride, though he dearly loved his boys. He d. March 4, 1873. Res., Beverly, Mass.

2383. i. CAROLINE FRANCES, b. Nov. 10, 1826; m., Dec. 19, 1849, in Boston, George C. Taft; d. Feb. 17, 1854; m., 2d, in Boston, Aug. 27, 1862, J. B. Cunningham; d. Aug. 27, 1882. She resides Indianapolis, Ind., Enterprise Hotel. Ch.: i. Mellen Parker Taft, b. at Scituate, Mass., Dec. 30, 1839; d. at Roxbury, Sept. 4, 1850. 2. Ida Taft, b. Dec. 6, 1852; res., Banning, Cal.; m., ——, James F. Bird, assistant auditor of the Pullman Palace Car Co.; offices, Pullman Bldg., room 305, Chicago, Ill. 3. Fred Arms Cunningham, b Nov. 10, 1865; d. on the Chicago & Erie railroad, Aug. 27, 1891.

George C. Taft was a native of Uxbridge, Mass., a son of Mellen and Maria T. Taft. He was of delicate constitution, of the nervous sort; a brilliant pupil in his early life, energetic and ambitions to gain knowledge for its own sake as well as "the better opportunity." In his native town he passed all school examinations satisfactorily, and was some time under tuition of Rev. A. L. Stine, of Boston, with a view of teaching. From that he went to some college in New Jersey. Later, he returned to Massachusetts on account of ill-health. While he was yet a boy his father died, and his mother desired him to remain near home, and, with alternate teaching and mercantile employment, the following years he lived at Roxbury, Mass., and then went to the old home place, where he entered the office of the Whiting Bros., cotton and flannel manufacturers, at Whitingville, Mass.

James B. Cunningham was a civil engineer of much ability and practical knowledge in his profession. This, then, comprised all the departments that are now reduced to specialties. Mr. Cunningham had been well reared and carefully educated, though possessing an enthusiastic temperament, which inclines one to be erratic in plans, and their operations. He was generous and
loyal with friends, but not always just to himself. His professional labor was remunerative, but his health failed in late years, and he died in Boston. One son was born to his home—Fred Arms Cunningham—who lost his life in 1891 in railway service, at 25 years. He married Elizabeth Young, of Oak Point, Barnentine county, Quebec. One son was born, and yet lives—Samuel Adams Cunningham—now 7 years of age. He was an intense reader of history; a real student, loving the work. He attended Chauncey Hall School, in Boston, for a time, and was markedly prominent in declamations and their selection, which he was allowed to choose. As an arithmetician he was beyond the average boy of his years, and fairly equal in other departments. Very early he had read Scott's works, and could repeat many poems with telling power. Was exceedingly modest in all efforts, and few beside immediate friends knew his ability. His opportunities were cut short by the death of his father, and his work changed.

2384. ii. ALDEN BRADFORD, b. March 29, 1834; m. Fannie Murch and Celeste H. Morse.


2386. iv. SUSAN, b. — — ; m. — —, Gilman M. Burnham. She d. s. p.


2389. vii. CHARLES EDWARD, b. March —, 1830; d. unm., in California. While crossing a rapid stream his boat overturned in the current—this, on his way, from San Francisco, to his saw-mill, at Redwoods. His was an uncommonly bright and cheerful temperament; active and ambitious. He very early manifested business qualifications, and with his genial manner he became successful before he was of age. The mother died in 1847, and to him, of all the children, this was a bitter loss. He was the dearly loved brother; always kind, generous and careful of his home life. He left, with his elder brother-in-law, Gilman M. Burnham, for the gold regions of California in May, 1849.

2390. viii. AUGUSTA CLARA, b. — —; d. ; aet. 15.

2391. ix. MARILINE, b. — — ; m. — —, Albert M. Palmer; s. p.

2392. x. CHARLOTTE ANNA, b. — — ; m. — —, David A. Stone.

2393. xi. LUcretia Brown, b. March 6, 1836; m., Feb. 28, 1859, Capt. Charles Whitney Lamson. Res., 498 Winthrop Ave., New Haven, Conn. He was b. May 18, 1820. Was master of a mer-
chant ship for many years. The home was at Beverly, Mass. (the old time home of the Whitney family, of whom his mother was one.) Captain L. died at home Nov. 30, 1859. A very worthy man, devoted to home and family, and true in all relations. He left a widow and three children, one son and two daughters: 1. Charles Alden, b. Oct. 16, 1861; m. Ida M. Bradford, May 2, 1893. 2. Clara Whitney, b. Dec. 12, 1865, in Beverly; m. F. S. Andrew, Dec. 3, 1891. Res., Beverly. 3. Alice Palmer, b. Jan. 1, 1869; m. William P. Walker, Sept. 1, 1892. Res., Beverly.


2400. i. SUSAN W., b. Sept. 28, 1823; m. Harrison A. Rice.

2401. ii. WARREN S., b. Sept. 12, 1830; m., Jan. 28, 1858, Caroline Smith, dau. of Parker and Martha (Smith). He was several years connected with the railroads in Illinois as conductor. Ch.: 1. Mary W., b. Jan. 14, 1859. 2. Orrah C., b. July 18, 1861. 3. Jessie W., b. Oct. 26, 1869. Ch. by 2d wife:

2402. iii. CAROLINE F., b. Nov. 6, 1855; m. William O. Folsom, Nov. 6, 1875. She d. 1866, and he m., 2d, Julia Whitney, dau. of Frederic and Fidelia. Is a merchant, Justice of the Peace and quorum; has been selectman and town treasurer.

1343. HON. WILLIAM S. FOSTER (Zebulon, Aaron, Moses, John, Reginald, Reginald), b. March 19, 1801; m., Dec. 27, 1827, Harriet Page, of Antrim; m. 2d,
Nov. 28, 1850, Mary Cooledge. William S. Foster was a carpenter by trade, and came to Antrim in the spring of 1826 to help build the Center church. He boarded with Stephen Paige and thus became acquainted with his daughter Harriet, whom he married December 27, 1827, after which he continued to reside in this town. In 1829 he moved on to the William McDole place, where he lived forty-six years. He married, second, Mary Cooledge, November 28, 1850. Mr. Foster was representative of the town; was chairman of the selectmen during the war, and was called to fill many positions of trust and honor. In old age he made profession of his faith in Christ. After a long and painful sickness, he passed away in Christian confidence and peace. He died July 10, 1875. Residence, Antrim, N. H.

2403. i. STEPHEN P., b. in 1828. He left Antrim in early manhood, and was last heard of in London in 1851.

2404. ii. WILLIAM S., b. in 1830; m. Margaret Shaw, of Massachusetts.

2405. iii. AARON W., b. in 1832, and went South. He entered the Rebel army, lost an arm at Malvern Hill, and d. from effects thereof in 1872.

2406. iv. JENNETTE A., b. in 1834; d. April 6, 1858.

2407. v. JOHN W., b. in 1837; m. Hannah E. Hunt.

2408. vi. HENRY H., b. in 1841. He entered the Union army, the Seventh N. H. regt., and d. in the service, in Florida, in 1862.

2409. vii. LEONARD M., b. in 1846; d. in 1853.

2410. viii. HARRIET A., twin sister of Leonard M.; d. in 1849.

1345. CAPT. JEREMIAH FOSTER (Zebulon, Aaron, Moses, John, Reginald, Reginald), b. June 22, 1805; m., Jan., 1833, in Henniker, Adeline, dau. of Jacob Lovisa Rice, of that town, who d. Sept. 7, 1863; m. 2d., April 23, 1864, Martha B. Huntoon, of that town; resided on the homestead until recently; representative in 1857-8; often one of the selectmen of the town; filled many positions of trust with fidelity; very efficient as a commander of the Rifles and Grenadiers; was a civil engineer. Res., Henniker, N. H.

2411. i. JACOB R., b. Feb. 4, 1834; m. Georgia Nash and Mary Nash.

2412. ii. CHARLES S., b. Jan. 26, 1838; m.; Aug. 11, 1862, Julia, dau. of Luther and Sally Goss, of this town; d. Jan. 22, 1864.


2415. v. EDWIN SCOTT, b. March 22, 1845; m., Sept., 1868, Elvira Tabor, of Bristol, druggist; res. in Haverhill, Mass. Widely known as a musician.

1346. MICAJAH FOSTER (Zebulon, Aaron, Moses, John, Reginald, Reginald), b. Henniker, N. H., Aug. 27, 1807; m. April 5, 1838, Betsy Tucker. Lived in this town until April, 1855, when he removed to Iowa, where he still resides. Ch. b. he e. Res., Henniker, N. H., and ———, Iowa.

2416. i. HOMER T., b. Dec. 22, 1839.


2418. iii. EVALINE, b. Aug. 27, 1844.

2419. iv. EDEN S., b. Feb. 18, 1847.

2420. v. ZELDA J., b. April 5, 1849.

1356. JOHN PLUMMER FOSTER (Charles, Jonathan, Jonathan, Jonathan, William, Reginald), b. North Andover, Mass., Oct. 28, 1817; m., West Boxford, Dec. 9, 1845, Sarah A. Peabody, b. Feb. 16, 1815; d. March 13, 1896. He was a farmer. John P. Foster was born at North Andover, in the same house in which he died, was educated in the public schools and always following the life of farming and raising of fruit trees and large quantities of fruit. He d. June 4, 1891. Res., North Andover, Mass.

1867. GEORGE NOYES FOSTER (Jonathan, Jonathan, Jonathan, Jonathan, William, Reginald), b. West Boxford, Mass., March 31, 1817; m., at North Andover, Dec. 17, 1846, Martha Jane Symonds, b. Aug. 12, 1823; d. Jan. 24, 1865; m. 2d, 1870, Mrs. Mahala B. Sanborn. She d. s. p., Sept., 1891. George Noyes Foster, born March 31, 1817, at West Boxford, Mass. "He attended District No. 5 school, the same one I did; how long I do not know. I believe he worked for his father, who owned a large farm, and was considered to be well-off. He also 'worked out' on farms, as most young men did in those days. Was a lieutenant in the local militia. Married when he was twenty-nine years old, and lived for a short time in Bradford. His father bought and gave him the farm on which he lived, in Georgetown, Mass., till the spring of 1866, when he sold it at auction to one Weston, who owned a saw mill near by. Soon after selling his farm he moved to Groveland, near the old ferry, where he resided till he died, respected by all who knew him." His occupation in Groveland was mostly carpenter work. He d. Jan. 10, 1880. Res., Groveland, Mass.
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2440. i. RUSHTON, b. ----. Res., New Orleans, La.

2441. ii. DAUGHTER, b. ----; in a convent.


2442. i. FRANCIS, b. May 11, 1841; d. Sept. 28, 1867.

2443. ii. ROBERT MONTGOMERY, b. Aug. 23, 1862; d. March 1, 1870.


Inventory mentions personal estate of Elizabeth A. Foster; cash of J. H. and W. H. Foster, trustees. Lib. 468; Fol. 486.

Sarah F. Woodman, formerly Sarah E. Foster, appointed guardian of child, Elizabeth A. Foster. February 18, 1875. Lib. 503; Fol. 375-520.

Inventory mentions Horatio Woodman, one of appraisers. Lib. 502; Fol. 122.


2445. i. RICHARD ALLEN, b. Nov. 15, 1843.

2446. ii. ELIZABETH A., b. March 19, 1846; m. L. H. Cheney.

2447. iii. WILLIAM WEBB, b. Oct. 24, 1848; d. May 1, 1849.


2448. i. ASA, b. Oct. 16, 1816; d. Dec. 20, 1816.

2449. ii. NATHAN F., b. and d. Aug., 1817.

2450. iii. THOMAS JEFFERSON, b. May 1, 1820; d. March 29, 1823.

2451. iv. LOIS, b. June 11, 1822.

2452. v. THOMAS JEFFERSON, b. June 8, 1824; m. Nan C. Bennett.

2453. vi. REUBEN BALL, b. July 25, 1826; m. Salome G. Eames.

1381. HON. REUBEN B. FOSTER (Asa, Abner, Zebediah, Jonathan, William, Reginald), b. Newry, Me., ----; m., ----, Sarah Bartlett, dau. of Stephen. Reuben B. Foster, son of Asa and Anna (Barlett) Foster, of Newry, was born in that town and fitted for college, but did not enter. He was by trade a carpenter, an ingenious workman, and taught school winters during his early manhood. He finally decided on farming as his life business, and purchased the farm consisting of intervalve and upland which Gideon and Silas Powers had previously occupied. He commenced at once to bring his land into a higher state of cultivation, in which he succeeded. He was a man of superior judgment and intelligence; and of a scientific cast of mind. He studied out methods for changing coarse material to dressing, and had practiced it for years before Bonner patented his process, which was identical with that of Mr. Foster's. He was a great reader and well acquainted with history, both ancient and modern. He employed a large number of men to carry on his farm, and in the various branches of farming, including stock raising, he did a larger business than any one in his section of the State. He raised large crops of grain and grass, and delighted in a large yield of yellow corn. He attended personally to all the details of his business, rarely leaving the farm, unless called away on urgent business. He was on the board of selectmen in Hanover and served one or more terms in the Legislature. He married Sarah, daughter of Stephen Bartlett, a most amiable woman, and a model farmer's wife. He survived his wife several years, and was gathered to his fathers several years ago. He died ----. Res., Bethel, Me.
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2154. iv. REUBEN B., b. Feb. 8, 1833; m. Dorcas Howe.
2155. i. AGNES, b. Jan. 27, 1837; m. Lawson C. Smith, of Newry. She d., and he m., 2d., Ruby Mason.
2158. v. FRANCES, b. Dec. 23, 1834; d. Nov. 12, 1854.
2159. vi. JOAN AMANDA, b. Dec. 2, 1836; m. Edwin L. Hoyt.
2160. vii. JULIA B., b. Aug. 9, 1838; m. Charles R. Abbott; m., 2d., Oscar D. Rolfe, of Rumford.
2161. viii. HELEN, b. Nov. 11, 1840; m. Galen Howe. She d. May 29, 1875.
2163. x. LUCIEN L., b. Dec. 27, 1844; d. May 3, 1864.

1382. ENOCH FOSTER (Asa, Abner, Zebediah, Jonathan, William, Reginald), b. Jan. 7, 1790; Sunday River, Newry, Me.; m. there, July, 1824, Persis Swan, b.—, 1806; d. April 9, 1859; m. 2d, April 16, 1861, Mrs. Louisa Cutting, widow of Amaziah. He was a farmer and resided in Newry. He d. Dec. 26, 1851. Res., Bethel, Me.

2166. ii. ORRIN, b. March 27, 1827; m. Mary O. Styles.
2167. iii. BEULAH BARTLETT, b. July 1, 1829; m. Albert D. Styles. She d. 1850.

1383. DEACON ELI FOSTER (Asa, Abner, Zebediah, Jonathan, William, Reginald), b. Newry, Me.; —; m., —, Dorcas Bartlett, dau. of Stephen. She d. April 29, 1887. Deacon Eli Foster was the son of Asa and Anna (Bartlett) Foster, of Newry, and was born in that town. When he became of age he married Dorcas, daughter of Stephen Bartlett, of Bethel, and settled on wild land situated on the road between Locke's Mills and the Androscoggin river, though at the time he erected his house the road had not been built. His land consisted of lowland and upland, and when he selected his building lot he exercised that judgment and foresight with regard to future wants, not often shown by the early settlers. The spot selected was where the lowlands joined the upland, near a beautiful brook which comes from the hills at this point and meanders through the level ground to Otter brook. He left the forest on the high ground in the vicinity of his buildings, which consisted largely of the sugar maple, standing, and they are standing to this day and constitute one of the finest sugar orchards in the town. On the hill east of this maple grove he cleared land for pasture, and the level ground was cleared up for meadow and crops. The broad area of high interval, almost a dead level, and stretching away across Otter brook and to the hills beyond attracts the attention and elicits the admiration of all passersby. Mr. Foster's education was somewhat limited, but he had natural abilities of a high order. He was a model farmer and a first-class business man. His thrift, which was the result of prudence and economy, sometimes excited the envy of his less fortunate neighbors, and even of those who were often glad to have the benefit of his better circumstances. He was kind hearted and accommodating; social in his tastes and habits and rendered needed assistance to the poor by giving them employment at seasons when they could find it nowhere else. His wife was a helpmeet indeed. She was skilled in all the domestic arts for which the settlers' wives were distinguished—carding, spinning and weaving both flax and wool. She furnished clothing for the household, beginning with the raw material and ending with the made-up and finished garments. In the evening, after the household duties had been carefully attended to, she would sit with knitting work in hand, and it was marvelous to witness the numerous pairs of hose, linen for summer and woolen for winter wear, and mittens, she would produce in a single year. Mr. Foster was chosen deacon of the Baptist church and was filling the position at the time of his death. He was a man of decided views, a strong temperance man, and a few years before his death gave up the use of tobacco, of which he had long made use. His wife survived him many years, dividing her time between the old homestead, occupied by her only son, and the home of her eldest


2470. ii. SOPHIA BARTLETT, b. Sept. 13, 1828; m. Dec. 13, 1843, Rev. Dr. Hiram C. Estes. Rev. Hiram Cushman Estes, D. D., son of John and Sarah (Andrews) Estes, was born in Bethel July 27, 1823. He was brought up on a farm, but early developed a love of learning and a passion for books. Like many other New England youths, he was obliged to depend mainly upon his own efforts for the means necessary to a course of study; and in his case, as in many others, the fact was demonstrated that a determined will is quite sure to open a way. After leaving the town school he attended Bethel Academy; the Turner High School, which was then in charge of John M. Adams, of Rumford; now of Deering; and at North Yarmouth Academy, working upon the farm portions of each year and teaching in winter to meet his expenses. He entered Waterville College, now Colby University, in 1843, and graduated with honor in 1847. He studied theology at the Cambridge (Mass.) Divinity School and was ordained to the work of the ministry at Auburn, in this State, May 16, 1850. For three years, from 1842 to 1845, he was agent for the American Baptist Missionary Union in the State of Maine. Settled over the church in East Trenton from 1845 to 1860; at Leicester, Mass., from 1860 to 1862; at Jericho, Vt., from 1862 to 1872; over the Baptist church in Paris from January 1, 1873, to July 1, 1883, and from September 1, 1883 to September, 1885, at Winchenden, Mass. While at Trenton he was elected to the Legislature, in 1858, and served as chairman of the Committee on Education on the part of the House, to which position he was admirably adapted. The degree of D. D. was conferred upon him by his alma mater in 1872, and never has this important degree been more fittingly bestowed by that institution. March 1, 1886, he was again called to the Baptist church in Leicester and his connection with that church still continues. Dr. Estes is a profound scholar, a forcible and interesting writer, and whatever he undertakes to do he does well. He has written and delivered several lectures, which have been highly spoken of by those best qualified to judge. His only published volume is an essay entitled, "The Christian Doctrine of the Soul," which appeared in 1873 from the press of Noyes, Holmes & Co., of Boston. It is a duodecimo of 163 pages, and a model of concise and logical writing. It was well received by all denominations of Christians. Several of his occasional sermons have been printed and widely read. He has also prepared and published a history of the Baptist church in Leicester, a work requiring much patient research and admirably done. Dr. Estes was married December 12, 1848, to Sophia Bartlett, daughter of Deacon Eli Foster, of Bethel, and the following are their children: 1. David Foster, b. Oct. 18, 1851. He was graduated from University of Vermont, 1871, and from the Newton Theological Institution, 1874; pursued special studies in theology at the University of Gottingen, 1875-79; ordained at Manchester, Vt., Aug. 19, 1874; pastor of the Baptist church, Manchester, 1874-76; Belfast, Me., 1876-78; Vergennes, Vt., 1880-83; professor and acting-president Atlanta Baptist Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., 1883-86; pastor at Holden, Mass., since 1886. He married, May 12, 1880, Effigene Lydia, daughter of Truman Chittenden Galusha, of Jericho, Vt., b. Sept. 14, 1848; has one child: (a) Walter Dalton Estes, b. at Vergennes, Vt., July 22, 1881. 2. Walter Dalton, b. July
20, 1855. He was a young man of great promise, and while a student of law at Richford, Vt., he drank water from a poisoned well and thereby lost his life. He d. Feb. 22, 1878. 3. Alice Maud, b. Feb. 13, 1874. She was graduated from Leicester Academy in the class of '91.

2471. iii. DAVID T., b. Sept. 5, 1831; m. Harriet B. Crockett.

1872. REV. BENJAMIN FOSTER (Asa, Abner, Zebediah, Jonathan, William, Reginald), b. —; m., Oct. 20, 1827, Louisa Coburn, dau. of Moses and Esther (Spalding), b. Aug. 5, 1810. He was a well-known Methodist preacher and was settled in various parts of Maine. He d. April 14, 1891. Res., Bethel, Me.

2472. i. MOSES COBURN, b. July 29, 1827; m. Francina Smith.


2476. i. LAFAVETTE S., b. May 15, 1855; m. Mary Etta Glovar.

1894. WILLIAM PHILLIPS FOSTER (William, William, John, William, William, Reginald), b. Andover, Mass., Jan. 21, 1830; m. there Dec. 1, 1853, Jane C. Kimball, b. Oct. 14, 1830; d. May 20, 1856; m., 2d., Jan. 22, 1862, Anna M. Barrows. She res. Southern Pines, N. C. William Phillips was born in 1830, when his father was seventy years old; it was his only marriage. His life was short; he was always a delicate child and for years before he died fought lung consumption. He devoted himself to caring for the old homestead which his son, Francis Homer, now owns, and spent most of his life there. He d. Feb. 28, 1871. Res., Andover, Mass.

2477. i. ANNA JANE, b. Dec. 11, 1854; d. Sept. 29, 1861.


2479. iii. JOHN CHARLES, b. Feb. 7, 1859; m. Katherine Virginia Van Doren.


2481. v. FRANCIS HOMER, b. April 7, 1867; m. Mary J. Sweet.


2482. i. JOHN W., b. March 11, 1840; m. Mercy F. Gilman.

2483. ii. CHILD, b. May 28, 1832; d. same day.

2484. iii. CHILD, b. Feb. 15, 1833; d. same day.

2485. iv. NEWELL H., b. April 13, 1834; d. May 13, 1840.


2489. i. HORACE DANIEL, b. April 6, 1844; d. Nov. 8, 1889.


2491. iii. HELEN LUCINDA, b. June 24, 1852; d. Dec. 29, 1887.

2492. iv. JOHN WILLIAM, b. Aug. 25, 1854; m. Marguerite Hussey.

2493. v. FRED, b. July 15, 1859; m. —.
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1403. HON. HERMAN FOSTER (John, Obadiah, John, William, William, Reginald), b. Andover, Mass., Oct. 31, 1800; m. Nov. 8, 1826, Harriet Mary Ann Whittmore, of Arlington, Mass., b. Aug. 13, 1806. Herman Foster, in early life fitted for college, but a disease of the eyes compelled him to abandon his cherished intention. He acquired his education at the common schools and at the Atkinson Academy. Dartmouth College, however, in view of his distinguished abilities and position, in 1861, conferred upon him the honorary degree of A. M. For several years he was engaged in teaching school. He then established himself in a mercantile business in Boston. This pursuit he followed for some years, and then, abandoning it, went to Warner, N. H., where his father then lived, and began the study of law in the office of the Hon. Henry B. Chase, of that town, and was admitted to the bar in 1839. He married Harriet Mary Ann Whittmore, of West Cambridge, of Arlington, Mass., who still survives, and by whom he had two children, who died in infancy. In November, 1849, Mr. Foster went to Manchester, N. H., and began the practice of his profession. Growing in influence with the growth of the city, he has, for a generation, maintained a high position as a citizen, a financier, a legislator, as well as an attorney and counsellor. To him by the citizens of Manchester, before and since its organization as a city, have been committed many offices of honor and responsibility. He was one of its prominent men and impressed his character on many of the institutions of the city, while in the process of formation, and in a manner to merit a cherished remembrance. He was treasurer of the town of Manchester in 1839 and 1843. He was sent to represent the Commonwealth in the New Hampshire House of Representatives in New Hampshire in 1845 and 1846 and again in 1868 and 1869. He was Senator in 1860 and 1861, being President of the Senate in 1861. He was solicitor of the city in 1857. In August, 1862, he was appointed by President Lincoln assessor of internal revenue for the Second District of New Hampshire, resigning in February of the next year. As a financier, the good judgment and ability of Mr. Foster were evidenced in his connection as a trustee and one of the investing committee of the Manchester Savings Bank—said to be one of the best-managed institutions of its kind in the country—from its organization, in 1846, to his death; as treasurer and clerk of the Manchester Gas-light Company since its organization, in 1850; as a director of the old Amoskeag Bank for many years; for the last three or four years, as director of the Amoskeag National Bank, and as one of the first directors and clerk of the Manchester & Lawrence Railroad. In all these trusts he was diligent, thoughtful and honest. From articles communicated to the Manchester papers by Judge Daniel Clark, of the Circuit Court of New Hampshire, and Judge Clough, of Manchester, the friends and co-laborers of Mr. Foster, to which I am indebted in preparing this notice, I had the following summary of his character: "Mr. Foster was, in many respects, a remarkable man. He had characteristics which stamped him as an individual much more deeply and distinctly than most men. While belonging to and making one of the great mass of individuals of which mankind is composed he was, so to speak, more clearly and sharply individualized than most others. There was a steady firmness about him, coupled with a singular diffidence and gentleness, to such a degree as placed these qualities sometimes in striking contrast. His perceptions were distinct and accurate; his intelligence wide and clear; his purpose firm; his thoughts and actions independent; his decision manifest, and his will tenacious. All his qualities were strong and conspicuous. Such was the power of his memory that dates, places, persons, facts, occurrences, what was said, who said it, when and where, though many years ago, were engraved upon it as it were upon a plate of steel. He could quote from the speeches of Burke, Erskine, Phillips and Webster, from the poetry and plays of Virgil, Byron and Shakespeare. In business he was careful, painstaking and methodical, attending to the minutest details, sometimes seeming slow and over-cautious, yet so prompt and decided in action as to shut out every idea of hesitancy or vacillation. Deliberation in him was coupled with strength. In his profession as an attorney he was active and vigilant, qualities which, in the law-practice that existed prior to the coming in of the bankrupt act, were among the most useful and successful. No business entrusted to him was ever neglected. Money collected for his clients was always ready for them. As a counsellor he formed his opinions upon careful study and examination, and they were generally correct and reliable. In the preparation of a case he was thorough. He was seldom caught unprepared. Towards his brethren in his profession he was courteous, affable, true and polite, and he commanded the respect of all who knew him. As a politician he was not a partisan in any sense. He had none of the business unfairness or intolerance of a partisan; but he was a strict party man, liberal and frank, consistent and reliable.
He believed in independence of thought and action; he hated servility. As a man he was honest and upright. He loved truth, hated dissimulation and never misled by misrepresentation or deceitful acts or appearances. As a citizen, he was always the friend of good order; willing to bear a just share of the burdens of society, ready to respond to its requirements and always benevolent and kind. As a friend, he was sincere and true. In religion he was a Unitarian, and was one of the founders and most liberal supporters of that Church in Manchester. His theory and practice were founded on the Gospels. He was benevolent, charitable and tolerant."

To this summary of character I add, as a suitable conclusion to this paper, the testimony of one who has known and loved him as a brother. In a note, in answer to some inquiries, he says: "Of the first half of my brother's life I know but little, as, during that period, I was young, and he lived most of the time in Massachusetts. That he may have made some mistakes is not unlikely; few have lived who have not done so. But for nearly forty years of his life I can speak from personal knowledge; and during that period he has been entirely correct; upward and onward in goodness; hightoned, straightforward, square and upright, gentle and kind as a loving mother, ever ready to join in a helping hand in liberal measure to our less fortunate brothers and sisters, and in other directions when duty called. In his life there is so much of good, beautiful, consoling memories that I cannot think of him in sadness. He died February 17, 1875. Res., Manchester, N. H.


2494. i. MARTHA ANN, b. Nov. 20, 1825; d. Aug. 14, 1870.

2495. ii. BENJAMIN HASTINGS, b. Nov., 1828; d. April 26, 1870.


2496. i. GEORGE SANFORD, b. April 26, 1844; d. July 24, 1851.

2497. ii. HARRIET LUCY, b. Jan. 9, 1849; d. March 8, 1851.


Another prominent name is added to the too rapidly increasing list of our city's honored dead. The Hon. George Foster, who has generally been regarded of later years as a resident of Manchester, died at his home, in Bedford, Monday afternoon, at eighteen minutes past five o'clock, of rheumatism; aged fifty-nine years.

Mr. Foster was the son of John Foster, of Hudson. He was the youngest of a family of six children, two of whom, John Foster, Esq., a retired merchant, of Boston, and Emily, wife of E. S. Badger, of Warner, are living. The deceased members are Herman, of this city; Sabra, wife of Dr. Tewksbury, of Lawrence, and the mother of Mrs. Joseph White, of Boston, Mass.; Charles, who died many years ago, and George, whose death it is our sad duty to chronicle to-day. The early life of the deceased was passed in Hudson until eight years of age, when he removed to Warner, where he resided until December, 1859. He then took up his residence in Warner, in which town he lived until Nov. 20, 1868, the date of his moving to Bedford, and taking possession of the Chandler place, on which he has since lived.

About 1850 he disposed of his business and became a partner in the lumber trade with H. D. Robertson, an occupation that he successfully followed up to the
time of his death, a period of thirty-one years. By the death of Mr. Robertson the
partnership was dissolved, and a new partnership was formed with Moses A. Hodg-
don, of Weare. This continued till the year 1867, when Mr. Foster went West with
the view of permanent settlement. Being dissatisfied with the chances for busi-
ness success, he returned home, and became a member of the lumber dealing firm
of Clough & Foster, his partner being Gilman Clough, Esq. Under this name a
large and lucrative business has since been carried on. Mr. Foster was an en-
thusiastic and successful farmer, and his homestead in Bedford was one of the
largest, best tilled and most productive in this section of the State. He de-
lighted in fine stock, immense crops and a large dairy, and they were always to
be found on his premises.

Mr. Foster had held during his lifetime several important offices of honor
and responsibility. He held a number of town offices in Warner, and during
the war filled the position of Assistant Assessor of the Second Collection Dis-
trict, and several other offices under the
government. In the year 1872 Mr.
Foster was the Republican candidate
from his district for State Senator, and
was elected. The following year he was
re-elected to the same office.

Through life Mr. Foster had been a
tireless and indefatigable worker. He
saw in every formidable obstacle only
something to be overcome. Thrown
entirely upon his resources in early boy-
hood, he carved out for himself both
honor and fortune by the sheer force
of a strong manly nature.

Mr. Foster was a man of great re-
sources. He had a strong body and an
active well-balanced mind. He had courage, sagacity and endurance. He never
rested and never turned from a task because it was difficult. These qualities
enabled him to succeed when most other men would have failed, and he did
succeed in whatever he undertook. He was widely known and generally respec-
ted, and his death will cause deep regret far beyond the family of which he was the
loved and loving head.

He was generous and open-handed, and his kindly and genial nature found in
giving only one of the many ways of manifestation, and made him friends wherever
he went.—Newspaper obituary.


2499. i. LUCY ALMA, b. Feb. 6, 1848; d. May 30, 1855.
2500. ii. SARAH MULE, b. April 25, 1850; m. Oct. 9, 1877, Edmund B.
Hull. He was b. May 11, 1850. Res., Manchester, N. H. Ch.:
   E. Hull, b. Oct. 14, 1880, Bedford, N. H. P. O. address, Man-
   chester, N. H.

2501. iii. JOHN, b. March 5, 1852; m. M. Lizzie McCrillis.
2502. iv. A SON, b. April 27, 1855; d. April 28, 1855.
2503. v. GEORGE SANFORD, b. July 8, 1857; m. Etta F. Moulton.
2504. vi. CHARLES ELIPHALET, b. June 12, 1860; m. Bertha J. Cheney.
2506. viii. LUCY MARY, b. April 30, 1865; m. ——, —— Stewart. Res.,
   Marlboro, Mass.

1411. JAMES FREDERICK FOSTER (Gideon, Obadiah, John, William,
William, Reginald), b. Charlestown Mass. March 17, 1806; m. there April 3, 1828,
Caroline Dothwait Bedney, b. Sept. 1, 1807; d. Aug. 1, 1888. He was a truss
maker.
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2507. i. WILLIAM FREDERICK, b. Dec. 12, 1829; d. Feb. 5, 1830.


2509. iii. FREDERICK, b. Dec. 15, 1833; m. Margaret R. Todd.

2510. iv. HENRY JACKSON, b. Feb. 29, 1836; m. Susan Augusta Plummer.


2513. vii. GIDEON, b. Sept. 15, 1842; d. March 12, 1846.


2516. i. DAUGHTER, b. —; m. Dorman B. Eaton. Res., E. 27th St., New York City, N. Y.


2517. i. HENRY FRANCIS, b. July 5, 1847, in Dedham, Mass.; d. July 13, 1847.

2518. ii. THEODORE DEXTER, b. May 4, 1852, in Lynn, Mass.; m. Mary Ella Littlefield.


2521. v. CHARLES THOMAS, b. Jan. 29, 1862, at Memphis, Tenn.; m. Fanny Sprague.

1421. WILLIAM FOSTER (Solomon, Solomon, John, William, William, Reginald), b. Lincoln, Mass., July 28, 1815; m., Waltham, June 23, 1832, Alice Clark, b. March 5, 1817; d. May 2, 1890. He is a farmer. Res., Waltham, Mass., 68 Lyman St.


2523. ii. EDWARD CLARK, b. April 7, 1842; m. Helen Pierce.

2524. iii. WILLIAM LOWELL, b. June 24, 1840; d. Sept. 11, 1877.


Asa E. Foster, the eldest son of Asa Foster and Sarah Morrill, was born in Canterbury, N. H., Sept. 2, 1795. He remained with his parents till he was twenty-one, then, receiving an injury on his ankle, which incapacitated from hard labor, he gave his attention to acquiring an education, and was graduated from Dartmouth College in 1822, where he was considered the best mathematician in his class. He taught school awhile in Gilmanton, N. H. Nov. 12, 1827, he became principal of the Erie Academy, at Erie, Pa., where he taught more than eight years, and then opened the Erie Institute, a private school, in which he remained thirteen years. He was very thorough and conscientious in all his work; so that his influence was felt and acknowledged by the many hundreds who were under his instruction, and have since become honored in the many various professions and occupations in which they have engaged. He was married, Sept. 5, 1830, at Amherst, N. H., to Maria Chickering, On Feb. 23, 1833, a daughter was born to them, named Sarah Maria. His wife died June 24, 1850, leaving him sad and lonely. The remainder of his life was spent sometimes at his home in Erie, at other times either with his friends, in New England, or with his daughter, where he was always welcomed, not only by her family, but also by the community in which was their home—first at Portland, N. Y., then at Salem, Ind., where he died Oct. 9, 1875. Res., Erie, Pa., and Salem, Ind.


Rev. Irving Ira St. John was born in Eden, N. Y., May 10, 1832. Prepared for college at Grand River Institute, Austinsburgh, and Kingsville Academy, Ohio; attended Genesee College, N.Y., and Hartford Theological Seminary, Conn. (then known as Theological Institute of Connecticut); licensed by the Presbytery of Erie, and ordained by the Presbytery of Buffalo; married Miss Sarah Maria Foster, only child of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Foster, at Erie, Pa., Oct. 6, 1859; pastor of the Portland and Panama churches, New York, and of the Salem and several other churches in Indiana. He is now pastor of the New Philadelphia and Walnut Ridge churches in the Presbytery of New Albany.
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2526. i. CYRUS PARKER, b. Aug. 26, 1833; d. Sept. 23, 1838.


2528. iii. EMMA ELIZA, b. Aug. 27, 1839; d. Aug. 17, 1858.

2529. iv. ASA EASTMAN, b. May 31, 1841; m. Sophia Steele.


Stephen S. Foster, Abolitionist, born in Canterbury, N. H.; died near Worcester, Mass. He learned the carpenter’s trade, then studied with the intention of becoming a minister; was graduated at Dartmouth in 1838, and studied theology in the Union Theological Seminary, New York, but, because he was precluded from advocating Abolition, he deserted that profession in order to engage in the anti-slavery contest. He was an earnest orator, a master of denunciation and invective, and was frequently the victim of mob violence. He is described in one of Lowell’s anti-slavery poems as

“A kind of maddened John the Baptist,
To whom the hardest word comes aptest,
Who, struck by stone or brick, ill-starred,
Hurls back an epithet as hard.
Which, deadlier than stone or brick, has a propensity to stick.”

While in the theological seminary he induced some of his classmates to join with him in a meeting to protest against the warlike preparations then going on, arising from the dispute with Great Britain over the northwestern boundary. The refusal of the faculty to allow the chapel to be used for such a meeting made him dissatisfied with the churches, because they countenanced war; and when he became an anti-slavery agitator of the moral-force school, instead of a Congregational minister, he directed his attacks chiefly against the church and the clergy, because they upheld slavery. Since the people of the New England towns could not be induced to attend anti-slavery lectures, he was accustomed to attend church meetings and claim there a hearing for the enslaved, and was often expelled by force, and several times imprisoned for disturbing public worship. Other Abolitionists adopted the same plan of agitation, which was very effective. He lived for many years on a farm in the suburbs of Worcester. He published articles in periodicals on the slavery question, and in 1843 a pamphlet, entitled, “The Brotherhood of Thieves; a True Picture of the American Church and Clergy,” in the form of a letter to Nathaniel Barney, a reprint of which was issued by Parker Pillsbury (Concord, 1886). His wife, Abby Kelley, reformer, was born in Pelham, Mass., and died in Worcester, Mass. Her parents, who were descendants of Irish Quakers, removed to Worcester while she was an infant. Her education was finished at the Friends’ School, in Providence, R. I., after, which she taught for several years in Worcester and Millbury, and in a Friends’ School in Lynn, Mass. She resigned her post about 1837, and began lecturing as an anti-slavery advocate, being the first woman to address mixed audiences in favor of Abolition.
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Though sincere in her conviction and womanly in her delivery, she suffered many indignities in Connecticut during her lectures. While speaking in Pennsylvania, she met Stephen S. Foster, whom she married in New Brighton, Pa. The two continued their public addresses, and on one tour in Ohio, Mrs. Foster spoke every day for six weeks. They settled on a farm near Worcester, which was their home up to the time of Mr. Foster's death.

About 1850 Mrs. Foster began to be actively interested in the cause of woman suffrage, making many speeches in its advocacy and that of prohibition. She took an extreme view of these questions, and in argument was pronounced and aggressive. Alike in their belief, regarding woman suffrage and their protests against taxation without representation, both Mr. and Mrs. Foster refused to pay taxes on their home estate, because the wife was not permitted to vote, and this resolution was followed by the sale of the home for two consecutive years, but it was bought in by their friends, and finally redeemed by Mr. Foster. Mrs. Foster's last public work was an effort made to raise funds to defray the expenses of securing the adoption of the Fifteenth amendment in the doubtful States. In June, 1886, she attended an anti-slavery reception in Boston. The day preceding her fatal illness she finished a sketch of her husband for this work. Personally, Mrs. Foster was amiable and unassuming, but never lacked the courage to proclaim and defend her advanced opinions. James Russell Lowell pays this tribute to Mrs. Foster:

"A. Judith, there, turned Quakeress,  
Six Abby, in her modest dress.  
No nobler gift of heart or brain,  
No life more white from spot or stain,  
Was e'er on Freedom's altar laid,  
Than hers—the simple Quaker maid."


2531. i. ALLA WRIGHT, b. May 19, 1847; unm. Res., Roxbury, Mass. Is a teacher. She was graduated at Vassar in 1872. Post-graduate Cornell in 1874.


2532. ii. EDWARD HORATIO, b. Oct. 13, 1839; d. 1897; m. Ella M. Merrill and Blanche Smith.

2533. iii. HARRY EARL, b. Sept. 8, 1841; d. Oct. 12, 1858.


2535. iv. NEWELL K., b. April 10, 1849; m. Jennie Smiley and Maude A. W. Camp.

1432. HON. NEWELL ABBOTT FOSTER (Asa, Asa, Asa, William, William, Reginald), b. Canterbury, N. H., Feb. 7, 1814; m., Portland, Me., — , Eliza Jane Allison, b. July 24, 1816; d. June 18, 1854; m., 2d, in 1861, Ellen French. He was chief owner of the Portland (Me.) Daily Press, and a very prominent Republican, having been for some years a member of the State Legislature. He was the leading spiritualist in Portland. He was a printer by trade. Entered the army a few months before the close of the Civil War; he was in no battles. He d. Nov. 20, 1868. Res., Portland, Me.

2536. i. LEROY ALLISON, b. March 13, 1843; m. Emma Eastman.


2538. i. FRANK, b. — ; m. — Coe.
2539. ii. MARTHA, b. ——, m. —— Roberts. Ch.: Arthur and Newton.
2542. iii. CHARLES, b. ——; unm.

2541. i. WILLIAM, b. ——; m. Mary Sawyer. Had a son, Elmer.
2543. iii. CHARLES, b. ——; m. Emily ——. Had Charles, Emma, Albert, Grace, Frank and Mabel. The father d. in 1890. Frank resides Eldred, Pa.
2545. v. CORDELIA, b. ——; m. Thomas Wainman. Had, Mary, m. E. G. Piper; Ella, m. Elmer Miller; Ida; Fannie, m. Webster Cronk, d. Aug. 30, 1877; Carrie, m. Emory Burgess; Floyd, Edith. A des. is Mrs. J. H. Stood, Hamburg, N. Y.
2546. vi. HORATIO, b. ——; m. Mary —— and had Hiram, Harry, Horatio and Cora.

2548. i. HENRY, b. June 10, 1812; unm.
2549. ii. ADDIE, b. May 9, 1847; m. George Vernon.
2550. iii. ELLA, b. Nov. 29, 1850; m. Jacob Wendling and had Mabel, William and George.

2553. i. CARRIE, b. ——; d. aet. 3.

1874. Res., Columbus, Ohio, and Greenville, S. C.

2555. i.  ABIEL ABBOTT, b. Sept. 30, 1836; m. Julia Worthington and Mrs. Ella F. McCouts.


1458. ELDER JOSEPH FOSTER (Abiel, Abiel, Asa, William, William, Reginald), b. Canterbury, N. H., Nov. 7, 1804; m., in Union county, South Carolina, Dec. 27, 1831, Minerva M. Means, of Meansville, S. C., b. Oct. 20, 1808; d. Nov. 26, 1896. Joseph Foster, grandson of the Rev. Abiel Foster, pastor of the Congregational church of Canterbury, N. H., and for fourteen years their representative in Congress, and son of Abiel Foster and Susannah Moore, was born in Canterbury, N. H. He was educated and lived there until 1826. He then came to South Carolina; assisted his brother Abiel in his school at Greenville, S. C., for a year or more, after which he went to Meansville, Union county, and taught school until he married Minerva M. Means, Dec. 27, 1831. They then moved to their own home, three miles distant, near Fair Forest Presbyterian church. They were regular attendants at this church, of which he was an elder. Their five children, three daughters and two sons, were baptized there. He was engaged in teaching and farming until August, 1847. He moved to Spartanburg, S. C., so as to secure better educational advantages for his children, and to enter into mercantile business, which he did in partnership with David C. Judd, which was not dissolved until his death, Jan. 30, 1877. He continued farming in Union county, the greater part of the time over-looked by his negro men. After their freedom they remained on his place and conducted the farm, much to his satisfaction.

He was an active, industrious man, cheerful in disposition; had many friends among both old and young; took a lively interest in school and church work; was always a temperance man; was anxious that his children should be useful men and women.
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His death was sudden. After breakfast with his family he went, as usual, to his business house, and before an hour died with paralysis of the brain. His wife, four children and two grandsons survived him. His eldest daughter, Susan E. Foster married Samuel C. Means. Alfred H. Foster, eldest son, married Henrietta V. Brandon. They have three daughters, Isabel, Mary Emma and Louise. They reside in Union, S. C. Isabella J. Foster, second daughter, married Robert Hett Chapman, of Asheville, N. C. They died early in life leaving two sons, James A. Chapman, of Middleboro, Ky. He married Rachel McMaster, of Winstboro, S. C. They have three children, Laura Foster, James Alfred and Robert Hett. Robert Hett Foster Chapman married Hattie L. Craton, of Rutherfordton, N. C. They had one child, a daughter, Margery, and live in Spartanburg, S. C. S. Laura Foster married E. C. McLaughlin, who died in 1890. Joseph Adolphus Foster, second son and youngest child, married Sallie G. Farrar, of Union, S. C. He died Nov. 15, 1886.


2559. i. SARAH LAURA, b. Feb. 10, 1842; m., July 5, 1876, E. C. McLaughlin. He is a bank cashier; d. Dec. 8, 1890. She res. S. p., Spartanburg, S. C., 80 Main St.

2560. ii. ALFRED H., b. Dec. 7, 1835; m. Hettie V. Brandon.

2561. iii. SUSAN E., b. March 29, 1834; m., Dec. 6, 1881, Samuel C. Means, b. Jan. 9, 1830. He is a planter. Res. S. p., Spartanburg, S. C.


Joseph Adolphus Foster, second son of Joseph Foster, was born March 19, 1846, in Union county, S. C. His father moved to Spartanburg, S. C., when he was about sixteen months old. He attended the town and St. John's schools until prepared for Wofford College; graduated there in 1867. Dr. Carlisle, the president, in speaking of him said: "Dolph Foster's college course brings nothing up in the re-collection of his professors which they wish to forgive or forget. He entered the Freshman class an untried modest boy, and finished the senior year a tried modest man." The subject of his graduating speech was, "Prepore thyself for the wall, and thou wilt not be left in the way." This was the principle of his life. Whatever he undertook he did well. He was of medium size, handsome, well-formed, brown

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hair, blue eyes, manners and morals of an elegant gentleman. He taught school in Tennessee for one year; after that he went into business in the city of New York, in which he continued as long as he lived. He married Miss Sallie G. Farrar, of Union county, S. C., Feb. 23, 1881. His health failed in the spring of 1886. He lived until Nov. 15, 1886. Nothing was left undone for his recovery; but he passed away at his home in Spartanburg, S. C., much regretted by all who loved him and knew him. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, of which he was a liberal supporter, always taking a lively interest in its welfare.


2564. i. FRANCES ELIZABETH, b. July 9, 1842; m., July 7, 1859, Benjamin Franklin Hileman and m., 2d, May 27, 1884, Nathan French. Res., Canterbury.


2566. i. MOSES AUGUSTUS, b. Oct. 23, 1843; m. Ruth A. Richardson.

2567. ii. SUSAN ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 23, 1842; m., Feb. 26, 1868, Dr. Henry R. Brown, b. March 11, 1841. Res. Leominster, Mass. Ch.: 1. Karl L., b. Feb. 7, 1870, Leominster, Mass. 2. Louis H., b. Aug. 16, 1872, Worcester, Mass. 3. Arthur, b. May 8, 1872; d. Aug. 16, 1872. 4. Anson W., b. Oct. 9, 1874, Hanover, N. H. All unm. He attended the public schools in his native town, Loudon, N. H., until the age of fourteen; then studied a few terms in an Academy. When not in school, he worked with his father at his trade—that of carpenter, and occasionally in the winter months taught a district school. In September, 1862, he enlisted in the Fifteenth New Hampshire Volunteers—a nine months' regiment. They were sent to Louisiana, and took part in the siege and capture of Port Hudson. At the expiration of term of service they were sent to New Hampshire, and discharged, Aug. 13, 1863. He commenced the study of medicine and graduated at New York, March, 1867. He at once went into practice in Waterbury, Conn. July, 1864, he went to Leominster, Mass., where with the exception of about three years that he was in New Hampshire, he has resided, and built up an elegant practice. He is highly esteemed and respected by the entire community.

2568. iii. JEREMIAH C., b. Oct. 19, 1840; m. Nellie M. Bennett and Henrietta Brown.


2572. i. HARRIET, b. —, 1834; m. —, 1858. She d. —, 1879.
2573. ii. HENRY L., b. Sept. 26, 1836; m. Sarah C. Weston.

2574. iii. EDWARD, b. ——, 1838.

2575. iv. SARAH, b. ——; m. —— Clark. Res., 260 South Grant Ave., Denver, Col.

2575½ v. SIDNEY, b. ——; d. ——.

2576. vi. ADDIE, b. ——; d. ——.

2577. vii. LUCY, b. ——; m. —— Burnett. Res., Galva, Ill.


2579. i. WILLIAM P., b. ——. Res., Warsaw, Ill.

2580. ii. ANNA AUGUSTA, b. ——; m. —— Ely. Res., Victoria, Ill.

2581. iii. CHARLES HENRY, b. ——; m. and d., leaving Lillie and Clara. Res., Normal, Ill.


1479. JOSEPH FOSTER (David, David, Asa, William, William, Reginald), b. Canterbury, N. H., July 8, 1810; m. 1834 in Princeton, Ill., Elizabeth Boyer Vaughan, b. 1817; d. 1866; m., 2d, 1869, Elizabeth Childs; d. 1892. Joseph Foster was born near Concord, N. H.; received common school education; was apprenticed to carpenter at age of sixteen; worked at trade until twenty-one years of age; emigrated to Bureau county, Illinois, about 1833; married Elizabeth B. Vaughan; settled on prairie, near French Grove, in Concord township; kept country hotel on public road for about sixteen years, until C. B. & Q. railroad was built; was father of four sons and two daughters; three sons now survive him. He moved to Marquette, Mich., on Lake Superior, in 1864, for benefit of health of family. His wife died at Marquette, Mich., in 1865. He moved back to Illinois in 1869, and married Elizabeth Childs; resided there until 1875; then settled in the city of Creston, Iowa. His second wife died in 1892. At the age of eighty-four years he made a successful trip alone to Seattle, Wash., to visit his youngest son. He died at Creston, Iowa, and was buried at Buda, Ill.


2583. i. WILLIAM H., d. about 1854.

2584. ii. JOHN MARSHALL, d. about 1869.

2585. iii. FLORA A., d. about 1862.

2586. iv. MARY J., d. about 1862.

2587. v. ALPHONSO, d. about 1862.

2588. vi. HORATIO O., Creston, Iowa.

2589. vii. JAMES ELMER, Oney, Wash.

2590. viii. JOSEPH A., b. Feb. 10, 1847; m. Cora E. Whiting.


2591. i. EDWARD HENRY, b. April 9, 1848; unm.; d. Nov. 5, 1869.


2593. iii. HATTIE JANE, b. Dec. 11, 1851; m., Sept. 30, 1875; d. Sept. 23, 1895.


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2599. ii. MARY PINGRY, b. July 11, 1831; m. —. She d. Salisbury, N. H., March 11, 1871.

2600. iii. WILLIAM PINGRY, b. Sept. 26, 1833; d. Sept. 16, 1834.

1496. AMMI RUHAMA FOSTER (John, Jonathan, Asa, William, William, Reginald), b. Canterbury, N. H., July 1, 1805; m., June, 1839, Finette Foster Lancaster, b. April 12, 1815; d. March 24, 1885. He was a farmer and carpenter. He d. —. Res., Newark, N. J.

2601. i. JAMES CALEB, b. May 6, 1847; m. Sophia Smith.


2603. iii. EDWARD HORATIO, b. Dec. 4, 1848; m. Addie F. Jenkins.


1501. THOMAS FOSTER (David, David, David, Timothy, William, Reginald), b. Whitestown, N. Y., Sept. 20, 1820; m., in 1848, Eliza P. Skaats, dau. of David Skaats and des. of Rev. Gideon Skaats, Dutch clergyman in Albany in 1652. She was b. Dec. 26, 1828. He had a common school education in Whitestown; was a merchant in Utica from 1840 to 1853; was a man of great information, acquired by diligent reading. Possessed the largest and best-selected library in the vicinity; was a man of wealth and taste; had a fine collection of paintings and art treasures collected in Europe, where he resided for considerable periods. Mr. Foster was prominent in railroad building and was vice-president of the Utica City National Bank. He d. Feb. 23, 1893. Res., Utica, N. Y.

2606. i. DAVID SKAATS, b. Jan. 23, 1852; m. Mary Williams.

2607. ii. ABBOTT, b. Jan. 25, 1850; m., June 13, 1872, Sarah B. White, dau. of Nelson L., of Danbury, Conn. s. p. Res., New York City and Litchfield, Connecticut. He was born at Utica, N. Y., January 25, 1850; was in business there from 1871 to 1889, when he retired.
Since that time, when not traveling, he has lived in the city of New York, which is his present residence.

2608. iii. THOMAS L., b. March 17, 1853; m., 1878, Kate Sharp, dau. of John, of Louisville, Ky., Ch.: 1. Thomas, b. 1881. 2. Sharp, b. 1883.

1507. BENJAMIN FOSTER (Benjamin, Isaac, Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Granville, N. S., Aug. 2, 1782; m. there Oct. 31, 1804, Mary Randall, dau. of Samuel and Sarah (Prince). She was of the fifth generation from Elder John Prince, of Hull, Mass., b. 1756; d. March 18, 1871. She was the daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Prince) Randall. Sarah (Prince) Randall was the daughter of Col. Christopher Prince, who came from Boston, Mass., to Annapolis, 1770. Col. Christopher Prince married Mollie Foster, daughter of Hopestill Foster, who lived on Newburn street, now Washington street, Boston, and owned what is called Foster's wharf, and was a large ship owner. Benjamin Foster, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Richardson) Foster, was born in Granville, N. S., August 2, 1782; married Mary, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Prince) Randall, grand-daughter of Col. Benjamin Prince, m. 1804, and settled near Bridgetown, N. S., where he was very prosperous as a farmer. In 1846 he, with his son Edward, removed to Berwick, N. S. She died March, 1871. They had six sons, and Mr. Foster, living to be 100 years old, had a centennial dinner August 2, 1882, at which all of his sons were present. He died three days after, August 5, 1882. He d., ae. 100 years and 3 days, Aug. 5, 1882. Res., Granville and Berwick, N. S.

2609. i. ABRAHAM, b. Aug. 23, 1805; m. Rachel Morton.
2610. ii. ISAAC, b. Oct. 27, 1806; m. Rebecca Taylor.
2613. v. ROBERT, b. Dec. 13, 1813; m. Martha Norton and Elizabeth Taylor.
2614. vi. EDWARD CLARK, b. May 27, 1817; m. Harriet L. Tupper.

1510. SAMUEL FOSTER (Benjamin, Isaac, Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Granville, N. S., Sept. 6, 1784; m., March 17, 1805, Lydia Chute, b., —, 1784; d. Dec. 20, 1835; m. 2d, Dec. 4, 1835, Catherine Crisp, dau. of Thomas, of New Brunswick, d. April 10, 1851. He d. July 29, 1870. Res., Granville, N. S.

2615. i. THOMAS, b. —, 1807; d., —, 1813.
2616. ii. SAMUEL, b. April 22, 1809; m., 1835, Mary Marshall.
2617. iii. JOHN VAN BÜRIN, b. Feb. 17, 1811; m., 1835, Elizabeth Marshall.
2618. iv. LUCY, b. Sept. 30, 1813; m., —, 1835, John Sampson; m. 2d, 1845, James Taylor.
2619. v. HARRIS, b. June 28, 1815; m. Martha Chute, Lavina Cogswell and Mrs. Mary A. (Brown) Chute. He is postmaster at Hampton, N. S.
2620. vi. RUBY ANN, b. April 12, 1817; m., April 23, 1840, William H. Macavoy. Had 6 ch. Res., Granville, N. S.
2623. ix. ABNER, b. March 3, 1823; m., —, 1846, Louisa Dodge, dau. of Josiah.
2624. x. SUSAN, b. May 9, 1826; unm.
2625. xi. JACOB, b. Feb. 9, 1838; m. Ann McCabe and Theresa Eagleson.
2626. xii. LYDIA, b. April 6, 1836; m., —, James Snow, son of Sylvanus.
2627. xiii. THOMAS H., b. July 20, 1837; m. Elizabeth Ann Foster.
2628. xiv. JOSEPH J., b. Feb. 23, 1839; drowned June 30, 1860
2629. xv. MELISSA, b. Dec. 6, 1841; m. Ingram Snow, bro. of James.
2630. xvi. HENRIETTA, b. Aug. 16, 1842; m. John Vidtoe, son of Parker.
2631. xvii. DAVID M., b. June 24, 1844; m. Henrietta Dunn and Adelia Foster.
2632. xviii. ALONZO, b. March 10, 1846; m., April 16, 1871, Fidetia Glass. 8 ch.
2633. xix. ELLEN, b. Feb. 16, 1848; m. Gilbert Viditoe.
2634. xx. ADONIRAM JUDSON, b. Dec. 7, 1851; m. Susan Wilson.

1513. ISAAC FOSTER (Benjamin, Isaac, Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald),
b. April 9, 1791, Granville, N. S.; m., Oct. 6, 1814, Elizabeth Patterson. She d.
April 8, 1868. He d. Nov. 19, 1867. Res., Hampton, N. S.

2635. i. JAMES P., b. July 7, 1815; m. Mary T. Graves.
2636. ii. BENJAMIN, b. June 21, 1816; m. Elizabeth M. Chute. Res.,
Hampton, N. S.
2637. iii. ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 22, 1817; m. Benjamin Rumsey. Res.,
Port Lorne, N. S.

2638. iv. AUGUSTUS, b. Nov. 23, 1819; d. about 1850.
2639. v. AMBROSE, b. April 16, 1821; m. Martha Knowles, of Liverpool,
N. S., and Ellen Holland, of Lawrence, Mass.

2640. vi. WILLIAM, b. April 26, 1824; m. Hannah Bogert.; d. 1890.
2641. vii. PHILIP R., b. May 16, 1826; m. Martha Hogan; 6 ch.
2642. viii. JOHN, b. June 1, 1828; m. Diadama Spurr and Harriet Marshall.
2643. ix. MARY J., b. June 1, 1830; m. Fred Benedict, 1851; m. 2d,
Thomas Roland.

2643 3/4. LOUISA C., b. May 22, 1834; d. in Lynn, April 6, 1894; m. Jacob
Farnsworth.
2643 3/4. xi. MARIA, b. Dec. 23, 1837; m. Peter White; m. 2d, Napoleon Wood.
Lived in Lynn, Mass.

1514. ABNER FOSTER (Benjamin, Isaac, Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald),
b. May 9, 1793, Granville, N. S.; m., Oct. 29, 1818, Srath Wheelock, dau. of Ben-
jamin, d. Feb. 4, 1858; m. 2d., —, Hattie Elliott. She d. June 20, 1880. He d.
Aug. 12, 1875. Res., Granville, N. S.

2644. i. AMBROSE, b. 1820; d. 1821.
2645. ii. MARY ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 3, 1821; m. Elijah Phinney.
2646. iii. ABEL, b. Aug. 28, 1823; m. Evaline Young.
2647. iv. HELEN, b. Nov. 28, 1828; m. John Newcomb. Had one son,
now in Arcadia University, a Baptist minister.
2648. v. CATHERINE, b. Aug. 11, 1830; d. Jan., 1894.

1519. CHARLES FOSTER (Isaac, Isaac, Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald),
b. Wilmont, N. S., —, 1795; m., —, 1820, Mary Banks; m. 2d.,
—, Mary A. Greene, whose father was a Quaker preacher.
Res., Wilmont, N. S.

2649. i. EKLORA, b. —; m. David Edgeley.
2650. ii. ELIZA, b. —; m. Isaac Banks, son of George.
2651. iii. MARIA, b. —; m. Joshua Ray, son of John.
2652. iv. ABBA, b. —; m. David Morrison.
2653. v. MARY, b. —; m. Henry Jackson.
2654. vi. LOUISE, b. —; m. Isaac Moore.
2655. vii. BECCA, b. —; m. William Neely.
2656. viii. EMMA, b. —; m., —, Arthur Rumsey, son of Benjamin.
2657. ix. NORMAN, b. —; m. Agnes Burbridge, dau. of George.
2658. x. —, —, —; m., —, Henry Morris. Res., Harbourville, Kings
county, N. S.

1521. WILLIAM FOSTER (Isaac, Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald),

2659. i. ELIZABETH, b. —; m. William Rumsey.
2660. ii. B. WATSON, b. —; m. Melintha Douglas.
2661. iii. EMMA C., b. —; m. Major Messinger, son of Daniel; m. 2d,
2662. iv. LEWIS J., b. —. Res., Cincinnati, Ohio.
2663. v. WILLIAM B., b. —; m. Alice Zoor.
2664. vi. DELACY E., b. —; m. Sophia Vroom, dau. of John A. and Mary
(J. Chute).

1535. DAVID FOSTER (Oliver, Isaac, Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald),
b. June 10, 1707; m., —, 1827, Mary Clark. b. —, 1803; d. Feb. 23, 1840; m. 2d.,
2666. i. DAUGHTER, b. —; m. Nathan Moore.

1543. OLIVER FOSTER (Oliver, Isaac, Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Bridgeton, N. S., Oct. 17, 1817; m. there Jan. 24, 1843, Helen Woodbury, d. Dec. 20, 1897. He was a farmer. He d. April 18, 1889. Res., Bridgeton, N. S.
2667-2. i. SIDNEY M., b. Aug. 8, 1846; m. Della E. Bishop.
2669-2. iii. RUPERT D., b. July 15, 1853.

2667. i. EDWARD CHIPMAN, b. Dec. 22, 1843; m. Alma S. Balcom.
2669. iii. CHARLES A., b. March 16, 1851; m. Annie Lee.

2670. i. WILLIS, b. in 1814; m. Charlotte Baker. They had 9 ch.
2671. ii. FZRA, b. in 1816; m. Elizabeth Spinney.
2672. iii. MARSDEN, b. in 1818; m. Mary Foster, dau. of Fred and Mrs. Eleanor (Middlemas) Gates, widow of Martin.
2673. iv. ELIZABET, b. in 1820; m. Edward Orpin. son of George.
2674. v. MARY A., b. in 1822; d. John Earl.
2675. vi. JOHN W., b. in 1824; m. Mary A. Clark, dau. of Matthew. Had 6 ch.
2676. vii. PHEBE, b. —; m., —, William Selfridge, Jr.

2677. i. ELIZABETH, b. —, 1815; m., —, John Warwick.
2678. ii. WILLIAM, b. —, 1817; m. Mary Jane Roach. A son, Frank. Res., Greenwood, N. S.
2679. iii. CHARLES, b. July 26, 1818; m. Mary Jane Woodbury.
2680. iv. MARY b. —, 1821; m. Marsden Foster.
2681. v. JAMES, b., —, 1823; m. Charlotte Patterson, dau. of William. Res., Cornwallis, N. S.

2682. i. GEORGE, b. in 1827; m. Adelaide Foster, dau. of Ezra, of Bridgeton, N. S.
2683. ii. JOHN, b. —, 1830; m. Susan Neily.
2684. iii. SUSANNA, b. in 1834; d. Oct. 9, 1854.

1567. EZEKIEL FOSTER (John, Ezekiel, Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. July 26, 1801, Aylesford, N. S.; m., Sept. 5, 1822, Eliza Dugan, dau. of John and Margera (Barss), b. Jan. 11, 1806; d. April 20, 1878. He was a farmer. He d. in North Kingston, N. S., April 21, 1889. Res., Aylesford, N. S.
2686. i. MARY ANN, b. Sept. 11, 1824; m., July 19, 1845, Ingersoll Patterson. He was b. Aylesford, N. S., March 8, 1822.

2687. ii. ALBERT D., b. Dec. 6, 1828; m. Martha Larkin; m. 2d, Elizabeth Parsons; m. 3d, Margaret Reed; m. 4th, Agnes Neily.

2688. iii. SUSAN, b. March 6, 1831; m. Willett Chute.

2689. iv. ELIZABETH, b. 1838; m. —. —

2690. v. LUCY, b. 1842; m. Charles Proctor.


2692. i. ELIZABETH, b. —.

2693. ii. SARAH ANN, b. —.

2694. iii. LOUISA, b. —.

2695. iv. EZEKIEL, b. —.

1858. RUFUS FOSTER (Ezra F., Ezekiel, Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. June 3, 1802; m., Aug. 4, 1838, Christiana Lough. He was a builder. He d. in Dartmouth, N. S. Res., Aylesford, N. S.

2696. i. JAMES GILBERT, b. June 13, 1839; m. —.

2697. ii. WILLIAM R., b. Nov. 5, 1843; m. Frances M. Weeks.

2697 1/2. iii. EDWARD, b. —.

2697 1/2. iv. HENRY C., b. —. Removed to Texas.

2697 1/2. v. SUSAN, b. —; m. Thomas M. Cutter. Res., Dartmouth, N. S.


1857. HON. SOLOMON KILLAM FOSTER (Jeremiah, Jeremiah, Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Deering, N. H., March 27, 1803; m., Dec. 24, 1826, Adeline Billington, b. Oct. 4, 1807; d. May 1, 1884. Solomon Killam Foster in his youth taught school, but later in his life he engaged in farming, owning considerable land and also a lumber mill at Weld. He lived at Weld throughout his life and held town offices continually from the time of his majority until his death, which occurred at Weld, February 4, 1887. He was town treasurer for thirty years, and in 1847 he was a member of the Maine legislature. He usually had charge of all legal business for the town, and, according to an old New England custom, was known as Squire Foster. He was married, Dec. 24, 1829, to Adeline Billington, who was born at Wayne, Me., October 4, 1807, and died at Weld, May 1, 1884. They had six children, all born at Weld, who lived to attain their majority. He d. Feb. 4, 1887. Res., Weld, Me.

2698. i. EZEKIEL P. E., b. April 25, 1839; m. Rebecca S. Baker.

2699. ii. HIRAM W., b. Nov. 18, 1840; m. Adaline Colby.


2701. iv. DANIEL B., b. Sept. 14, 1833; m. Mrs. Wealthy Everett.
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1592. NATHAN, b. Nov. 12, 1535; m. Mary Philbrick.

1592. vi. EPHRAIM R., b. May 6, 1537; m. — — .

1598. HIRAM FOSTER (Jeremiah, Jeremiah, Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. in New Hampshire; —; m., Dec. 15, 1593, Eliza Howard. He was a farmer and mill owner. He d. Aug. 15, 1599. Res. Weld, Me.

2704. i. ROSE, b. —; d. — .

2705. ii. ROSINA, b. —; d. — .

2706. iii. JAMES, b. —; d. — .

2707. iv. THOMAS, b. June 16, 1594; m. Addie Welch. Was a clergyman. He d. s. p.

2708. v. ELIAS, b. June 19, 1594; m. Susan Smith.

2709. vi. CRISINA, b. June 7, 1596; m., April 1, 1597, Albert J. Childs. Res., Weld, Me.

2710. vii. HIRAM O., b. Nov. 30, 1599; m. Mary J. Phinney.

1602. ISAAC FOSTER (Isaac, Isaac, John, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Greenfield, Mass., Nov., 1594; m., —, 1598, Sarah Eggleston. Removed with his mother to the State of New York, Orleans county; married Sarah Eggleston, dau. of Frank, at Carlton, N. Y. He afterward lived at Murray. In 1592 he started for Pittsburg, Pa., intending to go down the Mississippi and Ohio rivers on a trading trip to New Orleans. It is supposed he was murdered, as he had considerable money with him. He died about 1593. Res., Murray, N. Y.

2711. i. ISAAC, b. in Murray, N. Y., Sept. 10, 1599; m. Catherine W. Jeffreys.

2712. ii. REBECCA, b. 1591, in Murray, N. Y.; m., 1594, John Bidwell. Removed to Plainfield, Ill.; d. s. p.

2713. iii. CHAUNCENY, b. in 1591. Became a sailor and was shipwrecked on the Laura Haven off coast of Louisiana in 1596.

2714. iv. JENNY, b. 1595; d. in infancy.


2715. i. JOHN W., b. Jan. 20, 1593; d. Sept. 12, 1594.

2716. ii. WILLIAM ROWLEY, b. June 4, 1595; m. Amanda M. Kellogg and Charissa M. Welfare.

2717. iii. JANE M., b. Jan. 6, 1597; m. Fayette B. Shaw. Lived at Joliet, Ill.; d. about 1599. He was a boot and shoe dealer. Had 1 ch.: t. Ella. b. 1599; m. and moved to Helena, Mont.

2718. iv. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, b. Dec. 13, 1598; d. Nov. 6, 1599.

1605. SAMUEL FOSTER (Isaac, Isaac, John, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Greenfield, Mass., May 23, 1596; m., Nov. 30, 1592, Mary Worthington Walker; b. 1599; d. Dec. 3, 1597. Was about ten years old when his family removed to western New York; lived at Rochester, N. Y. Returned to Massachusetts in 1599. Married Mary W., dau. of Josiah and Rhoda (Root) Walker, of Belchertown, Mass. Lived at Belchertown until 1596; removed to Sheboygan Falls, Wis. In 1598 removed to Russell, Ohio. In 1599 to Oswego, Ill. Died at Bloomington, Ill. His widow died at Chicago, Ill. Mrs. Mary W. Foster had been a resident of Illinois for forty-two years and died at the residence of Mrs. H. D. Chapin, her daughter, 555 Jackson Boulevard. The remains were taken to Bloomington for interment. Mrs. Foster was born in Belchertown, Massachusetts. She was a daughter of Josiah Walker, and a descendant of Richard Walker, who settled at Lynn, Mass., in 1595. Besides her daughter she was the mother of four sons, now living—Samuel W. Foster, of Chanute, Kan.; E. W. Foster, of Chicago; A. G. Foster, of Tacoma, Wash., and W. M. Foster, of Basehor, Kan. While residing in East Bloomfield, N. Y., he worked summers on his farm and winters traded with the Indians in Canada. He had some exciting adventures with the Indians and half-breeds. In 1598 he purchased 120 acres of land on the east side of the Genesee river just below the falls. This farm is now covered by the city of Rochester, N. Y. He paid $6 an acre for the land and sold in two years for $20 an acre. Returning to Massachusetts he located in Belchertown, married, and engaged in mercantile business. He purchased large quantities of goods in the West
and made a purchasing tour of this kind every year. In April, 1846, he located near Plymouth, Sheboygan county, Wis. The following year he moved to Russell, Ohio, and engaged in manufacturing at Chagrin Falls. In 1861 he moved to Williams-
town, Ill., and in 1863 to Atlanta, Ill., where he died, July 7, 1872. Res.,
2719. i. SAMUEL WALKER, b. Sept. 12, 1833; m. Mary F. Gill.  
2720. ii. EVERETT WORTHINGTON, b. March 17, 1835; m. Laura J.  
    Beall.  
2721. iii. ADDISON GARDNER, b. Jan. 28, 1837; m. Martha A. Wetherby.  
2722. iv. ARTHUR MIDDLETON, b. Feb. 12, 1839; d. April 12, 1839.  
2723. v. WILLIAM HENRY, b. Aug. 17, 1840; m. Mary Mather.  
2724. vi. SARAH REBECCA, b. Sheboygan Falls, Wis., Nov. 6, 1836; d.  
    Sept. 3, 1848.  
2725. vii. MARY ELIZABETH, b. Russell, Ohio, April 29, 1850; m. H. D.  
    Chapin, of Chicago, Ill., March 3, 1875, at Bloomington, Ill.  
    He was b. Bangor, Me., Jan. 8, 1836. Is a book dealer and is  
    quite well known in literary circles; his place of business is on  

1606. CAPT. EZRA FOSTER (Ezekiel, Ezekiel, John, Jacob, Isaac, Regi-
    nald), b. Bernardstown, Mass., Sept. 21, 1779; m. Nancy Smith, b.  
    Chesterfield, N. H., Oct. 25, 1781; d. Feb. 21, 1875. He was a farmer.  
    He was captain of the State militia, also a selectman and overseer of  
    the poor; m. Nancy, dau. of Moses Smith, of Chesterfield, N. H.  
2726. i. NANCY, b. May 6, 1808; m. March 6, 1829, Charles A. Hebeard;  
    d. July 14, 1849. Ch.: 1. Dr. Ezra Armstrong Hebeard, b. March 2, 1830,  
    of Grand Rapids, Mich.; m., Dec. 3, 1854, Martha I. Thorning-
    ton, b. June 20, 1832; d. Jan. 12, 1891. Is a physician and  
    March 1, 1834. 3. Franklin Foster Hebeard, b. July 14, 1835; d.  
    s. p. Dec. 1, 1876. 4. Mary Ann, b. July 31, 1831; m., July 4,  
    1849, Jeremiah Ball Haney, b. April 30, 1818. He d. Feb. 5,  
    1852, at Grand Rapids, Mich. He was a bookkeeper and teacher.  
    Ch.: (a) Nancy Louisa, b. July 3, 1850. P. O. address, Dr. N.  
    Louisa Andrus, 222 Jefferson Street, Grand Rapids, Mich. (b)  
    Ezra, b. Sept. 6, 1851; d. 1857. (c) Hannah Estelle, b. Jan. 12, 1853;  
    m., 1876, to L. S. Provins. Res., Grand Rapids, Mich. (d) Ellen  
    Eliza, b. Dec. 17, 1854; m., 1878, to Albert G. Ellis. Res.,  
    Plainfield avenue, Grand Rapids, Mich. (e) Mary Abigail, b.  
    6. Celia Collette, b. Jan. 12, 1859; d. Aug. 17, 1863. 7 Clara  
    July 7, 1862; m., 1885, to George Weaver. Res., 105 West Divi-
    sion street, Grand Rapids, Mich. No ch. o. Frank Ellis, b.  
    Nov. 20, 1864; m., 1883, to Louella Pickett. Res., Ionia, Kent  
    county, Mich. to. Lulu May, b. May, 1867; d. 1867. 11.  
    Charles Ernest, b. March 30, 1869; m., 18—, to Lulu M. Waite.  
    Division street, Grand Rapids, Mich. 13. Herbert Elwood, b.  
    Leroy Winfred, b. 1875; d. 1876.  
2727. ii. POLLY, b. Oct. 30, 1809; d. Nov. 12, 1809.  
2728. iii. SYLVIA, b. Feb. 12, 1811; d. Feb. 25, 1815.  
2729. iv. MARY, b. March 2, 1813; d. July 5, 1812.  
2730. v. EZRA, b. Feb. 2, 1815; m. Sarah A. Wilbur and Susan A. Mowrey.  
2731. vi. JOSEPH SMITH, b. Dec. 18, 1816; m. Olive Newton.  
2732. vii. SARA MARIA, b. April 2, 1819; m. Nelson J. Warner, Oct. 14,  
    1844. She d. 1896. Had 4 ch.; all dead.  
2733. viii. LOUISA SOPHIA, b. May 4, 1824; d. Feb. 5, 1848.  
2734. ix. RANSOM STUART, b. Feb. 9, 1826; m. Clarena Frizzell.  

1607. ELIKIAM FOSTER (Ezekiel, Ezekiel, John, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald),  
    b. Leyden, Mass., May 29, 1786; m., in Pownal, Vt., Dec. 27, 1815, Wealthy Ann
FOSTER GENEALOGY.

Dickinson Phelps, b. Aug. 22, 1791; d. Jan. 15, 1861. His life was uneventful except in one unimportant particular, to-wit: Being a partial cripple and unmitted to some extent to run a farm. He taught school for a winter or two and then learned the saddler's trade, and traveled on horseback over nearly all the Northern States. Spent one winter in the city of Boston, one in Hartford, Conn., and considerable time in Canada with his three brothers there. Was in Rochester, N. Y., when the city consisted of one log house and one log barn. He did not marry and settle down until he was about twenty-seven or twenty-nine years old, though he left home when about seventeen. There was education in this sort of life, but on the whole it was probably a damage to him, in making him restless, and no doubt it shortened his life. He was respected and esteemed for his intelligence, honesty, sound judgment, and kindness of heart, and at his death he had not an enemy in the world. He died February 4, 1859. Res., Leyden, Mass., and Mantua, Ohio.


2736. ii. MARY ANN, b. in 1818; m. Sylvester Bissell. She d. July 19, 1841, leaving a child, b. 1841, which d. ae. 4.

2737. iii. CAROLINE, b. June 12, 1820; m. Norman Wilcox. She d. July 5, 1890 Her ch. d. before her: Wallace, Edson and Ellen, unm.

2738. iv. HARRIET, b. Feb. 20, 1825; d. unm., Feb. 10, 1862.

2739. v. WEALTHY PHELPS, b. Sept. 18, 1822; m., in Ohio, Calvin Brewster. She d. July 17, 1866. He was a farmer and d. in March, 1867, in Auburn, Ohio. Ch.: 1. Edna, b. 1841; 2. Calvin Henry, b. May 21, 1844; 3. Betsy Lumard, b. 1846; 4. Alta, b. 1848; 5. William Dwight, b. 1851. 6. Milton Foster, b. Jan. 11, 1854; m., Oct. 31, 1878, at Chagrin Falls, Ohio, Mary Lanspach, b. March 11, 1854. He is an undertaker and furniture dealer in Chagrin Falls. Ch.: (a) Cave M. Brewster, b. May 19, 1851; (b) Minnie Brewster, b. March 5, 1854, Chagrin Falls, Ohio. 7. Harriet, b. 1857.

2740. vi. HORACE BURNHAM, b. April 26, 1828; m. Abbie Neal and Mary Wood.

2741. vii. LUCIUS COOLEY, b. April 26, 1831; m. Edna L. Brewster.


2742. i. THOMAS JEFFERSON, b. Dec. 6, 1822; m. Miss Potter, Mrs. Susan W. (Robbins) Foster, and ---.---.

2742-2. ii. JOSIAH, b. ---; m. Mary M---, who d. in Albany, N. Y., April 22, 1831, ae. 42.

2742-3. iii. WASHINGTON, m. and d. New Haven, Conn., Aug. 24, 1836.

2742-4. iv. DAUGHTER, m. Gilbert.

2742-5. v. GEORGE, b. ---.

2742-6. vi. WILLIAM WINCHESTER, b. Aug. 23, 1820; m. Susan M. Robbins.


2742-2. i. JOHN RICH, b. Nov. 7, 1834; m. Delia Wells.


2744-2. iii. RUEL S., b. ---; m.; has a son, Rufus. Res., East Burke, Vt.


1613. CHARLES H. FOSTER (Isaiah, John, John, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Hillsboro, N. H., ---, 1819; m., ---, Martha A. Sargent. He went to Antrim, N. H., in 1855, into a house moved from Stoddard for that purpose and put opposite the old Burns mill on Stoddard road. He went there to run the mill but moved away in two years. He had two sons, Charles N., and Leona W., the latter of whom was born in that town. Res., Antrim, N. H., and ---.

2743. i. CHARLES N., b. ---.

2744. ii. LEONA W., b. ---.

1620. HON. ADOLPHUS G. FOSTER (Joshua, John, John, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Feb. 19, 1835. Hancock, N. H.; m., Oct. 28, 1858, Ellen H. Lakin, b. Jan. 13, 1838. He was born in Hancock and has always resided there. Was representative in the general court of New Hampshire at Concord in 1879-80; was selectman of Hancock for six years and chairman of the board for three. Res., s. p. Hancock, N. H.


1626. CAPT. DANIEL FOSTER (Jacob, Benjamin, Benjamin, Benjamin, Isaac, Reginald), b. Trenton, Me., March 10, 1792; m., Nov. 14, 1824, Maria Somes. Was a farmer. Capt. Daniel Foster, the son of Jacob Foster, was born at Trenton, Me. His entire life, from early manhood, was spent on his farm in that town, although at times he was engaged in other interests. Although his early opportunities for education were limited, owing to the sparsely settled condition of Eastern Maine, broad and careful reading all his life gave him a fund of general information excelled by few. He was married, November 14, 1824, to Maria Somes, of Mount Desert, Me., with whom he lived most happily till his death, April 16, 1864. Under the old militia laws he was for many years captain of the Trenton militia company. In politics he was a Whig and a follower of Henry Clay until the formation of the Republican party which he then joined, and always an earnest opponent of human slavery. He died April 16, 1864. Res., Trenton, Me.

2746. i. AUGUSTUS E., o. June 2, 1826; was in Thirty-eighth Mass. Regt.; killed Port Hudson, June 14, 1863.

2747. ii. LEWIS S., b. July 2, 1827; d. June —, 1858.

2748. iii. CLARISSA S., b. Aug. 30, 1829; d. Aug. 27, 1854.


2750. v. EDWARD S., b. Aug. 20, 1833; d. of wounds received at Petersburg, June, 1864; m. Mrs. Clara Moore, Lawrence, Mass. Edward was in First Maine Regt., heavy artillery, in civil war.


2753. viii. NAHUM, b. July 31, 1842; d. April 29, 1853.

2754. ix. FREDERICK W., b. Feb. 5, 1845; m. Mary E. Webster.

2755. x. CLARISSA S., b. —; m., June 23, 1849, Cornelius W. Miliken, of Trenton. No living ch.

1636. SIMEON FOSTER (Benjamin, Benjamin, Benjamin, Benjamin, Isaac, Reginald), b. Machias, Me.; m., —, Katherine Farnsworth. He d., —, Cooper, Me. Res., St. Davids, N. B.

2756. i. ALBERT G., b. in 1804; m. Nancy Cameron.

2757. ii. FRANKLIN, b. —.

2758. iii. THEODORE, b. —.

2759. iv. JAMES, b. —.

2760. v. HENRY, b. —.

2761. vi. EDWIN, b. —.


2762. i. EDWARD AUGUSTUS, b. Aug. 10, 1830; m. Laura H. Foster.


2765. iv. GEORGE WARREN, b. June 20, 1825; he d. s. p. May 31, 1850.

2766. v. LUTHER HALL, b. May 31, 1827; m. Lucy A. Schram.

2767. vi. WILLIAM L., b. March 19, 1835. He d. s. p. in the civil war.


2768. i. ALBERT H., b. Aug. 27, 1855; m. Laura J. Potter.

2769. ii. LOUISE, b. —; d. ae. 11 years.

2770. iii. LAURA ELLEN, b. —; m. She d. —.

2771. iv. JAMES WARREN, b. —; d. in infancy.

2772. v. MARIA, b. —; d. in infancy.


2775. viii. CHARLES AUDUBON, b. —; d. young.

* 1668. BENJAMIN FOSTER (Samuel, Benjamin, Benjamin, Benjamin, Isaac, Reginald), b. —, 1793; m., —, Joanna Foster, his second cousin, grand-daughter of Colonel Benjamin's brother. Benjamin Foster went to Dennysville, Me., in 1824; was the son of Samuel and grandson of Col. Benjamin Foster, of Machias, distinguished as a leader in the military exploits of the Revolution, which made that settlement famous. Benjamin m. Joanna, grand-daughter of Col. Benjamin Foster's brother. Res., Dennysville, Me.

2776. i. EMMA, m. Edward Wiswell; m. 2d, John Allan.

2777. ii. LYDIA W., m. John Wiswell.

2778. iii. JULIA, m. Charles H. Kilby.

2779. iv. JOANNA E., b. 1825; d. —.

2780. v. DRUSILLA, b. 1829; m. Charles H. Hobart.

2781. vi. BENJAMIN A., b. 1829; d. —.

1669. COL. JOHN WOODIN FOSTER (Daniel, Benjamin, Benjamin, Benjamin, Isaac, Reginald), b. Portland, Me., Nov. 3, 1801; m., Antwerp, N. Y., 1827, Harriet Elizabeth Gould, b. 1801; d. March 12, 1856. Was a farmer. Woodin Foster, the youngest son of Daniel and Hannah Foster, who was born at Limerick, Me., in 1601, married Harriet Elizabeth Gould, formerly of Chester, Vt., in 1827, was commissioned lieutenant-colonel of the One Hundred and Eighty-fourth N. Y. infantry, in 1830; removed to Williamstown, Jefferson county, Kan., between 1850 and 1860, and died there. He d. 1885. Res., Antwerp, N. Y., and Williamstown, Kan.

2782. i. PUBLIUS DARWIN, b. Dec. 13, 1829; m. Amanda E. Warren.


2786. i. GEORGE, m., April 7, 1838; m. Sarah E. Tackaberry.

2787. ii. HENRY A., b. June 9, 1840; m. Marguerrett Beaugrand.


1687-11. JOHN MOSES FOSTER (Benen, Isaiah, Benjamin, Benjamin, Isaac, Reginald), b. Orangeeto, N. B., May 7, 1805; m., in 1827, Sarah Smith Wheeler, b. April 14, 1806; d. April 11, 1866. He was a cooper. John Moses Foster was born and married in Burton, Sanbury county, N. B., moving when married to Wakefield, N. B., where he was a farmer for a few years, when he moved to Woodstock, N. B., where he followed the occupation of employing cooper and tradesman. A liberal in politics. From early youth throughout his long life he lived a devoted Christian man. Amiable in disposition to the extent of never making an enemy and beloved by all who knew him. Very fond of fishing, trapping and the gun. He d. April 5, 1888. Res., Woodstock, N. B.


2791-2. ii. SAMUEL NUTT, b. March 2, 1830; m. Francis A. Foster and Mrs. Melissa J. Doty.

2792-3. iii. ODHER MOSES, b. Sept. 11, 1832; m. Harriet E. Smith and Elizabeth Campbell.


2793-5. v. ALMIRA, b. Sept. 3, 1836; d. April 7, 1892.

2794-6. vi. AUGUSTA, b. Jan. 27, 1837.


2796-8. viii. PARKER HUMPHREY, b. May 13, 1846; m. Mary A. Sprague.

1692. JOHN WOODIN FOSTER (John W., Woodin, Benjamin, Benjamin, Isaac, Reginald), b. about 1810 in Machias, Me.; m., July 12, 1840, Caroline Rockcliffe; m. 2d, Nov. 7, 1847, Mrs. Maria Simonton. He is a merchant. Res., Rockland, Me.

2791. i. EMILY, b. Dec. 2, 1840.

2792. ii. ISAAC L., b. in 1849.

2793. iii. FREEMAN F., b. in 1851.

1709. HON. PHINEAS FOSTER (Moses, Woodin, Benjamin, Benjamin, Isaac, Reginald), b. East Machias, Me., March 17, 1795; m. Ruth Rich. She d. soon; m., East Machias, Me., 1829, Mary Coffin Foster, b., 1806; d. 1890. Phineas Foster was born in what is now East Machias, Washington county, Me., about 1796. Married first Ruth Rich, whose children were Ezra Warren and James Rich; both are now dead. Married for second wife, Mary Coffin Foster, who had a large family of children; those now living are: Phineas, Mary Coffin, Harriet Josephine, Abbie Melvina and Susan Wilmot. He was a farmer and lumberman. He resided in East Machias till 1844 when he moved to Marion in the same county, where he was engaged in farming and lumbering, until his death in the early seventies. He was a member of the House of Representatives in 1845 or 1849. He also held various town offices, such as selectman, etc. He d. in 1871, in Marion, Me., ae. 75. Res., Denneysville, Me.

2794. i. PHINEAS, b. June 13, 1831; m. Ellen Jane Bolton.


2801. i. JAMES W., b. July 5, 1811; d. unm. July 15, 1856.
2802. ii. LAURA F., b. Sept. 6, 1837; m. Sept. 9, 1859.
2803. iii. CHARLES WARNER, b. Aug. 8, 1833; d. unm. Dec. 8, 1859.
2805. v. J. KELLER, b. April 17, 1843.


2808. ii. ELEANOR, b. Nov. 28, 1823; m., July 1851, d. Sept. 10, 1855.
2810. iv. ELIZABETH C., b. April 20, 1831. Address, Mrs. Rachel Freeman, 353 Sixth Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
2811. v. RELIEF S., b. April 2, 1834; d. Sept. 13, 1856.
2812. vi. JOHN C., b. May 18, 1836. Address, Skowhegan, Me.
2813. vii. GEORGE W., b. July 8, 1839; d. April 8, 1865.


2814. i. RUTH F., b. March 2, 1834; m. in Belvidere, Ill., Oct. 15, 1860, — Allen.
2815. ii. JOHN R., b. in New Portland, Me., Feb. 13, 1836; d. in Waverly, Iowa, May 25, 1891. He was in the army three years.
2816. iii. SETH L., b. in Dover, Me., June 20, 1842. Address, Waverly, Iowa.


2818. ii. PERCELLA, b. Nov. —, 1825.
2819. iii. SALLIE, b. Oct. 28, 1829; m. — Arthur; sons Peter and Arthur. Res., Toledo, O.

1762. AUSTIN BAKER FOSTER (Nathan, Jeremiah, Jeremiah, Abraham, Jacob, Reginald), b. Shelburne, Mass., Nov. 11, 1807; m. Groton, N. Y., Dec. 20, 1827, Sarah W. Stout, b. Sept. 23, 1810; d. Friendship, N. Y., Nov. 17, 1858. He was a farmer. Austin Baker Foster was born in Franklin county, Mass. His father's name was Nathan Foster, whose wife was Sally Baker. About 1815 Austin's father moved to Virgil, Cortland county, N. Y. Later Austin married Sarah W. Stout, at Groton, Tompkins county, N. Y., and about 1830 moved to Friendship, Alleghany county, N. Y. Mr. Foster was a devoted Christian man, a member
of the Baptist church, and after the death of his wife, in November, 1859, gave much of his time to church building and Sunday-school work. He was a speaker of a good deal of force and ruggedness. He was a man of great physical strength as well as positive moral character. His ancestors were of those who came from England, so the family legend runs, and landed near Plymouth in 1636. Mr. Fos-

2820.  i.  ANDREW S., Aug. 5, 1836; d. Sept. 21, 1847.

2821.  ii.  SARAH A., b. Sept. 12, 1833; m. — Ammon Gordon. She d. —, 1881. A son is Will Gordon, of Friendship, Wis.

2822.  iii.  GEORGE PARKER, b. Feb. 10, 1839; m. —


2824.  v.  SIDNEY A., b. May 17, 1849; m. Ella J. Dyer and Clara P. Hill.


1772.  ELIJAH WILLARD FOSTER (Abraham, Samuel, Jeremiah, Abra-

2826.  i.  ABIGAIL, b. June 17, 1835; d. Dec. 12, 1840.

2827.  ii.  ALVARA B., b. Feb. 15, 1838; m. Mrs. Lois Irene (Goodwin) Puffer.

2828.  iii.  ADDISON, b. Feb. 22, 1840.


2830.  v.  HENRY, b. Aug. 7, 1845; m. Lynetta Goodwin.

2831.  vi.  MARY L., b. April 15, 1848; d. June 7, 1861.

2832.  vii.  JANE, b. Dec. 29, 1830; d. April 15, 1832.

2833.  viii.  SEWALL, b. April 29, 1833; m. Sarah Ann Smith.


2834.  i.  SARAH A., b. March 27, 1827.

2835.  ii.  CHARLES S., b. June 6, 1828.

2836.  iii.  LEONARD G., b. Aug. 26, 1837.

2837.  iv.  ELLEN, b. —

2838.  v.  EDWIN, b. —

2839.  vi.  GEORGE, b. —


1786.  LEONARD FOSTER (Nathaniel, Samuel, Jeremiah, Abraham, Jacob, Reginald), b. Ashburnham, Mass., April 14, 1814; m., April 18, 1838, Malvina Lawrence, of Ashburnham, dau. of Capt. Moses. She d. Aug. 28, 1848; m., 2d, —, 1850, Clarissa Cole; m., 3d, —, 1862, Sarah Howard. He resided in the north-
west part of the town. For many years he was actively engaged in the manufacture of lumber, and was frequently chosen to positions in town affairs. Res., Ashburn-
ham, Mass.

2841.  i.  WALDO A., b. Oct. 6, 1841; m. H. Elizabeth Chandler.
2842. ii. JENNIE A., b. Sept. 6, 1839; m. Webster Maynard, of Winchendon. She d. July 16, 1861.
2843. iii. EMMA L., b. Oct. 7, 1847; drowned June 14, 1850.
2844. i. HENRY, b. March 2, 1826; d. March 3, 1826.
2845. ii. EDWIN, b. Nov. 18, 1828; d. Feb. 8, 1832.
2846. iii. GEORGE, b. June 10, 1830; m., Feb. 25, 1857, Dollie E. Whicher, b. March 15, 1837.
2847. iv. AMELIA, b. June 3, 1838; d. Nov. 9, 1838.
2850. vii. WILLIAM S., b. Sept. 1, 1851.
Hosea Foster was born in Stoddard, N. H., in 1806, on the farm in the west part of the town, near the hill known as the "Pinnacle," where his father, Samuel, had settled in 1799, when he came to Stoddard from Ashburnham, Mass. Here he lived continuously until 1868, when he moved to Keene and bought a farm west of the city, still occupied by his son Charles. He was a man of steady, industrious habits, and sound and conservative judgment, and always held the respect and confidence of his neighbors and townspeople. He and his father before him carried on in connection with their farm a blacksmith shop. In those days almost all the hardware used in house building in the country towns was the direct product of the smith's handiwork, as were also the generality of household implements and farm tools. The old Foster house was built with hand-hammered nails, hinges, door-latches, etc. Mr. Foster was killed in Keene in the winter of 1872 by a load of wood, which he was drawing from a wood-lot, on West Hill, being overturned upon him. He d. by accident Feb. 7, 1872. Res., Stoddard and Keene, N. H.
2851. i. ALVIN RICE, b. Oct. 14, 1834; m. Mary J. Sargent and Mrs. Eliza A. Scott.
2852. ii. SARAH MOORE, b. April 9, 1837; d. Nov. 23, 1858.
2853. iii. EDWIN STEARNS, b. Dec. 21, 1830; m. Ella S. Houghton and Clara Fay.
2854. iv. CHARLES MERRICK, b. Nov. 16, 1843; m., Oct. 15, 1885, Josephine L. Paige, b. July 12, 1847. He is a farmer. Res., s. d. 57 West St., Keene, N. H.
1795. SAMUEL FOSTER (Samuel, Samuel, Jeremiah, Abraham, Jacob, Reginald), b. Stoddard, N. H., Nov. 20, 1815; m., Nov. 5, 1815, Mary S. Palmer, b. Aug. 23, 1823; d. Sept. 25, 1846. He was a merchant; was buried with his family in Mt. Auburn.
2857. i. MARY ALICE, b. Sept. 20, 1846; d. in infancy.
1801. HOSEA FOSTER (Hosea, Samuel, Jeremiah, Abraham, Jacob, Reginald), b. in Verona, N. Y., May 1, 1810; m. in Durhamville, N. Y., Feb. 4, 1841,

2858. i. CATHARINE, b. March 3, 1842; d. March 3, 1849.


2860. iii. EMMA C., b. May 10, 1851. Res., Alene, Madison county, N. Y.


2862. v. VELTON A., b. March 26, 1836; m., Nov. 9, 1858, Georgia Bell Wilcox. Res., 607 Seventh Ave., S., Minneapolis, Minn.


2864½. viii. GEORGE W., b. March 6, 1844; d. March 19, 1844.

1804. JEROME W. FOSTER (Joel, Samuel, Jeremiah, Abraham, Jacob, Reginald), b. Ashburnham, Mass., Dec. 15, 1810; m., April 24, 1834, Mary Calson; d. March 24, 1857.

He inherited in an eminent degree a firmness of character and soundness of judgment which distinguished his ancestors. Mr. Foster was a man of varied employments, and many trusts were safely committed to his efficient management. He was a civil engineer, a Justice of the Peace, for many years superintendent of the postroute, and was frequently employed in the conduct of town affairs. He was a trustee of Cushing Academy and a member of the committee of construction, and to his prudent and sagacious counsels the Academy is much indebted. For eighteen years he was town clerk. The records by him transcribed are expressed with precision and orderly arrangement. In every labor of an industrious life Mr. Foster has left his impress of mature judgment and integrity of character. If he never sought the applause of his fellows and never suggested his own advancement, he did not fail to receive the spontaneous confidence and unqualified respect of all who knew him. Mr. Foster was reserved in manner and associative in his habits of thought, yet he never failed in the discharge of important trusts, nor in the office of maintaining his convictions of right and duty. He was prominent in all measures pertaining to the welfare of the town, and on questions of moment his advice was frequently sought, and in his loyal service the best interests of the community were encouraged and advanced. He d. March 23, 1871. Res., Ashburnham, Mass.

2865. i. GEORGE C., b. Jan. 21, 1835; m. Sarah E. Bemis.


2867. iii. JEROME W., b. Nov. 5, 1839; d. April 5, 1841.


2871. vii. ELLA JANE, b. Nov. 11, 1847; d. May 28, 1861.


2875. xi. JEROME, b. June 5, 1856; d. Oct. 29, 1856.

1817. DUDLEY FOSTER (Samuel, Joseph, Joseph, Joseph, Jacob, Reginald), b. Billerica, Mass., Nov. 15, 1803; m., May 21, 1835, Louisa Pollard, dau. of William, b. May 23, 1810; d. Feb. 28, 1882; m., 2d, Mary A. — He resided near the Howe school, of which he was a trustee from the first and was treasurer; was town clerk and treasurer for twenty-five years. He assisted in publishing History of Billerica. Dudley, Billerica, letter date Feb. 5, 1895; ex. March 25, 1805; wife Mary A.; children, Frank D. Foster, of North Andover, Mass., John H. Foster, of Billerica. He d. Jan. 3, 1895. Res., Billerica, Mass.
FOSTER GENEALOGY.


2878. i. ANNIE WHITNEY, b. ——.

2879. ii. WHITNEY, b. ——.

2880. iii. DAMON, b. ——; d. unm., 1872. Damon Foster, of Concord, letter date July 15, 1872; ex. Oct. 8, 1872; no widow; next of kin, Lydia A. Giles, wife of Daniel L. Giles, Lincoln, mother; Whitney Foster, brother; Annie W. Foster, sister; Harriet L. Giles, half sister, all of Lincoln.


2881. i. LAURA MARIA, b. Aug. 27, 1850; in Lawrence, Mass.

2882. ii. JOHN K., b. April 8, 1853; d. July 5, 1857.


2883. i. ELIZABETH W., b. April 16, 1832; d. Feb. 26, 1892.

2884. ii. CHARLES CARROLL, b. Feb. 22, 1834; m. Sarah E. Burke.


2887. v. FANNIE AUGUSTUS, b. May 14, 1849; mariner; m., March 10, 1875, Martha L. Grant.

2888. vi. HENRY AUSTIN, b. Oct. 4, 1851; m. Anna L. Morgan.


2889. i. MARY AUGUSTA, b. May 18, 1846.


2890. i. JULIETTE AUGUSTA, b. May 10, 1849; d. Jan. 22, 1865.


2891. i. SIMEON H., b. April 31, 1862; drowned Sept. 6, 1865.


2893. iii. AARON, b. ——; d. Aug. 3, 1864.


2895. v. ARTHUR W., b. March 28, 1856.

2896. vi. JAMES ADDISON, b. April 3, 1855; d. Aug. 17, 1855.

2898. viii. CARRIE, b. June 4, 1865.

2899. ix. JAMES E., b. Aug. 13, 1859.

2900. x. ANNA D., b. March 1, 1867.

2901. xi. LUCY ANN, b. July 2, 1869.

2902. xii. MARY ALICE, b. May 23, 1857; m., Jan. —, 1882, Charles Summer Goodridge, b. 1857.


2905. iii. MARION RAYMOND, b. Sept. 15, 1872; d. April 29, 1890.


2906. i. MARY ALICE, b. Feb. 23, 1863; m., July 16, 1886, James G. Baker, of Boston, b. 1865 in E. Orleans, Mass., son of Benoni and Sarah.

2907. ii. LOUISA, b. June 8, 1864; d. Sept. 2, 1864.

2908. iii. WILLIAM AUGUSTUS, b. April 22, 1860; m. — and Emma F. Clough.


2910. v. DANIEL PAGE, b. Dec. 7, 1858.

2911. vi. JESSE, b. May 29, 1866.


2913. viii. SETH, b. Oct. 4, 1847; m. Mary J. McLean.


2917. xii. MARY LOUISA, b. Oct. 27, 1853; d. Feb. 15, 1858.

1841. SAMUEL GOODRIDGE FOSTER (Seth, Daniel, Joseph, Joseph, Jacob, Reginald), b. Marblehead, Mass., May 21, 1827; m., Sacramento county, Cal., Sept. 23, 1860, Caroline Emmons, b. April 24, 1824; d. May 25, 1891. He has been justice of the peace for twenty-five years and notary public. In 1850 was a Whig. Arrived in California June 12, 1850; became a charter member of the first Republican club ever organized on the Pacific coast, in 1856. Hon. Cornelius Cole, E. B. Crocker and C. P. Huntington were also charter members of the same club; voted the Republican ticket ever since. Res., Perkins, Cal.


1856. JOSEPH HILLER FOSTER (John W., James, Nathan, Joseph, Jacob, Reginald), b. Aug., 1825; m., —, Adelaide Morgan. "The death of no member of our community could cause deeper or more extended sorrow than that of Joseph Hiller Foster. He was born at Portsmouth in August, 1825, and on the 1st of December, 1847, became a member of the firm of John W. Foster & Son, book-sellers, then doing business at No. 5 Market street, in this city. After the death of his universally beloved father, on the 10th of June, 1852, Mr. Foster carried on the book and stationery business on Market and Congress streets until his election to the important office of treasurer of the Portsmouth Savings Bank in 1877, which position he held at the time of his death, on Monday last. Though of a retiring and modest disposition and disinclined to hold public office, he served faithfully and well as a member of the school committee in 1856, as a member of the Common Council in 1864, and as an alderman in 1865 and 1866, and in the latter position served as chairman of several important committees. No man enjoyed the confidence of the public and stood higher in public estimation than did Mr. Foster. He was an earnest worker in all charitable and benevolent enterprises, contributing everything in his power to alleviate the distress of mankind. He was for some years a director of the Portsmouth Howard Benevolent Society, secretary of the
City Missionary Society and clerk of the Chase Home for Children. He enjoyed the society of agreeable companions, and was for more than thirty years clerk of the Federal Fire Society, and secretary of the Portsmouth Chess Club almost as long. He was interested in the improvement of our city, and took an important part in the securing of Langdon Park, and served as treasurer of the park association. He was a man of fine literary tastes, an extensive reader, a good critic of literary productions and especially fond of good poetry. He served for many years as a director in the Portsmouth Athenæum. In his death the South Parish has lost one of its most steadfast and conscientious members. It will be difficult to fill his place elsewhere, but especially in the church where he worshiped. His whole life was an example of an unostentatious Christian—pure, earnest, genial, benevolent, true to himself and the faith which he professed. The words spoken of his lamented father are equally applicable to him: 'A truly good man has departed,' yet he has bequeathed to his friends a rich legacy in the example and Christian influence which he has left behind. He was a man of inflexible honesty. Entrusted with millions of dollars, he accounted for every penny. The numerous positions of treasurer which he held attest his well-deserved reputation for honesty among his neighbors. Those who knew only the public and outward life of Mr. Foster were not aware of the strongest and finest trait in his character. He was happiest in his home life and in his family relations. We sympathize deeply with his afflicted family in their great loss; for the blow is more severe to them on account of his love for home. He was an earnest worker in whatever he undertook, and, up to last November, he managed the large monetary interests entrusted to his care with skill and fidelity. The death of his son, William Russell Foster, two years ago, was a severe shock to him, and although he bravely tried to conceal his sorrow, in order to prevent suffering to others, yet his hidden grief, together with his business cares, evidently sapped his strength. In November last, by direction of his physician, he gave up his business and went to Bermuda to obtain renewed strength, if possible, from change of scene and climate, but he soon returned, and has since been confined to his room. He possessed a sound and well-balanced mind, refined tastes, a genial manner, a kind heart, an even temper, joined with inflexible uprightness and steadfastness of purpose. His memory is most precious to those who knew him best."— Portsmouth Journal, March 28, 1855. He died March 23, 1855. Res., Portsmouth, N. H.


1864. CALVIN WASHBURN, b. July 1, 1826; m., June 1, 1849, Mindia, dau. of Henry and Mary (Turner) McClure, b. June 10, 1830; d. Aug. 1, 1870; m. 2d., Jan. 1, 1871, Louisa M. (Chatham) (Duncan) Smith, b. June 29, 1852; m., 3d., 1877, Mouisa J., dau. of John
FOSTER GENEALOGY.


2028. i. THEY HAD one ch. that d. in infancy; adopted son, Albert Lovejoy, of Moretown.

1867. HON. LEONARD ROBERTSON FOSTER (Isaac, Isaac, Isaac, Joseph, Jacob, Reginald), b. Moretown, Vt., April 9, 1807; m., Oct. 10, 1832, Jane Boynton, dau. of Ebenezer and Jane (Osgood) Johnson, b. June 1, 1812; d. Feb. 4, 1859; m., 2d, April 10, 1862, Liva Ann, dau. of Ezra and Lucy (Bacon) Evans, b. Nov. 7, 1831; a merchant. He d. Jan. 5, 1897. Res., Waterbury Center, Vt. Mr. Foster was of Puritan ancestry, the four generations preceding him being born in Beverly, Mass. His father, Isaac Foster, Jr., and his mother, Charlotte Whitman, of Weymouth, Mass., were married one hundred years ago, and soon after made their way over bad roads and blazed paths to establish a home in the wilderness of Central Vermont. They carried their religion with them, and into this pious home the son was born. In after years he said: "I have loved the Lord and prayed to Him ever since I can remember." In his seventeenth year he professed religion and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he was a faithful member until his death. He held its offices, gave for its charities, and labored to promote its success. Two of his sons were in the war, and one of them, who bore his father's name, was killed in the battle of Cedar Creek. In politics he was an Abolitionist, and represented that party in the Legislature of Vermont in 1852. In 1832 he married Jane Boynton and represented that party in the Legislature of Vermont in 1852. In 1832 he married Jane Boynton and represented that party in the Legislature of Vermont in 1852.

2029. i. ELON, b. June 22, 1833; m. Sarah Palmer.


2934. vi. LEONARD ROBINSON, JR., b. Nov. 3, 1844; was killed at the battle of Cedar Creek Oct. 19, 1864.

2935. vii. DR EBENEZER JOHNSON FOSTER, b. Jan. 15, 1847; graduated at Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa. 1869; same year received a diploma from Keene School of Anatomy, of Philadelphia; is settled in the practice of his profession at Waterbury, Vt.; has devoted a great deal of time to music, and has both taught and composed; has also exhibited some of his paintings, for which he has received prizes at the county fairs; unm. Add., Roberts, Wis.

2936. viii. LUKE WHITMAN, b. Jan. 13, 1850; m. Alice Fuller.

2937. ix. ARTHUR M., b. April 24, 1855; m. Ella M. Fuller.


2940. i. MARGARET, d. nat. 14 months.


2944. i. GILLMAN G., b. Nov. 15, 1842; m. Elvira Harlow.


2946. iii. EDWIN A., b. Sept. 12, 1850; m. Mary E. Chaffee.


1870. DANIEL FOSTER (Daniel, Isaac, Isaac, Joseph, Jacob, Reginald), b. Augusta, Me., July 5, 1799; m. there Jan. 7, 1822, Rebecca Eaton, b. Nov. 30, 1798, at Binghamton, N. Y.; d. Nov. 11, 1856, in Augusta; m., 2d, Dec. 5, 1857, Cynthia Maria E. Coleman, b. Vassalboro, Me., Aug. 8, 1830. He was a farmer. She was of Bingham. They were among the original seventeen members of the First Baptist Church in Augusta. He d. March 7, 1851. Res., Augusta, Me.

2948. i. IRA H., b. Jan. 8, 1823; m. Amanda M. Crandall.

2949. ii. TIMOTHY DANFORTH, b. March 10, 1825; m. Ann S. Clark.

2950. iii. DANIEL WINTHROP, b. April 27, 1829; m. Dorcas L. Marshall.


2952. v. GEORGE BOARDMAN, b. June 14, 1834; d., s. p., July 4, 1894.

2953. vi. JOHN AVERY, b. Nov. 8, 1839; m. Clara Ann Tucker.


2954½. viii. LUCINDA, b. Sept. 29, 1827; d. same day.

1871. CONY FOSTER (Daniel, Isaac, Isaac, Jacob, Reginald), b. Augusta, Me., April 16, 1801; m., Vassalboro, Me., May 11, 1829, Caroline Brown, b. Sept. 14, 1807; d. Riverside, Me., Oct. 4, 1888. She was dau. of Benjamin and Polly (——) Brown. Was a farmer and merchant. Cony Foster, the youngest child of Daniel Foster and Phillena Pettingell, was born in Augusta, Me., April 16, 1801. His father enlisted in the United States service when Cony was two years old. His mother was left with three children to struggle along in the world. She was a pious woman, and though poor, she had the consolation of religion to support her. She availed herself of every opportunity to send her children to school. The two older children were put out to live where they could earn their living. Cony, being the youngest, was kept at home, and no means within the power of his mother was spared to give him a good school education. His mother supported herself and son by taking in weaving and going out nursing. Cony, when out of school, spent much of his time working for his mother, picking
up wood, etc. What little work he could do for the neighbors he was glad to get, and when he was seven years old would often work for two cents a day.

When he was ten years old a gentleman let him a piece of land to plant, and he raised thirty-eight bushels of corn. This was a great help to his mother. From this time for a number of years he took land to plant on shares, and raised corn and potatoes sufficient to support the family. When he was twelve years old he began to study arithmetic. With some money that he had saved, he walked five miles to a bookstore, and bought himself a slate and arithmetic. These he kept until he went through the book, and for many years afterward. He also made a manuscript and set down every sum in Kinnie's Arithmetic. He also commenced the study of English Grammar, and gave his whole attention to it. In three weeks from the commencement he could parse well in the first class in school, in which paper essay was used. From this time until he was seventeen years old he continued to go to school, which was only kept about three months in the year, and that in the winter time. He had to walk three miles to the school.

From 1815 to 1819 his older brother, Daniel, was at home, and the two boys had each a steer calf. They made a little yoke and sled and hauled up their wood with them, and kept them until they became oxen. About 1816 the boys bought a possession of fifty acres of land, where they cut hay, etc. In a year or two they built a small house and a forty-foot barn. Here they lived, with their mother, in peace and happiness a number of years. In the year 1819 Daniel took unto himself a wife. In the winter of 1819, Cony, who was eighteen years old, took a town school to teach in Readfield, Me., and, although he was young and the school had the reputation of being a very bad and unruly one, yet he managed to give such general satisfaction that he was asked to keep the school the next winter, which he did with like good success. After this he kept a school in his own neighborhood. In the winter of 1821 he kept another school in Augusta and boarded with the School Agent. Here he slept in the chamber of a log cabin so low that he could not stand up straight to dress himself, and although schoolmasters were at that time looked up to as an exalted order of beings, still Master Foster was not so "starched up" but that he could put up with almost any inconvenience. In fact, his main desire was to please those with whom he labored—"to rear the tender thought and teach the young idea how to shoot." In the years, 1822-34, he taught three different schools in the town of Vassalboro, Me., giving good satisfaction in all. In the fall of 1824 he attended China Academy one quarter, where he studied navigation, surveying, rhetoric and algebra. His mother died in the fall of 1824, while he was at China Academy. This was a severe affliction to him.

In the spring of 1825 Cony sold out his interest in the home they had built to his brother Daniel, and Daniel lived there until his death and raised a family of children. In the summer of 1825 Cony went into the employ of Eveleth & Hartwell, merchants, of Augusta, as a clerk. In this situation he remained about two years, and kept the books of the firm.

An eventful period in Mr. Foster's life occurred in 1827. He became acquainted with Miss Caroline Brown, a blooming girl of twenty, daughter of Benjamin Brown, of Vassalboro, a prominent citizen and business man of Maine. About this time a proposition was made to Mr. Foster by Mr. Brown to go to the Penobscot river to engage in lumbering and mercantile business. A copartnership was accordingly entered into, which continued seven years, when the partnership was mutually dis-
solved. An attachment was formed between Mr. Foster and Miss Caroline Brown from their first acquaintance, which at length was consummated by their marriage, in May, 1820. In that year Mr. Foster built him a fine residence in Orono, Me., in which he lived until his death, Feb. 22, 1875, and raised a large family of children. After the partnership between Mr. Foster and Mr. Brown was dissolved Mr. Foster continued the business for some twenty years, and prospered. In 1834 Mr. Foster was chosen Treasurer of the town of Orono, which office he held for three successive years. In 1840, upon the division of the town, he was elected one of the Selectmen, and for three years after the first he was Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor of Orono, viz., 1841-2-3. In 1845 he was chosen Collector of Taxes, which office he held for four successive years. In 1846 he was again chosen Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor. He held the office of Justice of the Peace from 1840 to the time of his death (1875). In 1855 he was again elected one of the Selectmen, and also again in 1863 and 1864. In 1860 he was chosen Collector of Taxes and held the office six years in succession, having in both terms been Collector of Taxes ten years, and collected between $200,000 and $300,000.

Mr. Foster had passed through a variety of circumstances. He had known what it was to be poor, and he had known what it was to enjoy a competence, but through it all he never did a dishonorable act, and when he died left a name in the town in which he had lived so long, as an honest, upright man, whose word was as good as his bond.

2955. i. BENJAMIN R., b. Nov. 23, 1831; m. Sarah Gibson Howell.
2956. ii. CHARLES HENRY, b. Feb. 18, 1830; m. Sue Agnes Carter.
2957. iii. WILLIAM WIRT, b. Nov. 23, 1831; m. —, Sarah —. He d. Boston, Mass., s. p., Dec. 8, 1888.
2959. v. LYMAN BEECHER, b. March 10, 1841; m. Mary C. Etheridge and Susan Alice Spencer.
2960. vi. EVELYN LINCOLN, b. April 3, 1843; d. Aug. 6, 1847.
2962. viii. GEORGE BURGESS, b. Oct. 19, 1850; m. Christine Hanson.

18724. GEN. JOHN GRAY FOSTER (Perley, John, Isaac, Joseph, Jacob, Reginald), b. Whitefield, N. H., May 27, 1823; m., —, Mary Mole; m., 2d, —, Anna Johnson.

John Gray Foster was born in Whitefield, N. H., May 27, 1823; died in Nashua, N. H., Sept. 2, 1874. He was graduated at the United States Military Academy in 1846; assigned to the engineer corps, and served in the Mexican war under General Scott, being engaged at Vera Cruz, Cerro Gordo, Contreras, Churubusco and Molino del Rey, where he was severely wounded. He received the brevets of First Lieutenant and Captain for gallantry. He was assistant engineer in Maryland in 1848-52, and on coast survey duty in Washington, D. C., in 1852-4, and after promotion to First Lieutenant acted as assistant professor of engineering at West Point in 1855-7. At the beginning of the civil war he was stationed at Charleston, S. C., and safely removed the garrison of Fort Moultrie to Fort Sumter during the night of Dec. 26 and 27, 1860. He was breveted Major for the distinguished part he took in this transfer, and was one of the defenders of the fort during its subsequent bombardment. He was made Brigadier-General of Volunteers Oct. 23, 1861; commanded a brigade in Burnside's North Carolina expedition and received the brevet of Lieutenant-Colonel for his services at Roanoke Island. While in command of the Department of North Carolina, with the rank of Major-General of Volunteers, in 1862-3, he conducted several important expeditions. He had charge of the combined Departments of Virginia and North Carolina, from July until November, 1863, and afterward of the Army and Department of the Ohio, which he relinquished in December, 1864, on account of severe injuries from the fall of his horse. After the termination of his sick leave he commanded the Depart-
ment of the South. Co-operating efficiently with General Sherman and preparing to assist in the reduction of Charleston under Sherman's orders, when suffering caused by his old wound obliged him to transfer the command to Gen. Quincy A. Gilmore. In 1865 he was breveted Brigadier-General in the regular army for gallant services in the capture of Savannah, Ga., and Major-General for services in the field during the rebellion. He was in command of the department of Florida in 1865-6, and on temporary duty in the engineer bureau of Washington in 1867. He afterward served as superintending engineer of various river and harbor improvements. His submarine engineering operations in Boston and Portsmouth harbors were conducted with great ability, and were eminently successful. He contributed articles to periodical literature on engineering topics and published "Submarine Blasting in Boston Harbor" (New York, 1869).

The United States Register, official, at West Point, has the following: "John G. Foster, b. — N. H.; was appointed in New Hampshire Military History: Cadet at the United States Military Academy from July 1, 1842, to July 1, 1846, when he was graduated and promoted in the army to brevet second lieutenant, corps of engineers, July 1, 1846; served as assistant engineer in the engineer bureau at Washington, D. C., 1846; in the war with Mexico, 1847-8; attached to the company of sappers, miners and pontooniers, being engaged in the siege of Vera Cruz, March 9-29, 1847; battle of Cerro Gordo, April 17-18, 1847; battle of Contreras, Aug. 19-20 (brevet first lieutenant Aug. 20, 1847, for gallant and meritorious conduct in the battles of Contreras and Churubusco, Mexico), 1847; battle of Churubusco, Aug. 20, 1847, battle of Molino del Rey, Mexico; (brevet captain Sept. 8, 1847, for gallant and meritorious conduct in the battle of Molino del Rey, Mexico, Sept. 8, 1847, where he was severely wounded; on sick leave of absence, disabled by wounds, 1847-8; as assistant engineer in building Fort Carroll, Patapsco (second lieutenant, corps of engineers, May 24, 1848) river, Maryland, 1848-52; at coast survey office, Washington, D. C., March 20, 1852, to April 26, 1854; as assistant engineer in building Fort Carroll, Maryland, 1845; at the (first lieutenant corps of engineers, April 1, 1854) Military Academy; as principal assistant professor of engineering, Jan. 11, 1855, to June 27, 1857, and as superintending engineer of the survey of the site of fort at Willets Point, Long Island, N. Y., 1857; of preliminary operations for building fort at Sandy Hook, N. J., 1857-8; of building Fort Sumter, and repairs of Fort Moultrie, Charleston Harbor, S. C., 1858-61; in charge of Ports Macon and Caswell, North Carolina, 1858-61, and of construction of Fort Carroll (captain of corps of engineers, July 1, 1860; for fourteen years continuous service) Maryland, 1859-60.

"Served during the rebellion of the seceding states, 1861-66, as chief engineer of the fortifications of Charleston harbor, S. C., being engaged in strengthening the works in anticipation of attack upon them; transporting the garrison of Fort Moultrie to Fort Sumter, Dec. 26, 1860; and in defence of (brevet major, Dec. 26, 1860, for the distinguished part taken by him in the transfer of the garrison of Fort Moultrie to Fort Sumter, South Carolina) Fort Sumter, Dec. 26, 1860, to April 13, 1861, including its bombardment, April 12-14, 1861, when it was surrendered and evacuated; as assistant engineer in the engineer bureau at Washington, D. C., April 22 to May 5, 1861; as superintending (major Eleventh Infantry, May 14, 1861—declined) engineer of the construction of Sandy Hook fort, New Jersey, May 11 to Nov. 22, 1861; in command of troops at Annapolis, Md., Nov. 25 to Dec. 20 (brigadier general United States Volunteers, Oct. 23, 1861) on General Burnside's North Carolina expedition, commanding brigade, Dec. 20, 1861, to July 1, 1862, being engaged in the capture of Roanoke Island (brevet lieutenant-colonel, Feb. 8, 1862, for gallant and meritorious services in the capture of Roanoke Island, North Carolina) with its garrison and armament, Feb. 8, 1862; capture of Newbern (brevet colonel, March 12, 1862, for gallant and meritorious services in the capture of Newbern, N. C.) March 14, 1862, and bombardment of Fort Macon, which capitulated April 26, 1862; in command of the Department of North Carolina, July 1, 1862, to (major-general United States Volunteers July 13, 1862) July 13, 1863 (his force constituting the Eighteenth Army Corps, Dec. 24, 1862), during which time he successfully conducted the expedition to burn the Goldsboro railroad bridge, December, 1862; being engaged in the action of Southwest Creek, Dec. 14, 1862; combat of Kinston, Dec. 15, 1862; action of Whitehall, Dec. 17, 1862; action of Goldsboro bridge, Jan. 22, 1863; for corps of engineers (major-general United States Volunteers, March 5, 1863) the rebel attack on Newbern, March 14, 1863, and defence of Washington, N. C., March 20 to April 16, 1863, when the siege was raised; in command of the Department of Virginia and North Carolina, July 15 to Nov. 13, 1863; and of Army and De-
partment of the Ohio, Dec. 12, 1863, to Feb. 9, 1864, which he was obliged to relinquish in consequence of severe injuries from the fall of his horse, Dec. 23, 1864; on sick leave, awaiting orders, at Baltimore, Md., Feb. 9 to May 5, 1864; in command of the Department of the South, May 26, 1864 (brevet brigadier-general United States army, March 13, 1865, for gallant and meritorious services in the field during the rebellion) to Feb. 11, 1865, and of the Department of Florida, Aug. 7, 1865, to (mustered out of volunteer service Sept. 1, 1866, ) Dec. 5, 1866; and on temporary duty in the engineer bureau, Washington, D. C., January, 1867, to May 10, 1867; lieutenants-colonel, corps of engineers, March 7, 1867."


1872-2. COL. EDWIN FOSTER (Perley, John, Brainard, Isaac, Joseph, Jacob, Reginald), b. Greenfield, N. H., in 1819; m. in Hancock, N. H., Sarah Fox Bullard. He was a stage owner. He d. in N. H., in 1859. Res., Bennington, N. H. 29624. i. CHARLES E., b. March 16, 1841; m., Manchester, Nov. 5, 1869, Emma M. Meldrum, b. 1854, s. p. Res., Manchester, N. H. Address., 852 Elm St., R. 23. He was in the civil war from April, 1861, to December, 1865.


2964. ii. WILLARD MALLALIEU, b. Oct. 12, 1858; m. Emeline E. Sherwood.

2965. iii. ALLEN HUNTING, b. Sept. 25, 1862; unm. Res., at home.


2967. v. CLARA BIDWELL, b. July 7, 1868; d. April 22, 1873.


2968. i. JANE, b. —-.

2969. ii. —- b. —-.

2970. iii. —- b. —-.

2971. iv. JOHN ADAMS JR., b. —-.


2972. i. LUCY, b. —-; m. Adams.

2973. ii. LIZZIE, b. —-.

2974. iii. MINNIE, b. —-; Res., Lawrence, Mass.


2976. ii. ELIZABETH ADAMS, b. —-.

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2977. i. SAMUEL WILLIS, b. Dec. 21, 1863; m. Laura Buckley.

2978. ii. ELLA, b. —, 1866; d. 1872.


He was born in Michigan, and spent most of his life at Hudson, Wis., removing from that point to Dickinson county, Iowa. As a mere boy he abandoned a lucrative position to enter the army, enlisting in Company A, Forty-fourth Wisconsin Infantry, being mustered out at the close of the war. He went to Milford in 1868. In 1871 Miss Grace L. Selleck, of Hudson, Wis., became his wife. During all his long residence in Iowa Mr. Foster was held in warm esteem. He was an important factor in local development. For years he held proprietary connection with the Milford Water Power Improvement Company, which erected at Milford the best mill in that region in pioneer days. He was a general dealer at Milford for a considerable period, and was postmaster during the Arthur administration. He was for two terms a member of the Board of Supervisors, and most of this period its Chairman and most active spirit. In all these relations he made a good record, steadily growing in public and private esteem. Ever public-spirited, he did his full share in the development of his section, and witnessed with sincere satisfaction the growth of the county and the prosperity of the people. Few men in the county ever had so wide a circle of personal friends. His friendship was warm and biding and ever to be prized. He was loyal ever, and thoughtful and helpful. He failed not in appreciation of favors received, and it was ever a pleasure to do him kindly service. He was a member of Wallar Post, G. A. R.

Mrs. Foster has this copy in her possession: "Hon. Jedediah Foster was born in Andover, Mass., Oct. 19, 1726; descended from Sir Reginald Foster, who was made a peer by Queen Elizabeth, July 21, 1661. His descendant, Sir Reginald, came to this country because of troubles during the reign of Charles I."


2981. i. STURGES BURTON, b. January, 1875; d. October, 1875.


During his childhood his health was such that he could not apply himself to study, and in 1852, when he was fourteen, his father died, in Commerce, Mich., leaving the mother and his two young sisters entirely dependent upon him, since which time his life has been one of close application to business. He came to Detroit in June, 1854, and engaged as hardware clerk. In 1858 he entered a leather store. In February, 1863, established in the leather and finding business, and the manufacture of lasts, etc.; firm name Mumford, Foster & Co., which continued until 1888; then continued alone, as E. D. Foster & Co., until 1897, when he closed out the business. From a strong belief in the economic advantage to society of life insurance, he has, for twenty years taken an active interest in fraternal beneficiary orders, as a means for
the mechanic and middle classes, who, with small monthly payments, could protect their families when they would be unable to carry old-line protection. Has been more especially interested as an officer in the Ancient Order of United Workmen and National Union. He is now second Vice-President of the Standard Savings and Loan Association. Res. Detroit, Mich.

2983. i. FRANCES ALMA, b. May 21, 1872. Is a teacher in Detroit High School.


2985. iii. ALBERT DOUGLAS, b. Feb. 13, 1875. Medical student in University of Michigan, class '90.

2986. iv. CLARA AGNES, b. May 20, 1879.

2987. v. EDWARD DWIGHT, b. Sept. 8, 1881.


1916. vi. DWIGHT FOSTER (Jedediah, Theophilus, Jedediah, Ephraim, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. Wilmington, Vt., March 25, 1800; m. ——, 1833, Betsey Brownewell, b. May 5, 1811 (dau. of Thomas Brownewell, of Pownall, Vt., and Betsey Parker), a farmer in Paw Paw Grove, Ill. He was in early life a hotel-keeper and stage proprietor in Pownall, Vt., for several years. His wife died there October, 1855. Res., Paw Paw, Ill.

2989. i. BLACKMAN N., b. Sept. 25, 1834; m. Harriet Downes.

1919. ALFRED DWIGHT FOSTER (Elijah D., Theophilus, Jedediah, Ephraim, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. Jan. 22, 1818, Athens, Pa.; m. April 4, 1840, Sarah Emeline Hathaway, b. in Poultney, N. Y., May 31, 1817 (dau. of Peter Dickenson Hathaway, afterwards of West Creek, Ind., and Rebecca Hayward); a merchant at Crown Point, Ind., where he died Oct. 20, 1860, aet. 42. His widow resides at Crown Point.

2990. i. GEORGE DWIGHT, b. June 11, 1843; m. Burdette E. Thomas and Jane A. McPherson.

2991. ii. MAHLON BETHUEL, b. Feb. 25, 1846; d. Sept. 1, 1846.

2992. iii. PERRY ALFORD, b. July 23, 1848; is a farmer at Morgantown, Ind.

2993. iv. CHARLES HATHAWAY, b. Sept. 12, 1851; d. July 14, 1865.

2994. v. HARRIET ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 11, 1858.

1920. GEORGE LYMAN FOSTER (Elijah D., Theophilus, Jedediah, Ephraim, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. April 20, 1820; m. Jan. ——, 1842, Temperance Hathaway, b. Sept. 19, 1819 (dau. of Peter Dickenson Hathaway, of West Creek, Ind., and Rebecca Hayward). She d. Nov. 19, 1843, aet. 24, and he m. d. March 22, 1845, Lucy Jane Hathaway, b. April 19, 1828 (dau. of Paul Hathaway, of Sherburne, Ill., and Melissa Langdon), a large farmer (700 acres) at West Creek, Ind., formerly; but since 1869 has resided at Parker, Montgomery county, Kans. Ch. by second wife:

2995. i. CHARLES, b. Jan. 9, 1847; d. March 20, 1847.

2996. ii. EDWIN, b. Sept. 7, 1849.

2997. iii. VOLNEY ORLANDO, b. Oct. 10, 1851.

2998. iv. EDSON, b. May 23, 1854.


3000. vi. ELIZA, b. April 29, 1859.

3001. vii. EMILINE, b. Nov. 10, 1861.

3002. viii. MARTHA, b. Nov. 16, 1864.

3003. ix. MARILLA, b. June 5, 1868.

1925. THEOPHILUS RANDOLPH FOSTER (Elijah Dwight, Theophilus, Jedediah, Ephraim, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. April 28, 1830, Burlington, Pa.; m. Dec. 6, 1851, Margaret Foley, b. May 20, 1832 (dau. of John Foley, of Adel, Iowa, and Sarah Hayworth); a farmer. Res. at Adel, Iowa.

3004. i. FRANCES, b. Sept. 29, 1852.


3006. iii. LUCY ANN, b. Jan. 6, 1857.

3007. iv. MARTHA HARRIET, b. March 12, 1859.

3008. v. FANNY ALMEDA, b. Feb. 6, 1861.

3009. vi. DANIEL, b. May 27, 1863.

3010. vii. GEORGE LYMAN, b. July 30, 1865.
1827. LEWIS FOSTER (Elijah D., Theophilus, Jedediah, Ephraim, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. Troy, Pa., March 23, 1834; m., Nov. 19, 1855, Roxanna Augusta Knapp, b. at Florence, O., March 20, 1836 (dau. of Charles and Amanda Knapp, of Coldwater, Mich.); a farmer. Res., at Pottowattamie, Ia., (since 1858.)
1832. i. MARY ELIZABETH, b. at West Creek, Ind., Aug. 5, 1856.
1832. ii. CHARLES LYMAN, b. at Pottowattamie, Sept. 9, 1858.
1833. iii. WILLIAM ORLANDO, b. Sept. 19, 1860.
1834. iv. CORNELIA AMANDA, b. Feb. 15, 1866.

1833. ALFRED FOSTER (Peregrine P., Theophilus, Jedediah, Ephraim, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. Coventry, R. I., Sept. 29, 1816; m. in 1838, at Mantua, 0., Catharine Van Wagner; a farmer at Millington, Mich.; was for some years a tanner in Ohio.

1835. 1. THEY had three children.

1838. LUTHER CLARK FOSTER (Peregrine P., Theophilus, Jedediah, Ephraim, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. in Pennsylvania, May 24, 1828. He was a teacher for a few years in Tennessee (1848-51). In 1853 he removed to Elmira, N. Y., and since 1855 has been principal of Grammar School No. 1 in that city. He m., Jan. 29, 1851, Mary Elizabeth Witherspoon, b. May 27, 1833 (dau. of Wesley and Sarah Witherspoon, of Maury county, Tennessee). She d. April 7, 1852, and he m., 2d, April 18, 1854, Charlotte Lindsey, b. Feb. 2, 1827.

Luther Clark Foster, Superintendent of Ithaca schools from 1875 to the time of his death, Feb. 13, 1894, was born at Canton, Bradford county, Pa. While he was a child his parents moved to Farmington, O., where he lived until he became a young man. The father was a Baptist minister; but when he moved to what was then considered the West, he took up a new farm, and began to hew out a place for himself. He built a log house and moved into it before there were any doors, putting up blankets at the openings. He preached part of the time, and winters he taught school, boarding around. At one of the places where he was boarding he was put, as usual, in the best room, cold and uncomfortable, where he took a severe cold, and, returning home, died at the age of forty-one. After the father's death the family went through many privations. The mother eked out a scanty living, after selling the place and moving near the seminary at Farmington, by taking boarders, keeping a cow, and working with her own hands. The lad attended school and did what he could to help. He received, practically, all his school education at this place. At the age of sixteen he began teaching school, boarding around, as his father had done. He continued this for four years, and then went to Maury county, Tennessee, where he remained another four years, conducting a school, which was supported by the rich planters of that section. He saw much of slavery, and understood the sentiment of the South, preceding the war, fully. He foresaw the coming of the war, and knew that the condition of things then existing could not possibly last. His experience then had, in after years, a great effect on his opinions regarding Southern questions, and he entertained a high opinion of Southern character. In 1852 he returned to the North and came to Elmira. He did not at that time, nor indeed for many years later, expect to remain permanently in the profession of teaching, and took up the first occupation that came to hand. He worked in a hardware store, and took considerable interest in public events. Somehow he became a nominee of the Know-Nothing party for the office of Supervisor, and was elected, serving one term. He ever afterward looked back to this as an odd episode in his life. He became an ardent Republican when that party was formed, with full knowledge of what the curse of slavery was to both North and South. In recent years he took a rather independent view in politics, never manifesting any extremes, not even letting his own family know how he voted, but without question voting for Republican principles always, while cutting the names of men who were, in his judgment, unfit to be the office bearers of his country.

In Elmira he married Charlotte Lindsey. In 1885 he became teacher of the public school on William street, known as School No. 1. This school was in bad condition. Private schools flourished in the city. Very soon, however, the private schools began to disappear, as the public school became efficient. For twenty years he was identified with the public school system of Elmira, doing more than anyone else to build up the graded school system there. About 1870 a new structure for his school was erected on Sullivan street. The internal arrangement of this building was planned by him, and has been the model for other buildings erected later in Elmira. Indeed the High School building in Ithaca follows the same plan. When our High School was built, he spent many weeks considering
what would be the best plan, and in visiting other places, but at last could find no plan which met the purpose so well as the old plan he had used in Elmira. He made there a reputation as an extraordinarily good teacher and thorough educator.

In 1875 he was called to Ithaca. It was a very great trial for him to give up his home in Elmira, to which he had become attached, and it was with considerable hesitation and doubt that he took up the work here, foreseeing, as he did, the difficulties which would be in the way. An entirely new system of the schools was to be inaugurated, and he felt that failure for him would be disastrous, but he recognized the opportunity which it gave him of a larger field of usefulness, and he bravely attempted the task. The papers of Elmira spoke of him in the very highest terms and prophesied that Ithaca people would find in him just the man they were looking for, and that he would more than fulfill their highest expectations.

He labored unceasingly and spared himself not at all in his efforts to make the public school system of the city of Ithaca as good as it possibly might be. A remarkable fact in connection with his work is that the city felt no burden nor increase of taxes while erecting elegant buildings and increasing the school facilities to their present state.

He would have done well in many other callings. He was very skillful with his hands, and was always felt competent to go ahead with any sort of work. He had all the qualifications for a good business man, in that he was methodical, accurate, of good judgment and conservative. He would not have succeeded, however, in many kinds of business, because of his conscientious desire to give every man with whom he dealt, "good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over."

He was conscientious to the last degree. He considered every man's rights, every child's rights, and he would sacrifice himself, always, rather than to in anywise contravene the rights of another, or, in the least, seem to do so. He was approachable by every person, would listen to every complaint and judge with absolute justice, and always with sympathy. It was his pleasure always to help those young men and women who were trying to make a way for themselves, securing their own education. In financial and other ways he has been the greatest friend of many a young man and woman. Those who have been employed under his supervision will all say with one voice that they had no better helper in carrying on the work with which they were entrusted. He was a friend indeed. He was faithful and always to be counted upon. During the nineteen and one-half years of his service in Ithaca he missed but one meeting of the board, and that was the last before his death. He was a progressive man. He was never satisfied with what had been done, but believed that, with greater effort and with more time, better things would come after. If he had any motto at all, it was "Excelsior." He kept this motto before the pupils, having printed, year after year, on the merit card, the picture of a boy climbing up the mountain with a flag, in illustration of Longfellow's poem. It was always with him, higher, higher. And yet he was conservative. He never adopted a plan carelessly, but always thought it out in his own mind to its last results before putting it into operation. He never followed other people's views blindly.

From his youth he was always pure-minded and modest. He never asserted himself, but took great pride in doing his work thoroughly well and letting that speak for him. In his last days he took immense satisfaction in and was touched by the appreciation which the citizens of Ithaca manifested for him and his work. He persevered to the end. He wanted to die in the harness; and so he did.

He was early identified with the State Council of School Superintendents, and was considered among its members as one of the first educators in the State. His advice was sought from all quarters. Some years ago he read before the Council a paper on Truants and Incorrigibles, advocating the establishment by the State of New York of an industrial school, to which this class of children might be sent. The proposed measure was vigorously pushed, a bill was passed appropriating $50,000 to establish such a school, but was prevented from becoming a law by the veto of Governor Cornell. The matter was pressed again, from year to year, until the present Compulsory Education Law was passed and put into successful operation. This is mentioned simply to show how his influence extended beyond Ithaca, and that his ability was recognized elsewhere; but it would be a task in itself to catalogue all the good work he has done.

He died at his home, in Ithaca, nearly sixty-seven years of age. He had been failing, was becoming gradually paralyzed for the preceding eighteen months. During all this time he had borne up bravely, and strove to accomplish all his work, which, at last, he was not able to do without assistance. But, to the end, he never
lost his full mental grasp of affairs, and directed as well as ever, what he could no longer do himself.

The public school system of Ithaca, and especially the Ithaca High School, which crowns it all, whose high standing is due to his wise direction from the beginning, may well stand as his monument.


3016. i. A child, unnamed, b. April 7, 1852, that d. July 3, 1852.

By his second wife:


3018. iii. HENRY WARD BEECHER, b. Sept. 21, 1856; m. Lydia R. Peck.

3019. iv. LUTHER CLARK, b. Jan. 12, 1858; m. Alice Allen.

3020. v. CARRIE DELPHINE, b. June 12, 1859; m., in 1896, Aaron C. Weaver. Res. 226 Fifteenth St., Buffalo, N. Y. Carrie D. was graduated at Ithaca High School in 1880; taught for a number of years here; studied stenography; clerk of the Northern Pacific Railway at St. Paul, s. p.

3021. vi. CHARLOTTE AMELIA, b. Nov. 26, 1864; graduated at Cornell, Ph. B., 1888; began teaching at once in Elmira, N. Y.; called to Ithaca High School in 1892; remained here since, in charge of Latin department.

3022. vii. ROBERT OSMON, b. Oct. 23, 1867; m. Fiosina Dilger.


He was educated in the public schools at Worcester, fitted for college, entered Yale and was graduated in 1848. He studied law with Barton & Bacon, at Worcester; Samuel C. Perkins, in Philadelphia, and at the Harvard Law School; was admitted to the bar in 1849. He at once began the practice of his profession in Worcester, and was associated at different times with Peter C. Bacon, Benjamin F. Thomas, James E. Esterbrook and George W. Baldwin. In 1854 he was colonel and aid-de-camp on Hon. Emory Washburn's staff; was judge of the Probate Court, and in 1860 was elected Attorney-General of the State. In 1864 removed to Boston, where he resided. He was for three years Attorney-General of Massachusetts (1863-6); has been one of the Supreme Judges of the Supreme Court of the State. He also served, in 1877, as agent of the United States in the Halifax Fishery Commission; and was from 1856 to 1863 and from 1880 to 1884 a member of the Executive Council of the American Antiquarian Society.

"Dwight Foster was fitted for college at Newport, R. I., by Rev. Dr. Thayer; entering Yale University in September, 1844, and graduating August, 1848. In 1851 he entered the Harvard Law School. In 1858 went into the office of Hon. Peter Bacon, at Worcester; was admitted to the bar in 1859, and for many years enjoyed a large and lucrative practice in the county. He was elected Attorney-General of Massachusetts in 1861. After serving four years he resumed his general practice. During his incumbency of the above office he greatly distinguished himself in the management of the government's case in the trial of Geo. C. Hersey, at Dedham, in April, 1864, for the murder of Betsey Frances Tirkoll. Aug. 31, 1866, Mr. Foster was appointed by Governor Bullock, Associate Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, which position he resigned Jan. 12, 1869, to again resume practice, and became counsel of the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company."—(Boston paper.)

Judge Foster died at his residence, 18 Chestnut street, Boston, Mass., April 18, 1884, of valvular disease of the heart.

From "Tributes of the Bench and Bar" we copy a few extracts:

"By this event the Commonwealth has lost a distinguished citizen, the bar an accomplished leader and associate, and the community an adviser of eminent learning and ability. Called to the Supreme Bench at an early age, he exhibited the highest qualities as a jurist. He gave clear expression to the doctrines of the law, with a terseness and facility which showed his perfect comprehension of the principles of the science, especially in the great department of equity and commercial law; his thorough knowledge of men and affairs, gained by extensive practice; his sound legal instinct and strong sense of justice, enabled him to give direction to the course
of jurisprudence and to form the law in those branches in which it is the most susceptible of growth, and therein to do the highest work and best service of a good judge. By his early retirement from the bench this court lost a most valuable associate and distinguished ornament. In personal character he was remarkable for independence and courage. He was above the reach of prejudice, and his opinions, broadly formed and strongly held, were forcibly and fearlessly expressed. His originality of view and independence of the social or provincial bias by which we are surrounded, made his conversation always instructing and interesting. He lived almost entirely in his family, and I need not say how much he was idolized there, or how much he deserved it."—Resolutions and remarks of Mr. Robert D. Smith.

Attorney-General Sherman closed his remarks by saying: "Judge Foster had no struggles with poverty while climbing the rugged path of learning, but in home, ancestry, wealth and social position he had all that heart could desire, and he appreciated and improved these advantages, graduating with the highest honors of his class. He was thoroughly equipped and qualified for the duties of his chosen profession. He has left an example worthy of imitation, and we may be consoled by his peaceful death. At night he closed his eyes and went quietly to sleep. And then the dark-browed mother, Death, bent down her face to his, and he was borne to Him."

Mr. George Shattuck said: "Judge Foster brought to Boston a splendid moral courage and self-reliance. He maintained a sturdy independence, and formed and expressed his opinions without regard to those around him."

Chief Justice Morton said, in conclusion: "It is not necessary that we should multiply words of praise. The achievements of his life are his highest praise; the record which he left is his highest monument. He died in the full maturity of his powers, before age had dimmed his mental faculties, transmitting to his children, with added lustre, a name which has been held in high honor since the birth of our Commonwealth. The death of such a man, upright, able, learned, independent, fearless, hospitable and generous, is a public calamity."

Will, Dwight Foster, of Boston—wife, Henrietta P. Foster; son, Alfred Dwight Foster—dated July 2, 1876. Lib. 556, fol. 125-151. Prob. May 12, 1884, Lib. 558, fol. 345. Petition for administrator—Dwight Foster, died April 18, 1884, leaving a widow, Henrietta P. Foster; next of kin: Alfred D. Foster, of Boston, son; Emily B. Thacher, of New Haven, Conn., daughter; Roger Foster, of New York, son; Mary R. Foster, of Boston, daughter; Burnside Foster, of Boston, son; Reginald Foster, of Boston, son; Elizabeth S. Foster, of Boston, minor daughter. Suff. Prob., Lib. 558, fol. 345.


3023. i. ALFRED DWIGHT, b. April 27, 1852; m. Evelyn Margaret Palmer-Samborne.

3024. ii. EMILY BALDWIN, b. Feb. 17, 1854; m. , Dr. James K. Hache. Res., New Haven, Conn.


Roger Foster was born at Worcester, Mass.; educated for college at the Boston Latin School and Marburg University, Germany; was graduated at Yale in 1855; at the Columbia College Law School in 1880; admitted to New York bar in 1880, and has since practiced law in New York City. His office is in the Mills Building, 35 Wall street. He has written several law books and pamphlets. His most important publications are: "A Treatise on Federal Practice," now in its second edition, and "Commentaries on the Constitution of the United States, Historical and Juridical," of which one volume only has been published. He was appointed by Governor Flower a member of the Tenement House Commission of 1894, and drafted the laws enacted in 1895 at the recommendation of that committee. He is unmarried. His residence is at 69 West Fifty-fifth street, New York.

3026. iv. MARY REBECCA, b. May 6, 1859; m., Sept. 14, 1886, Rev. Bradley Gilman. Res., Springfield, Mass. He was b. Jan. 22, 1857, in Boston; was graduated from Harvard College in 1880 and from Harvard Divinity School in 1884. He was settled over the Unitarian Church, in Belmont, Mass., for two years; then seven years in Concord, N. H., and was settled over the Church of the Unity,
FOSTER GENEALOGY.


3027. vi. BURNSIDE, b. May 7, 1801; m. Sophie V. Hammond.


Burnside Foster, of Boston, appointed guardian of his sister, Elizabeth Skinner Foster, of Boston, b. Jan. 10, 1868, child of Dwight Foster, of Boston, deceased, and Henrietta P. Foster, his widow, April 25, 1884.


1843. PEREGRINE DWIGHT FOSTER (Frederic A., Peregrine, Jedediah, Ephraim, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. Feb. 8, 1819; m. Sept. 10, 1846, Margaret Mary Duble, b. Sept. 9, 1827 (dau. of Henry Duble, of Lancaster, Ohio, and Susanna McDill). She d. Aug. 27, 1850, and he m., 2d, March 19, 1857, Martha Buckingham, of Newark, Ohio, b. Feb. 6, 1825 (dau. of Rev. Bradford Buckingham, of Newark, Ohio, and Maria Darlington, whom he m., Aug. 15, 1809). She was b. in Winchester, Va. Jan. 5, 1799, and d. March 23, 1851. He was b. in Fairfield, Conn., June 9, 1785, and d. Feb. 7, 1850. He was graduated at Miami University, Ohio, in 1837, and began a course of legal study, which weak eyes caused him to abandon. He was a merchant at Keokuk, Iowa (1846-60), and since September, 1869, has been such in Glenwood, Mills county, Iowa. [Henry Duble, b. in 1797; d. May 28, 1844, aet. 47. His wife, Susanna, b. in 1798; d. Oct. 14, 1834, aet. 45.]

3031. i. CHARLES FREDRIC, b. June 9, 1847; m. Mary Ann Haley.


3032\#.iii. MARIE LOUISE (dau. of Frederic Augustus Foster, of Lancaster, Ohio, and Sarah Arnold), b. March 25, 1825; m., July 15, 1846, James Edwin Cheney, b. April 10, 1821, (son of Col. William Cheney, of Newport, N. H., and one of its founders, b. in Alstead, N. H., in 1776, and Tryphena Hatch, widow previously of Deacon Joseph Farnsworth, of Newport, N. H., b. in Alstead, N. H., Feb. 29, 1784. He was a merchant and a public-spirited citizen, and an active devoted Christian (Baptist). She was full of faith and of good deeds. One of her last sayings to a friend, in parting from him here, was too good to be forgotten. "Brother," she said, "the children of God never see one another for the last time." He has been at different times a manufacturer and merchant for many years, at Rochester, of stoves, tinware and ironware, for household uses, and of Kedzie's Patent Filters. Ch.: 1. James Edwin Cheney, b. July 21, 1847; graduated at Rochester University, in 1867, read law with Hon. Henry R. Sheldon, of Rochester, and was admitted to the bar in December, 1868; is a practicing lawyer at Rochester (Goddard & Cheney). 2. Foster Haliet Cheney, b. Feb. 6, 1849; is a clerk in the store of Peregrine D. Foster & Co., at Glenwood, Iowa (since 1871). He m., Oct. 2, 1873, Martha Rosanna Blackburn, b. Dec. 31, 1851 (dau. of Thomas Blackburn, of Beaver City, Neb., and Sarah Counts).

1851. THEODORE NEWTON FOSTER (Frederic A., Peregrine, Jedediah, Ephraim, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. Aug. 28, 1847; m. ———. ———. He was engaged in telegraph office for some years at Lexington, Ky., but of late in Cincinnati, Ohio. He m., and has one child.

3033. i. CLARA BELLE, b. Aug. 1, 1871.

FOSTER GENEALOGY.


He was born in Andover, in what is now North Andover. Attended Franklin Academy and Dartmouth College, graduating from the latter institution in 1841; studied law under M. W. Hazen, in Andover; taught school, spending also a year at the Dean Law School of Harvard University. About 1848 he began the practice of law for himself, and in 1855 was married. In the meantime he had served a year in the Massachusetts Legislature. In 1856 his wife died, and in 1858 he married Caroline Hall, of Wolfeboro, N. H. He had accepted, in 1857, the cashiership of the Andover National Bank, which office he retained until his death. For thirty-nine years he served as clerk of the parish for Christ Church (Episcopal) of Andover. He was at various times treasurer of the Preachend Free (High) School, and president of the Andover Savings Bank. He died of apoplexy, after an illness of five days, June 27, 1895. Res., Andover, Mass.


Mr. David S. Foster, the popular and efficient gentleman, who at present presides at the head of our city government, says the Beloit (Wis.) Free-Press, has on two previous terms served the people of this city in the same capacity, discharging the important duties of this responsible office most creditably to himself and satisfactorily to his constituents.

Mr. Foster is a native of Andover, Mass., where he graduated from the celebrated Phillips Academy. In 1813 he located in Boston, remaining there until 1856,
when he concluded to make the city of Beloit his future home, arriving here on the 18th of March of that year. From that time until 1869 Mr. Foster was actively engaged in mercantile business in this city; during the latter year, however, he retired from active business, and did not again enter upon an active mercantile life until 1880, when he purchased the book and stationery business of H. P. Hobart, East Bridge street, which had been conducted for several years by that gentleman.

Mr. Foster continued this business until 1885, when he disposed of it to his sons, which enterprising gentlemen immediately added the fine drug store adjoining, both of which they are now successfully conducting.

Mr. Foster was first elected to the mayoralty of this city at the 1870 and 1871 term. During this administration Mr. Foster's tact, experience and managerial ability were brought to bear on the city affairs generally in so efficient a manner, that, in 1874, he was again elected as mayor. The able manner in which he conducted the city government during that term but served to strengthen the confidence of our people in his ability and wisdom, and this spring, although desirous of leading a more retired life, Mr. Foster was importuned so persistently to permit his name to again be used in nomination, that he finally yielded, receiving the nomination by both Democrats and Republicans, and was elected without any practical opposition. Although sixty-three years of age, Mr. Foster still retains all the vigor and managerial ability of his earlier years, which, as usual, he is earnestly devoting to the interests of the people who were so determined that he should represent them in the head of the city government.

Mrs. Foster, to whom he was married before coming West, and who is a most amiable and estimable lady, is also still enjoying the best of health, as well as the honors of her husband. Socially, Mr. Foster is a genial, cultured gentleman, and is held in the highest esteem by all classes. His present administration bids fair to out- rival all his previous efforts to benefit our city, and is meeting with universal approval by all our citizens. Res., Beloit, Wis.
boxes, numbering hundreds of thousands, which reach every portion of the United States. This business requires a large force of assistance, mostly girls and young ladies, superintended by one or more gentlemen. Orders from all sections of the country are daily received, and the product of this box manufactory, under the firm name of John A. Foster, Beloit, Wis., thus reaches out far and near.

3044. ii. FRANK SMITH, b. June 9, 1861; m. Elizabeth Kerr.

3045. iii. JOSEPH BYERS, b. Dec. 23, 1862; m. Olive J. Flynn.

3046. iv. DAVID HUMPHREY, b. Aug. 19, 1873; m. Fannie E. Schutt.


3047. i. CHARLES E., b. Oct. 7, 1841.


3048. i. NATHAN, b. Feb. 18, 1852; m. Grace P. Webster.

3049. ii. WALLACE REA, b. Aug. 2, 1864; m. Fannie P. Parrish.

3050. iii. HARLAN ELMER, b. April 3, 1866; m. Carrie B. Burgess.

3051. iv. HERBERT LORING, b. Nov. 8, 1870; m. Nellie May Long.

3052. v. LAURA GREENBANK, b. May 13, 1873; m., Sept. 6, 1892, George D. Ward. Res., Andover, Mass. She united with the Congregational Church when only fourteen years of age; graduated from High School in the class of '91. Was married to George D. Ward (b. Aug. 12, 1863, in Lawrence, Mass.), at North Andover, by the Rev. H. H. Leavitt, pastor of the Congregational church. His second wife's father was William Rea, a descendant of Daniel Rea, that came to Plymouth about 1650, afterward settled in Danvers, Mass. Her mother was Harriet Bradstreet, a descendant of Governor Simon Bradstreet, of Massachusetts. Ch.: 1. Edna May, b. May 13, 1894.


3053. i. MINNIE EMMA, b. Oct. 17, 1869; m., June 29, 1893, Address, Mrs. William C. Goodwin, 463 Washington St., Haverhill, Mass.

3054. ii. ARCHER ORRIN, b. March 29, 1873; m., Oct. 27, 1897, Miss Kittie Agnes Lacy. Address, North Andover, Mass.


3056. i. CHARLES EDWARD VANCE, b. Aug. 27, 1860; d. unm. An artist.


Gen. George P. Foster was born in Walden, Vt., in 1825. He had an academic education, going to Morisville Academy. In September, 1861, he enlisted in the Fourth Vermont Regiment, and was elected captain of Company G; was commissioned as such Sept. 11, 1861, and was mustered into the United States service on Sept. 21, 1861, at Brattleboro, and left at once for the seat of war. In July, 1862, he was promoted to major of the regiment. On Nov. 5, 1862, he was appointed lieutenant-colonel, and Feb. 3, 1864, he was promoted to colonel of the regiment, and commanded it thenceforth until it was mustered out of the service, July 13, 1865, at the close of the war. Colonel Foster shared the arduous service and the glory of the old First Vermont brigade, of which he was one of the bravest and best officers, and in which his regiment had a name second to no other as a fighting regiment. On May 5, during the fearful fighting in the Wilderness, in which the Vermont brigade was kept so constantly at the front and lost 1,400 officers and men, killed and wounded, Colonel Foster was severely wounded in the thigh.

Gen. L. A. Grant, later Secretary of War, in his official report, alluding to Colonel Foster's wound, speaks of him as "an officer whom we may well delight to honor."

Colonel Foster returned to the command of his regiment as soon as his wound permitted; went with the brigade to the Shenandoah Valley and distinguished himself at the battle of Cedar Creek, Oct. 19, 1864. At the opening of that memorable battle he was corps officer of the day for the Sixth Corps, and had charge of the picket line upon the right. At a later stage he commanded the brigade and the left of the line at the last stand made before Sheridan arrived, when, as was said in one of the accounts of the battle, "That unyielding centre, held like a wall of adamant by the Vermont Brigade, saved the army." "For gallant and meritorious services before Richmond and in the Shenandoah Valley" Colonel Foster was breveted as Brigadier-General from Aug. 1, 1864. In 1870 General Foster was appointed United States Marshal of Vermont, and held the office at the time of his death, having been twice reappointed. He was a capable and efficient marshal, and distinguished himself especially during the Fenian invasion of Canada from our northern border, in 1867, when he arrested General O'Neill, commanding the Fenian forces, in the midst of his army, and took him from the field in a carriage. The only city office he held was that of Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, which he accepted and held for a single year, in 1876, in order to straighten out what threatened to be a troublesome muddle in the department. He d. March 19, 1879. Res., Burlington, Vt.

Gen. Geo. P. FOSTER.
FOSTER GENEALOGY.

William Wirt Foster was the oldest child of his parents, and was born in Troy, Vt. Received a common school and academic education; a farmer by trade; a member of the M. E. Church; in politics a Republican. On Sept. 19, 1861, he enlisted in Company I of the First Vermont Cavalry Volunteers, and served four years in the War of the Rebellion. Our history, "Vermont in the Civil War," gives a list of seventy-five battles it was engaged in, fifty-two of which stand to his credit.

He came out as First Lieutenant, much broken down in health, but since his father's death has owned and carried on the old Foster Hill farm. In 1867, while living at Newport, Vt., he married Jennie M. Dame. They have had four children, none living. In 1868 he went to New York City, living there eight years, in the sewing machine business, returning to Vermont and the old farm in 1876. Has been superintendent of the Barton Landing M. E. Sunday School about twenty years. The old farm, though much run down at the time of his return, in 1876, has responded grandly to hard work. It is a haven of rest to the Fosters, as evidenced by the gathering the 30th of June, 1898, to the Foster reunion. They were all Sons and Daughters of the Revolution, for his great-grandfather, Ephraim Foster, Sr., was a captain, and had a land grant from Congress, and his sister was the wife of one Colonel Elkins. On Grandfather Hall's side were staunch patriots. His mother was a Sherman, Sarah Sherman, a relative of the Shermans who figured so prominently in the late Civil War and Grandma Hall was the daughter of John and Rebecca Martin. He served three years in the War of the Revolution. Res., Barton Landing, Vt.

1859. i. EDWIN DAME, b. Aug. 9, 1869; d. Feb. 2, 1873.
1859. ii. KATIE, b. Nov. 5, 1873; d. Nov. 6, 1873.
1859. iii. JESSIE MAY, b. June 10, 1878; d. July 21, 1881.


1884. i. LOTTIE, b. Jan. 18, 1884. Res., at home, 710 Taylor St., San Francisco.


1870. i. HOWARD E., b. Oct. 9, 1879.
1894. ii. MAYNARD E., b. April 12, 1894.


1859. WILLIAM HALE FOSTER (John W., Abner, Elijah, Aaron, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. Phillipston, Mass., Sept. 5, 1856; m., Winchester, N. H., April 9, 1859, Sarah Maria Clark, b. July 17, 1838, dau. of Endor and Mary Ann (Fasset). He is a machinist. He enlisted in the civil war in Co. A, Twelfth regt., Vermont Vols. He returned home and took up his trade as a machinist, for which he was so well fitted. By his industry and thrift he raised a family of four sons and two daughters, and, feeling that his whole duty was not done, when the opportunity presented itself, he took two orphan nieces, all of which he did with credit to himself and to the town of Orange, where the larger portion of his life has been spent.

He is an active member of the Universalist church, a member of the Masonic order and of the Grand Army of the Republic. Res., Orange, Mass.; P. O. Box 884.

1860. i. FRANK A., b. April 10, 1860; m. Bertha F. Miner.
1863. iii. HENRY WILLIAM, b. Nov. 2, 1863; m. Lulu M. Hadley and, 2d, Frances Monty.
FOSTER GENEALOGY.


3072 vii. GRACIE, b. Nov. 4, 1881; d. Nov. 8, 1881.


2057. CLEMENT STORER FOSTER (Jesse, Daniel, Thomas, Abraham, Abraham, Reginald) b. Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 18, 1823; m., in Pottsville, Pa., 1847 Rebecca McCamant, b. May 22, 1829; d. June 23, 1889. Clement Storer Foster was born at Portsmouth, N. H. He was the son of Jesse and Anne Eliza (Tappan) Foster, of Newburyport, Mass., who were temporarily in Portsmouth at the time of his birth. In 1831 he removed with his parents from Newburyport, Mass., to Pottsville, Pa., where his father engaged in mercantile business. He was educated in the public schools and in private schools at Pottsville, until he reached young manhood. In compliance with his father's idea, that every boy should learn a trade or profession, he learned his trade as a machinist in Snyder & Haywood's shops, in Pottsville. Upon the completion of his apprenticeship his father sent him to Philadelphia, to gain a broader experience in the larger shops of that city. From Philadelphia he went to Harper's Ferry, where he worked some months in the United States Government arsenal. From there he returned to Pottsville and engaged in mercantile business. In 1846 he married Rebecca McCamant, daughter of Dr. John McCamant, of Pottsville, Pa. He continued in the mercantile business in Pottsville, Tamaqua, Minersville and Ashland, Pa., until the year 1890, except for a time in Minersville, during the 'fifties,' when he superintended the construction of the Minersville water works. He took an active local interest in politics, and, up to within a few years of his death, he was a strong believer in the principles of the Democratic party. He was the father of eleven children, seven of whom survive, viz.: Frank A. Foster, Orwigsburgh, Pa.; Rufus J. Foster, Scranton, Pa.; Elizabeth T. (Mrs. James Reed), Fennville, Mich.; Clement S., Utica, N. Y.; Margaret G., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Norman W., Buffalo, N. Y.; and Helen V., New York City. He died at Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 12, 1892. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and a Presbyterian in his religious belief. Res., Harrisburg, Pa.

3074. i. RUFUS JAMES, b. Oct. 10, 1856; m. Jennie B. Taylor.


3075-4. v. MARGARET G., b. —. Res., Brooklyn, N. Y.

3075-5. vi. NORMAN W., b. Nov. 25, 1865; m. Helen E. McDermott.


3075-6. ii. JAMES HENRY, b. April 15, 1845; d. Aug. 15, 1845.

3075-6. iii. GEORGE EDMUND, b. April 21, 1848. He is a clerk in the Chicago & Northwestern Railway office in Chicago. Res., 1135 Hinman avenue, Evanston, Ill.


3075-6. v. CHARLES F., b. March 29, 1861; d. Sept. 11, 1863.

FOSTER GENEALOGY.

3076-2. i. SIMON, b. April 3, 1851; d. Sept. 2, 1854.

3077-2. ii. MARTHA ANN, b. Dec. 15, 1852; d. Sept. 6, 1854.

3078-2. iii. CHARLES SIMON, b. July 29, 1855.


3077. ii. SOLOMON, b. Dec. 25, 1844; attorney.


3080. v. WILLIAM WETHERELL, b. June 5, 1855.

3081. vi. JOHN RUCH, b. Sept. 27, 1857.

3082. vii. JACOB S., b. Oct. 18, 1862; m. Cecilia A. Schilling.

2061. THOMAS LANESFORD FOSTER (Asa L., Asa, Nathan, Nathan, Abraham, Abraham, Reginald), b. Bloomsburg, Pa., Aug. 30, 1823; m. Beaver Meadow, Pa., Nov. 10, 1847, Henrietta Pratt, b. Oct. 12, 1828. He studied law and was admitted to the bar at the age of twenty-one years, and located at Mauch Chunk, Pa. There he practiced his profession for twenty years, during which time he held and satisfactorily administered several offices of trust in the municipal government of the town and county. He was for several years the secretary and treasurer of the Middle Coalfield poor district, and for six years was county superintendent of public schools. Upon the organization of the Second National Bank, of Mauch Chunk, in 1863, he was elected cashier and soon became president, which position he now holds, having been connected with the bank for thirty-five years. Residence, Mauch Chunk, Pa.

3083. i. CHARLES WILLIAM, b. Oct. 27, 1843; m. Florida H. Thompson.


3087. v. ASA LANESFORD, b. Jan. 9, 1850; m. Mary MacCalla.

3088. vi. THOMAS LANESFORD, b. Sept. 3, 1873; d. Nov. 1, 1887.

2062. CAPT. CHARLES EDWARD FOSTER (Asa L., Asa, Nathan, Nathan, Abraham, Abraham, Reginald), b. Bloomsburg, Pa., Feb. 15, 1826; m., San Francisco, Cal., May 13, 1854, Mary A. Jeffrey, b. Nov. 5, 1824. His wife was Mary Anne Jeffrey, daughter of John and Ann (Williams) Jeffrey, of Auckland, New Zealand. As a young man he learned the printer's trade, and for a few years worked at it, during which time he was associate editor and publisher of the only newspaper then published in Carbon county, Pa. In February, 1849, he joined a company of colonists and went to California on a sailing vessel around Cape Horn, the voyage occupying seven months. After some experience in gold-mining, he located at San Francisco, then for the most part a canvas city of tents among the sand hills, where he received the appointment of an officer in the United States revenue department in the custom house. Returning to Pennsylvania in 1857, he located at Eckley, Pa., and was employed in the mercantile department of the Council Ridge Coal Co. until the commencement of the war, in 1861, when he recruited a full company of soldiers and joined the Eighty-first regt., Pennsylvania Vols., as captain. Since the close of the war he has resided at Mauch Chunk and East Mauch Chunk, Pa., variously engaged in business and as magistrate and chief burgess. Res. s. p., East Mauch Chunk, Pa.


3091. iii. LOUISA, b. April 28, 1855; d. Nov. 13, 1863.


TO MY BROTHER, JOHN WEBSTER FOSTER.

[By Mrs. E. Louisa Mather.]

Brother, as I read thy letters, while the sun sets o'er the lea,
How the mists of time all gather, rolling back to Memory's sea?
And the rainbow tints of child-land span the past's own sad abyss,
While I think of our last parting, of the tearful silent kiss.
And our father! weary pilgrim on this barren earth thy shore,
He has dropped his mortal vestments for the immortal evermore;
In the summer-land of angels, meeting all his loved again;
How his tender heart rejoices, free from every throb of pain!
And our brother, he who battled with the angry storms of life;
He, whose sun set in its morning, when the blackened clouds were rife—
He has passed from strife to calmness, to celestial peace above,
Where the sunlight e'er is shining on the rivers of God's love.
Oh, my brother! thou hast met them, the beloved of other years,
From the infant in its cradle to the aged full of years,
Do they, in their home of beauty—do they even think of me,
As I sail along life's river to death's yet unsounded sea?

Yea, I know I am remembered, by each thrill that doth arise
In my bosom, true and faithful to the dwellers in the skies;
By each tear, delicious, falling, do I feel your presence near,
By the chain of love, e'er drawing my own spirit to your sphere.

3099. i. ELIZABETH C., b. Feb., 1847; m. — Wheaton. Res., Paterson, N. J.

3100. ii EDGAR THEODORE, b. Nov. 6, 1844; d. April 25, 1846.


3101. i. MARY, b. —.

2074. HENRI LYSANDER FOSTER (Nathan L., Joel, Nathan, Nathan, Abraham, Abraham, Reginald), b. Sept. 17, 1833, East Haddam, Conn.; m., May 15, 1855, Angelica Constantia Wenzell, b. Dec. 23, 1838. He was born in Connecticut and resided there until ten years of age, when he went to Philadelphia, Pa., and resided there until 1871. While there he was a broker in petroleum. He was educated in the public schools of the Quaker City. From 1871 to 1876 he was a resident of New York City, in the oil business. From 1876 to 1892 residened in Oil City, Pa., in the same business. While residing there was for ten years president of the Oil City Oil Exchange. There he was a member of the Episcopal church; was senior warden and lay reader. For fourteen years he has been treasurer of the Board of Missions of the diocese of Pittsburg. He came to Chicago in 1894, and has been a commission merchant since then. Res., Chicago, Ill.; P. O. Box 182, or 102 Rialto Building.
FOSTER GENEALOGY.

3102. i. FRANKLIN BACON, b. July 31, 1856; m. Victoria McCready.

3103. ii. LAURA LOUISE, b. March 30, 1859; m., May 15, 1880, Theodore C. Ives. He is a civil engineer; has two ch., Elsie and Victoria, and res. Rockford, Ill.

3104. iii. EDGAR THEODORE, b. Sept. 26, 1866; unm. Res., Haworth, Bergen county, N. J.


3106. i. HERBERT I., b. Nov. 11, 1859; m. ——.


3107. i. WATIE M., b. Nov. 26, 1873 (Mrs. E. D. Bullard).


3109. iii. JOHN E., b. Nov. 15, 1877.

3110. iv. LINNIE E., b. Nov. 11, 1879 (Mrs. G. F. Shannon).

3111. v. NELLIE V., b. May 1, 1881.

3112. vi. GLADYS V., b. March 19, 1884.

3113. vii. RAYMOND S., b. Sept. 27, 1885.


3115. i. JULIA MARIA, b. Nov. 20, 1848.


3119. v. TAMMIE FIDELIA, b. Nov. 4, 1853.

3120. vi. GEORGE WASHINGTON, b. March 10, 1856.


3124. x. LOUIS EDWARD, b. Feb. 13, 1858; m., Nov., 1886, Frances Bartlett, of South Boston; d. June 24, 1896. Was in First Massachusetts Cavalry, civil war. His wife is dead. He left one son, in Boston.

3125. xi. ELGIN REED, b. June 28, 1839; m. Percena E. Fay.


3127. xiii. CHARLOTTE ANN, b. Dec. 20, 1842; m. —— Conkey; m. 2d, —— Paige. Res., Hardwick, Mass.

3128. xiv. INFANT, b. ——, 1836; d. young.

3129. xv. NELLIE ETTA, b. Dec. 16, 1864.


3131. xvii. WILLIAM DANIEL, b. Nov. 3, 1869.
DEA. SAMUEL KNIGHT FOSTER (Luke B., Daniel, Isaac, Daniel, Abraham, Abraham, Reginald), b. New Braintree, Mass. —, 1815; m. in Springfield, Mass., April 24, 1839, Sarah B. Stebbins, of Springfield. He was of Monson. Samuel was left an orphan at the age of six years and went to live with his uncles, first in Warren and later in Brimfield. He attended school at both Dudley and Wilbraham academies. At the age of fifteen he went to Monson to earn his own living and obtained a position in the woollen mills of Holmes & Reynolds, where he remained, working up through the different departments until he became superintendent. In 1869 he removed to Springfield, and was employed by the Boston & Albany Railroad for ten years, when he gave up this work, and for several years
was a professional nurse—a vocation for which he had great aptitude; he was afterward employed at the United States armory, until 1893, when he gave up active business. Soon after coming to Springfield he became a member of the North Congregational church, and in 1874 was elected deacon, an office which he retained through life; he was a member, and for several years served as chaplain, of Hampden Lodge of Masons. Mr. Foster was married to Sarah Bliss Stebbins, daughter of Deborah and Ithamar Stebbins, of Springfield, Mass. Mr. Stebbins built the first house upon the street which afterward took his name, and here the young couple were married by Dr. Osgood, pastor of the First Congregational church. Three children were born to them: Sophia Fidelia, William Wilberforce and Harriet Bartlett, two of whom with the widow, survive him; the youngest, wife of T. L. Avery, having died in 1888. On April 24, 1889, Mr. and Mrs. Foster celebrated the golden anniversary of their marriage, when children, grandchildren and friends gathered to congratulate them upon the ending of fifty happy years of wedded life. A pretty feature of the occasion was the christening of Charles Samuel, an infant son of William W. Foster, by Rev. L. H. Cone, pastor of Olivet church. Mr. Foster was a godly man, whose whole life was filled with kind deeds. He passed peacefully to mansions prepared for him, without a moment of pain. While partaking of the evening meal, surrounded by loved ones, like one of old, he "was not," for God had taken him home. He d. Dec. 17, 1896. Res., Monson and Springfield, Mass.


3134. iii. WILLIAM WILBERFORCE, b. Sept. 15, 1845; m. Julia N. Arms.


3131-1. i. JANE FRANCIS, b. Jan. 22, 1841; m., Jan. 10, 1871, Edward E. Barrows. She d. s. p., March 10, 1892.

3131-2. ii. JAMES RICHARDS, b. May 2, 1844; m. Eva Phillips.

3133-2. iii. HENRY WOLCOTT, b. May 27, 1847; d. July 17, 1848.


2102. DR. FORDYCE FOSTER (Fordyce, Daniel, Isaac, Daniel, Abraham, Abraham, Reginald), b. Southbridge, Mass., Dec. 10, 1815; m., Cohasset, Mass., March 20, 1847. Adeline Jane Tower, b. Feb. 9, 1820. Dr. Foster studied medicine and afterward attended medical lectures at Woodstock, Vt. He went to Cohasset, Mass., in the fall of 1844 to begin the practice of medicine, and became a member of the Massachusetts Medical Association. Continued to practice in that town until August, 1867, when he removed to Sandy Hill, N. Y., practicing his profession there until a few years before his death—his health causing him to relinquish it. He was United States medical and surgical examiner for several years. The following is the obituary notice which appeared in one of the local papers: "Dr. Fordyce Foster, a resident of this town for the last twenty-two years, died at his home, March 19, 1890, after an illness of several months,
aged seventy-four years. He came here with his family from Cohasset, Mass., in August, 1867. He was a son of Fordyce Foster and Elizabeth Wolcott and a lineal descendant of Gov. William Bradford, of Plymouth, Mass., in the seventh generation. He is survived by four children: Julia P., Elizabeth W., Nichols T. and Mrs. C. Bloomington. Dr. Foster was a kindly gentleman and a physician of much experience. He did much good in this community, and will be remembered, by the poor particularly, for his many acts of benevolence. He had few familiars, but with those who knew him well he held free converse and exhibited reading and information that would surprise many with whom he was not thoroughly acquainted. He died March 19, 1890. Res., Cohasset, Mass., and Sandy Hill, N. Y.

3135. i. ELLA FRANCIS, b. June 23, 1848; m., March, 1870, at Sandy Hill, N. Y., to William H. H. Miller, who died at an hospital at Albany a few years since. She died in November, 1875, leaving one child, a son, Samuel, who was born Sept. 17, 1873. After her death he was taken care of by Mr. and Mrs. Scott, of Baltimore, and, I think, has been adopted by them since, as he has taken the name of Samuel Miller Scott, and was married, Nov. 17, 1897, to Mamie L. Hartzell, of Baltimore, where they reside at the present time.

3136. ii. JULIA SIMMONS, b. Jan. 27, 1852.

3137. iii. ELIZABETH WALCOTT, b. June 9, 1854.

3138. iv. NICHOLS TOWER, b. Sept. 2, 1856.


3140. vi. HARRIET RICHARDS, b. Nov. 17, 1863; m. Cornelius Bloomington, Oct. 12, 1887, at Sandy Hill, N. Y. They res., s. p., Giants Falls, N. Y.


3143. iii. CHARLES AMOS, b. Jan. 31, 1852; m. Hannah Jane Fletcher.

3144. iv. FRANK MACE, b. Oct. 17, 1857; m. Annie M. Harnden.

2112 HON. ENOCH FOSTER (Zephaniah K., Amos, Amos, Amos, Benjamin, Abraham, Reginald), b. Tewksbury, Mass., April 22, 1831; m., in Reading, Oct. 4, 1852, Mary J. Frost, b. Aug. 27, 1833. Enoch Foster, son of Zephaniah K. and Mercy T. (Trull) Foster, was born in Tewksbury, Middlesex county, Mass., April 22, 1831. He attended the common schools, where he received his early educational training. He began business life as a manufacturer of furniture with his brother and Nathaniel P. Cole, under the firm name of J. E. Foster & Co., in April, 1851. In a few years the firm name was changed to Foster & Cole. In 1856 Foster & Cole sold out to Wood Brothers and bought out the furniture ware-room of C. G. Weaver & Co., in Lowell, and soon after admitted Francis Kingman, of Reading. The parties who bought out the manufacturing business, being unable to carry out their contract, Foster & Cole were to resume control of their business, and, therefore, sold their Lowell interests to Adams & North. They were afterwards interested in several furniture manufacturing and wholesale and retail establishments in Massachusetts and California. In 1886 Mr. Foster closed out nearly all of his interests in the wholesale, retail and manufacturing business and turned his attention to farming, his present occupation. Mr. Foster was married, in Reading, to Mary J., daughter of Aaron and Mary A. (Jaques) Frost. They have no children. Mr. Foster has been called to serve his municipality as town clerk, selectman, town treasurer, justice of the peace, etc. He has been representative to the general court two sessions. His church connections are with the Congregational church and society, of which he is deacon and treasurer. Res., s. p., Tewksbury, Mass.

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ster Shirt Co. This business is one of the most extensive in Leominster, and of its kind in the East. Res., 58 Grove avenue, Leominster, Mass.


2135. GEORGE WASHINGTON FOSTER (William, Nathan, Amos, Amos, Benjamin, Abraham, Reginald), b. Norway, Me., July 10, 1849; m. there in 1874, Elizabeth Porter Witt, b. April 26, 1850, dau. of Thomas and Rachael (Porter). Mr. Foster was born in Maine, and when twenty years of age located in Leominster, Mass, where he ever after made his home. At first he was clerk in a store and later in company with his brother engaged in the retail boot and shoe business. He soon erected a handsome business block and engaged in the retail grocery business. This was soon abandoned. In 1880 he united with the F. A. Whitney Carriage Co., and at his death was one of the directors of the company. He was held in the highest esteem by his business associates and his townpeople. He was a member of the orthodox church. He died Jan. 5, 1891. Res., Leominster, Mass.


2136. WALLACE VALENTINE FOSTER (Luther F., Nathan, Amos, Amos, Benjamin, Abraham, Reginald), b. Norway, Me., Jan. 13, 1840; m. there July 20, 1879, Abbie Thomas, of Harrison, Me. He was a private in Co. G, First Maine Regiment during the Civil War and later in the Maine Coast Guards, in 1865. Res., Norway, Me.

2142. BENJAMIN FOSTER (Amos P., Benjamin, Asael, Gideon, Benjamin, Abraham, Reginald), b., Harrison, Me.; m., —, Susan E. Clark. He settled on his father’s homestead and had two ch. Res., Harrison and Otisfield, Me.

3172. i. ROSE, b. —.

3173. ii. CLARA, b. —.


3174. i. CORA E., b. July 17, 1861; d. —.

3175. ii. GEORGE F., b. Jan. 14, 1864; d. —.

3176. iii. NELLIE W., b. Aug. 28, 1865; d. —.

3177. iv. INFANT, died.

2148. REV. CHARLES W. FOSTER (Benjamin S., Benjamin, Asael, Gideon, Benjamin, Abraham, Reginald), b. February 3, 1836, Harrison, Maine; m., Feb. 8, 1859, Frances A. Libbey, b. Bridgeton, Maine, 1834. Charles W. Foster married Frances A. Libbey at the residence of Rev. J. T. Hawes, then pastor of the Congregational church at Bridgeton; settled on the old homestead of his father until 1872, when he moved to Bridgeton. At the time of the civil war he volunteered in September, 1864, for one year; acted as clerk in the adjutant-general’s office at Camp Berry, Portland, Me.; then went to the First Maine Battery, for which he enlisted in Winchester, Va., and was mustered out of the service July 15, 1865, in Portland, Me. When he enlisted for the war it was said by one of the disloyal neighbors “that he hoped he would be placed in the front ranks, and be the first man to be shot.” All because of his sympathy for the colored race in bondage in the South under their tyrannical task-masters. He lived to see the colored race in America set free. He came home to wife and friends in South Harrison, and in 1870 in the month of March, a series of meetings were held in the old Methodist meeting house, South Harrison (said meeting house since destroyed by fire), held by Rev. Leonard Green and Rev. G. T. Kidlon. A very extensive interest prevailed for several months, people coming a long distance over hills and dales through snow and mud, with lanterns in hand, to the great revival
meetings in South Harrison. It was in said meetings that Charles W. Foster was converted to God, and not to man or the church, on March 30, 1870. It was soon after his baptism that he felt the call from God to enter the ministry and preach the Gospel to others that were lost. For three years the struggle over the duty went on in his own breast, until he moved to Bridgeton, Me., in 1873, when he attempted to take up the cross that had kept him back so long. His first sermon was attempted in the Ground Hill school house, in York, Me, and from the words of Scripture recorded in Matt. 22:42, "What think ye of Christ." In about four years afterward he had occasion to preach in the same school house, and was told that his first sermon was not yet forgotten by many persons in the community; said they: "We remember your text and sermon very distinctly." He came home and commenced preaching in the Kansas school house, in Bridgeton, where a great revival broke out, and for many weeks there was no cessation of interest by day or by night. He was afterward pastor of the Free Baptist church in Bridgeton for nearly nine years, where many were converted and joined the church. At the Kansas school house about fifty were reclaimed and converted. Rev. N. T. Ridlon, of Saco, Me., came at his request and baptized for him, as he was not then ordained to the ministry. He was ordained and set apart to the work of the Gospel ministry October 19, 1875, in Central Hall, Bridgeton, Me., by Revs. Hezekiah Short, Nathaniel T. Ridlon, John H. Mugridge executive board to ordain in Christian conference. The hall owned by Hon. N. S. Littlefield, and son F. J. Littlefield, although a large one, was filled, and the music for the occasion was furnished by the choir of the Universalist church in that village. In Bridgeton he was chosen by the town to act as treasurer for three years, and at the close of his last term as treasurer he received a call from the Free Baptist church of Phillips, Franklin county, Me., which he accepted, and served as its pastor for six years from the day he accepted it, when he resigned, to accept a call from the Free Baptist church at Presque Isle, Aroostook county, Me., which pastorate in Aroostook he held over five years. At Phillips, Me., he was visited by a great affliction in the death of his oldest child, a daughter, Susie S. Foster, eighteen years and nine months of age. She was a beautiful singer. In about a year afterward his aged mother, Esther T., came from Waltham, Mass., to his home in Phillips, as she said, "to die." And on May 22, 1855, she did die after a lingering sickness, aged 82 years, and was buried by the side of her husband, in South Harrison, Me. From the Free Baptist church at Presque Isle and Caribbean a great work was done, in the repairs of the church at Presque Isle. The audience room had never been completed, while the house was built colors, spire and all, and was a very splendid edifice inside and out. The dedication took place July 17, 1859, the pastor being invited to preach the dedicatory sermon from Psalm 122d, 1st verse, "I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord.'" In May, 1863, he received a call from the Union church in Cotuit, Mass. He visited the church and accepted the call, and commenced his labors July 2, following. In 1864 he broke down with nervous prostration of all the vital forces, but they stoutly affirm that he will yet be able to take up his work again. Residence, Bridgeton, Me.; and 35 Taylor street, Naponset, Mass.

3178. i. SUSIE S., b. June 25, 1865; d. April 14, 1884.
3181. iv. WALTER R., b. June 12, 1870.

2166. SOLOMON LOWE FOSTER (David, Philemon, Philemon, Jonathan, Caleb, Abraham, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass., Sept. 27, 1836; m. there Sept. 7, 1875, Mary Abbie Langley, b. Nov. 21, 1845. He is a railroad employee. Res., Ipswich, Mass.; address P. O. Box 243.


2174. SERGT. RICHARD R. FOSTER (Philemon C., Philemon, Philemon, Jonathan, Caleb, Abraham, Reginald), b. Ipswich, Mass., Nov. 11, 1842; m., Aug. 1, 1878, Harriet Elma Towle, of Medford, b. March 4, 1846. He was born in the parish of Limebrook, more commonly called "Firetown," town of Ipswich, county
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of Essex County, State of Massachusetts.

on the Boston & Newburyport turnpike, which

was laid out in 1803 by a Mr. Bartlett, was

about one mile away from the nearest

 Outlet. The nearest

way to find this outlet was by water, along the

River. The outlet was called "Sodom." The

river was named after the town of Sodom, a

small settlement south of the town of Newburyport.

The outlet was used for salt-making, and was

known as "Sodom's Salt Works." The outlet was

closed in 1820, and the land was turned over to

the town for use as a public park. The outlet

was later renamed "Sodom's Pond."
with his company in the grand review in Washington at the close of the war. Peace proclaimed, he again took up shoemaking, working with varying success for several years; but, finally, on account of poor health—a legacy from his service in the war—he was obliged to look for different employment. He worked nearly three years in Amsterdam, N. Y., in a shoe factory, returning to Massachusetts on account of ill health. In February, 1890, he received the appointment of adjutant of the Soldier's Home in Massachusetts, and came on duty, as such, on the 17th of the month, and is now in the same position. On the 4th of May, 1876, he was appointed a justice of the peace for the State of Massachusetts by Gov. John D. Robinson, and reappointed by Gov. William E. Russell, on the 4th day of May, 1893. Justices of the peace in Massachusetts are not appointed for counties now, but for the State. Res., s. p., Soldier's Home, Chelsea, Mass., of which he is Adjutant.


and Country Magazine, "Mrs. Dobson's Ghost," 1896. The Cherokee Senate passed a resolution of thanks in 1885, thanking the author for his efforts in their behalf, which was forwarded under the seal of the Cherokee Nation. He taught school in Brookline, N. H., and in Spencer, N. Y. Was for two terms tutor in English at Cornell university. Also special lecturer on philology for two terms at Francis-town (N. H.,) Academy. Residence, Ithaca, N. Y.

3183. i. JESSE WEBSTER, b. Feb. 11, 1850. Early in life he showed poetical and artistic tendencies. His first poetical articles appeared in papers in 1892, at the age of twelve. He received the N. Y. Press second prize for story, in 1893, at the age of thirteen. His Christmas gift to friends in 1892 was a souvenir brochure of his own poetry. In 1893 he published his second souvenir, setting considerable of the type himself. His collected poems, printed in 1894, at the age of fourteen years, made about one hundred pages. His first printed cartoon was published Aug. 5, 1896, at the age of sixteen years. His first metal engraving was printed April, 1897. He took the Conservatory art course at Ithaca, 1896. Entered Ithaca High School, 1897.

2190. DR. THOMAS ALBERT FOSTER (Thomas D., William, Nathan, Caleb, Caleb, Abraham, Reginald), b. Montville, Me., Feb. 20, 1827; m., in Unity, Me., Eliza McManus; m. 2d, South Montville, Me., 1857, Adelaide Woodman, b. 1832; d. 1865; m. 3d, in Augusta, 1868, Mary Woodman, b. 1836. He d. Nov. 27, 1896. Res., Portland, Me.

3184. i. BRAZILLAI BEAN, b. ——, 1848; m. —— ——. 

3185. ii. CHARLES W., b. Apr. 29, 1850; m. Etta B. Parker.

3186. iii. ARIETTA, b. ——, 1860; m. ——, 1886; —— Jones. Res., Bowrey Beach, Me.

3187. iv. ELIMA WOODMAN, b. ——, 1870; unm. Res., Portland, Me.


3189. vi. HENRY, b. ——; d. aet. 2 years.

3190. vii. SERENA, b. ——; d. aet. 2 years.

3191. viii. TWO OTHER CHILDREN d. in infancy.

2194. EBENEZER FOSTER (Thomas D., William, Nathan, Caleb, Caleb, Abraham, Reginald), b. Bristol, Me., ——; m. there ——. He d. —— ——. Res., Monticello, Me.

3192. i. ZELISCO, b. ——. Res., Montville, Me.

3193. ii. OLIVE, b. ——; m. —— Kirkpatrick. Res., Fort Fairfield, Me.

3194. iii. ARTHUR, b. ——. Res., Colorado.


3195. i. JAMES E., b. April 2, 1828; d. May 5, 1828.


3197. iii. BENJAMIN B., b. July 5, 1832; m. Feb. 9, 1857, and died Jan. 13, 1863.


3200. vi. MARY C., b. Dec. 11, 1839; d. April 15, 1846.

3201. vii. ADDELIA F., b. March 17, 1842; m., March 1, 1876, —— Richardson.

3202. viii. NELLIE RANDALL, b. July 15, 1844.

3203. ix. GEORGE, b. Sept. 15, 1847; m., Feb. 17, 1869, —— ——.

2200. ZABUD FOSTER (Thomas, John, Nathan, Caleb, Caleb, Abraham, Reginald), b. Bristol, Me., July 16, 1816; m., Oct. 7, 1844, Nancy Blunt Miller, b. May 13, 1822; d. June 16, 1888. He was a carpenter by trade, but had other occupations during his life. He does nothing now, because of old age. His politics of later years has been Democratic. He attended the Congregationalist church, but is now a member of the Methodist. Res., Bar Harbor and Ellsworth, Me.
1845; m. Mrs. Irving Osgood. Res., Ellswor
1846; m. Eila M. Marshall.
1850; b. July 25, 1830; m. Alice L. Whiton.
1852; m. Gaten S. Osgood, of Bluehill, Me.
1868; m. Eila M. Marshall.
1873. Res., Deeph Island, Me.
1861; b. July 25, 1861; m. Minnie M. Goodwin.
1864. Res., Thomaston, Me.
1869; m., ---; Margaret Nichol; was a sea captain.
1862. Is a police officer. Res., 418 Chestnut
1883, Seth I. Johnson
1863, Matilda S. Thompson
1830; m., July 9, 1856.
1845. Res., South Bristol, Me.
1857; d. Jan. 11, 1873.
1873. Thompson.
1869. b. June 7, 1869.
1876. b. Jan. 24, 1876.
1858; m. Florence Louise Root.

2231. JOHN SPROUL FOSTER (Thomas S., Zabud, Nathan, Caleb, Caleb, Abraham, Reginald), b. Montville, Me., Jan. 15, 1852; m. there Nov. 13, 1880, Hattie J. Higgins. He lived at home with his parents until he was seven years of age, then went to live with his grandfather on his mother's side, John Sproul, of Montville, for whom he was named. Lived there some three years and attended the common district school. His duties while there was to care for a large stock of cattle and sheep and to aid his aged grandparents in such work as appertained to the farm. His grandparents were very dear to him, and he delighted to do such things as pleased them. When the civil war closed his uncle came home from the army, and he returned to his own home and began to attend the academy at Freedom village, which was about one and one-half miles from his home, boarding at home and ringing the bell to pay his tuition. This he did most of the time while attending the academy. Hon. N. A. Luce was the principal at this time. After completing his study at the academy he took a short course at Castine normal school, and taught several schools in his and adjoining towns. In 1870, 1871 and 1872 he traveled extensively in the New England States visiting almost every town. He read law in Belfast, Waldo county, Me., and was admitted to the Waldo bar in November, 1877, and taught school three months the following winter, and then opened a law office in the town of Thorndike in March, 1878, where he practiced for two years, during which time he held the office of collector and town clerk. In May, 1880, he moved to Rockport and continued the practice of his profession. He married Miss Hattie J. Higgins, of Thorndike, and has since resided in Rockport, Me. He has held the office of collector of the town of Camden, now Rockport, one year, and treasurer of said town two years, director of schools for three years, one of the school committee for three years and superintendent for four years, and is still holding that office at this writing. He is of English, Scotch and Irish descent. He has been successful in his chosen profession. Res., s. p., Rockport, Me.

2235. BARTON F. FOSTER (Thomas S., Zabud, Nathan, Caleb, Caleb, Abraham, Reginald), b. Montville, Me., Nov. 23, 1844; m. Lawrence, Mass., 1873, Mary Ellen Briggs, b. March 20, 1850. He is a lawyer. Res., Huldale, Me.


3226. ii. FLORA MAY, b. Sept. 30, 1880.


3229. i. CHARLOTTE BOWMAN, b. Dec. 13, 1863.

3230. ii. ANNIE EATON, b. Nov. 26, 1864.

2242. HON. GEORGE HENRY FOSTER (Henry, Jacob, Jacob, Jacob, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), b. June 20, 1838, at Charlestown, Mass.; m. Oct. 16, 1867, Constance Atherton, dau. of Henry Lee and Almira Steward Woodworth Atherton, of New York. Graduated at Harvard university 1857. Studied law and was admitted to the bar of New York May 16, 1861, and is now a member of the law firm of Weeks & Foster, 58 Wall street, New York. At his death he was president of the Board of Aldermen of New York City. He d. in 1888. Res., New York, N. Y.

3231. i. HENRY ATHERTON, b. Sept. 26, 1868.

2250. DR. EDWARD JACOB FORSTER (Jacob, Jacob, Jacob, Jacob, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), b. Charlestown, Mass., July 9, 1846; m. Sept. 5, 1871, Anita D. Lyon. Dr. Edward Jacob Forster was born in Charlestown, Mass., graduated M. D. from Harvard college in 1868. Soon after went to Europe, studying his profession in Paris and Dublin; at the latter place, he became a Licentiate in Midwifery of the King and Queens College of Physicians in Ireland. He was, in
1870, practicing in Charlestown, Mass. At his death he was on Gov. Greenhalge's staff. Was a member of the Massachusetts Medical society; visiting physician Boston City hospital; member of the Boston Society for Medical Improvement; of Society of Medical Observation; life member of the Massachusetts Horticultural society; author of "Manual for Medical Officers of the Militia of the United States."

His wife, whom he married September 5, 1871, was a daughter of Dr. Henry Lyon and grand-daughter of Dr. Abraham Rand Thompson, both residents of Charlestown, Mass., and graduates of Harvard college. Dr. Forster was the author of "A Genealogy of the For(r)ester Family," a pamphlet of 22 pages, reprinted from the Genealogical Register of 1876. He was a member of the New England Historical-Genealogical society and of the Wisconsin Historical society.—American Ancestry.

William.—Edward J. Forster, of Boston, physician.—Wife, Anita D. Forster.


| 3231 | i. | TERESA L., b. | ——— |
| 3231 | ii. | ELIZABETH T., b. | ——— |
| 3231 | iii. | RUTH, b. | 1878. |

Many friends witnessed the marriage of Miss Ruth Forster, daughter of the late Dr. Edward J. Forster, of this city, and Mr. George Hunt Ingraham, of Milton, at the Unitarian church in that town. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ingraham, of New Bedford. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Roderick Stiebbins, of Milton. Miss Elizabeth T. Field of Boston was maid of honor, and Mr. Joseph Everett Chandler served in the capacity of best man. Messrs. Horace Cecil Fisher of Brookline, Frederick E. Forster, Arthur Ingraham and Edward Ingraham of New Bedford, Louis W. Pulsifer of New York, and James H. Batchelder of Boston, were the ushers. Mr. Lewis E. Tilden played the organ selections, including the processional and recessional marches. Following the ceremony, a reception was given at the home of Mr. Ernest W. Bowditch, of Milton, by whom the bride was given in marriage. Mrs. Bowditch is a cousin of the bride.—Boston Transcript, June, 1899.


| 3232 | i. | EDWARD PRENITIS, b. Sept. 21, 1852; m. | ——— |


| 3236 | i. | WILLIS;CHRISTOPHER, b. Oct. 6, 1858; m. Katie Callahan. |
| 3237 | ii. | VELMA ELSIE, b. Nov. 7, 1859; unm. Res., Keene, N. H. |
| 3238 | iii. | FLORENCE JOSEPHINE, b. July 20, 1870; is a teacher. Res., Baltimore, Md. |
| 3241 | vi. | ADINE PHILENA, b. Sept., 1861; unm. Res., Keene, N. H. |


3244. iii. ANNIE MAY, b. May 23, 1854; d. April 7, 1861.

3245. iv. ABBIE FRANCES, b. Nov. 24, 1858; d. April 7, 1861.

2266. DR. MATTHIAS LANCKTON FOSTER (George T., David, Jacob, Isaac, Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), b. Chatham, N. Y., June 17, 1850; m., Summit, N. J., Nov. 14, 1854, Constance Hunter Savage, b. Jan. 10, 1857. Matthias Lanckton Foster was born at Chatham Four Corners, N. Y.; moved to Pittsfield, Mass., at one year of age; prepared for college in high school, Pittsfield, Mass.; entered Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., in 1877; graduated there in the class of 1881, and delivered a dissertation at commencement. Graduated at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City, in 1885, and received the second哈sen prize. Immediately thereafter secured an appointment on the house staff of St. Luke's hospital, New York City, and served the full course on the surgical side. Left the hospital December, 1886, and commenced private practice. Was appointed on the surgical staff of the Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital in May, 1887, and still holds the position of assistant-surgeon in that institution. Was appointed attending surgeon to the Out-Door department of Bellevue hospital in February, 1887, and resigned at the expiration of a year. Was appointed instructor in oto-laryngology at the New York Polyclinic in 1888, and resigned the position in 1892. Appointed instructor in ophthalmology in the New York Polyclinic in 1889 and resigned in 1892. Is a member of the Medical Society of the County of New York and served as delegate to the Medical Society of the State of New York in 1896, 1897 and 1898. Is a member of the Society of the Alumni of St. Luke's Hospital and of the Williams College Alumni Association, of New York. Became an F. & A. M. in 1891 and was master of Concord Lodge, No. 50, during 1895. Gave up the general practice of medicine and became a specialist in diseases of the eye and ear in 1891, and since that time has devoted himself mainly to private practice in those branches. He is the author of a number of articles, principally on matters relating to diseases of the eye; was a collaborator in the preparation of Foster's Encyclopaedic Medical Dictionary, and also of Foster's "Practical Therapeutics," both published by D. Appleton & Co.

Res., 22 East Forty-first street, New York, N. Y.

3245-2. i. HAMILTON KNIGHT, b. Sept. 10, 1855.


3246. i. MABEL, b. July 28, 1885.

3247. ii. MATILDA, b. Oct. 12, 1886.

3248. iii. MILDRED, b. Feb. 13, 1895.


3249. i. KATHERINE M., b. April 15, 1874.


FOSTER GENEALOGY.


2321. i. AGNES MARY, b. March 19, 1878. Res., West Gray, Me.

2299. SHEPHEL GRANVILLE FOSTER (Shephel, Jacob, Isaac, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), b. Gray, Me., April 11, 1856; m., Nov. 27, 1884, Carrie J. Davis, b. May 7, 1857. He is a farmer. Res., Gray, Me.

2322. i. IRENE A., b. Dec. 1, 1887.

2323. ii. BENNIE SHEPHEL, b. April 8, 1890; d. Sept. 21, 1890.

2324. iii. ELWOOD GRANVILLE, b. April 24, 1896; d. Aug. 29, 1897.


2327. iii. LAURA EUNICE, b. Sept. 15, 1868.

2328. iv. GEORGE JENKINS, b. March 2, 1873.

2329. v. EDWARD EMERY, b. May 4, 1871.

2301. HORACE C. FOSTER (Solomon B., Samuel, Isaac, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), b. Gray, Me., Sept. 7, 1847; m. there Sept. 7, 1871, Annie M. Frank, b. April 2, 1852. He is a lumber dealer and owner of plaining mills. Res., Rumford Falls, Me.

2326. i. GRACE EDITH, b. July 10, 1872.

23261. ii. CLARENCE MILFORD, b. Aug. 8, 1874; d. Feb. 3, 1897.

23262. iii. THOMAS H., b. Nov. 3, 1875.


23264. v. PERLEY W., b. April 10, 1879.


23266½. viii. WILMA F., b. July 21, 1890.


2327. i. ADDIE G., b. Oct. 1, 1877; m., July, 1897, Harry Kneal. Res., North G.

2328. ii. WILLIS H., b. July 2, 1879.

2329. iii. ANNIE G., b. Sept. 1, 1884.


23270. i. STEPHEN, b. ———. Res., Greenwood, Me.


23271. i. ETHEL MAY, b. Nov. 7, 1883.

23272. ii. MABEL WINNEFRED, b. Nov. 11, 1885.

2316. SILAS WAYMOUTH FOSTER (Samuel J., Samuel, Isaac, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), b. Gray, Me., Dec 22, 1835; m. there June 17, 1860, Sarah Jane Bailey, b. Jan. 28 1836; d. Oct. 20, 1879; m. 2d, Sept. 27, 1881, Angie A. Briggs, b Aug 6, 1850. He is a mason and building contractor. Res., Dry Mills, Me.

23273. i. EUGENE, b. Sept 21, 1861; d. ———.

23274. ii. JUSTILL, b Jan. 28, 1864; d. ———.

23275. iii. STEPHEN M., b. ———.

23276. iv. SAMUEL S., b ———.

23277. v. EUGENE, b April 28, 1885.

23278. vi. MABEL, b. March 14, 1887.
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2320. JAMES W. FOSTER (Philip, William, Isaac, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), b. Argyle, Me., May 22, 1829; m. Eagle Creek, Oregon, Jan. 28, 1867, Louisa M. Rockhill, b. Dec. 25, 1848. He is a farmer, stock, fruit and grain dealer.

James W. Foster, one of the pioneers of the State of Washington, was born in the State of Maine; was there reared and sent to the common school. Our subject was of such a tender age that he does not have any memory of the mother who passed away so soon, but he was kindly reared by his grandparents. In 1852 he had earned enough to enable him to pay his passage to San Francisco, to which city he sailed, around Cape Horn, reaching there that same fall, and then going by a steamer to Portland, and to the home of his father. He took up a donation claim of 160 acres, improved the land, and lived there until 1859, when he came to Walla Walla, Wash., taking a claim here six miles southeast of the town, toward Cottonwood, and on Spring-branch, at the foot-hills. Here he now resides, having improved his farm and put it into a good condition. For several years he was engaged in breeding and selling fine blooded horses, by which enterprise he made considerable money. Some of these horses brought from $500 to $3,000; but of late years he has devoted his attention to farming. Horticulture has deeply interested Mr. Foster, and he was the first man in Walla Walla county to set out an orchard, and he now has an area of eighty acres set out in all kinds of fruits. He transported his original trees over the Cascade mountains, from Portland, Oregon, by means of pack-horses, and at night would bury the trees to keep them from freezing. Owing to his inability to afford himself equal protection, he had his feet frozen on the journey. The climate of this State favors the growing of fine fruit, and from this source he has a good income. Mr. Foster has made it one rule of his life never to have anything that he could not pay for, and never to buy anything merely because it was cheap. One source of honest pride is, that he has never had a mortgage on his place, and was never asked to give security when borrowing money at the bank. He has one of the finest vineyards in the county, and his farm and orchard always supply all that is choicest in the products of the land. When he first settled here he had no neighbors, and had to get his supplies from pack-trains. The larder contained nothing but beans. On one occasion he went four days with-
out food of any sort. He took part in the Indian wars, enduring many hardships at that time, but has lived through all, and is now able to enjoy the fat of the land.

Our subject has worked indefatigably during his residence on the coast, and all that he owns he has gained by his own industry and management. He belongs to the People's Party, and his first presidential vote was for Weaver, in 1892. The reason he never before voted for president was because he happened to be on the frontier or in a Territory at the time of the election.

In 1867 our subject married Miss Louisa M. Rockhill, a native of Iowa. Her parents, Anthony and Rosetta Rockhill, came to Washington in 1846; were natives of Ohio, and are now living near Dayton. Mr. and Mrs. Foster are the parents of nine children. Res., Walla Walla, Wash.


3285. vii. IVA CLARA, b. June 24, 1882.


3288. x. ETHEL C., b. Nov. 24, 1891.


3289. i. WILLIE PERCIVAL, b. Oct. 6, 1882; d. April 26, 1883.


3290. i. WILL A., b. June 12, 1868; m., June 28, 1895. Res., Tomahawk, Wis.

3291. ii. C. RAE, b. Sept. 27, 1877.


3292. i. JOHN W., b. May 6, 1869; m., Feb. 8, 1896.


3294. iii. PERCY J., b. Aug. 12, 1872; m., Dec. 31, 1895.

3295. iv. HOWARD D., b. April 10, —.

3296. v. CHARLES I., b. June 11, 1878.


2335. CAPT. DUDLEY W. FOSTER (Joseph W., William, Isaac, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), b. Franklin, Me., Nov. 1, 1848; m., Nov. 19, 1879, Clara Miriam Wakefield, b. Dec. 5, 1848. His early life was spent upon the ocean, in which business he engaged at the early age of fourteen; went up the various stages of the trade to master at the age of twenty-one years; continued in this business until 1873, in which time was master of four ships. In 1873 left the ocean and came to Michigan and engaged in the lumbering business, and is still so engaged. Res., Big Rapids, Mich.


3302. v. HATTIE GAIL, b. Feb. 23, 1882; d. April 1, 1891.

3303. vi. GROVER C., b. March 29, 1880.
MAJOR JOSEPH FOSTER.

PAYMASTER U. S. N.

Paymaster Foster is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and served as delegate-at-large from New Hampshire to the Twenty-sixth National Encampment, G. A. R., held at Washington, D. C., in September, 1892. He is a member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, and has taken much interest in genealogy and local history. He is also a member of the Massachusetts Society Sons of the American Revolution, in the right of his grandfather, Captain Joseph Foster, of his great-grandfather, Colonel Joseph Foster, and of his mother's paternal grandfather, Colonel Dyer Spalding, of Cornish, N. H.; and of the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of New Hampshire in the right of his grandfather's great-grandfather, Captain Jeremiah Foster, and Lieutenant Daniel Giddings, both of Chebacco (now Essex), Ipswich, Mass., and both of the Sixth Company, Fifth Massachusetts Regiment, Colonel Robert Hale, in the successful Louisburg Expedition of 1745.

He married in Lowell, Mass., Helen Dickey, daughter of David and Lois Levetett (Nelson) Dickey, of Lowell; born Jan. 13, 1853, in Haverhill, N. H. Mrs. Foster is a member of the New Hampshire Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the right of her ancestor, John Levertett, Governor of Massachusetts (1672-75), who, born in Boston, England, returned from Boston, New England, in 1645, and served as captain in the Parliamentary Army, when he became a friend of Oliver Cromwell, during whose protectorate he afterward resided in London as agent of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay. She is also a descendant of Thomas Dudley, second Governor of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay (1634, 1640, 1645, 1660). The following record of Paymaster Foster's navy services is taken from "Hamersly's Records of Living Officers of the Navy," Philadelphia, 1890. A few sentences have been added to complete it to 1898.

"He was born in Gloucester, Mass., June 17, 1841. Res., Portsmouth, N. H. Appointed from New Hampshire. Entered the service as Captain's Clerk Oct. 3, 1862; attached to the Steamer Augusta, Commander E. G. Parrott, South Atlantic Blockading Squadron (1862-3); was present at the attack of the Rebel iron-clads on the blockading Squadron at Charleston, S. C., Jan. 31, 1863, and at Admiral Dupont's first attack on Charleston, April 7, 1863. Appointed acting assistant paymaster Oct. 19, 1863; attached to the Steamer Accacia, South Atlantic Blockading Squadron (1863-5), which was stationed most of the time off Charleston, S. C.; was ashore under fire of Battery Marshall, Sullivan's Island, Sept. 14, 1864, and captured the British blockade running Steamer Julia, Dec. 23, 1864; was present at the fall of Charleston, Feb. 10, 1865, and at the re-raising of the United States flag on Fort Sumter, April 14, 1865; attached to the Steamer Commodore McDonough, South Atlantic Blockading Squadron (1865), and the Steamer Tallapoosa, Gulf Squadron (1865-6). While attached to the Steamer Commodore McDonough he saved his official books and papers from the wreck of that vessel, which foundered at sea, Aug. 23, 1865, on the passage from Port Royal, S. C., to New York, nothing else being saved on the ship; transferred to the regular navy and commissioned as assistant paymaster, July 23, 1866. Promoted to assistant paymaster, May 10, 1867; attached to the Steamer Aroostook, Asiatic Station (1866-9); Steamer Shawmut, North Atlantic Station (1871-5); Torpedo Station, Newport, R. I. (1876-9); commissioned as Paymaster, Feb. 23, 1877; attached to the Steamer Monocacy, Asiatic Station (1879-82); acting as fleet paymaster for ten months of that time, when he negotiated a large amount of exchange in a satisfactory manner, for which he was specially mentioned in the annual report of the Fourth Auditor of the Treasury for the year 1882; attached to the Naval Asylum, Philadelphia (1883-6); special duty Navy Yard, Portsmouth, N. H. (1887); attached to the Steamer Pensacola, North Atlantic Station (1888); General Store-keeper Navy Yard, Norfolk, Va. (1889); waiting orders (1890)."—Hamersly's Records of Living Officers of the United States Navy, Philadelphia, 1890, page 303.

His later naval record is as follows: Paymaster of the Navy Yard and Purchasing Pay Officer, Portsmouth, N. H. (1890-3); attached to the Cruiser San Francisco, North Atlantic, South Atlantic and European Stations (1893-6), during which
time the San Francisco bore the flags of Rear Admirals A. E. K. Benham, Oscar F. Stanton, William A. Kirkland and Thomas O. Selfridge; was present at Rio Janeiro, Brazil, Jan. 29, 1894, when Admiral Benham cleared his fleet for action in defense of American interests endangered by the Brazilian ships-of-war in revolt against the government of that Republic; Fleet Paymaster of the European Station (1895-6); Paymaster of the Navy Yard and Purchasing Pay Officer, Portsmouth, N. H. (1896-5); Paymaster United States Naval Station, Key West, Fla. (naval base for the Spanish war), May and June, 1898; promoted to Pay Inspector June 15, 1898; Paymaster of Navy Yard and Purchasing Pay Officer, Portsmouth, N. H., July, 1898.  

3304.  i. JOSEPH, b. Oct. 31, 1850, at Shanghai, China. He is a student at Harvard University, class of 1902.  

3305. ii. BEATRICE, b. July 30, 1882, at Chefoo, China.  


3307. iv. ISABEL, b. Dec. 26, 1892, at Portsmouth, N. H.  


2359. LYMAN SPALDING FOSTER (Joseph, Joseph, Joseph, Jeremiah, John, Reginald, Reginald), b. Nov. 25, 1843; m., Sept. 3, 1872, Elmira Stephanie Hallet, dau. of Stephen and Eliza Baldwin (Comingham) Hallet, b. Buenos Ayres, South America and gr.-dau. of Stephen H. Hallet, architect of the original capitol at Washington, D. C. He removed to Portsmouth, N. H., in November, 1850, and to New York City in October, 1854. Stationer and printer at 33 Pine St.; Recording Secretary Linnaean Society of New York, and member of American Ornithologists Union; Superintendent Division of Spanish America. Mr. Foster's deep interest in and consequent profound study of birds and bird life is well known to all his friends, and make him a high authority on everything pertaining to ornithology. He is a member of the American Ornithologists Union, Council of the Scientific Alliance of New York, New York Academy of Sciences, Linnaean Society of New York, New York Zoological Society, and the West Side Natural History Society of New York, of which latter he is Vice-President. He is publisher of The Auk, a quarterly journal of ornithology, and the author of the following books, viz.: "The Published Writings of George N. Lawrence," by L. S. Foster; "Bulletin No. 40, United States National Museum," Washington, 1892; "A Consideration of Some
ORNITHOLOGICAL LITERATURE, WITH EXTRACTS FROM CURRENT CRITICISM, PART 1, 1876-1883,” BY L. S. FOSTER; “ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS OF LINNEAN SOCIETY OF NEW YORK, NO. 6, NEW YORK, 1894.” RES., NEW YORK, N. Y., 33 PINE ST.

3309. i. ELMIA ADELAIDE, b. Aug. 29, 1874.

2362. JOHNFY FOSTER FOSTER (Benjamin, Joseph, Joseph, Jeremiah, John, Reginald, Reginald), b. Sept. 30, 1826; m., Dec. 27, 1847, in Gloucester, Mary Ann Norris, dau. of George and Mary (Jones) Norris, b. March 11, 1827, in Gloucester.

John Frye Foster followed the sea for twenty-one years, going around the world seven times as mate of ships; his last voyage was as sailing master, reaching home in May, 1862. He served during the war of the Rebellion in the Union army, having, as shown by the official records, enlisted Aug. 11, 1862, in Company F, Thirty-fifth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry; was mustered into the service of the United States Aug. 19, 1862, for three years, and discharged March 12, 1865. He was promoted to Corporal in the Color Guard December 11, and lost his right arm at Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 13, 1862. He wrote, some years before his death, the following account of his army experience: “My service in the army was short and sweet, four months in the field and three months in the hospital; put right into battle without any drill. I enlisted Aug. 2 [11], 1862, mustered in August 11th [19], and went in Company F, Thirty-fifth Massachusetts Infantry; left Boston August 20th, and went into battle at South Mountain, Maryland, September 15th, and Antietam September 17th; then started, October 24th, south through Virginia; November 18th our brigade went into camp on the north side of the Rappahannock river, opposite Fredericksburg, under General Burnside, remained there until December 12th, and then crossed the river. On Dec. 13, 1862, at 1 p. m., went into battle on the right, under General Sumner. I was wounded soon after by a piece of shell. So I lost my whole arm, amputation at the shoulder joint. If I had not fallen in good hands, I should not have lived. John A. Hosack, Surgeon of Fifty-first Pennsylvania Regiment, and Colonel Hartruff, fixed it up for me, and it was such a fine job that Surgeon General Barnes wanted to know who did it; but I did not find out until October, 1883, when I went to Gettysburg with the boys, and coming back, stopped in Philadelphia, one day, and went into Post 2, Grand Army of the Republic, and there I found out.” He d. Oct. 11, 1887, in Gloucester.


3318. i. ELIZABETH GERTRUDE, b. April 12, 1850; m., April 28, 1885, Clarence Lovejoy Marston. Ch.: i. Gertrude Clare, b. Aug. 29, 1886.

3319. ii. HENRY STEVENS, b. June 16, 1853; d. May 4, 1875.

3320. iii. MARY ELIZA JACKSON, b. March 15, 1856; d. March 15, 1856.

3321. iv. EDWIN Le BETTER, b. June 15, 1861.


2370. JEREMIAH FOSTER (Jeremiah, Joseph, Joseph, Jeremiah, John, Reginald, Reginald), b. Oct. 21, 1841; m., July 18, 1871, in Gloucester, Elizabeth K. Clark, dau. of George and Elizabeth K. (Tucker), b. March 8, 1847; d. May 31, 1883; m., 2d, Dec. 29, 1884, Harriet N. Burnham. Jeremiah Foster served during the war of the Rebellion in the Union army, having, as shown by the official records, enlisted Sept. 15, 1862, in Company G, Eighth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry; was mustered into the service of the United States on the same day, for
nine months, and discharged as Corporal Aug. 7, 1863, on expiration of service.


3324. i. GERTRUDE, b. July 16, 1872; d. July 16, 1872.
3324. ii. GEORGE CLARK, b. Aug. 25, 1873.
3325. iii. JOSEPH, b. Nov. 30, 1874; d. April, 1893.
3326. iv. JEREMIAH, b. Sept. 6, 1878.


3327. i. MABEL FLORENCE, b. Sept. 24, 1868, in San Francisco, Cal.
3328. ii. THOMAS JEFFERSON, b. Dec. 31, 1870, in Oakland, Cal.
3329. iii. KATE PATRICK, b. Oct. 16, 1872, in Oakland, Cal.
3330. iv. FREDERICK BENEDICT, b. April 13, 1875, in Oakland, Cal.

2381. ALDEN BRADFORD FOSTER (Thomas, Thomas, Aaron, Moses, John, Reginald, Reginald), b. Essex, Mass., March 29, 1814; m., 1st, Mary Frances Murch; m., 2d, E. Boston, Nov. 2, 1867, Celeste Helena Morse, b. Nov. 21, 1847.

Alden Bradford Foster was of a delicate constitution, though he lived the average length of years. He was a painstaking student, a careful business man, exemplary in habit and in life. He married early in life Miss Mary Frances Murch, and a little later they migrated to California, where after giving birth to two children his wife died of consumption. The shock of his loss so unmanned him that he returned to his old home, E. Boston, taking with him the young son, a boy of six or seven years. The second child, an infant daughter, was left with an aunt, who resided then with her husband. Returning to E. Boston he became clerk in his elder brother's employ, and there remained till his death. Meanwhile he took for a second wife Miss Celeste Morse. By this marriage he had two sons, both bright, intelligent young men. One is named Fred, the other William Foster. His death occurred from a very severe cold, which terminated in la grippe, when he passed away very suddenly. He d. Jan. 26, 1890. Res., California and East Boston, Mass.

3331. i. FREDERICK ALDEN, b. Dec. 15, 1869; m. Jennie McLauren.
3332. ii. CHARLES EDWARD, b. Aug. 11, 1870; m. Mary Lynch.
3333. iii. LUCRETIA, b. ——. On the death of her mother she was adopted by a Mr. Gidman M. Burnham. Res., San Francisco.
3334. iv. WILLIAM EMERY, b. May 26, 1874; m., June 24, 1896, in Maryland, Nancy Eugenie Sparklin, b. Sept. 20, 1876. He is a clerk in the First Ward National Bank. Res., 223 Trenton St., E. B.

2385. THOMAS AUGUSTUS FOSTER (Thomas, Thomas, Aaron, Moses, John, Reginald, Reginald), b. Charlestown, Mass., September, 1825; m. —— Judith Judkins, of Franklin, N. H. She resides with her one child, Mrs. C.

Thomas Augustus Foster was born in Charlestown. He died through an accident on a steam tug, in Boston Harbor, June 1, 1872. He was a builder, contractor of ships, etc., with large works at E. Boston, under firm name of Foster & Leighton. A man highly respected in business, etc., intelligent and upright in character; a prominent Mason; a true husband and father, son and brother.


3335. i. FLORENCE F., b. ——; m. William A. Crosby, of Wilmington, Del. She d., leaving Florence F.
3336. ii. MARY M., b. ——; m. William A. Crosby.
3337. iii. ——, b. ——; d. in infancy.

2407. JOHN W. FOSTER (William S., Zebulon, Aaron, Moses, John, Reginald, Reginald), b. Antrim, N. H., 1837; m., in 1862, Hannah E. Hunt, of Newton, N. J.; settled in Clinton Village where he was engaged in the manufacture of bedsteads. He was a young man of excellent character and unusual promise. He d. in the prime of life and deeply mourned. He d. April 13, 1868. Res., Clinton Village, N. J.
2411. JACOB RICE FOSTER (Jeremiah, Zebulon, Aaron, Moses, John, Reginald, Reginald), b. Henniker, N. H., Feb. 4, 1834; m., April 20, 1867, Georgie Nash, of Great Falls, who died, and he married second wife October, 1874, Mary Nash. Resides now in Fryeburg, Me.; machinist and manufacturer of shoe pegs; an excellent musician; several years an artist of much merit in photographic pictures. Res., Henniker, N. H., and Fryeburg, Me.

3341. i. EDWIN J., b. March 19, 1868.
3342. ii. GEORGE R., b. May 11, 1869.
3343. iii. HELEN MAY, b. in Concord, Dec. 7, 1871.
3344. iv. ADALINE K., b. in Andover, April 15, 1875.

2412. DR. HORACE KENDALL FOSTER (John P., Charles, Jonathan, Jonathan, Jonathan, William, Reginald), b. North Andover, Mass., Dec. 5, 1853; m., Dec. 19, 1889, Florence K. Holman, b. April 13, 1856. He is the fifth child of John P. and Sarah A. Foster; was educated in the Common Schools of North Andover; graduated from the High School of the same town in 1871; worked on the farm a year; fitted for College at Phillip Academy, Andover, and entered Dartmouth College in 1875, and graduated in 1879; studied medicine in Dartmouth Medical College, and graduated in 1882; took post graduate courses in New York for one year, and then located in the general practice of medicine in Peabody, Mass., in 1883, and has been there since that time. Since his stay there has served four years upon the school board; is Medical Examiner of the Eight Massachusetts District, and has just been elected President of the Essex District of Massachusetts Medical Society, and is a member of Massachusetts Medical Legal Society. Res., Peabody, Mass.

3345. i. KENDALL PEABODY, b. Jan. 16, 1891.
3346. ii. CHANDLER HUNTING, b. April 4, 1893.
3347. iii. RACHEL, b. Dec. 26, 1895.


Jonathan Myron Foster, b. Bradford, Mass., Sept. 18, 1847; soon after moved to Georgetown, Mass., on farm, when six years of age; 1853 attended school in West Boxford, Mass., his grandfather's district, No. 5—called Socum District at his death; 1856 sent to Georgetown school, Spofford's Hill District; went there six years; then, 1863, one term to High School in village; then learned shoemaker's trade and worked at that and farming until February, 1865; then enlisted (Georgetown quota); assigned to Company A, First Battalion Heavy Artillery Massachusetts Volunteers; stationed at Fort Warren, Boston Harbor, Massachusetts; discharged Oct. 20, 1865—expiration of war; following winter (1866) attended Comeil Commercial College, Boston; then spring at home; summer in store in Boston; then fall shoemaking in Lynn; then winter (1867) in grocery store in Lynn; then one year with Davis & Fruber machine shop, North Andover Depot, Mass.; then (1868) with Atlantic Cotton Mills, Lawrence, Mass., five years (1868 to 1873), as hobbin boy, loom fixer and second hand; then six years (1873 to 1879) with Pacific Mills, Lawrence, as loom fixer; then six and a half years (1870 to 1885) with Peabody Mills, Newburyport, Mass., as overseer of weaving; then about two years (1885 to 1887) with Jos. Bancroft & Sons, of Rockford, near Wilmington, Del., as manager of their cotton mill; then four years (1887 to 1891) again with the Pacific Mills, Lawrence, Mass., as overseer of weaving; then with the Boston Manufacturing Company, of Waltham, Mass., six years and two months, from June, 1891 to September, 1897, as overseer of all their weaving. Now, from last fall overseer of cloth room of Hamilton Manufacturing Company, Lowell, Mass. May 9th expect to go to New Orleans, La., as overseer of weaving for the Magniss Cotton Mills of that city. While in Newburyport owned yacht and belonged to American Yacht Club of that city, also member of Grand Army of the Republic, and a member of Isaac Parker Lodge of Free Masons, in Waltham, Mass. Res., Lowell, Mass., 201 Middlesex St.

3348. i. GUY WILLIAM, b. May 9, 1872; d. Sept. 9, 1897.

2414. JOHN HARROD FOSTER (William H., Phinehas, Jonathan, Jonathan, Jonathan, William, Reginald), b. April 27, 1847, Dorchester, Mass., m., Dec. 12, 1872, Mary Gardner Churchill, b. April 4, 1847. He is the manager for the State of
46 Bank of Baltimore Building.

3349. i. JOHN HARROD, JR., b. Sept. 20, 1875.
3350. ii. REGINALD, b. July 15, 1881.
3351. iii. HELEN MASON, b. Jan. 11, 1880; d. May 2, 1884.

2437. CHARLES FOSTER (William H., Phinehas, Jonathan, Jonathan, Jonathan
William, Reginald), b. March 6, 1850, Dorchester, Mass.; m., in Taunton,

3352. i. ELIZABETH ANDROS, b. in Taunton, Mass., Sept. 20, 1855.
3353. ii. RICHARD ANDROS, b. in Taunton, Mass., Nov. 13, 1857.
3354. iii. GOODWIN LEBARON, b. in Calcutta, E. I., June 4, 1891.
3355. iv. SYBIL, b. in Calcutta, E. I., Nov. 30, 1892.

2439. JOSEPH LOCKE FOSTER (William H., Phinehas, Jonathan, Jonathan,
Jonathan, William, Reginald), b. Dorchester, Mass., Nov. 14, 1853; m. at
Hingham, Oct. 8, 1878, Elizabeth Luther Harlow, of H., b. Oct. 26, 1855. Cashier

3356. i. MARGARET HARLOW, b. Aug. 9, 1881.

2452. THOMAS JEFFERSON FOSTER (Nathan, Asa, Abner, Zebediah, Jonathan,
8, 1855, Nan C. Bennett, b. Aug. 28, 1829. He is a farmer. Res., Bethel, Me.

3357. i. ANDREW J., b. July 14, 1858; d. —.
3358. ii. HATTIE L., b. Dec. 12, 1861.

2453. REUBEN BALL FOSTER (Nathan, Asa, Abner, Zebediah, Jonathan,
Jonathan, William, Reginald), b. Bethel, Me., July 25, 1826; m., in 1850, Salome G. Eames,
b. Oct. 13, 1830. She resides 768 Main St., Waltham, Mass. Wholesale merchant.

3359. i. FRANCELLA AMANDA, b. May 7, 1851; d. August, 1855.
3361. iii. GRACE MAY, b. Sept. 1, 1865; m., Feb. 11, 1885, Frank Bigelow
Reynolds. Res., 76 Adelaide Ave., Providence, R. I.
3362. iv. CAROLYN SALOME, b. July 17, 1867; m., Jan. 14, 1892, Joseph

2454. HON. REUBEN B. FOSTER (Reuben B., Asa, Abner, Zebediah, Jonathan,
Jonathan, William, Reginald), b. Feb. 8, 1833; m., —, Dorcas Howe, of Hanover.
Res., Waterville, Me.

3466. ORRIN FOSTER (Enoch, Asa, Abner, Zebediah, Jonathan, William,
Reginald), b. Bethel, Me., May 27, 1827; m., Sept. 16, 1849, Mary O. Styles, b. May
21, 1825—

Bears have sometimes been very troublesome to the farmers of Bethel, by killing
their sheep, robbing the bee-hives and raiding the corn-fields, but rarely has
human life been endangered by them. A young man in the adjoining town of
Newry had a thrilling adventure, an account of which is well worth preserving.
It was in the year 1846, on the 16th day of September, that Orrin, son of Enoch
Foster, a boy of about sixteen years of age, was sent by his father to look up some
stock which had strayed away from the mountain pasture into the woods. His
route took him up the side of Puzzle Mountain, through pasture and forest, and
when about two miles from home, he came across a path, which led to a brook.
Thinking he had found the trail of the lost cattle, he pressed on, and soon heard the
sound of some animal in the bushes near by, and going toward the point from which
the sound seemed to proceed, he was surprised and alarmed at the appearance of a
huge bear, which, with eyes flashing fire and gnashing teeth, sprang toward him
from a thicket not three rods away. Foster tried to encourage a small dog, which
accompanied him, to attack the monster, but he cowardly shrank away and hid
himself in the bushes. Foster then turned and went about two rods to a sapping
beech, which was the only tree in the vicinity, and which was about seven inches
in diameter at the ground. The body of the tree was smooth, and the lower limbs
were about eight feet from the ground. The bear, with jaws distended, and eyes
glowing like fire, was close upon him, and his only chance was in being able to
climb the tree. He sprang with all his strength, and tried to grasp the lower limbs,
but failed, but he seized the trunk of the tree with both his hands and drew his fee
up. The bear, comprehending his intentions, sprang after him, but happily falling a little short of his aim, he struck at the root of the tree. Foster succeeded in reaching the limbs, and as the bear recovered, he again sprang and raked Foster's foot as he was drawing himself into the branches. He came very near drawing Foster down, but with all his strength he broke away and ascended the tree, with the bear in close pursuit. He went up nearly thirty feet from the ground, where the tree was so small that he could easily clasp it in his hands, and the bear, foaming with rage and disappointment, was about four feet below him. The tree began to bend under the great weight, and Foster tried to balance it, but the bear kept slowly advancing. In this moment of extreme peril it occurred to Foster to try and shake his pursuer from the tree. Securing his hold with a vice-like clutch, and with all his strength, quickened and increased by the fear of a horrible death, he shook the tree, and the bear being unable to sustain his weight on the under side, fell to the ground. His fall of twenty-five feet momentarily stunned him, but he soon sprang up and made several unsuccessful efforts to re-climb the tree, but each time fell back. While bruin was trying to climb up a second time. Foster was not idle. Taking out his jack-knife, he descended the tree a short distance, and cut off a large limb, about five feet long, which he whistled to a point at one end, intending to make an attempt at the bear's eyes, should he succeed in re-climbing the tree. Being foiled in his attempts at climbing, he watched Foster's motions for a few moments, and then went for the dog. But the dog was not pleased with bruin's attentions and kept himself at a safe distance from his bearship, and finally left for home. The bear then returned to the foot of the tree and vented his anger in dismal howls and in gnashing his teeth. He would then follow the cattle path for twenty rods or more, and then return to the tree, thinking, probably, that Foster had availed himself of his absence and had descended from the tree. He tried this ruse again and again, but at last he became discouraged at the prospect of an evening meal in this direction, and about sunset, with a howl that seemed to shake the mountain and reverberate through its dark ravines and caverns, he slowly retired. When Foster rushed against the beech, he bruised his stomach, and after the immediate danger from the bear had passed, his chest began to pain him severely, and he found it was badly swollen. He was without coat, and exposed on the north side of a mountain to the chilly blasts of an autumn night. He also began to suffer from hunger and thirst, having neither ate nor drank since morning. His hands and feet were badly swollen by holding on to the tree, and the blood rushed to his head and throat, so as to almost produce delirium. He had called for assistance until his voice had failed him, and after the bear left him he did not dare to leave the tree, fearing the monster might still be lurking near to pounce upon him. This occurred on Sunday, and his parents had attended religious services at some distance from home and had stopped with a friend to take tea. Returning at night, they found the dog had returned without his master, and from his uneasiness they felt certain that Orrin had met with some accident and was detained on the mountains.

The news quickly spread through the neighborhood, and some twenty persons assembled with lanterns and tin trumpets, and with lighted torches. Dividing into small squads, they ascended the mountain, blowing their trumpets and building bonfires to much of which young Foster, from his elevated perch in the tree-top, was a silent spectator. But he was so debilitated that he could neither go down from the tree nor make himself heard. It was eleven o'clock when three persons approached the tree, and among them he recognized the voice of his father. The hour of deliverance had come, and he was soon in the midst of his friends. After having his limbs chafed for awhile, he was able, with the assistance which he received, to descend the mountain and reach his home, but it was more than a year before he was able to perform much labor. To him his deliverance was like a renewal of life. While the hungry bear was exerting all his strength to reach him, he expected to be torn in pieces, and when the monster left him, death still seemed to hover near him in the fearful forms of cold, hunger and exhaustion. While in the tree, when hope had nearly abandoned him, Foster started the blood from his arm with the point of his knife, and with a pointed stick as a pen, and the blood as writing fluid, he inscribed upon his pocket handkerchief the words, "Killed by a bear," and then tied the handkerchief to the tree, that should he never return, his friends might learn of his terrible fate. Res., Bethel, Me.

3363. i. LUELLA LARON, b. July 8, 1850; m., Dec. 24, 1865, Edward F. Philbrook. She d. in Chicago, May 17, 1876.
3368. vi. CLIFFTON O., b. Nov. 26, 1864; m., Dec. 25, 1889.


Hon. Enoch Foster, son of Enoch and Persis (Swan) Foster, was born in Newry, Me., May 10, 1839. He spent his boyhood days upon his father's farm; attended the town schools, subsequently attended Gould's Academy, and at the Maine State Seminary. He pursued a partial course at Bowdoin College; studied law in the office of Hon. Reuben Foster, at Waterville; graduated from the Law School at Albany, N. Y., and having been admitted to the Oxford bar, he commenced practice at Bethel, in 1865. After the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion he enlisted and was mustered into the United States service as Second Lieutenant of Company H, Thirteenth Maine Regiment, Dec. 13, 1861. He was subsequently promoted to First Lieutenant; served as Provost Marshal under General Banks, and resigned that position to take part in the Red River campaign. He was discharged from the service March 11, 1865, his term of enlistment having expired.

In the practice of law Mr. Foster was successful from the start, and soon held an enviable position at the Oxford County bar. A close student, a fluent and eloquent advocate, and added to this, a love of his profession, could not fail of bringing him prominently before the public in a short time. He was elected attorney for the State for the county of Oxford, and served two full terms of three years each, ending Jan. 1, 1874. The same year he was elected member of the State Senate, and re-elected the following year. March 24, 1884, he was appointed by Governor Robie an Associate Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of the State of Maine, and reappointed by Governor Burleigh in 1891. As a member of the highest judicial tribunal of the State, he has taken high rank, and his decisions in law nisi prius have rarely been overruled by the full court. His opinions from that court are clearly and succinctly drawn, are good examples of condensed, yet comprehensive composition. Res., Bethel, Me.

3370. i. JOHN DORR, b. Aug. 15, 1866; d. April 2, 1872.
3371. ii. ROBERT CHAPMAN, b. April 19, 1880.

2471. DAVID TRICKEY FOSTER (Eli, Asa, Abner, Zebediah, Jonathan, William, Reginald), b. Bethel, Me., Sept. 5, 1831; m., April 2, 1852, Harriet B. Crockett, dau. of Daniel H. and Rebecca (Bacon). He lives on the homestead of his father. Is a good farmer, an honest and upright man and highly esteemed by the people of his town. The fine mansion erected by his father was destroyed by fire in July, 1891, with nearly all its contents. Res., Bethel, Me.

3372. i. STEPHEN H., b. Dec. 27, 1858; m., Sept. 21, 1890, Ella J. Bartlett. Res., B.
3373. ii. M. ETTA, b. Jan. 11, 1861; d. same month.
3374. iii. SUSIE HELEN, b. Nov. 24, 1864; m. ———, Azel B. Bryant.
3375. iv. DANIEL C., b. July 24, 1867.
3376. v. DAVID FOSTER, b. Dec. 28, 1872.
3377. vi. HATTIE MAY, b. May 9, 1877.


3378. i. EVA F., b. Nov. 18, 1883.
3379. ii. EARL LAFAYETTE, b. March 18, 1887.

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3380. i. WILLIAM PHILLIPS, b. Oct. 1, 1897.


3381. i. NEWELL H., b. Sept. 22, 1868.


3383. iii. GRACIE L., b. Dec. 4, 1877; d. Feb. 15, 1878.

3384. iv. HARRIE Y., b. Dec. 4, 1877.


3388. i. WILLIAM FRANCIS, b. — —. Res., M.


3389. i. GEORGE SANFORD, b. April 20, 1882.


3391. i. ELECTA LITTLE, b. May 20, 1896. *


2505. HERMAN FOSTER (George, John, Obadiah, John, William, William, Reginald), b. Aug. 3, 1863; m., Feb. 9, 1888, Nancy Emma Barr, b. Dec. 21, 1862; d. Dec. 21, 1892; m., 2d, Aug. 3, 1898, Mary Almeda Woolsey, b. July 31, 1871.

Herman Foster, fifth son and seventh child of Salome F. Little and George Foster, was born in Weare, N. H. Five years later his father moved to Bedford, three miles from the city of Manchester. Here in a little red school-house the younger children received their early education. Later on he entered the Manchester schools, pursuing a classical course with the intention of entering college. These hopes, however, were not to be realized, for by the death of his father, in 1881, the care of the homestead was thrown upon the three younger children. In connection with this Mr. Foster carried on an extensive milk business and a small wood and lumber business. He married Nancy Emma Barr, second daughter and fourth child of Lucy Whitford and David Barr, of Bedford. He, with his brother Charles and sister Mary, remained on the homestead, caring for their mother, whose health was in a gradual decline. On the 14th of December following, a son,
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George Reginald, was born. Mrs. Foster unfortunately inherited a predisposition to consumption, and her health began to fail rapidly. In August, 1892, Mr. Foster sold out his business and hurriedly left for Denver, Col., with his wife and children. The change in climate seemed at first beneficial, but she soon again began to fail rapidly, her death occurring on her thirtieth birthday anniversary.

Returning to Bedford her death was followed by the death of Lucy Salome. Undismayed by these disappointments and trials, he struck out against the advice of friends for a wider field. He entered Emerson College of Oratory, Boston, Mass., from which he was graduated with honor in 1896. In the following October he entered the Law School of Boston University, where he is continuing his study of law in connection with a real estate business recently opened.

On Aug. 3, 1898, he was married to Miss Mary A. Woolsey, eldest daughter of Minerva Wilson and John D. Woolsey, of Livingston Manor, N. Y., and related to the late President Theodore Dwight Woolsey, of Yale College. Miss Woolsey was a classmate of Mr. Foster at Emerson College and a teacher of ability and experience.

Possessed of some means, Mr. Foster shows some excellent business qualities. Slow to reach conclusions, his judgment when formed is sound and accurate. He is broad and liberal in his views, active and aggressive in his policy. His impartial and unbiased actions show an appreciation of what is right and noble, while his sense of honor and justice deprecates and despises that which is debasing and wrong. He has a wide circle of friends, both in the commercial and social world, who wish him the success which he assuredly merits. Mr. and Mrs. Foster's residence is in an attractive and pleasant part of Boston, which will be their future home. Res., Everett, Mass., and 140 St. Botolph St., Boston.

3393. i. GEORGE REGINALD, b. Dec. 14, 1888.

3394. ii. LUCY SALOME, b. Sept. 21, 1890; d. April 26, 1893.

HENRY JACKSON FOSTER (James F., Gideon, Obadiah, John, William, Reginald), b. Feb. 29, 1836, Boston, Mass.; m., Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 13, 1866, Susan Augusta Plummer. She is now in Elko, Nev.

Henry Jackson Foster, son of James Frederick and Caroline Dorthwait Foster, was born in Boston, Mass. In his early manhood he removed to New York and was in the employ of the Metropolitan Bank till the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion; when a member of the Seventh Regiment New York State National Guards, he left for Washington, D. C., with that command; in April, 1861, having served that term of enlistment as Adjutant of the One Hundred and Thirty-third New York State Volunteers; he served for three years, mostly in the Department of the Gulf. During this period he was for nine months Provost Marshal of the Province of La Fouche, La. I think he was also on the staff of General Banks, and again of General Bowen.

Mrs. Foster's first paternal ancestor in this country was William White, born in Norfolk county, England, 1610; landed at Ipswich, Mass., 1635. It will be interesting to know that he married, second, Sept. 21, 1682, Sarah Foster, the widow and second wife of Reginald Foster, who settled in Ipswich, Mass., about 1638. [See Gen. William White.] Her first paternal ancestor was Francis Plummer, who was one of the first settlers of Newbury, Mass., about 1633. He was one of the first settlers and was one of the grantees of the Indian deed of Haverhill, dated Nov. 15, 1642, which instrument was, it is said, both written and witnessed by him."


GEORGE SAMSON BROWN, b. April 30, 1895, George Samson Brown, son of Rev. Thomas Edwin Brown, D. D. Ch.: i. Philip Foster, b. Dec. 7, 1896, George Samson Brown, son of the late Rev. Thomas Edwin Brown, D. D., a Baptist clergyman, and Elizabeth Campbell Samson, was born November 26, 1865, in Brooklyn, N. Y.; i. graduated at Brown university, class of 1888; studied law at Columbia law school and was admitted to the New York State bar May 15, 1890. In the same year he went to the State of Washington, where he practiced his profession at Everett and Tacoma. In the spring of 1897 he accepted the legal charge of some mining companies, operating in the vicinity of Elko, Nev., where he now resides.


iii. FRANCIS LEON, b. Aug. 11, 1887.


PAULINE, b. May 1, 1892.

3407. i. PERCIVAL HOAR, b. Jan. 24, 1889.


3409. ii. LUCY, b. April 30, 1876.

2532. DR. EDWARD HORATIO FOSTER (David M., Asa, Asa, Asa, William, William, Reginald), b. Canterbury, N. H., Oct. 13, 1839; m., July 12, 1872, Ella M. Merrill, d. 1876; m. 2d, Oct., 1879, Blanche Smith. He was graduated at medical college and was a practicing physician. He d. in 1897. Res., Concord, N. H.

3410. i. EDWARD LORD, b. May 21, 1872.

3411. ii. REGINALD SMITH, b. —, 1880.

3412. iii. CLARA, b. —.


3413. i. HENRY EMERSON, b. Aug. 18, 1881.

3414. ii. RUTH MAUDE, b. July 26, 1896.

2536. LEROY ALLISON FOSTER (Newell A., Asa, Asa, Asa, William, William, Reginald), b. Portland, Maine, March 13, 1843; m., Worcester, Massachusetts, August 25, 1874, Emma Eastman, b. March 15, 1850. He began his college life at Wesleyan College, Middletown, Conn. Later he was at Ann Arbor, Mich., whence he was recalled by his father's death. In 1870 he entered Cornell university in its first class and graduated there in 1872. He then became business manager of the Portland Press, having inherited one-third interest in that paper. He remained in this position till about a year before his death; he then sold out, and his health being poor, went to Colorado, thinking to go into cattle raising, and died there. He d. Denver, Col., March 29, 1882. Res., Portland, Me., and 65 Mason street, Worcester, Mass.


3416. ii. CORNELIA CHASE, b. May 5, 1879.


3417. i. KATE WORTHINGTON, b. Oct. 18, 1869.

3418. ii. LEWIS WORTHINGTON, b. Feb. 22, 1873.

3419. iii. JULIA AMELIA, b. Feb. 22, 1873.

3420. iv. ALFRED FULLER, b. April 7, 1876.

3421. v. HELEN ELIZABETH, b. July 15, 1880.

3422. vi. MARY ROGERS, b. Feb. 1, 1887.

3423. vii. EDITH ROSALIE, b. June 11, 1893.

3424. viii. MABEL FLORA, b. Feb. 27, 1878; d. Nov. 2, 1880.


2560. CAPT. ALFRED H. FOSTER (Joseph, Abiel, Abiel, Asa, William, William, Reginald), b. Union county, S. C., Dec. 7, 1835; m., in Union, Aug. 31, 1876, Hettie V. Brandon, b. March 4, 1850. Alfred H. Foster was born in Union county, S. C.; received his education in Spartanburg Male Academy; went into the store of Foster & Judd when quite a boy; remained there until the beginning of
the civil war; volunteered in the Fifth South Carolina regt. April 13, 1861, transferred to Confederate service in June, 1861, when he was elected captain of his company. He served through the war as captain, the first year in the Fifth South Carolina regt. and the last three years as captain of Co. D, Palmetto sharpshooters, was in the first battle of Bull Run and in all the other important battles of the Army of Northern Virginia, excepting Chancellorsville and Gettysburg; went with Longstreet's command to Tennessee, returning to Virginia in time for the Wilderness campaign. He was in command of his regiment during the retreat from Petersburg to Appomattox. After the war he returned to South Carolina; remained in Spartanburg until the latter part of 1867; went to New York City, remained there in business one year when he came to Union, S. C., which has since been his home. He has been engaged for thirty years, lacking a few months, in the mercantile business, being the head of the firm of Foster & Wilkins, Foster, Wilkins & Co., and A. H. Foster & Co. He married Hettie V. Brandon. They have three daughters. Res., Union, S. C.

Capt. ALFRED B. FOSTER.


2568. DR. JEREMIAH CLOUGH FOSTER (Jonathan B., Jeremiah, Daniel, Asa, William, William, Reginald), b. Canterbury, N. H., Oct. 19, 1830; m., Dec. 25, 1864, Nellie M. Bennett, of Newport, N. H.; d. Dec. 26, 1873; m. 2d, Shrewsbury, Mass., Feb. 26, 1875, Henrietta Brown, b. Worcester, Mass., Aug. 16, 1851. Dr. Jeremiah C. Foster was born in Canterbury, N. H. He graduated from Bowdoin College, Me., as a physician in the year 1866. At the breaking out of the Civil war, in 1861, being two years in college, he enlisted in the Second United States Berdan's sharpshooters and served nearly four years. He was severely wounded in the second battle of Bull Run, being shot through the thigh, which wound always troubled him more or less during his life. He also contracted chronic diarrhea, which was, after many years of suffering, primarily the cause of his death, ending in consumption of the bowels. After he came home from the war, he returned to college and finished his course and graduated. In referring to his death, the Barre, Mass., paper says: "Dr. J. C. Foster, of Barre, died, aged forty years, and was buried at Shrewsbury, Mass. He was a resident of Shrewsbury several years and then removed to Barre. He was skillful and successful in his profession. During the Rebellion he was an assistant-surgeon in the army. His funeral was held in the M. E. Church, September 26. Six of the G. A. R. post acted as pallbearers, and all of the members were present and acted as escort. A large concourse of people was in attendance. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful. His death
brought sorrow to many homes, where he was loved, both as a physician and a friend. Rarely have we met with a man of so good impulses or of such an unselfish disposition. While in the army, he contracted a disease, from which he has been an almost constant sufferer. By faithfulness and perseverance he had acquired an excellent practice. Every one who knew him well loved him. We have lost a good citizen, a faithful physician and a true friend." He died Barre, Mass., September 24, 1881. Res., Brunswick, Me., and Shrewsbury, Mass.


JOSEPH A. FOSTER (Joseph, David, David, Asa, William, William, Reginald), b. Buda, Ill., Feb. 10, 1847; m., July 18, 1870, Cora E. Whiting, b. July 16, 1854. Born near Buda, Bureau County, Ill. He received a common school education; raised on a farm; enlisted at age of 17 in United States volunteer service, and not accepted; went with parents to Marquette, Mich., in fall of 1864; clerked there in drug store until 1869, then went in drug business at Princeton, Ill. Married Cora E. Whiting, of Marquette, Mich.; moved to Marquette, Kan., in 1873, where he has since resided; have four sons and four daughters living; has been engaged in mercantile and drug business; was postmaster for twelve years. Res., Marquette, Kan.


3438. \textit{ii.} MAUD E., b. Feb. 28, 1876.


3442. \textit{vi.} EDDY M., b. May 25, 1887.


3444. \textit{viii.} RUTH, b. July 1, 1893.


3445. \textit{i.} GEORGE LANCASTER, b. May 16, 1876.

3446. \textit{ii.} EDWARD HORATIO, b. Nov. 10, 1877.


3451. \textit{vii.} FRANK, b. Sept. 6, 1891.

3452. \textit{viii.} HENRY, b. Sept. 28, 1884; d. June 18, 1885.

3453. \textit{ix.} JACOB, b. Aug. 10, 1890; d. Aug. 17, 1890.


3454. \textit{i.} ILDAGERTE MAY, b. February 4, 1876.

3455. \textit{ii.} HENRY JAMES, b. Feb. 3, 1878.


3459. \textit{vi.} FLORENCE ETIHEL, b. Dec. 28, 1890.

DAVID SKAATS FOSTER (Thomas, David, David, David, Timothy, William, Reginald), b. Utica, N. Y., Jan. 23, 1852; m., March 26, 1874, Mary C. Williams, dau. of William A., of Little Falls, N. Y. She d. Aug. 10, 1895. David
Skaats Foster is a coal and iron merchant of Utica, N. Y. He was educated in Germany and speaks five languages; is the author of several books in prose and poetry, to-wit: "Rebecca the Witch," published by Putnam in 1855; "Elinor Fenton," published by Lippincott in 1852; "Spanish Castles by the Rhine," published by Holt & Co. in 1877; "Prince Timothy," published by J. Brisben Walker, of the Cosmopolitan. 1808. It is a curious fact that Thomas Foster, his three sons, Abbott, David and Thomas, and grandsons, David and Reginald, are the only living descendants of the David Foster who was born in Boxford, Mass., in 1704; and as Amos the brother of this David, died childless, and as the descendants of Jeremiah, his other brother, died out in two or three generations, it is safe to presume that these six Fosters are the only descendants of Timothy Foster, the son of William, the son of Reginald. Residence, Utica, N. Y.


EDWARD C. FOSTER.
Foster Genealogy.


3480. i. MARTHA, b. ---; m., ---, Daniel Frank. Res., Meriden street, East Boston.


3482. iii. ALVENIA, b. ---; m. --- Hat. Res., East Boston, Mass.

2614. EDWARD CLARK FOSTER (Benjamin, Benjamin, Isaac, Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Granville, Nova Scotia, May 27, 1817; m. there Oct. 12, 1847, Harriet Lovica Tupper (John, Miner, Elias, Eliakim, Thomas, Capt. Thomas was from Sandwich, England, to Sandwich, Mass., 1653), b. March 8, 1826.

Edward Clark Foster, son of Benjamin and Mary (Randal) Foster, was born near Bridgeton, Nova Scotia, May 27, 1817. He was educated there and by private teachers; taught school from 1837 to 1846. In 1846 he and his father moved to Berwick, Nova Scotia, where they purchased a large farm. Married, October 12, 1847, Harriet L. Tupper in Tupperville. He was a large country merchant and did a successful business, retiring in 1874. Living in the heart of the apple-producing belt of Nova Scotia, he was a large operator in apples, shipping to the United States and Europe. He was appointed postmaster in 1877, retiring in 1897. Mr. and Mrs. Foster, who are still living, celebrated their golden wedding October 12, 1897, which was attended by three of their sons with their wives and several of their grandchildren. Mr. Foster has always been an ardent member of the Methodist church and has been a delegate quite frequently in the conferences of the District Province and Dominion. He has been a life-long conservative, but was only once a candidate for office, which was at the first election after the confederation, when he was induced to become a candidate for Parliament from Kings county, but was unsuccessful. He was the first in his line of the family to enter into commercial pursuits, as all of his ancestors, from Reginald to his father, were tillers of the soil. Mr. and Mrs. Foster are living comfortably in their home in Berwick, enjoying a ripe old age.

Another correspondent sends me the following: First a farmer and crown land surveyor; second, a merchant; in 1866 was chosen to contest the county in the first general election after the confederation of the British provinces in North America in behalf of the government, as the measure of confederation was unpopular, especially among the common people and lower classes, he was beaten by a majority of seventeen—only two government men taking their seats in Nova Scotia. In 1877 was appointed postmaster for the town of Berwick, held the office for twenty years and retired September 30, 1897, at the age of eighty years. Residence, Berwick, Nova Scotia.

3483. i. JOHN RUPERT, b. July 30, 1848; m. Isabel McDonald, Victoria A. Dunlap and Minnie L. Ross.

3484. ii. MINER TUPPER, b. July 6, 1850; m. Sarah Rudolph.

3485. iii. MARY ELIZABETH, b. May 18, 1852; m., Halifax, Nova Scotia, Oct. 2, 1876, Lorenzo F. Darling, b. June 29, 1836. He was a wholesale jeweler in Halifax, Nova Scotia, now retired from business. Res., s. p., Riverside, Cal. Mrs. Darling writes: "My Grandmother Foster was Mary Randall, the grand-daughter of Mary Foster, of Boston, who was the wife of Col. Christopher Prince. They went to Annapolis, Nova Scotia, in 1770, and they took with them two slaves and splendid silver plate. Foster's wharf, in Boston, was a point associated with her family. Our immediate family have few, if any, relics. My brother Miner and myself destroyed a portrait of Col. Christopher Prince when we were children and yet I remember it distinctly. It was on a heavy piece of white paper, about six inches by nine inches, yellowed with age. The figure sat on a chair smoking a long-stemmed pipe. He was dressed in a frock coat with full skirts.
and lappets, knee breeches and low shoes with buckles. He had blue eyes and rosy cheeks. How many times I have regretted this destruction! I have heard my grandfather speak of the metal-seal commissions of the king, in the use they afforded him and his brothers as sinkers in their river trouting. I have, however, two pieces of worsted work, executed by Mary Foster (Mrs. Christopher Prince), my great-great-grandmother, of Boston."

2627. THOMAS H. FOSTER (Samuel, Benjamin, Isaac, Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. July 20, 1837; m., May 12, 1861, Elizabeth Ann Foster, dau. of Benjamin and Eliza (Chute). Res., Nova Scotia.

2635. JAMES P. FOSTER (Isaac, Benjamin, Isaac, Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. July 7, 1815; m., in 1853, Mary T. Graves, dau. of Phinehas. He was a ship owner, a merchant and postmaster. Res., Port Lorne, Nova Scotia.


2670. CHARLES FOSTER (Frederick, John, Ezekiel, Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Aylesford, Nova Scotia, July 26, 1818; m., at Kingston, Feb. 26, 1815, Mary Jane Woodbury, b. March 14, 1823; d. April 25, 1896; he was a farmer; he d. Nov. 5, 1896. Res., Tremont, Nova Scotia.
Queen's counsel by the Nova Scotia government. In September, 1803, Mr. Foster was appointed first lieutenant in the Sixth regiment, Halifax county militia, and on June 19, 1805, was promoted to the captaincy of the Fifth company of the same corps. He attended the military school of instruction at Halifax and passed an examination, taking a second-class certificate for candidates for commissions in the active militia November 12, 1806. In August, 1803, he was appointed major in the reserve militia of the Nova Scotia regimental division of the county of Halifax from No. 7 company division. From May, 1879, to May, 1882, he held the office of recorder and stipendiary magistrate of Dartmouth, and on May 20, 1879, was appointed justice of the peace for the county of Halifax. On the 6th of July, 1884, he was made a commissioner for arranging and indexing the Fifth series of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, and in August, 1886, was appointed registrar of the Court of Probate for the county of Halifax. From June, 1877, to March, 1886, Mr. Foster held the position of vice consul for the Netherlands at Halifax. During the years 1880 and 1881 he negotiated with several railway syndicates for the purpose of carrying out the scheme for amalgamation and completion of the Nova Scotia railways, proposed by the local government of the time; and in 1881 he was authorized by Cyrus W. Field and associates, who were large owners of the Pictou coal mines, to negotiate proposals for that purpose with the local government and the late Sir Hugh Allan, then owner of the Eastern Extension railway in Nova Scotia, one of the railways in question. The government, however, was pledged to what is known as the Plunkett syndicate, which finally fell through, and the government was defeated in the
general elections of the following year, 1882. The policy of the succeeding government being adverse to the scheme for railway amalgamation, and railway interests becoming, in the meantime, much depressed, Mr. Field and his friends did not care to renew the proposals. Mr. Foster was brought up in and has always been a member of the Church of England. He has represented the parish of Dartmouth as a lay delegate in the synod of the diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward's Island, since April 13, 1874; and on the 23rd of April, 1879, was made one of the executive committee of the synod. During the years 1877, 1883 and 1886, he represented the same diocese as one of its delegates in the provincial synod of Canada. Mr. Foster is a Liberal in politics, and, at the general election in 1882 was a candidate for the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia, but failed to secure his election, having been defeated by a trifling majority. Residence, Halifax, Nova Scotia, and 16 East Eighty-seventh street, New York City.


2608. EZEKIEL PORTER EASTMAN FOSTER (Solomon K., Jeremiah, Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Weld, Me., April 25, 1839; m. there May 29, 1860, Rebecca Soule Bucker, b. July 16, 1834. Ezekiel Foster Eastman is the youngest son of Solomon K. Foster. His occupation is farming. He was married to Rebecca S. Bucker, who was born at Avon, Me., July 16, 1834. They have two children. Res., Weld, Me.

2699. HIRAM WESTERN FOSTER (Solomon K., Jeremiah, Jeremiah, Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Weld, Me., Nov. 18, 1830; m., Feb., 1854, Adaline Augusta Colby, b. June 14, 1836. She d., Weld, Me., Oct. 22, 1894. He is a carpenter by trade and has been engaged in the manufacture of box and spade handles at different periods of his life. He is a Free Mason and belongs to the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity; is an A. M.

2701. DANIEL BILLINGTON FOSTER (Solomon K., Jeremiah, Jeremiah, Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Weld, Me., Sept. 14, 1833; m., ---, Mrs. Wealthy Everett. Daniel Billington Foster was the third child of Solomon K. Foster. Like his father, he engaged in teaching, but while yet a young man he emigrated to Kansas, where he took part in the fierce struggle then going on there.
between the Free Soil party and the pro-Slavery party. He was a member of Jim Lane's free soil army, and at the breaking out of the civil war enlisted in the First Kansas cavalry and served during the war, being once wounded in the arm. He married Mrs. Wealthy Everett, and at his death left one son, Walter, who is married and still lives in Kansas. He died —. Res., Carbondale, Kan.

3506. 1. WALTER, b. ——.  

3792. NATHAN NORRIS FOSTER (Solomon K., Jeremiah, Jeremiah, Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Weld, Me., Nov. 12, 1835; m. ——. Mary Philbrick, of Phillips, Me. He is a farmer and lived for some years in the town of Weld, Me., but finally moved to Kansas. He married Mary Philbrick, of Phillips, Me., and has three children; the eldest, Frank Herbert, lives at Carbondale, Kan., and is a dealer in live stock. He is a Free Mason and a Knight of Pythias. Res., Weld, Me., and Carbondale, Kan.

3507. i. FRANK, b. ——. Res., Carbondale, Kan.

3508. ii. HATTIE MAY, b. ——.

3509. iii. ——, b. ——.

3793. EPHRAIM ROLLIN FOSTER (Solomon K., Jeremiah, Jeremiah, Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Weld, Me., May 6, 1837; m. ——. Ephraim Rollin Foster was the fifth child of Solomon K. He went to sea when about eighteen years of age, serving first on a whaler, then on merchantmen and finally in the United States navy. At the breaking out of the civil war he was on the old frigate Constellation, which was off the coast of Africa watching for slavers. He was an officer on Farragut's flagship, the Hartford, when the forts Jackson and St. Philip were passed and New Orleans taken, and he commanded a gunboat at the taking of Mobile. After the war he settled in Florida and engaged in raising oranges, where he was killed by lightning. He was a Free Mason and left a wife and one daughter. He d. ——. Res., Florida.

3510. i. DAUGHTER, b. ——.


3511. i. ELIZABETH, b. ——; m. —— Dyer. Res., Brunswick, Me.

3710. HIRAM ORLANDO FOSTER (Hiram, Jeremiah, Jeremiah, Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Weld, Me., Nov. 30, 1850; m. there May 4, 1874, Mary J. Phinney, b. Nov. 15, 1857; he was a farmer. He d. Jan. 13, 1898. Res., Weld, Me.


3513. ii. LILLIAN MAY, b. Nov. 12, 1877.

3514. iii. GRACE ELIZA, b. Nov. 15, 1882.

3515. iv. WILLIAM ORLANDO, b. Feb. 9, 1884.

3516. v. ARTHUR HARRY, b. Aug. 28, 1885.

3517. vi. HAROLD H., b. May 2, 1887.

3518. vii. PHILOH DOW, b. July 14, 1894.

3711. ISAAC FOSTER (Isaac, Isaac, Isaac, John, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Murray, N. Y., Sept. 10, 1819; m. Sept. 5, 1856, Catherine Wilks Jeffreys, b. Scotland. She res. Auburn, N. Y. His wife was a native of Scotland and came to this country in 1854. For some years he resided with his grandmother. He d. in 1888. Res., Murray, N. Y.

3519. i. CHAUNCHEY, b. Nov. 25, 1855.

3520. ii. WILLIAM, b. May 24, 1857; m. ——.

3521. iii. ISAAC, b. July 2, 1859; d. June 16, 1860.

3522. iv. FRANKLIN F., b. ——, 1861; m. ——.

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3523. i. AMELIA, b. Oct. 13, 1854; m., July 2, 1876, Abel G. Smith.
3525. iii. ELIZA E., b. Dec. 21, 1858; m., Aug. 6, 1877, James Galligan. 
   Clarissa, b. April 17, 1886.
3526. iv. GEORGE B., b. March 20, 1862; m. Emma Concile.
3527. v. MARCUS, b. June 8, 1868.

2719. SAMUEL W. FOSTER (Samuel, Isaac, Isaac, John, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald) b. Belchertown, Mass., Sept. 2, 1833; m., April 24, 1867, Mary Frances Gill. He emigrated to Sheboygan county, Wis., in 1846; moved to Geauga, Ohio, and to Genesee county, N. Y., in 1849; was clerk in a dry goods store in Cleveland and later worked in Chicago. Engaged in mercantile business in Oswego, Ill., and later at Plano, Ill. In 1856 he went to Topeka, Kan., and after residing there a short time, moved to Wabasha, Minn., and later to Middletown, Ill. He was sutler of the Third Minnesota infantry until 1865. The following year he went to Neosho county, Kan., and soon moved to Atlanta, III. After his marriage he engaged in business in Wabasha, Minn., but soon moved to Kansas, and was one of the original settlers in Chanute, where he now resides. Res., Chanute, Kan.

3528. i. RICHARD EVERETT, b. Oct. 12, 1868; m. Lulu Wissett.
3530. iii. REGINALD R., b. Oct. 3, 1874. Res., Fairplay, Mo., and Chan-
   nute, Kan.

2720. COL. EVERETT WORTHINGTON FOSTER (Samuel, Isaac, Isaac, 
   of Hamilton and Eliza (Sherred), d. Nov. 8, 1878; m. 2d, Oct. 3, 
   1883, Mrs. Rhoda L. (Walker) Skinner, d. March 31, 1893. He 
   emigrated to Sheboygan, Wis., with his father, and later lived 
   in Geauga county, Ohio. Attended school at Chester Academy, Ohio, 
   in 1849 and 1850, and the following two years at Western Reserve 
   Institute at Hiram, Ohio. Moved to Kendall county, Ill., and taught 
   school. Attended Knox College at Galesburg, and moved to Wab-
   ash county, Minn.; was county surveyor and first county auditor 
   of that county. Enlisted April 26, 1861, in Company I, First Minne-
   sota, three months' service, was mustered out in June to make room 
   for 3-year men. Enlisted again as captain in Company G, in Octo-
   ber, 1861, and served through the war in that regiment, and was 
   mustered out as lieutenant-colonel in 1865, having resigned. After 
   his marriage he resided on a cotton plantation near Little Rock, Ark.; 
   was commissioned surveyor-general of Louisiana and resided in New Orleans from 1870 to 1874. Removed to Bloomington, Illinois, and remained until 1877. Returned to New Orleans in the fall of 1877 and left the next year for the north, on account of yellow fever. Resided in Chicago in 1879 and emigrated and settled in Spink county, Dakota, in 1880. Lived at Greenwood as agent for the Yankton Indians from 1890 to 1894 and at Armour, South Dakota. Both wives are buried in
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Bloomington, Ill. He is at present a resident of Chicago and is the land commissioner for the Wisconsin Central railway. He is a member of the Minnesota Historical Society, Minnesota Commandery of the Loyal Legion and the South Dakota Sons of the American Revolution. Res., 322 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Ill., and now at 2527 Second Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.


3535. iv. KIRK EVERETT, b. Nov. 8, 1873; d., Chicago, Nov., 1879.


Addison G. Foster was born January 28, 1837, at Belchertown, Mass., and is a descendant of Reginald Foster, who landed at Ipswich, Mass., in 1638. His father, Samuel Foster, was a thrifty village merchant, and his mother was a descendant from the Gardner family, who came over from England shortly after the landing of the Mayflower. When thirteen years of age. Mr. Foster accompanied his parents to Sheboygan Falls, Wis., where his father, in 1850, secured land and began to clear it for a farm. That was where Mr. Foster got his first experience in logging. Afterward he and his brother started for Pike's Peak, but they turned back, and he taught school in Missouri and afterward returned home and went to Wabasha, Minn. In 1863 he married Martha Ann Wetherby, of Pennsylvania, who was then visiting Wabasha. He held the offices of county surveyor and county auditor. Afterward he was engaged in forwarding and commission business in Lake City and Red Wing, Minn. In 1877 he formed a partnership with Col. C. W. Griggs in the fuel and contracting business, which partnership has continued to this day.

In 1879 they formed the Beaver Dam Lumber Company and in 1884 incorporated the Lehigh Coal & Iron Company. He is still a leading officer in that company and vice-president of the St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber Company, organized in 1888, since which time he has made his home in Tacoma. His wife and two sons are living. Harry Gardner Foster is engaged in the lumber and shingle business in Tacoma and Addison Foster is now at Yale College.

Mr. Foster takes an active part in the management of the company affairs, and often puts on his hob-nail boots and spends days at a time in examining and sizing up logs the company wishes to buy.

For ten years Mr. Foster has been engaged in business in Tacoma, and there is no more enthusiastic advocate of or believer in the future of Washington and the Puget Sound country.

Besides his extensive lumber and milling interests, Mr. Foster is largely interested in the Wilkeson Coal & Coke Company and in Villa Park real estate.

When a resident of St. Paul, Mr. Foster was a neighbor of and ward worker with Senator C. K. Davis. It was then he received his first training in the game of politics, and he is no novice at the game. He managed the successful Congressional campaign of S. P. Snyder in the Fourth Minnesota district, was instrumental in the election of Hon. L. F. Hubbard as governor of Minnesota, brought out and elected Dar S. Hall to Congress and was the leading supporter of Senator McMillan, of Minnesota, in all his campaigns.

Mr. Foster was sustained in his contest by the ambitions of Mrs. Foster, who, although a home lover, and who is known as a domestic woman, is helpful and hopeful for the success of whatever her husband undertakes. "In training my sons for a business career," says Mr. Foster, "I try to impress upon them the necessity of a good education for a foundation. Then I tell them if they are to engage in merchandising, it is best to deal in commodities, something the people must have, like coal, wood and lumber. The cheaper you can make and sell commodities, the more the people will use them. I believe in the magnitude of a business more than in high profits on a small business,"
After Mr. Foster had been elected to the high office of United States Senator in 1899 by both branches of the Washington legislature in joint session, he was called upon and said:

"Gentlemen of the Legislature of Washington: Heartily and honestly my thanks are tendered you for the great honor you have bestowed upon me. I thank you all—from my ever-loyal and true home guard to the whole State at large.

We have had three weeks of a sharp Senatorial contest, but for my part the end has been reached without any feeling of animosity, or, indeed, anything but the very best of good-will to all.

"In fulfilling the duties of my office I shall know no county and in business no party. In political affairs it shall be my aim to upbuild the Republican party, disregarding factional strife if any has existed in the past.
"We now have a united country—North, South, East and West—all striving to outdo the other in patriotic progress. Under the leadership of our noble president our nation is forging ahead as never before. We have a bright and brilliant future, and our ambition, as a State, should be to lead the procession.

"A most commendable move in this direction, during the past fiscal year, is found in the fact that the merchant marine of Washington gained the enviable distinction of attaining a greater per cent. of increase than any other State in the Union, and yet this is but a feeble beginning compared with what we can, and actually are destined to accomplish.

"It is our duty to build up the State, open the rivers and improve harbors, establish new commercial enterprises both by land and by sea, and so conduct our affairs, including the acts of this legislature, that new people and new capital will be attracted to us. We should be fired with the spirit of progressiveness of the aggressive quality and by our industry, integrity and enterprise make Washington as illustrious among the States as is the name of the father of our country among men.

"Sound money and expansion, the building up of our merchant marine and a tariff protection for several of the chief products of this State involve great issues, which can only be upheld by sustaining the policies of the Republican party. It is plainly our duty to encourage the maintenance of party organization and to accord generous recognition to the manly and self-sacrificing efforts of our citizens who, working along recognized and approved lines of Republican party organization, best serve what, at the polls, constitute their masters—the great body of thrifty, patriotic and justice-loving people. Gentlemen, again I thank you most heartily and sincerely."

On Senator Foster's return to his home in Tacoma he was met with such a reception as could not, under any circumstances, fail to impress him with the regard in which the people of Tacoma hold him.

From the time he first arrived at the Northern Pacific depot until he alighted from his carriage at the residence of Col. Griggs, at the corner of North Fourth street and Tacoma avenue, his progress along the streets was one continued ovation.

The Northern Pacific train bearing Senator-Elect Foster back to his home in Tacoma arrived at the station on time. For an hour previous to the arrival of the train, admirers of Mr. Foster gathered at the depot in anticipation of his arrival. By 4:20 o'clock several thousand people were congregated in the vicinity. Some swarmed the platform, others the waiting rooms and the remainder on the street outside. Flags, roosters of the golden hued variety, and bunting were very much in evidence. Finally, the train pulled in, and he was given a most enthusiastic ovation, which was followed by an address.

Just after Mr. Foster was elected United States Senator, from Washington to Washington, his partner, Colonel Griggs, said:

"The good people of Tacoma and of the State are to be congratulated upon the selection of such an able man to represent them in the Senate of the United States. Undoubtedly, he will have as much influence in that body as any other man who could be sent from the Northwest.

"Mr. Foster has been a firm believer in the great future of this State. He has reiterated again and again his belief that the State of Washington has no superior in the Union, and with its coal and timber and other resources, it is truly the Pennsylvania of the West.

"He is not only an able and efficient man, but trustworthy in every respect, and can always be relied upon to stand by the interests of the people, not only of his own locality, but of every other portion of the State.

"He is a man exceedingly broad in his views, and can be strictly depended upon to do what is right, not only to his friends, but to those who may have been opposed to him politically, and entirely independent of any political bias.

"He is a man in the prime of life, in good, robust health, and with ample physical power to stand the demand made upon a Senator in the great capital of our nation.

"Our personal relations have always been very intimate; no brothers could be more so. We have never had a word, and therefore I can speak with the fullest confidence of his ability and integrity. I feel there is no question about the good results he will be able to secure for the State of Washington. We have been partners for over twenty-five years. We were engaged together in the warehouse and wholesale provision business at Duluth. About two years after that the firm of Griggs & Foster embarked in the fuel and contracting business. We operated
extensively in lands, purchasing 110,000 acres of wheat lands in Dakota in 1880 of the Northern Pacific. The counties of Griggs and Foster were organized there. We have also been in the lumber business at Cumberland, Wis., for about fifteen years under the title of the Beaver Dam Lumber Company.

"We came to the State of Washington for the purpose of looking over the situation about twelve years ago with our families. After visiting Seattle, Tacoma and other sections of the State we made up our minds this was the State we desired to make our future home. We purchased a large tract of land in connection with Mr. Hewitt, Mr. Jones and others, which was finally accepted in May, 1888. Then we formed the St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber Company. I was elected president and Mr. Foster vice-president, which positions have been steadily held having been re-elected at the recent meeting of the company on the 25th of January."

Congratulations were pouring in upon Col. Griggs after the result of the caucus was announced last night.

Col. Everett W. Foster, a brother of Addison G. Foster, served in the war for the Union in the Third Minnesota volunteer infantry, of which Colonel Griggs had command. "He was the same stripe of man as the Senatorial nominee," said Colonel Griggs, a cordial, able man, making friends not only with the military, but with civilians and everyone with whom he came in contact. He is now residing in the city of St. Paul. Two of Colonel Foster's sons are with us in Tacoma—Arthur Beal Foster and Everett Walker Foster—and they are our most trusted employees.

The Tacoma paper, in referring to Mr. Foster's election to the United States Senate, said editorially:

The election of Hon. Addison G. Foster by the legislature to-day is assured by the action of the Republican caucus last night, in which fifty-eight Republican members pledged themselves to vote for that gentleman. This is a result of the brief and dignified contest for the senatorship, which is a matter for congratulations to every citizen of this State.

Mr. Foster is a man of unquestioned ability and integrity, whose long and active business life has been devoted to affairs of large magnitude. He is fully competent to represent this State in the Senate, and will be the peer of any Senator who has yet been sent from Washington in looking after the interests and growing needs of the State.

Mr. Foster has been a life-long, active Republican, always taking a practical working part in the interests of his party, but he cannot be called a politician. Politics has been an incident rather than an occupation, in his busy business life.

While the other large cities of the State have been continuously represented in the United States Senate, Tacoma has never enjoyed that honor, and this and the fact that eastern Washington is the home of both of the United States Senators from this State, gave Mr. Foster's candidacy logical and geographical strength in other parts of the State.

While Mr. Foster is a loyal and patriotic citizen of Tacoma, he is just as loyal and patriotic a citizen of the State of Washington, and as earnest in aiding and in the development and growth of the State as of his native city. He will be a Senator for the whole State, knowing no particular locality, and possesses a broad, fair-mindedness which will give equal consideration to all sections.

Mr. Foster will not be one of the talkers of the Senate, but he will be found among the constructive statesmen whose judgment is relied upon; a Senator like Philetus Sawyer, who accomplishes more practical good for Wisconsin than did the more brilliant Carpenters and Doolittles.

Mr. Foster is fully abreast, if not ahead, of the times, upon the great questions of vital interest to this young and growing State, and will take an active, prominent part in the constructive work of the Senate, and make his influence felt both in national legislation and that which affects his State.

The nomination of Mr. Foster was a good day's work for the people of this State and for the Republican party of Washington, and to no one should higher praise be given than to Senator John L. Wilson, whose magnanimous and patriotic action has not only prevented a long and bitter contest, but has made him many new friends and kindled anew the affection of his thousands of former admirers.

Residence, Tacoma, Wash.

3537. i. HARRISON GARDNER, b. March 8, 1866; m. Elizabeth D. Gibson.

3538. ii. FRANK WALKER, b. May 19, 1870; d. June 10, 1872.

3539. iii. MARTHA ROWENA, b. Oct. 8, 1873; d. June 23, 1885.
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3540. iv. CHARLES ADDISON, b. March 14, 1879. He is at college at Andover, Mass.

2723. WILLIAM HENRY FOSTER (Samuel, Isaac, Isaac, John, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Belchertown, Mass.; Aug; 17, 1840; m., Feb. 3, 1867, Mary Maher, of Chicago, d. Nov., 1892. He moved with his family to Illinois in 1854 and two years after went to Chicago as clerk in Barnum Bros.' store; enlisted in Battery M, First Missouri artillery, discharged in 1864. Went to Neosho county, Kan., in 1866, with his brother, S. W.; later went to Chicago and was married there. Went to Arkansas in 1867, to Kansas in 1868, to New Orleans in 1871, to Eau Claire, Wis., in 1875. Later resided in Dakota, South Dakota and finally Kansas. Res., Basehor, Kan.

3541. i. MARY, b. April, 1868; d. young.


2730. EZRA FOSTER (Ezra, Ezekiel, Ezekiel, John, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Feb. 2, 1815, Leyden, Mass.; m. there May 6, 1836, Sarah A. Wilbur, b. 1818; d. June 14, 1862; m. 2d, May 17, 1863, Susan A. Mowrey, b. Sept. 15, 1840; he was a farmer. Ezra Foster and his brother Ransom were both very intelligent, highly-respected gentlemen, much interested in all that pertained to their family, especially Ezra. He had been for many years a school-teacher, not being a robust man and unequal to the hard life of a farmer, although he owned, and with the help of others, successfully carried on a farm. The two brothers were among the substantial men of Leyden. He d. Sept. 7, 1897. Res., Leyden, Mass.

3546. i. FRANK W., b. Sept. 9, 1843; m., Dec. 10, 1873, Martha D. Pond, b. Jan. 6, 1849; is a traveling salesman. Res., s. p., Greenfield, Mass.

3547. ii. EDGAR SMITH, b. May 5, 1851; d. Sept. 27, 1869.

3548. iii. CHARLES LEE, b. April 5, 1853; d. Sept. 26, 1869.


3549. i. ASAHEL N., b. July 12, 1857; m. Mary Perkins.

3550. ii. JOSEPH LEROY, b. June 13, 1846; m. Effie Wilder.

2734. RANSOM STUART FOSTER (Ezra, Ezekiel, Ezekiel, John, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Leyden, Mass.; Feb. 9, 1826; m. there Feb. 18, 1852, Climena Frizzell, b. April 19, 1828; d. June 16, 1897; she was a dau. of Rufus and Sabra. He is a farmer and resides on the farm which has been in the family for nearly one hundred and fifty years; is a substantial and respected citizen. Res., Leyden, Mass.

3551. i. MARY CLIMENA, b. April 13, 1853; m., June 25, 1873, Henry C. Potter Leyden. She d. Sept. 10, 1880; he d. Jan. 29, 1880, s. p.


3553. iii. LEONORA HARRIET, b. Oct. 17, 1856; m., Oct. 30, 1878, to Fred A. Cowan, of Natural Bridge, N. Y. Lived there seventeen years; present add., Greenfield, Mass.

3554. iv. NANCY SOPHIA, b. Oct. 14, 1858; m., Oct. 4, 1881, Dr. Daniel Griffin. Res., 96 Bay View avenue, Lynn, Mass. He was b. Oct. 14, 1858; is a dentist by profession; is a graduate of the Boston Dental College and ex-member of the common council of Lynn.


2740. HORACE BURNHAM FOSTER (Elikiam, Ezekiel, Ezekiel, John, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Leyden, Mass., April 26, 1828; m., Aug. 19, 1855, Ab-
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bie Neal, b. May 1, 1824; d. Jan. 16, 1880; m. 2d, Nov. 9, 1881, at Clinton, Conn., Mary Wood, b. May 2, 1822. When one year old moved to Arlington, Vt.; in his fourth year moved to North Bennington, Vt. Remained there until May 29, 1837, and then removed with all the family to Mantua, Portage county, Ohio, and there his father and mother remained until the former died and then the family broke up; he had gone long before. When he was eighteen years old, he commenced preparing for college and taught school winters; one winter in Mantua and one in Twinsburg. In the fall of 1848 he entered Western Reserve College at this place, then a very famous college, but now removed to Cleveland and is part of Western Reserve University. In a class of twenty-eight young men (no girls) stood at the head of his class, and took the valedictory, which is the only honor he ever received, and graduated in 1852. The next year, 1852-3, was at the head of the preparatory department of Western Reserve College; had seventy pupils, all boys. The next two years was tutor in college. In 1855-6 was superintendent of the public schools of Akron. In the fall of 1856 up to January 1, 1857, was tutor in place of professor (tutor pro professore) in Western Reserve College again. Then quit teaching wholly and continued his legal studies, which he had pursued while teaching, and in March, 1857, was admitted to practice law in all of the courts of the State of Ohio. He opened an office in Hudson, and having partners a portion of the time in Akron, practiced in Summit, Portage and Cuyahoga counties, mostly in Summit, always had all could do, generally more, and worked himself out in the business. Of course he has made some money, but the game is hardly worth the ammunition expended. He never sought office; he thought it did not pay and thinks so now. He held some local offices from a sense of duty only. Res., Hudson, Ohio.


3559. ii. HORACE WOOD, b. July 28, 1852.

3560. iii. MARIE JOSEPHINE, b. Oct. 20, 1885.

2741. LUCIUS COOLEY FOSTER (Eliikiam, Ezekiel, Ezekiel, John, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. April 26, 1831, Arlington, Vt.; m., March 1, 1860, Edna L. Brewster, b. Oct. 12, 1849; a descendant of Elder Brewster, who came over in the Mayflower. She d. 1886. He removed when a babe to North Bennington, Vt., and from there, when six years old, to Mantua, Portage county, Ohio. He, as the youngest child of his parents, remained at home tilling the few acres his father owned, and also at times helping the neighboring farmers, until about 1860 or 1861, when he married, rented a farm, and began his life work as a farmer. He soon accumulated enough to buy a farm of his own, in Auburn, Geauga county, Ohio, where he resided until his death. He left surviving him his widow, who died about one year after him, and one child. He was a model farmer, an admirable man, kind-hearted, honest, pure, clear-headed and sound in judgment, and had the friendship and confidence of all who knew him. As an example, one township election he failed to attend, and in a few days after found that he had been nominated by his party (Republican), and had been elected by the unanimous vote of both parties justice of the peace, without his solicitation and knowledge. His life illustrates the familiar lines:

"Only the actions of the Just, Smell sweet and blossom in the dust."

He d. Dec. 29, 1884.

3561. i. LUCY BREWSTER, b. May 13, 1868; m., Jan. 1, 1889, William H. Shackson. Res., Chagrin Falls, O. Ch.: 1. Edna L., b. May 29, 1895. He is a farmer; was b. May 20, 1864.

2742. THOMAS JEFFERSON FOSTER (Josiah, Ezekiel, Ezekiel, John, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Bernardston, Mass., Dec. 6, 1822; m. —— Potter, of Leyden; she d. and he m. 2d, Deerfield, Mass., Mrs. Susan W. (Robbins) Foster, b. June 6, 1821; d. April 29, 1886; m. 3d, —— —— —— in Ohio. He was a miller and a farmer. He d. June 26, 1890. Res., Bernardston, Mass.
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3563. ii. JENNIE AMANDA, b. Aug. 13, 1861; d. April 25, 1866.


3563. i. FREDERICK W., b. July 22, 1843; d. July 9, 1846.

3563-ii. LUETTE LOUISE, d. Aug. 21, 1850, aet. five years.

3563-iv. NATHAN W., d. Sept. 15, 1850, aet. five years.


3564. i. RICHARD WELLIS, b. Oct. 27, 1878; is now, 1898, a student at Harvard College. Add., 61 Brattle street, Cambridge, Mass.

3565. ii. THREE OTHER ch.; d. young.


3567. ii. JOHN E., b. Nov. 15, 1851; m. and had two sons, Edward and John.

3568. iii. JÚLIA E., b. Sept. 27, 1854.

3569. iv. CHARLES F., b. June 1, 1856.


3571. vi. JESSE J., b. March 6, 1864.


2754. FREDERICK W. FOSTER (Daniel, Jacob, Benjamin, Benjamin, Benjamin, Isaac, Reginald), b. Trenton, Me., Feb. 5, 1845; m., Castine, Me., June 25, 1877, Mary Elizabeth Webster, b. Oct. 10, 1851. Frederick Williston Foster, son of Daniel Foster, and youngest of a family of nine children, was born at Trenton, Me. Spent the first twenty-one years of his life on his father's farm, and since then, with but little variation, has been engaged in the work of teaching. In 1872 he graduated from the State Normal School at Castine, Me. Taught Lamoine High School during two years and finished a course of study at the Classical Institute, Waterville, Me. From 1876 until 1889 he taught in the State Normal School at Castine, since which time he has worked under the American Missionary Association, of New York; for two years, 1889-1891, was principal of Chandler Normal School at Lexington, Ky., and from 1891 to the present time, 1898, principal of Dorchester Academy, McIntosh, Ga. He married Mary E. Webster, of Castine; united with the Congregational church at Castine in 1872, and in 1890, with his wife and oldest child, Helen, joined the Second Presbyterian church at Lexington, Ky. Residence, Castine, Me.

3574. i. HELEN JEANNETTE, b. July 9, 1879.

3575. ii. EDITH MARIA, b. March 22, 1881.

2756. ALBERT G. FOSTER (Simeon, Benjamin, Benjamin, Benjamin, Isaac, Reginald), b. St. David's, New Brunswick, in 1804; m., in Charlotte county, New Brunswick, Sept. 12, 1825, Nancy Cameron, b. 1800; d. April 29, 1880; he was a farmer and blacksmith. He d. in Ashland, Me., Jan. 21, 1845.

3576. i. CATHARINE M., b. Sept. 27, 1826; m., July 27, 1845. Res., Pine City, Minn.


3578. iii. FRANCIS, b. Dec., 1827; d. —

ELLEN, THEODORE Res., EDWARD STEVE FRANK FANNY, and HARVEY
last presbyterian and connected Grange. In board in the
jamin, sau.
3580. v. ELLEN C., b. March 28, 1832; m., Feb. 7, 1856, — —. Res., Ashland, Me.
3581. vi. THEODORE B., b. April 9, 1841; m., Nov. 7, 1867, Ann E. McKay, b. April 17, 1837; is a farmer. Res., s. p., Ashland, Me.


3582. i. HARVEY H., b. March 15, 1857; m. Elisabeth Wallin.


3588. i. FRANK A., b. March 21, 1856; m. Charlotte P. Wood.
3589. ii. EDWARD CLARENCE, b. Nov. 11, 1859; m. — —.


3590. i. HARRY P., b. April 10, 1885.
3591. ii. STEVE P., b. July 18, 1888.
3592. iii. GEORGE P., b. July 20, 1892.

2782. PUBLIUS DARWIN FOSTER (John W., Daniel, Benjamin, Benjamin, Benjamin, Isaac, Reginald), b. Antwerp, N. Y., Dec. 13, 1829; m., Killingly, Conn., Sept. 28, 1857, Amanda Elizabeth Warren, b. July 18, 1831. The subject of this sketch was educated in the public and select schools of Antwerp. He studied law in the office of Judge Daniel Kellogg, of Saxton's River, Vt., and was admitted to the bar in 1852. He settled at Antwerp, having been admitted to practice before the courts of Jefferson county, N. Y., in 1853. In 1855 he was largely instrumental in establishing Antwerp Academy of which he was a trustee and secretary of the board of trustees until he removed from the town. On September 28, 1857, he married Amanda Elizabeth Warren, daughter of Dyer and Minerva (Durfee) Warren, of Killingly, Conn., and a graduate of Mount Holyoke Seminary. While living in Antwerp two children were born to them, Warren Worden, on August 10, 1858, and Harriet Minerva, on January 6, 1861. After aiding to recruit Company D., First New York light artillery, and Company C, Tenth New York heavy artillery, he received an appointment in the war department at Washington, D. C., in 1863. There he served as secretary of the relief committee of the New York Soldiers' Aid Association. In Washington, D. C., Elizabeth Hearty, on June 22, 1868, and Irving Lysander, on July 6, 1870, came to bless their union. He was admitted to the bar of the United States Supreme Court in 1870, and practiced his profession at the capital, until he removed to Killingly, Conn., where he died on September 2, 1897. In politics he was first a Free Soiler and later a Republican. He had been a representative to the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. in both New York and Connecticut. He was a member of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance, of the Independent Order of Good Templars, of the Temple of Honor, and the Killingly Grange. His voice, his vote and his influence were always opposed to the saloon and his life was a consistent example of temperance. He united with the Presbyterian church when fourteen years of age, and for almost sixty years was connected with various Sabbath schools as scholar, teacher or superintendent. His last words were the Lord's prayer, and he passed on sustained by an unfaltering trust in Jesus with the confident belief in immortality. He d. Sept. 2, 1897. Res., Antwerp, N. Y., and Killingly, Conn.

3593. i. WARREN WORDEN, b. Aug. 10, 1858; unm. Res., Washington, D. C. His parents went to Washington, D. C., when he was about five years old and his early education was obtained in the private and public schools there. He graduated from the
Preparatory School of Columbia University, and when the family removed to Connecticut, was a student in the University. He received the degree of M. D. from the medical school of Harvard University in June, 1832. The practice of his profession was pursued several months in company with Dr. F. S. Burgess, of Moosup, Conn., and then for over five years in Putnam, Windham county, Conn. Since 1887 he has been living in Washington, D. C., connected with the United States Bureau of Pensions, of which he is one of the medical examiners. He is a member of the First Congregational church of that city, various medical societies, several Masonic bodies, the A. O. U. W., etc.


3595. iii. ELIZABETH HEARTY, b. June 22, 1868; d. Sept. 24, 1869.


3597. i. MIDDLETON T., b. April 22, 1862; d. Nov. 10, 1862.

3598. ii. ARTHUR B., b. Nov. 12, 1863; m. Lilly M. Armour.


3600. iv. EUGENE B., b. ——; d. in infancy.


3602. vi. GILBERT E., b. June 10, 1874; d. in infancy.


2794. CAPT. PHINEHAS FOSTER (Phinehas, Moses, Worden, Benjamin, Benjamin, Isaac, Reginald), b. Dennysville, Me., June 8, 1831; m., Hallowell, Me., Oct. 17, 1859, Ellen Jane Bolton, b. Nov. 21, 1839. He was born in Dennysville, Me.; resided in East Machias, attending the public schools and Washington Academy until he was thirteen years old, when he moved to Marion with his father, where he was bred on the farm and was lumbering until he was twenty-one. Then went to East Machias and engaged in the lumber business until 1859. Was messenger to the governor and council in 1859 and 1860; was married to Ellen Jane Bolton at Augusta, Me.; enlisted in Company D, First Maine cavalry, in September, 1861; was made sergeant when the regiment was mustered into United States service in October. During the spring and summer of 1863 was at headquarters Second division, Cavalry corps, when commanded by Brig.-Gen. D. M. Gregg; was in command of his escort and orderlies; was promoted to first-lieutenant of Company D, in February, 1864; was in command of Company D from the latter part of June till November, 1864, when he returned to Augusta, Me., where the regiment was mustered out of the service. He was with the regiment in the field all the time, and participated in most of the engagements and skirmishes in which the regiment was engaged in. He had two horses shot under him, one at Deep Bottom, the other at Trevilian Station, in Virginia. His regiment was with the Army of the Potomac. In February, 1865, he emigrated to what was then Washington Territory, arriving at Fort Gamble in April, where he resided till 1878, when he went to Tacoma, where he now resides. He has been engaged in lumbering since he went to that coast; is a member of the G. A. R., also of the military order of the Loyal Legion; is a past commander of Custer Post, the second largest post in this department; is treasurer of the Washington commandery of the Loyal Legion. Residence, 220 North Tacoma avenue, Tacoma, Wash.

3603. i. WALTER BOLTON, b. June 24, 1866; d. June 11, 1869.

3604. ii. MARION W., b. June 29, 1871; d. Aug. 16, 1876.
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De Lancy Allen Foster, b. Oct. 14, 1845, at Frederickton, N. B.; b. he was son of Joseph W. Foster, b. April 5, 1819, at Merimichi, N. B.; Joseph W. Foster, the son of Joseph Foster, and his (Joseph's) father came to the province of New Brunswick in 1753, settling in Merimichi until the great fire there, when he moved to Frederickton, N. B. De Lancy Allen Foster's mother's maiden name was Charlotte M. Tompkins, b. March 29, 1824; m. Nov. 28, 1844; her parents came from New York State. De Lancy Allen Foster's brothers and sisters names are Charles E. Foster, b. Dec. 19, 1847; Almeda L. Foster, b. July 6, 1850; John B. Foster, b. Dec. 21, 1852; Henrietta E. Foster, b. Nov. 28, 1855, and Lorenzo R. Foster, b. Sept. 10, 1858.


3605-4. iv. EVA FRANCES, b. April 21, 1880.

2792-3. ODBER MOSES FOSTER (John M., Benen, Isaiah, Benjamin, Benjamin, Isaac, Reginald), b. Sept. 11, 1832 in Wakefield, N. B.; m., Sept. 4, 1854, Harriet E. Smith, b. 1839; d. Jan. 1, 1877; m. 2d, in 1855, Elizabeth Campbell, by whom he has no issue. Res., Houlton, Me.

3605-5. i. CLEMENTINA, b. June 25, 1855; m. Oliver Bryant, s. p.

3605-6. ii. ELLEN CORILLA, b. April 20, 1857; m., June 27, 1883, James Duncan MacDonald, s. p.


2796-8. PARKER HUMPHREY FOSTER (John M., Benen, Isaiah, Benjamin, Benjamin, Isaac, Reginald), b. Woodstock, N. B., May 13, 1846; m., in Boston, Mass., Aug. 20, 1875, Mary Azzie Sprague, b. Nov. 16, 1855; he is a commercial printer. Parker Humphrey Foster came to Boston in 1863 and completed his trade; started in business for himself in 1872; in the printing and publishing business, which he now, 1899, carries on; an independent in politics; fond of all athletic sports, particularly his gun and dog. Married in 1878; moved to Arlington to

3606. i. MARION (girl), b. corner Bartlett avenue and Massachusetts avenue, Arlington, Mass., Oct. 20, 1882.

3607. ii. GEORGE PARKER, b. at 9 Avon Place, Sept. 5, 1884, Arlington, Mass.

Both living with parents (Feb. 1898) at 796 Massachusetts avenue, Arlington, Mass.


3607. i. MABEL A., b. Jan. 26, 1876.

3608. ii. PAUL W., b. Nov. 5, 1880.


3609. i. ELMER C., b. —. Res., P.


Sidney: Algermon Foster, youngest of the family of Austin Baker Foster, was born in the township of Wirt, Allegany county, N. Y. He acquired such an education as his circumstances would permit, and in 1865 came through to Adams county, Wisconsin, with a team. There he worked at various occupations. Drove stage, worked on a farm, served an apprenticeship in the printing business, worked as a section hand on the C. M. & St. Paul Railway, "run" the river and settled to his trade and continued in the newspaper field as foreman and proprietor until 1884. He was Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of Iowa. Has always been an active Republican in politics and has participated in the speaking campaigns of the party in Iowa and in other States for more than twenty years.

In 1897 his name was quite prominently mentioned in connection with the nomination for Governor of Iowa, but Mr. Foster declined to enter among the list of candidates. In 1884 he began the organization of the Royal Union Mutual Life Insurance Company, was made the Secretary, and still holds the position. He is the author of the sentiment, "In all that is good, Iowa affords the best." In 1886 he declined a Congressional nomination by his party, preferring to continue in business rather than embark in a political life. Res., Des Moines, Iowa, 911 Third street.


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3615. ii. EDWARD WILLARD, b. March 11, 1870; m. Grace Coleman.


3616. i. GEORGE EDWIN, b. in 1875.


3617. i. MARY ALICE, b. Aug. 31, 1874; unm. Res., at home.


3618. i. HERBERT A., b. March 27, 1867; m. Annis Burke.


2853. EDWIN STEARNS FOSTER (Hosea, Samuel, Samuel, Jeremiah, Abraham, Jacob, Reginald), b. Dec 21, 1840, Stoddard, N. H.; m., Brattleboro, Nov. 26, 1868, Ella S. Houghton, b. Dec. 18, 1846; d. May 12, 1889; m., 2d. at Keene, N. H., Feb. 12, 1890, Clara Fay, of Marlow.

Edwin Stearns Foster was born in Stoddard, N. H., on the farm on which his father and grandfather had lived since the removal of the latter from Ashburnham, Mass., in 1799. At the age of twenty he left home and went to Keene, where he worked for a short time at the carpenter trade, going from there to Ashburnham, Mass. In 1863 he went to Springfield, Mass., where he was employed in the United States Arsenal until July 9, 1864, when he enlisted in Company A, Eighth Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, to serve one hundred days, or during the war. Was discharged Nov. 10, 1864, by reason of expiration of term of service. His company was not engaged in any action during the time of his service, serving most of the time at guard duty in Baltimore. In the year 1865 he was employed in Chicago, from which place he went to Brattleboro, Vt., and with fourteen others formed a company and built the Brattleboro Melodeon factory. In 1868 he sold his interest in that company and went to Keene, N. H., where for some years with his brother Alvin, and afterward by himself, he carried on the business of contracting and building, until 1890, when he removed to Manchester, N. H., and became associated as superintendent with an architect. Mr. Foster has always been actively interested
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in public affairs. While in Keene he was for many years a member of the Board of Sewer and Water Commissioners. Res., Manchester, N. H.

3620. i. FRANK H., b. Sept. 10, 1869; m. Inez E. Fairbanks.

3621. ii. HARRY S., b. May 17, 1871; m. Amy Otis.


3628. ii. GEORGE ORLANDO, b. June 17, 1862; d. Feb. 12, 1883.


3629. i. ALICE LOUISE, b. Aug. 10, 1860; d. April 15, 1862.

3630. ii. CARL WALLIS, b. Aug. 9, 1878.


3631-31. iv. NELLIE CARROLL, b. Nov. 6, 1873.

2887. FRANCIS AUGUSTUS FOSTER [Daniel, James, Daniel, Joseph, Jacob, Reginald], b. Beverly, Mass., May 14, 1849; m., March 10, 1875, Martha L. Grant. He was a mariner. Res., Beverly, Mass.

3632. i. BESSIE GRANT, b. Sept. 25, 1876; d. Aug. 19, 1877.

3633. ii. ——, b. July 24, 1878.

3634. iii. LIZZIE HALE, b. May 16, 1879.

3635. iv. ROBERT GRANT, b. June 11, 1881.


3656. i. GRACE LOUISE, b. June 23, 1884.

3657. ii. HELEN PAGE, b. Dec. 11, 1889.


3638. i. EMMA FRANCES, b. Jan. 7, 1890.

3639. ii. HARRY IRVING, b. Nov. 30, 1888.

3640. iii. ELSIE, b. Aug. 18, 1887.

2920. REV. ELON FOSTER, D. D. [Leonard R., Isaac, Isaac, Isaac, Joseph, Jacob, Reginald], b. June 22, 1833; m., April 27, 1857, Sarah, dau. of Walter Clark and Phebe (Worrall) Palmer, b. Aug. 6, 1834. His early life was that of many another farmer son; days full of toil, with intervals of study at the district school. He made use of his opportunities, however, and later attended Newberry Seminary, Vermont. From there he went to the General Theological Institute (now Boston Theological Seminary), where he was graduated with the degree of B. D., in 1855. Joining the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church; he immediately entered upon the work of a pastor in East Hebron, N. Y., and the following year he was stationed at Troy, N. Y.; in 1857-58 in Williston, Vt. In 1859 he was transferred to the New York Conference and stationed (1859-60) in Salisbury, Conn.;
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1861 City Mission, New York; 1862-3 Brewster's Station, N. Y.; 1864 New Castle, N. Y. In all of these appointments his labors were effective, resulting in enlarged membership and increased spiritual devotion in the church. His chosen work, however, he was compelled to relinquish by an accident on the Harlem Railroad in 1864, in which he was so injured internally as to render further pastoral work impossible. From 1864 to 1867 he was engaged in editing and publishing the "Guide to Holiness." In the latter year he began the preparation of "Foster's Cyclopedia of Illustration," the first volume of which was issued in 1870. It attained great popularity. No less than 10,000 were sold the first year. Another volume of illustrations, covering poetical literature, followed in 1872; another of prose, like the first, was issued in 1877, and still another of poetical illustrations in 1880. Sixty-five thousand volumes have been sold, and through them Dr. Foster (for he received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from the Upper Iowa University in 1879) feels that he has preached to a larger congregation than he had conceived when he entered the ministry. Only recently he received a note from a grateful preacher from which the following is taken: "Your name will be known in the world so long as preachers preach and books are known, and they are books, too, that mightily preach and teach." Dr. Foster has traveled in every state and in most of the territories of the Union. Seriously impaired health compelled him in April, 1896, to take the "superannuate" relation to the New York Conference. Thus retired from active service he still continues the studious habits of his earlier years, finding his happiness therein. Res., 147 Hewes St., Brooklyn, N. Y. He d, Nov. 15, 1898.

3641. i. PHOEBE PALMER, b. June 15, 1858; unm. Res., 147 Hewes St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

3642. ii. CHARLES LEONARD, b. Sept. 11, 1859; m. Evelina M. Smith; graduated at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., 1881; receiving degree of A. M., in 1884; studied law at Cambridge College Law School, graduating in 1883; is engaged in the practice of law at 18 Wall St., New York City.

3643. iii. JENNIE LANKFORD, b. July 11, 1862; d. Nov. 22, 1881.

2936. LUKE WHITMAN FOSTER (Leonard R., Isaac, Isaac, Isaac, Joseph, Jacob, Reginald), b. Moretown, Vt., Jan. 13, 1850; m., June 7, 1876, Alice, dau. of Isaac and Sarah (Shafer) Fuller, b. July 11, 1852; a merchant. Res., Lone Rock, Wis., and LaCrosse, Wis., 403 Main St.

3644. i. GERTIE MAY, b. Dec. 3, 1877.


3646. i. HARRY CLYDE, b. Aug. 13, 1884.

3647. ii. LYNN EMMONS, b. Aug. 8, 1886.
3648. i. A SON, b. May 23; d. July 4, 1881.
3649. ii. ETHEL EDNA, b. Sept. 14, 1883.


3650. i. GERALD (twin), b. April 6, 1880.
3651. ii. ELMER (twin), b. April 6, 1880.


3652. i. JENNIE C., b. June 17, 1865.
3653. ii. EMERETTE, b. Dec. 2, 1866.
3654. iii. D. WINTHROP, b. July 6, 1870.
3656. v. HELEN, b. May 19, 1877.


3657. i. CARRIE ELLA, b. May 28, 1862; d. May 30, 1877.
3658. ii. DANIEL EATON, b. Nov. 29, 1866; unm.; is a farmer and dairyman. Res., Augusta.


3663. i. IRA HADLEY, b. Feb. 10, 1872; m. Hattie M. Stone.

2955. COL. BENJAMIN BROWN FOSTER (Cony, Daniel, Isaac, Isaac, John, Jacob, Reginald), b. Orono, Me., Nov. 23, 1831; m. at Canandaigua, N. Y., Dec. 24, 1863, Sarah Gibson Howell, b. June 20, 1842; d. Feb. 16, 1897, dau. of Thomas Morris and Louisa (Young) Howell. Benjamin Brown Foster graduated at Bowdoin College in 1855 with "first honors." He was a clerk in the War and Postoffice Departments at Washington; entered the army from which he afterward resigned, receiving from the President, in 1868, brevet commissions of Lieutenant Colonel, and Colonel. He practiced his profession of law in Norfolk, Va.; was appointed Judge of the Court of the corporation of the city of Norfolk and Judge of the Halls Court of Portsmouth, and was elected Commonwealth's Attorney for the county of Norfolk. In November, 1873, he removed to Brooklyn, N. Y., with his family, practicing law in New York City, at 60 Wall street. He is a member of the military order of the Loyal Legion. Res., Canandaigua, N. Y., and Norfolk, Va., and Lincoln Club, Putnam Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

3665. i. HOWELL, b. Canandaigua, N. Y., Nov. 17, 1864; unm. Res., New York, N. Y. Address, 170 William St. He is with Schief-
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febin & Co., in New York City; is a member of the military order of Loyal Legion and of the society of Colonial Wars.

3666. ii. WINTHROP, b. Canandaigua, June 11, 1867; unm.
3667. iii. LOUISE, b. Norfolk, Va., Jan. 21, 1869; m. Dr. Ira Ayer, Aug. 18, 1892. Ch. i. Phillis, b. May 5, 1893. 2. Margaret, b. June 29, 1894. Address, 214 Greene Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
3669. vi. RAYMOND, b. Norfolk, June 19, 1875; m. at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., June 8, 1898, Alice Adriance, dau. of Edgar C.

2056. Col. CHARLES HENRY FOSTER (Cony, Daniel, Isaac, Isaac, Joseph, Jacob, Reginald), b. Orono, Me., Feb. 18, 1830; m. May 1, 1866, Sue Agnes Carter, dau. of Perry and Priscilla Carter, of Murfreesboro, N. C.

Charles Henry Foster was born in Orono, Me. He came of sturdy New England stock. His father was a prominent merchant and distinguished citizen of Orono, and his maternal grandfather was Benjamin Brown, founder of the Insane Asylum at Augusta, Me., and one of the wealthiest citizens of the Pine Tree State, whose portrait now hangs in the State House at Augusta, as one of the three men most distinguished in Maine for benevolence and public spirit. The subject of this sketch was noted for his manly characteristics and his studious habits as a boy. When he entered Bowdoin College, he had already secured a fair collegiate education, mainly by his own exertion, and he graduated with first honors in 1855. During his college life he found opportunity for much metaphysical research, and he wrote with so much force and originality on this and kindred subjects that the productions of his pen were in demand among the leading magazines of the day. This inclination to magazine writing he never lost, contributing frequently to Blackwood's, Harper's and the North American Review. His latest magazine article was a sketch of the Gatling gun, and its inventor, published in Potter's Monthly. Having determined to devote himself to the law, Mr. Foster, after leaving college, at once entered upon a course of study in the office of ex-Governor Israel Washburn, and speedily attracted the close attention of that eminent jurist. Ultimately Mr. Washburn offered him a partnership in the business, but young Foster determined to cast his lot in the South, and in 1858 he located at Norfolk, Va., as editor of the Day Book. After remaining in Norfolk a year he removed to Murfreesborough, N. C., where he took editorial charge of the Citizen, a Democratic paper, and also began the practice of law. He was very successful in both callings, and the outbreak of the war found him pleasantly situated and prospering in every way. When North Carolina seceded, Mr. Foster remained true to the Union. The bitterness of sectional feeling then prevailing was such that his outspoken views not only ruined his business but nearly cost him his life. He had before this married Miss Sue Agnes Carter, a daughter of one of the richest and most prominent men of Murfreesboro. This alliance at first somewhat modified popular feeling toward him, but when under special direction of President Lincoln, he recruited a regiment of loyal North Carolinians for service in the eastern part of the state the outburst of public indignation and resentment was intensified by reason of it. Colonel Foster was actuated by principle in this matter, and the fact that his wife was held as a hostage and a price put upon his own head did not cause him to swerve a hair's breadth from what he felt to be his duty. He strengthened the Federal arm mightily in North Carolina, but his men—three companies of the First and the whole of the Second (his own) regiment were hanged without mercy whenever captured. Colonel Foster was himself surprised at a cabin where he was resting for the night, and taken prisoner. But one of his guard, whose gratitude for favors done was stronger than his love for the Confederacy contrived to let the captive get away. Colonel Foster had many narrow escapes, and was identified with all the stirring scenes of the war enacted between Norfolk and Beaufort. The warfare he made was as high-toned and honorable as anything the records of chivalry can show. Under fire he was as cool as when on parade. He knew no fear except to do a mean act, and his tender care of his men caused him to be almost idolized by them. It was the belief of the North Carolina Confederates that Colonel Foster would wage a war of reprisal; but when it was found that he spared the defenseless, respected property rights and used his independent command simply in the interest of earnest, steadfast loyalty to the Union, and without a thought of personal ends or of private revenge, his name became a prized household word with thousands who, in 1862,
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wished to take his life. Colonel Foster came through the war with a reputation so high for every social and soldierly quality that the people of Murfreesboro (where he still made his home) were anxious to honor him. He was chosen a professor in the Chapel Hill Seminary, and was elected to the Thirty-ninth Congress to represent what was then called the Chapel Hill district. Though reconstruction not having been accomplished, he was not admitted to the seat, and although he afterward took an active part in the politics of reconstruction and won fame as a stump-speaker, he steadily refused office of any kind. He again returned to the practice of law, making collections of claims a specialty. He raised subscriptions and had all the families of his soldiers made comfortable, and he freely gave legal advice and assistance to such of his men as survived. At this period he was a correspondent of the New York Herald, doing much exceptionally valuable political and general work for that paper. In 1875 he came to Philadelphia, because of the ill-health of his wife, and in the interest of several Southern papers. He was promptly admitted to the bar of this city, but without attempting to build up a practice, became confirmed in his devotion to journalism, making a connection with the Philadelphia Record, which continued until his death. He read Greek and Latin as fluently as he did English, and his critical knowledge of those languages was surprising. When one of the encyclical letters of Pope Leo XIII was published in this country a few years ago, Mr. Foster pointed out gross errors in the official translation, and received the thanks of gentlemen high in the Catholic Church for the service rendered. He was an omnivorous but discriminating reader, and classical authors were almost as familiar to him as his Bible.

For more than three years Mr. Foster has been editor-in-chief of the Record. It is no praise to him nor dispraise of others to say that there is not a writer for the press in Philadelphia so well equipped that he could fill the chair of our dead friend. He was a thoroughly educated man, not only in the lore of the schools but in the experience of active life. The loss of such a man is a deprivation to thousands who have never seen or known him. There is nothing that can give a keener pang to grief than to see so much that is good and true and noble in the world utterly perish out of it at the fell stroke of death.

One of Mr. Foster's brothers, Benjamin B. Foster, was Corporation Judge of the Courts of Norfolk and Portsmouth, Va., for several years after the war, and also United States Commissioner and Register in Bankruptcy there. Later he was Assistant United States District Attorney in New York, and is now a prominent lawyer in that city.


3671. i. CAROLYN AGNES, b. Feb. 15, 1861; m., June 2, 1890, Dr. Edgar M. Maubourg; m. at Denver, Col. Res., Pueblo, Col. Ch.: r. Edgar Foster, b. April 22, 1897.


3673. iii. CHARLES CONY, b. July 29, 1866; d. in infancy.

3674. iv. CHARLES JOSEPH, b. Sept. 18, 1868; d. in infancy.

3675. v. SUE BROWN, b. Sept. 18, 1868; m., Oct. 30, 1889, Thomas M. Browning, of Philadelphia.

3676. vi. BENJAMIN BROWN, b. Aug. 17, 1870; m. Pearl C. Lewis. Res., Pueblo, Col. She was b. 1850.


3677. i. MARY CHENY, b. Nov. 28, 1868; m., April 18, 1885, William F. Durfey. She d. Aug. 10, 1857.

3678. ii. BENJAMIN HARTSOOK, b. Nov. 18, 1875.

3679. ii. UPHUR, b. July 28, 1877; d. April 28, 1878.

3680. iv. CAROLINE, b. Nov. 20, 1879.

3681. v. CHRISTINE, b. Oct. 6, 1881.

3682. vi. CHARLES ALBERT, b. Feb. 27, 1885.

2962. GEORGE BURGESS FOSTER (Cony, Daniel, Isaac, Isaac, Joseph, Jacob, Reginald), b. Orono, Me., Oct. 19, 1850; m. in Boston, Oct. 2, 1877, Christine Marie Hanson, b. Feb. 24, 1855.

George Burgess Foster, youngest child of Cony Foster and Caroline Brown Foster, was born in Orono, Me. He attended the public schools in the town until he was fourteen years old, when he entered the store of Robert Cromby, of Orono, as clerk. He remained there one year, and then worked for Joseph B. Chase in the same town as clerk. The following winter he attended the Bryant & Stratton Commercial College, in Bangor, Me., and then went into the employ of Weed & Fifield, wholesale and retail clothiers, of Bangor, as salesman. He remained with this concern some two years, but wishing to see more of the world he went to Boston in 1868, when he was eighteen years old, and entered the employ of William Wolff, hat and cap manufacturer, as traveling salesman. He continued with Wolff two years, and then took a better position with Gould, Davenport & Spaulding, wholesale hatters, on the road as traveling salesman. He continued with them until forced to give up on account of sickness.

After regaining his health Mr. Foster learned the confectionery business, and in 1875 went to Salem, Mass., and opened a store for the manufacture of the finer lines of confectionery. Mr. Foster did a prosperous business in Salem, and after remaining there eight years, during which he was married, sold his business out to a good advantage, and went to Florida with his family to spend the winter. He remained in Florida nearly a year, and on returning to Boston made an engagement with the D. S. McDonald Co., manufacturers of fine confectionery, as traveling salesman. He remained with the McDonald Co. for a number of years, and until they sold the factory to Aldrich & Smith, and then took the position as manager for the new concern.

In 1891 Mr. Foster located himself and family in Malden, Mass., and in 1895 erected a fine residence at 30 Starbird street in that city, where he still lives.

2965. ii. GEORGE B., JR., b. at Salem, Mass., July 27, 1884.
2966. iii. MARJORIE LOUISE, b. Bucksport, Me., March 24, 1890.
2967. iv. CHRISTINE, b. at Malden, Mass., April 17, 1893.


2969. ii. WILLARD M., JR., b. June 20, 1885; d. June 23, 1888.


2970. i. EDITH DELLE, b. April 7, 1894.

2979. HON. BLACKMAN NEWELL FOSTER (Dwight, Jedediah, Theophilus, Jedediah, Ephraim, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. Pownal, Vt., Sept. 25, 1834; m. there Harriet Downs, of Pownal. He was a farmer. Was in 1867 a member of the Vermont Legislature. Moved to Chicago in 1873, and has been a commission merchant since 1876. His office is in the "Brother Jonathan" building, opposite the Board of Trade. Res., s. p., Pownal, Vt., Chicago, Ill., Board of Trade.

2990. GEORGE DWIGHT FOSTER (Alfred D., Elijah D., Theophilus, Jedediah, Ephraim, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. June 11, 1843; m., Nov. 17, 1864, Burdette E. Thomas, b. Nov. 12, 1841, at Potter, N. Y., dau. of Ambrose Spencer Thomas, b. there in 1804 and d. October, 1870, and 2d, Jane A. McPherson, b. in Seneca, N. Y., in 1810, and d. in Potter, December, 1866. He is a merchant at Crown Point, Ind.

2990. i. MARY, b. Jan. 30, 1866.
2990. ii. ALFRED DWIGHT, b. Nov. 11, 1869.

Charles E. Foster took a partial course in Cornell University; rowed on the Freshman crew which defeated Harvard in 1888; entered the drug business as clerk at Youngstown, O.; married Julia Carpenter, of Ithaca; was for some years confidential clerk with Strong, Cobb & Co., of Cleveland, wholesale druggists; later at Detroit, Mich., with Parke, Davis & Co., chemical manufacturers; now at Cleveland, O., conducting a drugstore under the firm name of The Foster Co., druggists.


3603. i. FRANKLIN LUTHER, b. Nov. 29, 1882.

3604. ii. EDNA MAY, b. April 22, 1886.


Henry W. was graduated from Cornell University with degree of A. B., 1877; taught two years; studied law in meantime, and admitted to bar at Ithaca, 1880; went to Allegan, Mich., same year; admitted to bar at once; began practice alone; later was with W. B. Williams, ex-Congressman, and then Commissioner of Railroads in Michigan; firm Williams & Foster; later with Padgham & Padgham; J. H. Padgham being Judge of Probate, Philip Padgham later becoming Circuit Judge; later he took hold of a hardware concern, in which relatives were interested, and which had failed (located still at Allegan), and closed up the assignment, taking the business in firm name of Foster & Turner; continued in that three years; called to Geneva, N. Y., in 1886, to take interest in nursery business, which he conducted up to 1894 under firm name of H. W. Foster & Co., in connection with W. L. McKay, his old college chum; called to Ithaca in 1894 to assist his father; chosen his successor in 1895, continuing here to date Res., Ithaca, N. Y.

3695. i. CARLOTTA SNOW, b. Nov. 27, 1881; d. June 9, 1890.

3696. ii. DWIGHT ELLIOTT, b. Feb. 15, 1884.

3697. iii. MARION EDITH, b. Feb. 22, 1887; d. February, 1890.

3698. iv. GERTRUDE ELAINE, b. Oct. 1, 1890.

3699. v. HENRY ALDEN, b. Sept. 20, 1891.

3019. LUTHER CLARK FOSTER (Luther C., Peregrine P., Theophilus, Jedediah, Ephraim, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. Jan. 12, 1858; m. ——, Alice Allen. He worked in iron mills at Youngstown, O., for several years; about 1880 married Alice Allen; began railroading; elected one of the chief officers, Organizer of the Brotherhood of Railroad Breakmen; continued in that eight years; after retirement returned to Ithaca; now in coal business under name of L. C. Foster.

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3700. i. ROBERT, b. ——.

3701. ii. EDWARD, b. ——.

3022. ROBERT OSMUN FOSTER (Luther C., Peregrine P., Theophilus, Jedediah, Ephraim, Ephraim Abraham, Reginald), b. Oct. 25, 1867; m. ——, 1893, Fiorina Dilger. He is in the book business; is the proprietor of Foster's bookstore.

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3702. i. ENOLA B., b. ——.

3703. ii. OSMOND F., b. ——.


Alfred D. Foster, vice-president of the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company, was born at Worcester, Mass. He received his preliminary education at the Boston Latin School and at the famous University in Cambridge; then he took a course in law. From Harvard he obtained the degree of B. A.; from the Boston University that of LL.B. He was admitted to the Massachusetts bar in 1876, and practiced law in Boston from 1876 until 1893. From 1884 to 1893 he acted as counsel of the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company. In 1887 he was chosen as a director of the company, and he remained on the board ever since. On the death of Joseph M. Gibbens, in January, 1893, he was elected vice-president. The duties of vice-president vary, and some life insurance companies possess three or four. The New England Mutual has only one, and Mr. Foster is consequently kept busy. His training and energy make him a particularly useful member of the official staff, and eminently fit him for company management, in conjunction with Secretary
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3704. i. MARGARET, b. Sept. 3, 1893.


3706. iii. FRANCIS B., b. Dec. 4, 1895.

3707. iv. HILDA SAMBORNE, b. March 23, 1897.

3027. DR. BURNSIDE FOSTER (Dwight, Alfred D., Dwight, Jedediah, Ephraim, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. Worcester, Mass., May 7, 1861; m., Jan. 1, 1894, Sophie Vernon Hammond, dau. of Gen. John H. Hammond. Graduated at Yale University in 1882; received degree of M. D. from Harvard University in 1885; Home Surgeon at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, until 1887; studied in Europe for a year and then moved to Minneapolis, Minn.; after practicing there for five years moved to St. Paul, where he now resides. Is professor of Dermatology and lecturer on the History of Medicine in University of Minnesota. Res., St. Paul, Minn.; address, Lowry Building.

3708. i. DAUGHTER, b. ——.


3709. i. RUTH, b. Jan. 3, 1894.

3710. ii. DOROTHY DWIGHT, b. Sept. 30, 1895; d. March 23, 1898.


3711. i. FREDERICK DWIGHT, b. Feb. 2, 1873.


3712. i. WARREN ELLSWORTH, b. March 9, 1890; d. March 24, 1895.

3713. ii. BRYANT CRESSY, b. May 29, 1891.


Frank Smith Foster received a high school education and graduated in high standing from the Beloit High School under the tutorship of Professor Beach in the year 1879. After graduating, was offered, accepted and held the position of drug clerk for Dr. H. P. Strong, of this city, for two years, giving up this position to take a course of pharmacy at the Chicago College of Pharmacy, graduating in the year 1883. During his college vacation took charge of a drugstore at Cedar Lake, Wis. After graduating he was offered a position as head drug clerk of the firm of Smith & Dunbar, of Monmouth, Ill., which position he filled most acceptably for one year, when he was induced to return to his native city, Beloit, Wis., where he opened and successfully carried on the drug business under the firm name of Foster Brothers, in connection with the book and stationery business. A dissolution of the firm took place and Frank Smith continued the drug business until the spring of 1896, when he closed out his business. Was elected alderman from the First Ward of this city, and served in this capacity from 1887 to 1890. While on a recent visit to the patens of his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Kerr, of Monmouth, Ill., he was urgently requested by his old employer, Mr. Dunbar, to make Monmouth his future home and take his old position as head clerk, which position he at once accepted, removing his family to Monmouth, Ill., in the spring of 1897. No children from this union. Res., Monmouth, Ill, s. p.

The subject of this sketch received a high school education and graduated in high standing from the Beloit High School under the tutorship of Professor Beech in the year 1881. Engaged in the book and stationery business, succeeding his father in the year 1884, and in connection with his brother, Frank Smith Foster, engaged in the drug, stationery and book business, under the firm name of Foster Brothers, for a few years, when the firm dissolved. Frank Smith continuing the drug business and Joseph Byers the book and stationery business, each successively carrying on the business until a sale of their respective lines of business was made. Later on, Joseph Byers was offered a position by his older brother, John Alfred, as superintendent of his box factory, in this city, where he still holds the position as superintendent, giving satisfactory results of his qualification. During the session of the Wisconsin Legislature, in the winter of 1897, he was appointed Document Clerk under Sergeant-at-Arms Hambright, of Racine, Wis. He is an ardent Republican, taking an active part in city, county and State politics. Two children from this marriage union. Res., Beloit, Wis.  

3714. i. ESTHER SMITH, b. April 29, 1888.  
3715. ii. MARY AGNES, b. April 25, 1891.  

3046. DAVID HUMPHREY FOSTER (David S., Moses, David, Stephen, John, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. Aug. 10, 1873, Beloit, Wis.; m., Milwaukee, Aug. 21, 1895, Fannie Elizabeth Schutt. Received his schooling at the Beloit High School and Beloit College Academy, succeeding his father in the book and stationery business in the year 1895, and is still engaged successfully in this line of business. Res., Beloit, Wis.  

3716. i. DAVID SMITH, b. Feb. 10, 1897.  

3048. NATHAN FOSTER (Charles S., Nathan, Nathan, Stephen, John, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. North Andover, Mass., Feb. 18, 1858; m., June 22, 1852, Grace P. Webster. He spent his early school days at the Kimball District School, afterward spending a year at the Johnson High School, North Andover. He was married to Grace Pearl Webster, b. January, 1861. He is an energetic farmer, and lives on the ancient homestead of Ephraim Foster, grandson of Reginald Foster, and noted for the large and beautiful elm tree, still vigorous, and said to be the largest tree in the county. Res., North Andover, Mass.  

3717. i. REATA PEARL, b. Aug. 13, 1883.  
3718. ii. CHARLES HENRY, b. Dec. 1, 1884.  
3719. iii. ERNEST WEBSTER, b. July 7, 1886.  
3721. v. RUTH BIXBY, b. Aug. 30, 1890.  
3722. vi. MARY CLIFFORD, b. April 10, 1891.  
3723. vii. GUY ELSMIER, b. Dec. 5, 1892.  
3724. viii. SARAH CAROLINE, b. Feb. 18, 1894; d. Feb. 18, 1896.  
3726. x. RALPH SARGENT, b. Sept. 24, 1897.  

3049. WALLACE REA FOSTER (Charles S., Nathan, Nathan, Stephen, John, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. North Andover, Mass., Aug. 2, 1864; m., April 11, 1893, Fannie F. Parrish, b. Sept. 6, 1867. He spent his early days in Kimball School; entered the Johnson High School and graduated in the class of 1881; spent fourteen months in Montana with his uncle, Loring B. Rea, on the cattle ranches; returned in October, 1885. He spent a few years at home on the farm, afterward going to State of Washington, and settling at Wilbur, Wash. Here he became acquainted with the youngest sister of senior partner of the firm of J. M. Parrish & Co. They were married at Hillsboro, Oregon. Res., Creston, Wash.  

3727. i. MAY ELLEN, b. Oct. 10, 1894.  
3728. ii. WALLACE PARRISH, b. Jan. 10, 1898.  


3729. i. ESTHER FRANCES, b. Dec. 26, 1893.  
3730. ii. MARION LOUISE, b. Oct. 17, 1895.  
3732. iv. ELLA MAY, b. Dec. 24, 1897.
FOSTER GENEALOGY.

3051. HERBERT LORING FOSTER (Charles S., Nathan, Nathan, Stephen, John, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. North Andover, Mass., Nov. 8, 1870; m., Nov. 9, 1877, Nellie May Long, b. Jan. 7, 1876. He is a farmer. He spent his early school days in Kimball School; was one year at Johnson High School, afterward taking a commercial course. He resides on the old homestead, s. p. Res. North Andover, Mass.


3733. i. GEORGE CURTIS, b. April 2, 1893.


3068. FRANK AUGUSTUS FOSTER (William H., John W., Abner, Elijah, Aaron, Ephraim, Abraham, Reginald), b. Templeton, Mass., April 10, 1860; m., Providence, R. I., Dec. 19, 1889, Bertha Frances Miner, b. Oct. 17, 1866, dau. of James and Sarah (Colwell). When quite young, he showed an inclination to follow in the footsteps of his father, and become a machinist. (As far as he can learn, the Fosters have been of a mechanical turn of mind for many generations.) He was therefore apprenticed to learn the machinist's trade. He also attended the Orange High School, from which he was graduated. He also attended the Polytechnic Institute, of Worcester, Mass., from which he was graduated B. S. from the Department of Mechanical Engineering in 1882. He has since followed his profession in several cities of New England. For the last four years he has resided in Montreal (of which Westmount is a suburb), where he has been Assistant Superintendent and Mechanical Engineer for the Canadian branch of a large manufacturing concern of New York. Res., Montreal, Canada, 1455 St. Catherine Street, Westmount.

3735. i. CONSTANCE HELLEN, b. Jan. 19, 1895.


3735:2. i. CLAUD HADLEY, b. Jan. 6, 1888; d. Sept. 29, 1888.

3774. RUFUS JAMES FOSTER (Clement S., Jesse, Daniel, Thomas, Abraham, Abraham, Abraham, Reginald), b. Minersville, Pa., Oct. 10, 1856; m. there Sept. 9, 1884, Jennie Bennett Taylor, b. Jan. 8, 1859.

Rufus James Foster, son of Clement Storer and Rebecca McCamant Foster, was born at Minersville, Pa. In 1861 he removed with his parents to Ashland, Pa., where he was educated in the public and private schools, graduating from the Ashland High School in 1874. In the fall of the same year he secured a position in the mining engineering department of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co. He remained at this occupation, filling various positions until Sept. 1, 1887, when he resigned to accept the position of editor of The Colliery Engineer, a technical mining paper at that time published at Shenandoah, Pa. In the fall of 1888 he acquired an interest in the business, and the publication was moved to Scranton, Pa., the largest city in the anthracite coal regions. The scope, influence and circulation of The Colliery Engineer rapidly increased, and in 1890 The Colliery Engineer was incorporated. Mr. Foster was chosen one of the directors of the company, and was elected President of the board, a position which he has continuously filled since then. In connection with the original publication The Colliery Engineer Co. owns and conducts The International Correspondence Schools, which furnish technical education by an original correspondence system, which has proven very successful. The company also owns and conducts several other monthly publications of a technical educational character. The correspondence schools were conceived and developed by Mr. Thomas J. Foster, the original owner of The Colliery Engineer, who at present is general manager and treasurer of the company. In his work on this line he was constantly aided by the subject of this sketch, who besides being a business associate is a cousin.

The subject of this sketch was married to Jennie Bennett Taylor, youngest daughter of the late Jos. F. Taylor, of Minersville, Pa. One son, now a boy thirteen years old, is the fruit of this union.

Mr. Foster is a member of the various Masonic bodies, up to and including the Knights Templar, of St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church of Scranton, Pa., of
FOSTER GENEALOGY.


3736. 1. JOSEPH TAYLOR, b. June 1, 1885.


3736 4/2. MARGUERITE ELIZA, b. March 17, 1890.


Norman Wallace Foster was born at Ashland, Pa., youngest son of Clement S. Foster and Rebecca H. McCamant Foster; educated in public and private schools; at the age of eighteen years entered railroad service and filled various positions in same for thirteen years. In 1897 entered service of The Colliery Engineer Company, and was appointed Superintendent shortly afterward, with headquarters at 426 and 428 Ellicott Square, Buffalo, N. Y. Res., Buffalo, N. Y., 426 Ellicott Square.

3736-1/4. i. DONALD McDERMOTT FOSTER, b. Feb. 24, 1890.

3736-1½. ii. RUFUS JAMES FOSTER, Jr., b. Dec. 9, 1890.

3736-1½. iii. LYDIA McDERMOTT FOSTER, b. Dec. 8, 1892. All 535 Auburn Ave., Scranton, N. Y. (temporarily).


3736-3. iii. SARAH M., b. March 29, 1873.


3737. i. CATHERINE CECILIA, b. Jan. 4, 1886.

3738. ii. CECIL ADAM, b. Sept. 13, 1887.


3740. ii. VIRGINIA MAY, b. July 6, 1881. Res., 121 Hicks St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

3741. i. ASA LANESFORD, b. Sept. 20, 1877; d. December, 1878.


3743. v. FLORIDA HALE, b. Oct. 4, 1875. Res., 121 Hicks street, Brooklyn, N. Y.


3744. i. HELEN A. RISON, b. April 4, 1893.

3745. ii. THOMAS LANESFORD, b. Aug. 18, 1894.

3102. FRANKLIN BACON FOSTER (Henri L., Nathan L., Joel, Nathan, Nathan, Abraham, Abraham, Reginald), b. Philadelphia, Pa., July 31, 1856; m., in
1886, Victoria McCready. He is a commission merchant on Van Buren street. Res., 318 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

3746. i. DOUGLAS, b. ——.

3747. ii. DONALD, b. ——.

3748. iii. EARL, b. ——.

3749. iv. FRANCIS, b. ——.


3750. i. HERBERT BLAINE, b. ——.

3751. ii. MAUDIE P., b. ——.


3752. i. BERTIE E., b. 1865; d. 1866.

3753. ii. HARRY, b. 1873; d. 1875.

3754. iii. ALICE H., b. 1876.


3755. i. CHARLES SAMUEL, b. Oct. 22, 1888.


3756. i. BLANCHE, b. June 17, 1880; d. Dec. 16, 1880.

3757. ii. HARRIET EVA, b. June 14, 1881; d. May 14, 1890.


3758. i. BERTHA MAUD, b. Jan. 11, 1886.

3759. ii. HERBERT LEWIS, b. Dec. 20, 1889.

3144. FRANK MACE FOSTER (Oliver, Amos, Amos, Amos, Amos, Benjamin, Abraham, Reginald), b. Tewksbury, Mass., Oct. 17, 1857; m., North Wilmington, Mass., Dec. 21, 1880, Annie M. Harnden, b. Oct. 17, 1859. Mrs. Foster has rendered the compiler valuable assistance. He was born in the old home, which, at one time, was the property of Amos Foster, the Revolutionary hero. It was a large, square, white house with green blinds, shaded by lovely great elms, a typical New England home, with its brick oven and open fire-places; although, after stoves became common, most of the fire-places were closed by sheet iron. The old home descended from father to son, until the summer of 1893, when the great barn was struck by lightning, and, being connected with the house by sheds and carriage house, everything was burned to the ground. The place was very attractive, always being kept in good repair, both outside and in—a thrifty farmer's home. In the fire was lost the flint-lock gun that his great-grandfather carried in the Revolutionary war. Having, in the course of nature, inherited his share of the farm, it naturally followed that he should be a farmer, and he followed that calling until he disposed of his part of the estate and moved to Andover, where he learned the carpenter's trade. Res., Andover, Mass.

3760. i. WILLIAM HARNDEN, b. July 22, 1886.

3761. ii. KENNETH CLEMONS, b. Feb. 8, 1895.


3762. i. GEORGE ENOCH, b. May 10, 1877.

3763. ii. ERNEST ALBERT, b. July 18, 1880.

3764. iii. ETHEL, b. March 18, 1882.
FOSTER GENEALOGY.


3765. i. MARION SWAN, b. May 16, 1891.
3766. ii. HOWARD H., b. March 7, 1893.
3767. iii. BOUTWELL, b. Dec. 15, 1894.

3179. CHARLES F. FOSTER (Charles W., Benjamin S., Benjamin, Assael, Gideon, Benjamin, Abraham, Reginald), b. Oct. 10, 1866; m. in Stamford, Conn., Jan., 1891, Jennie Parkinson. Charles F. Foster was killed almost instantly by falling from the platform of the Boston & Albany road train from Boston, while returning to his home, in Newtown, Mass. He had issue two children, Annie and Harold, now living in Levarton, Lincoln, England. She was of English birth, and, after Charlie’s death, she returned to her parental home. He d. Feb. 26, 1895, Res., Newton, Mass.


3770. i. RACHEL JONES, b. July 14, 1877.


3772. i. ARTHUR C., b. May 13, 1862; d. May 21, 1862.
3773. ii. DANIEL A., b. Aug. 21, 1863.
3774. iii. MARIA (Reed), b. Sept. 21, 1869.
3775. iv. DELIA HACKENBRED, b. May 23, 1871.
3776. v. JOHN C., b. Nov. 12, 1874.
3777. vi. ETTIE, b. May 1, 1879.


3778. i. NANCY E., b. Feb. 8, 1874.

3207. STETSON THOMAS FOSTER (Zabud, Thomas, John, Nathan, Caleb, Caleb, Abraham, Reginald), b. Bristol, Me., July 25, 1850; m. Hingham, April 1878, Alice Lincoln Whiton, b. Oct. 1, 1854. He was born in Bristol, Me., going to Boston when twenty-one years of age, having, in Ellsworth, Me., previously, learned the cabinet-maker’s trade. After five years in one of the leading decorative houses in Boston, he started in his present business, furniture, draperies and wall papers, 30 Franklin street, for himself in 1878 and has continued it to the present time. He has always taken an active part in all the details of his most complicated business. He has succeeded, socially he has done his part in the church and the community where he located and married twenty years ago in Hingham, Mass. He has held many prominent offices in town affairs, banks, church, Masonic, clubs, etc., and he has the respect of a large business and social acquaintance. He has never aspired for political office, although asked to accept nominations many times. It can be all summed up in these words: A man who has tried to do his part in the world as God has given him power to see it, to God, his neighbor, and himself. He is now one of the parish committee of the oldest church in the United States, built in 1681, at Hingham, Mass.; now Unitarian. Res., Hingham, Mass. Boston address, 30 Franklin street.

3779. i. FRANCIS RICHMOND, b. July 22, 1882, at Mount Holyoke Seminary.
3780. ii. HANNAH WHITON, b. Aug., 1884; d. May, 1886.
3781. iii. LEWIS WHITON, b. Sept., 1887.
3783. v. HELEN MILLER, b. Sept., 1894.


Horatio Alva H Foster, born of New England parents, in Philadelphia, during a short sojourn in that city; spent early life, until 1833, in Northampton; attended the common schools and high school of that place until 1876, then commencing work in a factory office; at nineteen was appointed superintendent of the mill, a small cotton factory, and filled the position for five years, the last two being as treasurer. He left to take a position as paymaster and clerk for a railroad contractor for a year or more, and, in 1884, entered the employ of the Daft Electric Co., in Jersey City. In 1885 installed one of the earliest electric street railways, that in Baltimore, running from near the city line to Woodbury. In 1886 he became connected with the Thomson-Houston Electric Co., of Boston, and from then until July, 1891, acted as expert engineer for that company in various places, but principally in Philadelphia and New York. In July, 1891, was appointed expert for the electrical division of the United States Census Bureau and collected all financial and technical statistics for all kinds of electrical plants in St. Louis, Mo., and New York State, afterward compiling the same in the census office, Washington, D. C. On May 1, 1893, became editor of "Electrical Industries," a technical journal published in Chicago, and as such wrote up many of the electrical and mechanical exhibits at the World's Fair. Leaving there in September, became assistant to Prof. George Forbes, F. R. S., electrical engineer for the Niagara Falls Power Co., and, when Professor Forbes' duties were completed, in December, 1894, was detailed by the Cataract Construction Co. to make tests for the determination of the cost of steam power in Buffalo and other cities. He is now consulting electrical and mechanical engineer in Buffalo, N. Y., for general work, and especially for the Cataract Construction Co. and its allied interests, the Niagara Falls Power Co. and the Cataract Power and Conduit Co. He is the author of "Central Station Book-Keeping," "Central Station Management and Finance," "Electrical Engineer's Pocket-Book" (in press, Van Nostrand). He is a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the New York Electric Society and Franklin Institute. Res., 71 Highland avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

3784. 1. PAULENE M., b. Aug. 3, 1884.

WILLIS CHRISTOPHER FOSTER (Henry T., Henry P., Henry, Jacob, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald, Reginald), b. Walpole, N. H., Oct. 6, 1858; m.,
FOSTER GENEALOGY.

March 25, 1884, Katie Callahan, b. April 18, 1850. He is a farmer. Res., Walpole, N. H.

3787. i. MADALENE KATIE, b. Oct. 11, 1855.


Frank Henry Foster, eldest born of Henry Thomas Foster and Hannah Morrill Foster (née Fuller), was born on a farm in the town of Walpole, N. H., on the sixth day of January, 1857. This farm, which was purchased by his grandfather in 1824, is still in the possession of the family, being now owned by the younger brother of Frank Henry, Willis C. Foster. There are four girls and two boys in the family, all of whom are living. In the order of their ages, they are Willis Christopher, Velma Elsie, Adine Philena, Florence Josephine and Annie Reynolds.

The subject of this sketch knows the value of an education and the supreme advantage of relying upon one’s own resources, for he obtained his education at the district school in Walpole and at the High school in Walpole village, walking three and one-half miles to and from his school. At the age of sixteen years he taught a district school in Dublin, N. H., in order to secure the means to further educate himself, and was graduated from the Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, N. H., June 19, 1877, having entered that institution in December, 1874. Owing to the severe and long-continued illness of his father, the young man was constituted head of the family, farming in the summer time and teaching school in the winter to make both ends meet. In 1879, he entered the law office of Davenport & Eddy, Brattleboro, Vt., as a student, and in October, 1881, he matriculated in the junior class of the law department, Michigan University, at Ann Arbor, Mich. In the spring of 1882, three weeks before graduation, he was transferred to the senior class and was graduated with that class, in March of the same year. The following month he removed to Topeka, Kan., and began the practice of law, where he has ever since remained. June 3, 1884, he was married to Miss Harriet B. Franks, of Topeka, a talented musician and cultured lady. From the beginning he took an active interest in the cause of temperance, which is in the prohibition phase in the State of Kansas, and has been one of the most zealous and indefatigable workers in behalf of that and of other reforms that tend to the upbuilding of the home and State. January 1, 1896, without any solicitation on his part, he was named as chairman of the metropolitan police board of the city of Topeka, and while he remained a member of that board he reduced lawbreaking and crime to a minimum. He is a charter member of the Saturday Night Literary Club, one of the oldest and most noted, as well as most unique, clubs in the State of Kansas. He is, and has been for years, one of the sources of inspiration and a pillar of strength of the Unitarian Society of Topeka. He is a prominent member of his profession, a leader in church and civic affairs, and has, already, although still a young man, accomplished much for good government and good order in the community in which he lives. He is a man of rare moral courage, of unceasing industry, resolute in purpose, faithful to his convictions and loyal to his friends. Res., s. p., Topeka, Kan.


3758. i. MILDRED McLAREN, b. Jan. 13, 1897.


3789. i. JESSIE, b. Dec. 14, 1886.

3790. ii. ALDEN E., b. Sept. 6, 1888.

3791. iii. HAROLD, b. Aug. 6, 1890.

3792. iv. DANIEL, b. Dec. 6, 1892; d. April 27, 1893.

3793. v. RUTH, b. Feb. 18, 1895.

3794. i. MALCOLM HILL, b. July 28, 1894.
3795. ii. GORDON CHASE, b. Feb. 21, 1897.


3796. i. KENNETH RICHARDSON, b. Feb. 5, 1896.
3797. ii. WARREN BRADLEY, b. Feb. 5, 1896.


3468. REV. PAOLI RANDALL FOSTER (Isaac, Benjamin, Benjamin, Isaac, Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Aylesford, Nova Scotia, May 8, 1836; m., Brookfield, Nova Scotia, Adelaide L. Crooker, dau. of Dr. Crooker, of Lunenburg county, Nova Scotia, b. Jan. 22, 1845. He was born at Aylesford, Kings county, Nova Scotia. When but nine years of age he went to live with his paternal grand-parents, and continued with them for a number of years. At the age of thirteen he professed religion, and was baptized by the late Rev. William Chipman, at Berwick, on May 20, 1849. After a few years he returned to his parental home at Aylesford, where after a long and testing struggle he became convinced that it was his duty to devote his life to the work of the Christian ministry. Having reached this conclusion he entered on a course of study with this object in view. He was licensed to preach in the year 1860, and for a number of years engaged in evangelistic work, assisting pastors and helping needy churches. During these years revival followed revival, and hundreds professed faith in Christ. On September 9, 1860, he was ordained at Kempt, Queens county, Nova Scotia, and entered on regular pastoral work, in which he has continued in Nova Scotia and Ontario. Res., s. p., Arcadia, Yarmouth county, N. S.

3471. JOSEPH MORTON T. FOSTER (Isaac, Benjamin, Benjamin, Isaac, Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. May 18, 1852; m., Elizabeth Johnson, of Digby; m., 2d,—Jane Baker. He d. May 13, 1892. Res., Aylesford, N. S.

3798. i. INFANT; d. young.
3799. ii. NORMAN, b. ——.
3800. iii. ISAIAH, b. ——.
3801. iv. GEORGE, b. ——.
3802. v. LILLA, b. ——.
3803. vi. BESSA, b. ——.
3804. vii. HENRY L., b. ——.
3805. viii. EDWARD, b. ——.
3806. ix. ELLA, b. ——; d. May 25, 1892.
3808. xi. ISAAC HOWARD, b. ——; d. ——1893.
3809. xii. BERTON, b. ——.
3810. xiii. INGRAM, b. ——.
3811. xiv. SEWARD, b. ——.
3812. xv. MABEL, b. ——.
3813. xvi. CHARLES, b. ——.
3814. xvii. JANE, b. ——.

3474. JACOB FOSTER (Isaac, Benjamin, Benjamin, Isaac, Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. April 16, 1840; m., Jan. 1, 1866, Henrietta McPherson, dau. of Donald and Lettie (Parker), of Brookfield, N. S. He, Jan. 11, 1840. He was a blacksmith; went from Aylesford, N. S., to Methuen, Mass., in October, 1880, and in 1890 to Watertown, Mass. Res., Cold Brook, Kings county, N. S., and Watertown, Mass.

3815. i. EUDORA LETTIE, b. Aug. 15, 1868.
3816. ii. MAGGIE AGATHE, b. Sept. 13, 1870.
3817. iii. MAY LAVINIA, b. Jan. 1, 1876.
3819. v. HALLET RAY, b. Nov. 19, 1874.
3821. vii. LOTTIE, b. Sept. 30, 1879.

3483. JOHN RUPERT FOSTER (Edward C., Benjamin, Benjamin, Isaac, Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. July 30, 1849, Berwick, N. S.; m. at Halifax, N. S., Sept. 29, 1875, Isabel Maud McDonald, b. May 2, 1855; d. Dec. 7, 1876; m., 2d, at Moncton, N. B., in August, 1884, Victoria A. Dunlap; m., 3d, March 31, 1898, Minnie L. Ross, dau. of Dr. Ross. He was a merchant in Halifax, N. S.; then Moncton, N. B.; then Victoria, B. C.; now with Ceylon Tea Co. Of late years he has been engaged as follows: In 1889 went to Vancouver, B. C.; imported teas from China and Japan; shipped to above places thoroughbred Holstein and Jersey cattle, from large ranch of his on Fraser river; also dealt in real estate; went from there to World's Fair, Chicago, 1893, for Ceylon, India; from there to Mid-Winter Fair, San Francisco, as Commissioner for Ceylon; at present time is tea broker and manufacturer's agent. Res., Sacramento, Cal., P. O. Box 512.

3822. i. LORENZO JAMES STEWART, b. Sept. 15, 1876; unm. Res., Windsor, N. S.; now, 1898, student in Arts University of Kings College, Windsor.


3484. MINER TUPPER FOSTER (Edward C., Benjamin, Benjamin, Isaac, Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. July 6, 1850, Berwick, N. S.; m., Feb. 9, 1875, Sarah Rudolph, dau. of Capt. Rudolph, of Halifax. He is a wholesale merchant in the tea business, and has a large interest in the gold mining business of the Province. Was one of the city fathers (alderman) for nine years, and resigned in 1897 to contest for a seat in the Dominion Parliament to represent the city and county of Halifax in behalf of the Conservative party in the Government. With the others of his party lost his election by a majority of seventy-four, but was about four hundred ahead of any one of his party in the county, and polled the largest vote of any of his party in the province. Had eight children. Res., Halifax, N. S.

3824. i. EDWARD RUDOLF, b. March 18, 1876; d. March 8, 1880.

3825. ii. FRANK TUPPER, b. Jan. 21, 1878.

3826. iii. BRENTON BEEBE, b. April 21, 1881.

3827. iv. MINNIE KNIGHT, b. April 7, 1883.


3829. vi. GLADYS MURRAY, b. June 29, 1889.

3830. vii. MARGUERITA RUDOLF, b. Sept. 13, 1892.

3831. viii. DOROTHY, b. July 8, 1896.


Douglas Benjamin Foster, son of Edward C. and Harriet (Tupper) Foster, was born in Berwick, N. S., March 30, 1864; was educated in the schools of that town and in 1881 came to Boston and entered the employ of Henry Callender & Co., wholesale grocers, with whom he remained until 1890, when he associated himself with Osgood C. Caswell, under the firm name of Caswell & Foster, to carry on the wholesale tea and coffee business, in which they are now engaged, at 38 and 39 India street, Boston. He married Addie F., daughter of Barna S. and Sarah (Hopkins) Cole, in Somerville, Mass., Feb. 6, 1889, in which city they now reside. Mr. Foster swung into the Democratic column in 1884 with many more of the young men of his state at that time. He has been a candidate of his party for several offices in his city and state, but the district in which he lives has always been too overwhelming Republican to permit of a Democrat being elected. He is a member of the Young Men's Democratic Club, of Massachusetts, and at present belongs to the gold wing of the party. He served two years as president of the Somerville Cycle Club, and is a prominent member of the Central Club, the leading social club of his city. Res., Somerville, Mass. Boston office, 38 and 39 India St.

3852. i. MARION FENWICK, b. Dec. 22, 1889.


3852-1. i. FRANK ELSWORTH, b. June 4, 1881.
3852-1. iii. BEATRICE HOWE, b. April 15, 1885.
3852-1. iv. MYRTLE JANE, b. Aug. 20, 1885; d. May 13, 1889.
3852-1. v. MILTON DAY, b. Sept. 1, 1890; d. Aug. 26, 1891.


William Prescott Foster, A. M., was born at Weld, Aug. 19, 1850. He graduated from Bates College in 1871, and later was principal of Elsworth Academy. He was admitted to the bar and began the practice of law at Bar Harbor, but later moved to Massachusetts, and is now practicing his profession in Boston. He is interested in literature and his poems are published in the leading magazines of this country. He was married to Ruby Hinkley, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Thomas Hinkley, of Elsworth, a man well known in Maine political circles. Res., Bar Harbor, Me., and Boston, Mass., 23 Court St.

3853. i. SIHLA, b. Dec. 2, 1887.
3854. ii. NEWTON HINKLEY, b. May 30, 1889.

3505. CHARLES SUMNER FOSTER (Hiram W., Solomon K., Jeremiah, Jeremiah, Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Weld, Me., Dec. 20, 1859; m., Dec. 25, 1890, Hattie Robertson. Charles Sumner, the second son of Hiram Western Foster, was born at Livermore, Me., Dec. 20, 1859. By occupation he is a farmer. Res., Weld, Me.


3855. i. ETTIE MAY, b. May 22, 1883.
3856. ii. FREDERICK, b. Dec. 27, 1885.


3537. HARRISON GARDNER FOSTER (Addison G., Samuel, Isaac, Isaac, John, Jacob, Isaac, Reginald), b. Wabasha, Minn., March 8, 1866; m., at Lexing-
HART CHARLES since MARY 1S71-72 LUTHER MINNIE d. June 1S71.

TOoaas (now at Mich., Charlotte Ludington), follows:


3551. ii. MARION, b. April 3, 1888.


3553. iii. WALLIN, b. Aug. 10, 1889.

3554. vi. MAY, b. Nov. 26, 1891.


3556. Frank A. Foster was born at Oshkosh, Wis., March 24, 1856, removing to Styles (or Stiles), Wis., in 1857; to DeWitt, Clinton county, Iowa, in 1860, and to Muskegon, Mich., in 1862. In November, 1866, moved to Pere Marquette, Mason county, Mich. (now city of Ludington), where he has resided ever since. He has attended school as follows: 1866-70 Ludington Public School; 1870-71 Lake Forest Academy, at Lake Forest, Ill.; 1871-72 Ellsworth, Me., High School; 1873-76 Olivet College, Michigan; 1876-77 Ann Arbor, Mich., High School; 1877-78 University of Michigan, class of '81. In 1872-73 ran a grocery store at Ludington. In 1878 was called home to attend to his father's estate. During 1879-80 was engaged in the insurance business. In 1881-82 assisted in the management of a planing mill and sash, door and blind factory. In 1883 entered the railway mail service on the run between Ludington, Mich., and Toledo, O., serving six years. In the fall of 1888, being discharged from the railway mail service by the Democratic administration for "offensive partisanship," was elected county treasurer of Mason county, serving four years—the limit in Michigan; since which time has been engaged in the insurance business and secretary of the local Building and Loan Association.

In 1880 joined the Freemasons, and ever since has been an enthusiastic member of the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery and Consistory, having served as presiding officer of the Chapter, Council and Commandery. In politics has been a Republican, and besides serving four years as county treasurer has been supervisor of his ward five years, and in such capacity has been chairman of the County Finance Committee four years. Has also served as secretary of the Republican County Campaign Committee.


3652. i. GUY, b. —, 1893; d. 1893.

3653. ii. CARL, b. —, 1894.


3684. i. PAUL R., b. at Keene N. H., Oct. 1, 1880.

3685. ii. LAURENCE B., b. at Keene, N. H., July 26, 1891; d. May 4, 1892.

3686. iii. CLIFFORD H., b. at Keene, N. H., July 26, 1893.


Frank Houghton Foster was born in Keene, N. H., Sept. 10, 1869, where he resided with his parents until 1887. In 1886 he left school, after partially completing his high school course, and entered the office of his father, a contractor and builder. In 1887 he left home to accept a position as teller in the National Bank of Lebanon, of Lebanon, N. H., where he remained for about ten years, being promoted to position of assistant cashier in 1895. He was married in January, 1895, in Concord, N. H., to Miss Inez Fairbanks, daughter of Charles Fairbanks. In February, 1897, Mr. Foster removed to Claremont, N. H., to accept the cashier’ship of the Claremont National Bank, which position he now holds. Res., Claremont, N. H.

3657. i. ELEANOR STEWART, b. June 1, 1897.

3621. HARRY STEWART FOSTER (Edwin S., Hosea, Samuel, Samuel, Jeremiah, Abraham, Jacob, Reginald), b. May 17, 1871, Keene, N. H.; m., June 25, 1893, Amy Otis, of Hillsboro Bridge, N. H.

Harry Stewart Foster was born in Keene in 1871. He was educated in the public schools and learned the carpenter’s trade, which he still follows. He removed to Manchester, N. H., about 1890. Res., s. p., Manchester, N. H.


Charles Leonard Foster was born Sept. 11, 1859, in Lakeville, town of Salisbury, Litchfield county, Conn., where his father, Rev. Dr. Elon Foster, was then pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His boyhood was passed in New York and Brooklyn in attendance upon the University Grammar School and Adelphi Academy. He completed his preparatory college course in 1877, at the Centenary College Institute, Hackettstown, N. J. He passed examinations for both the University of the City of New York and Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn. Deciding upon the latter College, he took its regular classical course, receiving the degree of B. A. in 1881, and M. A. three years later. After graduation he took up the study of law, entering the office of Olin, Rives & Montgomery, and also matric-
ulated at Columbia University Law School, from which he received the degree of L. L. B. in 1883. In the spring of the same year he was admitted to practice at the bar of the State of New York. In the fall of 1883 he entered the office of Arnoux, Ritch & Woodford, which afterward became Ritch, Woodford, Bovee & Wallace, his success being identified with that of said firm. In politics he is a Republican. In religion a Methodist. Res., Brooklyn, N. Y., 270 Hewes St.

3858. i. ELON, b. Sept. 14, 1892.

3859. ii. EVELENE SMITH, b. Jan. 5, 1897.

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3860. REV. THOMAS FOSTER, b. England; m. there Abigail Wimes, dau. of Mathew, of Ipswich, England.

In the name of God Amen the xxijth day of September in the xiiiith year of the raigne of our Sovereign Lord Charles by the grace of God of England Scotland France & Ireland King defender of the faith de Annoque dni 1638. I Thomas Forster of Ipswich in the countie of Suffolk Clarke being sicke in body but of good & p'tect remembrance God be thanked therefore doe ordain & make this my last will & testa-
ment in manner & form following. First and most principally I doe most humble comend my soul to God and most stedfastly believing In and through the only death merits and passion of Jesus Christ my alone Saviour & all sufficient Redeemer to have free pardon and remission of all my sins & to be an inheritor with him in his everlasting Kingdom prepared for his elect before the beginning of the world. And my body to the earth whence it came And as for that small estate which God of his goodness hath lent me in this life I doe by his divine permission dispose thereof as followeth that is to say I will and bequeath my messuage or tenement wherein I do now inhabit and dwell situate in the parish of St Matthew and the parish of St Mary at the tower in Ipswich or in either of them to my executors here-after named and to their heirs and assigns to the use intent and purpose that they do within one year next after my decease make sale thereof for the best price that can be obtained And the monies for which the same shall be sold I will shall be devised in form following, viz.: to my son Richard Foster £20. To my son Thomas Foster £20 to my son William Foster £20 the remainder of the monies shall be equally devised between and among my three daughters Sarrae Smith the wife of John Smith Elizabeth the wife of William Ferris and Jane Ladbrooke widow I will and bequeath to the said Jane Ladbrooke my great chest in the hall the bedstead feather bed and all the furniture thereunto belonging except the red blanskett stand-
ing in my hall chamber Item I give and bequeath unto the said Elizabeth Ferris my daughter the black trunk standing in the said hall chamber and the bedstead and bedding and all the furniture thereunto belonging standing in the butterie chamber with the said red blanskett. And I further give and bequeath unto my said two daughters Elizabeth and Jane all such firing of wood brome and coals as I shall have at the time of my decease Item I give unto the said Richard my son my great backed leather chair standing in the parlour Item I give unto Robert Ladbrooke my grandchild my great joined chair in the parlour and also the handle bedstead and bed with all the furniture standing in the butterie chamber All my other house-
hold stuff linen brass and pewter and movables whatsoever I give and bequeath unto my said three daughters Sarrae Elizabeth and Jane to be equally devised amongst them And I will and my mind is that all my apparel and all my books shall be sold and the monies thereof arising to be equally devised amongst my said two daughters Elizabeth and Jane And all other my monies debts and goods whatsoever not by me herein before given (my debts probate of this my last will and funeral expenses discharged) I will shall be and remain to my said two daughters Elizabeth and Jane to be equally devised And of this my last Will and Testament I do ordain and make the said Richard my son and Jane my daughter my executors And thus giving all honour praise and glory to God Almighty I conclude this my last will and testament—His testibus, John Lambe, John Hawys—Executed by mark.

Proved December 5, 1638.

(Commissary and Archdeaconry Court of Suffolk—Filed Will, s. a.)


3861. i. RICHARD, b. in England, abt. 1595; m. Patience Bigg.

3862. ii. THOMAS, b. in England, abt. 1600; m. Elizabeth ——.

3863. iii. WILLIAM, b. in England, in 1618; m. Susanna ——, and Anne Brackenberry.
3864. iv. SARAH, m. John Smith.
3864 vi., ELIZABETH, m. William Ferris.
3864 vii. JANE, m. — Ledbrooke. Had a son Robert.

3861. RICHARD FOSTER (Thomas), b. England, prob. at Biddenden, abt. 1505; m. there Patience Bigg, a sister of John Bigg and of the husband of Rachel Bigg. She was b. 1595.

17 Aprils, 1635 This p'ties hereunder expressed are to be transported to New England imbarqued in ye Elizabeth Wm. Stagg Mr. Cert. from the Minister and Justices of the Peace of their conformitie to the Church of England, they have taken the oaths of Allegance and Supremacie. Such is the heading in the entry in the Rolls office Chancery Lane, London, signed by Patience foster, aged 40, and son Hopestill foster, aged 14.

In 1635 there arrived in Massachusetts many ships with passengers from England, and the plantation at Dorchester attracted its full share of them. This year there arrived among the passengers in the "Elizabeth" Patience Foster and her son Hopestill.

In 3 Mass. Hist. Coll. viii, 261, is extract from the record of London custom house, where these names, with that of Rachel Bigg, 6, are given. Of the accuracy of this part of the copy a genuine doubt being felt. By kindness of the official keeper of that record at Westminster, a fac-simile was obtained, for 'a few lines, and thus its exactness proved. That another numeral, perhaps on the left, perhaps on the right, of the figure 6, denoting the years of Rachel Bigg was omitted by the clerk, in 1635, must be evident to all, for in her will, Nov. 17, 1640, she calls husband aged, and names her nephew, Hopestill F., probably the fellow passenger, to whom she makes bequest. See 2 Mass. Hist. Coll. x, 131.—Savage.

"All of these facts point to certain conclusions, viz.: That prior to 1639 Patience Foster was a widow, and as there is no mention of her husband's death here, nor of his being alive here, it seems indiscutable that he never came here; but that her son, Hopestill, was made a freeman, church member and a husband in 1639. As I have said, if he were only fourteen in 1635 this would be marvelous; but if the custom house entry of age was wrong, as it was in regard to his grandmother, Rachel Bigg, there is no inconsistency. In fact I incline to think the age given him was seventeen instead of fourteen, and then he would be twenty-one when he took up these responsibilities in 1639. Mr. Savage, in his transcript of these list of emigrants, has pointed out numerous instances of evident mistakes in the ages given, all recognized in other ways as children of Capt. Hopestill Foster and his wife, Mary, daughter of James Bates, and of course the same three named by their grandmother, Rachel Biggs, in her above will of November, 1646. Now Captain Hopestill was presumably married in 1639, the same year that the freeman was admitted, and that he was made a church member also. In Dorchester Town Records, as printed, p. 28, in the division of lands, widow Foster had an acre next to Mr. Bates, at the Neck, in January, 1637-8; in March, 1637-8, she has two acres and thirty rods. In 1641 (p. 45) persons putting horses on the Neck were to report to Hopestill Foster; in 1644 Hopestill Foster was one of three to settle with John Glover. From that date we trace Captain Hopestill, of Cranbrook, deceased. I omit many other interesting references. Now, the widow, Rachel Bigg, in 1646 mentions her nephew, Hopestill Foster, and his children, Thankful, Hopestill and Patience. In regard to the word "nephew" I made a surprising blunder, treating it as equivalent to son-in-law, and meaning by it the husband of Patience Foster, who came over with Mrs. Bigg, in fact the word "nephew" in English wills of that date means very often, if not invariably, "grandson." See on this point the standard dictionaries. This makes everything harmonious. (1) Mrs. Patience Foster, the emigrant of 1635, was doubtless a widow, and the christian name of her husband was Richard. Her son (2), Hopestill Foster, born 1620, or 1621, was the first of these names in Dorchester; was the nephew, i.e., grandson of Rachel Bigg, and in 1643 he and his cousins, the Stovas, divided the lands of their "deceased uncles, Smallhope Bigg and John Bigg," both of Kent. Against this is only the tradition, or idea, that Patience Foster's husband was named Hopestill, and that he came to Dorchester, substantiated by the fact that a Hopestill Foster was a freeman May 22, 1639. Art. Co., 1642, and selectmen 1645. (I do not find a selectman then, it being an error for 1655.) These offices seem beyond the reach of a boy born in 1620. But look at the other side. In the Dorchester Church Record, we find admitted prior to November, 1639, Rachel Bigg Patience and Hopestill Foster. In the same record, Thankful Foster, bapt. Dec.

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27, 1640, 'married to Mr. Baker of Boston.' Later note on the church record: Hopestill Foster, March 10, 1644. Patience Foster, July 16, 1646.

'Though considerable has been written about Capt. Hopestill Foster, much was incorrect, and I must confess to have been one of the blunderers. This is especially in regard to the idea that his father came to New England. The true record begins with the fact that on April 17, 1635, he embarked on the 'Elizabeth,' of which William Stagg was master. I agree with Mr. Savage that the age of Rachel Bigg was a clerical error, and that she was the Rachel Bigg whose will of Nov. 17, 1646, is in our Suffolk wills, and which is annotated by me in the Register, vol. 29, p. 253. In the same notes will be found the will of John Bigg, of Maidstone county, Kent, England, dated March 27, 1641-2, proved Feb. 7, 1642-3. He mentions his mother, his sister Foster and his brother Stowe, all three in New England; cousin James Bates, of New England, his brother Smallhope Bigg.'—Whitmore.

"Savage says that Hopestill Foster came to Dorchester in 1634, or a little earlier, and had his wife Patience, etc. This is probably an error. It is quite probable that the husband of Patience Foster never came to this country, and that his name was not Hopestill, but Richard. Patience Foster, who came to this country in 1635 with her son Hopestill, aged fourteen, and her mother, Rachel Bigg, aged six [probably an original clerical error for sixty], was called widow Foster at the assignment of Neck lands, in Dorchester, in 1637. Smallhope Bigg, of England, mentions in his will his mother, Rachel Bigg, and his sister, Patience Foster, and Elizabeth Stowe, living in New England. He leaves to Hopestill Foster 'son of my sister,' three hundred pounds. Again, he mentions Patience Bigg, alias Foster, wife of Richard Foster, and Elizabeth Bigg, alias Stowe, wife of Richard Stowe. This last is a clerical error, for he has already spoken of 'my brother John Stowe.'—Vol. 38, p. 60. John Bigg, brother and chief heir of Stanhope Bigg, in his will, dated March, 1641, mentions his mother Rachel, his sister Foster, and his brother Stowe [whose wife is probably now deceased], living in New England. A certain portion is to be given eventually to Hopestill Foster and the sons and daughters of Stowe. To these he is evidently uncle. Vol. 29, pp. 253-240. In Rachel Bigg's will, Nov. 17, 1649, Suffolk Wills, 1-99, she mentions her son-in-law John Stow and her nephew [grandson] Hopestill Foster; Thankful, his daughter; Hopestill, his son; and Patience, his daughter. This is probably the order of their ages [the sisters]. The first mention of Hopestill Foster in Dorchester records is 1 of 1 mo., 1641, when he was made fence viewer. This was at the March election. As he must have been at least twenty-one at this time he must have been born as early as March, 1620. In 1635 his age was given as fourteen. (Will, July 19, 1676) He died Oct. 14, 1676, aged fifty-six. (Sewall.) [Hopestill, Jr., mentioned on p. 145 of Dorchester, is son of one.] He was made freeman in 1643. He married Mary Bate, daughter of James Bate, who was called 'cousin' by John Bigg, and who with all his family came over in the same ship with Hopestill Foster and his mother. She died Jan. 4, 1702-3, aged eighty-four years. [The ages of the Bate family as given in the ship list are as follows: James Bate, fifty-three; Alice Bate, fifty-two; Lydia, twenty; Marie, seventeen; Margaret, twelve; James, five.] She was probably older than her husband.'—Miss Mary Pierce, of Weston.

Sept. 14, 1653, Hopestill Foster signs an agreement in relation to land of deceased, uncles Smallhope Bigg and John Bigg, of the county of Kent, in Old England. The lands were in Crampbrooke, Withersham and Lidd.—See Boston Probate records.

Vol. 51, p. 104, Archaeology Cantiana (Vol. 30, London, 1893), prints an abstract of Kentish administrations, 1601-1649, extracted from the Act Books of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, from which the following is taken:

"Fol. 166; name of deceased, Foster Richard (relief Patience renounced). Parish Biddenden; to whom granted, John Bigg, maternal uncle of Mary, Hopestill and John Foster, children, minors; date, 1630, 3 May."—Mr. F. C. Pierce.

Albert C. Bates, Hartford, Conn.

Mr. F. C. Pierce.

These parties, April 17, 1635, hereunto expressed are to be transported to New England, embarked in Elizabeth. Certificates from Ministers and Justices of the
Peace of their conformite to Church of England. They have taken the oaths of allegiance and supremacy. James Bate, husbandman, fifty-three; Alice, fifty-two; Lydia, twenty; Maria, seventeen; Margaret, twelve; James, nine; Hopestill Foster, fourteen.

He d. in Biddenden, Kent, England, abt. 1639.

3865. i. HOPESTILL, b. Biddenden, England, 1621; m. Mary Bate.

3866. ii. JOHN, b. ——, Biddenden, England.

3867. iii. MARY, b. ——, Biddenden, England.

3862. SERGT. THOMAS FOSTER (Thomas), b. England, abt. 1600; m. prob. abt. 1628, Elizabeth ——. She d. Jan. 29, 1644/5.

Thomas Foster came to America in the ship Hercules, with his brother William in 1634. He was the gunner at the castle. In 1639, at a meeting in Boston, of Mr. Thomas Oliver, Thomas Leaverett, Mr. William Colburn, Mr. Robert Keayne, Capt. Edward Gibon and Jacob Elyott, there was granted to Thomas Foster, the gunner at the castle, a great lot at the Mount (Mt. Wollaston, Brain-tree) for six heads, upon condition expressed for "Mount Wollystone lands." This property he conveyed in 1647 to Thomas Beamont, of London, mariner. Mt. Wollaston was incorporated as Braintree in 1640.

In 1640 he was residing in Weymouth and there his first child was born. He owned land in Weymouth in 1642: "Three acres on the east field, first granted to John Allin, bounded on the east with Jeuffry Staples' land, on the west with the land of Edward Bates." He disposed of his remaining land in Boston limits in 1647 to William Brown, of Salem. While residing in Boston, in 1642, he was admitted a freeman, and on his removal to Billerica, was admitted there in 1647. The following year he moved to Braintree, and before 1650 was residing in Billerica.

He went from Braintree to Billerica. In June, 1659, he received a grant of an eight-acre lot. His home lot was fifty acres, his house lot being part of it, lying on the east end of Bare Hill, bounded by Shawshire road, on the west ninety and four pole, by William Hamlet on the north one hundred and two poles; by ye common, east, ninety poles; by a highway on the southwest eighty-six poles.

Former Savage and Paige are our authorities for considering Thomas Foster, of Weymouth, Braintree and Billerica, one and the same person. From Pattee's History of Braintree, p. 470, part of the testimony of Henry Leonard, concerning some coal at the forge, reads:

"Sworn Oct. 27, 1655. Mr. Gifford gave me orders that if Goodman Foster, or some others of Braintree, could make any use of them (the coals) I should dispose of them. Whereupon Goodman Foster had about two half loads, and some of the rest of the neighbors therabout fetched some of them, but they were so bad they would fetch no more, and Goodman Foster took as much paynes about them as they were worth, and although they would serve his turn, they would not serve us at the Forge."

From Hazen's History of Billerica: Thomas Foster lived east of Bare Hill, the hill south of the village. "The first list of town officers, 1659-60, names Thomas Foster as one of the selectmen. He held the same office for 1660-61, 63-65, 67-69. In 1660 Thomas Foster was chosen 'eldest corporal of the Trayne Band.'"

"8: 8 mo: 1675. In pursuance of an order from Hon. Concei, sent unto them by warrant from ye worshipful Simeon Willard, Esq., Sergeant Major in reference to the gathering the inhabitants of ye town into several garrisons according to their best policy.

"For ye south end of ye town, Sergeant Foster's house is appointed and so to take his son Joseph Foster, James Frost, Joseph French, Joseph Walker, Daniel Rogers, John Kitteridge, Thomas Richardson and 2 soldiers in all, to soldiers and 6 houses."

"11: 9 mo: 1670. Thomas Richardson being convicted of taking two loads of cedar from our swamp and transporting ye same out of town, contrary to our towne orders, is fined 30s, which Thomas Foster paid for him, he agreeing to build 22 poles of four raife fence for Foster." The tax list for 1679 shows that Sergeant Foster was rated for 5s, one poll. The highest rating on the list is for 13s.

We now quote from Dr. Paige: (Gen. Reg. xxvi, 394.) "Thomas Foster was a blacksmith, and the progenitor of a long line of blacksmiths. According to the fashion which then prevailed, the scrivener was careful to describe him as sergeant in a deed dated November, 1679, wherein Thomas and wife Elizabeth convey land to Moses Haggett for £8."

In his old age he was repeatedly called before the Middlesex County Court and
punished for worshiping the God of his fathers after the way his judges called heresy. To the first accusation he offered satisfactory defense, but afterward he was condemned. Thus it is recorded: "Oct. 4, 1671: Thomas Foster appearing before the Court, to answer the presentment of the grand jury for absenting himself from the public ordinances of Christ on the Lord's day, pleaded that the reason of his absence was the providence of God necessitating him thereto was discharged, paying costs June 18, 1672; George Farley, Thomas Foster and William Hamlet being present for breach of the Ecclesiastical laws, they all confessed the presentment, were admonished and ordered to pay costs, 4s. 6d, a piece."

"June 15, 1675. Thomas Foster, appearing before the court to answer the presentment of the grand jury for not attending the public worship of God on Sabbath days and days of humiliation and thanksgiving, and by his own confession, in open court, being convicted of constant and ordidary frequenting the meeting of the Anabaptists on Lord's day, is sentenced to pay a fine of £5 and costs, amounting to 8s. 6d." "If Mr. Foster was heretic," says Dr. Paige, "his posterity made ample amends by service to the Orthodox church in the office of deacon."

No record is found of his marriage, but in March, 1648, and in November, 1679, he had a wife Elizabeth; probably the same who is provided for by his will. She was no doubt the mother of his children. Mrs. Elizabeth Foster died Jan. 29, 1694-5. She had namesakes in her daughter, Mrs. Frost, and four of grandchildren.

Thomas Foster died in Billerica, April 20, 1682. The following is his will, recorded in the Middlesex Probate Records:

I Thomas Foster being very weak in body, yet of perfect memory, and of a disposing mind do make my last will and testament as followeth. And in the first place I Commit my soule to God that gave it, and my body to the earth to a decent buriall and for that small portion of ye good things of this life which God hath graciously continued to mee, I do thus dispose of them and first I do will that all my just debts be discharged, with ye charge of my funerall, nextly I do will that my dear wife may have a comfortable and honorable maintenance out of ye remainder during ye time of her natural life. Also I do give to my son-in-law James Frost a good Cow, or four pound in case it be to be had out of my estate after ye decease of my wife; lastly I do nominate and impower my son Joseph Foster to be my sole executor, and I do put my wholl estate both personal and real in his hands, after my decease, for ye accomplishment of the premises, as witness my hand and seal this eighteen day of April in ye year of our Lord, God, one thousand six hundred eighty and two.

Thomas Foster.

Signed and sealed in presence of us.

Jonathan Danforth sen | Jonathan R. Cdmington? | Cunningham?]

The inventory of the estate was taken June 17, 1682, by Jonathan Danforth, senior and Joseph Thompson; it amounted to £98, 17, 0.

Thus, in a few pages, is set down all that is known of Sergeant Thomas Foster, whose numerous descendants are now scattered throughout our country.

Though but a humble citizen, content in times of peace to labor at his anvil, yet the alarming cry of war found him ready to bucke on the sword; and conscience, too, in the wordly conflicts of his day, proved him the bold defender of his convictions.

"I found the transfer by John Curtis, in old Boston Court Records alludes to his estate as formerly Thomas Foster, of Braintree, and 1663 it was. Then the next year Thomas, of Roxbury, is named as on the border line of an estate. The last probably Dr. Foster, who gave it up before he died, in Cambridge, in 1680. Thomas, of Billerica, only, owned the estate then in halves, so I think in his old age he bought this farm with young Joseph, and probably promised him the whole when he died. All the other sons were well helped out."—Miss Abbott.

Rev. B. Beadham, of Newton, North Wales, England, writes: "Thomas Foster, Boston, 1641, who came in the Hercules, 1634, and was a gunner at the Castle, is also mentioned in that valuable, but ludicrously mis (or rather non-) edited book,
‘Thomas Lechford’s Note-Book,’ p. 135, and also p. 377, of the printed edition. We learn from Lechford that the son in New England was Thomas.”


3866. i. THOMAS, b. Aug. 18, 1640; m., Oct. 15, 1662, Sarah Parker, of Cambridge.

3869. ii. JOHN, b. Oct. 7, 1642; m. Mary Chillingworth.

3870. iii. INCREASE, b. abt. 1644; mentioned by Savage, but nothing further.

3871. iv. ELIZABETH, b. abt. 1646; m. Deacon James Frost, of Billerica, Jan. 22, 1666. He was son of Deacon Edmund Frost. Res., Billerica, where he d. 1711. She d. 1726. Ch.: 1. Thomas, b. 1667. 2. John, b. 1668. 3. Samuel, b. 1670. 4. Elizabeth, b. 1672; m. Peter Cornell. 5. Edmund, b. 1675. 6. Mary, b. 1676; m. John Walker. 7. Sarah, b. 1678; m. —— Howard; he d. bef. 1712. 8 Hannah, b. 1650. 9. Joseph, b. 1652. 10. Abigail, b. 1685; m. Ephraim Kidder. 11. Benjamin, b. 1687. 12. James, b. ——

3872. v. HOPESTILL, b. March 26, 1648; m., Oct. 15, 1670, Elizabeth, widow of Thomas Whittemore.

3873. vi. JOSEPH, b. March 28, 1650; m. Dec. 11, 1672, Alice Gordon, of Roxbury; m., 2d, Margaret Brown; m., 3d, Mrs. Rebecca Danforth.

3873. CAPT. WILLIAM FOSTER (Thomas), b. in England abt. 1618; m. —— Susanna. She d. and he m., 2d, Anne Brackenberg, b. 1628; d. Sept. 22, 1714.

William was admitted to the church of Charlestown 156(6) 1652. Savage says he was of Boston, 1644, with wife Susanna. He was evidently the passenger of his name in the Hercules from Southampton, in 1634. William Foster, of Charlestown was aged about eighty at his death, while this identification would make him eighty-three, which is hardly inconsistent, and it may be noticed that his grandson, Richard, is called eighty-two on his tombstone, when he was really but little over eighty. This, however, is mere conjecture. We know that William Foster had for his wife Anne, daughter of William Brackenberg, of Charlestown and Malden, and that she was admitted to the church, 23(7), 1652. He was a sea captain, and in 1669 master of the Dolphin. Mather, in his Magnalia, iii, 183, has this mention of him. It is found in the "Life of the Rev. John Eliot."

"There was a Godly Gentleman of Charlestown, one Mr. Foster, who, with his son, was taken captive by Turkish Enemies. Much Prayer was employed, both privately and publicly by the good people here, for the Redemption of that Gentleman; but we were at last informed that the Bloody Prince, in whose dominions he was now a Slave, was resolved that in his Life time no Prisoner should be released; and so the Distressed Friends of this Prisoner now concluded our Hope is lost! Will upon this Mr. Eliot in some of his next Prayers before a very solemn Congregation verry broadly beg’d Heavenly Father, work for the Redemption of thy poor Servant Foster; and if the Prince detains him will not, as they say, dismiss him long himself lives Lord, we pray thee to kill that Prince; kill him, and glorify thyself upon him. And now behold the answer. The poor Captiv’d Gentleman quickly returns to us that had been mourning for him as lost Man, and brings us News that the Prince which hitherto held him, was come to an Untimely Death, by which means he was now set at Liberty."

The date of this captivity is fixed by John Hull, who wrote in his diary, 1671, "8 her, 21. We received intelligence that William Foster, master of a small ship, was taken by the Turks as he was going to Bilboa with fish." (He was redeemed and came home 9 her, 1673.) His good social position is shown by the fact that his son Isaac stood first in rank in a class of eleven at Harvard College. He died at Charlestown, May 8, 1693, and his widow Sept. 22, 1714, in her eighty-sixth year. In his will he mentions his kinswoman, Elenor Davis, in England, and his daughter, Mary Davis. The town records thus mention his death: "William Foster, Navigator, aged about 80 years, dyed May 8, 1693."

Will.—In the name of God Amen I William Foster of Charlestown in ye County of Middlesex in New England being weak and ill in body but of good and perfect memory blessed be God for. And knowing the uncertainty of this life, and desirous to settle things in order do make constitute and appoint this to be my last will and Testament. Implems?] I commit my Soul to Almighty God my Creator
assuredly believing I shall receive pardon of my sins in and through Jesus Christ my Dear Redeemer and my body to the earth from whence it was taken to be decently buried at ye disposition of my Executors hereafter named. And as touch-
ing such worldly Estate as ye Lord hath graciously Lent me, my will is it be dis-
posed and Imploymed as hereafter mentioned. First hereby revoking and making
void all and every other will or wills by me heretofore made by word or writing.
Do constitute and appoint this to be my last will and testament and no other.

Item I will that all my just debts or duties I ow in right or Conscience to any
person whatsoever, my funeral Charges as also all those legacies hereafter named
shall be well and truly paid in convenient time after my Decease by my Executors.

Item I do give ye improvement of my Dwelling house, Orchard and ground
thereto belonging and adjoining as also my two pieces of wharfe and Creek and
my wood Lott in ye first Division of Lotts, and movables to my beloved wife Ann
Foster for her comfortable Subsistence, till and so long as she continueth my
widow Fully impowering her with my other executors hereafter named to sell either
or both the said pieces of Wharfe and wood Lott in ye First Division or movables
for ye better enabling of them to pay my Said Debts and Legacies.

Item I do give and bequeath as follows viz.: To my daughter Mary Phillips I
do give ye fifteen pounds to me due from her husband in part of payment for ye
mill, it proving a hard bargain to him, as also my Second Division of my wood
Lott lying next or near Redding the same to be her and her heires forever.

Item I do give to my Grand Daughter Ann Foster five pounds to be paid by
my Executors when she marrieth provided she marrieth with ye consent of her
Father and Mother and her Uncle and Aunt Stanley, otherwise she shall have no
more than any other of my Grandchildren, and ye remainder of ye Five pounds to
be equally divided amongst my Grandchildren then Surviving.

Item I give to all ye rest of my grandchildren five shillings apiece to be paid
by my Executors, to say, those ye are ten years of age within a twelve month after
my Decease, and to ye rest as they shall arrive at Ten years of age.

Item I do give to my Kinswoman Eleonor Davis in England and her Daughter
Mary Davis Twenty Shillings apiece to be within a twelvemonth after my Decease.
And as my Dwelling house Orchard and Lane adjoining as aforesaid at my wife's
Decease I do give ye same to my two Sonnes Richard Foster and John Foster to be
equally divided betwixt them by two indifferent men; and my son Richard after such
division shall have his first choice And ye same to be to them and to their heirs
forever. Further my will is that if my said wife shall see cause to marry againe
she shall then have but her third as ye law provides and that what remains at her
decease to be divided amongst my Children (to say) the thirds of ye housing and
lands to my said Sonnes Richard and John and the movable to my other children
then surviving: Further my will is that if any of my Children shall murmer and be
dissatisfied with my disposall of my Estate by this my last Will and Testament,
that he or they so doing shall lose the benefit of their legacy or legacies and ye same
shall be equally divided to and amongst those other of my children that shall rest
satisfied herewith this my will.

Item I constitute and appoint my bloved wife Ann Foster and my sonnes
Richard Foster and John Foster joint Executors of this my last will and testament.
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed my Seal May the 7th
1696.

Anno R R is Gulielmi zty Anglice &c octavo

his
William X Foster
mark.

Signed published and declared by s'd Wm Foster to be his last will and Testa-
ment in presence of us
Sam'l Phipps
Thomas Walker
Michael Brigden
Prob. July 7 1698.
3874. i. ISAAC, b. about 1652; m. Mrs. Melitahle Wyllis Russell.
3876. iii. ANNE, bapt. Sept. 5, 1658; m. Capt. Eleazer Phillips, of Charle-
town. She d. Dec. 1, 1695. He was son of Henry, of Dedham;
was a victualler; was admitted to the church Nov. 25, 1705. She
owned the covenant Oct. 12, 1684, and died in Charlestown, Ch.


RICHARD, b. Aug. 10, 1663; m. Parnell Winslow.

ELIZABETH, b. April 5, 1665; m., July 5, 1692, Isaac Goose, or Vargoose, of Boston, as his second wife. He d. Nov. 29, 1710, ae. 73. Mother Goose, or Grandmother Goose, as she is sometimes called, was not a fictitious, but a real individual. Her maiden name was Elizabeth Foster, and she was born in 1665. She married Isaac Goose in 1663, and a few years after became a member of the Old South Church, in Boston, and died in 1758. The first edition of her songs, which were originally sung to her grandchildren, was published in Boston in 1716 by her son-in-law, Thomas Fleet. It is said that Fleet, out of respect for her, collected the little songs that she sang to her grandchildren into book form and published them for the use of mothers in America. The original editions of Mother Goose's Melodies are now very rare and valuable, but so many subsequent issues have been made that the book is one of the best known in the English language. The song of the little girl and her little curl does not appear in some of the early editions, and was probably added to the collection by some editor subsequent to Fleet.—Globe Democrat.

JOHN, b. Aug. 10, 1666; m. Sarah Richardson and Esther Lathrop. DEBORAH, b. Feb. 28, 1668; d. April 22, 1668.

CAPT. HOPESTILL FOSTER (Richard Thomas), b. England in 1621; m., in Dorchester, Mary Bate, dau. of James, b. England 1618; d. Jan. 4, 1702. His father was James Bates or Bate, and with his children came over from England in 1635 in the same ship with Widow Foster and her son. He had the title of Mr. prefixed to his name. His wife was Alice and in the list of passengers he was styled husbandman. He was born in 1582, joined the church in 1606, was selectman in 1637, 1638 and 1651 and represented Hingham in 1641. He may have come from Sid Town, Kent, England, for his son Richard resided there. James was probably brother of Edward, of Weymouth, and of Clement, of Hingham. Foster came from London in the ship Elizabeth, Captain Stagg, in 1635, with his mother, he then being fourteen years of age and she was forty. The son's name appears in the town records of Dorchester in 1636. The mother had a share in the Neck lands in 1637. Hopestill signed the covenant in 1638, joined the artillery company in 1642, and was ensign in the Dorchester train band under Capt. Humphrey Atherton in 1644; was selectman in 1646 and for thirty years after with occasional intervals; was a deputy to the court in 1652 and afterward a justice or commissioner of trials; He resided near the present southwest corner of Adams and Centre streets. His will is dated July 10, 1679. He gave £5 toward the Free Schools to be added to "Brother Gibson's legacy." He was a brewer, and very active in town affairs.

These parties, April 17, 1635, hereunto expressed, are to be transported to New England imbarqued in Elizabeth. Certified from ministers and justices of the peace
of their conformite to Church of England. They have taken the oaths of allegiance and supremacy. James Bate, husbandman, fifty-three; Alice, fifty-two; Lydia, twenty; Maria, seventeen; Margaret, twelve; James, nine; Hopestill Foster, fourteen.

Captain Hopestill Foster was evidently a very active man, and his name for years is on nearly every page of the Dorchester records. In 1654 he is called "ensign," and so on for eight years; in 1662 he is called "lieutenant," under Captain Clapp; and in 1666 he became "captain," by which title he was known till his death. He held many town offices, as treasurer, etc.; was selectman in 1653 and many subsequent years, and was deputy to the General Court annually from 1659 to 1676, excepting 1671, when he was commissioner for small causes, eventually dying in office. This must be an unusual tenure of office.

I shall not attempt to trace Captain Foster's purchases of land, except as they may be evidence of pedigree. Hopestill Foster married Mary, daughter of James Bate, of Dorchester, who was a cousin to John Bigg. She came in the ship with the Fosters, and was reported as aged seventeen; a slight evidence that Hopestill's age is incorrectly given. Their children's births were copied from Dorchester town records, and the baptisms from Dorchester church records. Mrs. David W. Foster has the unrecorded original of an indenture between Edmond Brown, of Boston, shopkeeper, and Elizabeth, his wife (heretofore the wife of Hopestill Foster, of Dorchester, soap boiler, deceased); Hopestill Foster, of Boston, gunmaker; Samuel Foster, of Boston, goldsmith (sons of said Hopestill Foster); Timothy Nash, of Boston, merchant, and Mary, his wife; one of the daughters of Hopestill Foster and Elizabeth Foster, of Boston, spinster, another daughter of Hopestill Foster, of the one part, and James Foster, of Dorchester, yeoman, of the other part, selling to J. F. for £40 a parcel of upland in Dorchester, about twelve acres, part of estate of Said Hopestill Foster, bounded northerly by the highway leading toward Castle Island, easterly by land of James White, westerly by land of Isaac Jones, southerly by saltmarsh of Capt. Samuel Clapp and saltmarsh of Samuel Lopley. Note.—Livery of Seizen given by E. Brown and Hopestill Foster 12 m., April 10, 1694. March 31, 1698. H. F. and Samuel F. acknowledged before Sam Sewall.

Again it appears by Suffolk deeds, Vol. XXI., Fol. 524, that on April 22, 1696, James Foster, of Dorchester, and wife Anna; Standfast Foster, of Dorchester, and wife Abigail; Thankful Baker, widow; Patience, wife of Thomas Brown, of Sudbury, gentleman, and Mary, wife of Samuel Ward, of Boston, cooper; all children of Capt. Hopestill Foster, and also Hopestill Foster, of Boston, gunsmith; one of the grandchildren of Capt. Hopestill, sold land to Matthias Puffer, of Dorchester.

By a deed, dated Dec. 31, 1703, recorded in 1715, Suffolk deeds 20, Fol. 223, it seems that Standfast Foster bought land of Thomas Brown, of Sudbury, who married Patience, one of the daughters of Capt. Hopestill Foster; James Foster, son of Captain H.; Mary Ward, widow, a daughter of H. F.; Hopestill Foster, gunsmith; and Silence Eliot, widow; two of the grandchildren of Captain H. F. It mentions that Hopestill, Elisha and Comfort, three sons of Captain H. F., were then deceased. All of these relations are plain except Silence Eliot. It is pointed out in Sewall's Diary, Vol. iii, p. 333, that she was the daughter of a daughter of Captain Hopestill. James Foster had a daughter Silence Foster, as we shall see, born in 1677; but Silence Eliot, who was the wife of Joseph Eliot, of Boston (son of Jacob Eliot), died June 8, 1744, aged seventy-eight, as her tombstone in the Granary yard testifies. She was born in 1666. Now it is certain that Captain Hopestill's eldest daughter married Jan. 8, 1669-4, John Baker, of Boston, and had John, born at Boston, Feb. 26, 1664-5, and Silence, born at Dorchester (see records) May 28, 1666, "daughter of John Baker, of Boston, deceased." John Baker's will, dated March 26, 1666, proves July 5th, following, is in Suffolk Wills I, 471. In it he mentions wife Thankful, son Thomas, daughter Elizabeth, a child unborn, and makes his father, Hopestill Foster, his uncle Richard Baker, and his cousins William Ireland, overseers. He mentions his sister, Catherine Johnson; his wife's uncle, Bates, and gives his son, Thomas, the land that was his grandfather Swift's, at Dorchester Neck.

Savage was entirely wrong about John Baker. This will shows still more error in Savage. (Vol. I, p. 97 and Vol. IV, p. 241.) Savage says that John Baker, of Boston, blacksmith, married Nov. 5, 1657, Joan, daughter of Thomas Swift, of Dorchester, by whom she had five sons and one daughter, of whom only Thomas and Elizabeth survived. Then he denies the record of the marriage and the first four births as falsely made on the Boston records, because the marriage record of 1657 says, "married by John Winthrop, governor," though he died in 1649 (see Boston Records, printed edition, p. 62). Now the explanation is ludicrously simple.
FOSTER GENEALOGY.

It was a clerical error, for John Endicott, governor, whose name is added to the next entry, and so for twenty more marriages on the same page. It is only a proof that eight years after his death, a clerk would mechanically write Gov. John Winthrop's name.

Boston records say that Joanna, wife of John Baker, died July 21, 1663, and this makes everything clear. By his first wife (Swift) Baker had only Thomas and Elizabeth, and by his second wife (Foster) he had the child unborn in March, who was named Silence. Later, undoubtedly, John, the first child of this marriage, had died, not being named in the will, and Silence was thus the only heir of her mother, Thankful (Foster) Baker, and therefore she joined in the deed we cited.—Whitemore.

Another heir James Foster and wife Anna, Standfast and Abigail, both of Dorchester; Thankful Bates, widow; Thomas Brown, of Sudbury, and wife Patience; Sam Ward, cooper, of Boston, and wife Mary; all children of Capt. Hopestill Foster, and grandson Hopestill, first son of the oldest third Hopestill (called gunmaker), sell land to M. Puff, 1666.

Hopestill Foster and three others in 1653, all nephews of Smallhope and John Bigg, of Kent, England, sign an agreement.

In 1664, with others, he signed a petition to the Governor and General Court as "Hopestill Foster, Jr."

There had been during the lifetime of Josias Chickatabut a disagreement between him and King Philip, of Mount Hope, about the boundary lines of their jurisdictions.

The following letter was written by Squamaug to Captain Foster in relation to the matter:

Capt. Foster: My respects to yourself and the rest of your selectmen. Sir, these are to intreat you by this bearer whom I send to you on purpose, send me the five pounds that you engaged to my deceased brother should be payed in the beginning of this winter past; I have at pr sent many occasions, but intend shortly to come over and treat further with you. I know no reason that the mount hope Sachem's pretended title to some of the lands mentioned in your deed should frustrate the agreement; if possibly that Sachem had any land within your bounds it is but very little above the pattent line, and the Colloney of plymouth have purchased it of him before the pattent lines were run. If you will give him for your security your maye, but I am well assured that plymoth men have deeds for it already; and you have enough of us for your mony whoe are the knowne proprietors; thus hoping wee shall have noe controversie, I take leave and remayne, sir, your friend and servant

DANIELL (alias) SQUAMUCK, Sachem
Mattakeeseset, Mar 19, 1669-70

CAPT, FOSTER TO KING PHILIP OF MOUNT HOPE.

To Philip, Sachem of Mount Hope, Capt. Foster of Dorchester sendeth greeting. You may by this understand me re'd your letter dated June the 15th 1670, wherein you desire a meeting about land at pole plaine and within our township. It seems there is some difference about the land whose it is, wee say tis ons already both by grant from our Court and also by agreement with Indians, who say that it is theirs, and engaged to cleare any clayme that philip or any others should make to it, and therefore think it not needful to trouble ourselves any further, yet because you have desired a meeting once before and now againe, we shall some of us be together with some of the bay Indians give you a meeting if the lord permits at Captain Hudson's farme at Wading river upon the 12th of July next; then and there may be heard any difference as to the land within our township to Plymouth & the bay patent line; not else at present, but remain your friend.

H. Foster with the Consent of the townsmen*

Dor, this 22nd, June 1670

KING PHILIPS' REPLY TO THE ABOVE MEETING.

Philip Sachem of mount hope To Capt. Hopestill Foster of Dorchester Sendeth Greeting

Sir, you may please to remember that when I last saw you att Wading river you promised mee six pounds in goods; now my request is that you send me (by?) this Indian five yards of White light coloored serge to make me a coat and a good holland shirt redy made, and a pair of good Indian breeches all of which I have present need of therefore I pray him faile not to send them by my Indian and with

* These letters are copied from the originals now among the ancient documents of Dorchester.
them the several prices of them; and silk & butens & 7 yards Gallonnes for trimmings: not else at present to trouble you with only the subscription of

King Philip his Majesty P. P.

Mount hope the 15th of May 1672

The History of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery company has this of him: "Hopestill Foster (1642) and his mother, Patience, are recorded as being in the second emigration to Dorchester Plantation, which was in 1635. Hopestill was then fourteen years of age. He married Mary, daughter of James Bates. She died in 1703, aged eighty-three years. He joined the Dorchester church in 1638; became a freeman in 1639; was ensign of the Dorchester train band under Humfrey Atherton (1638) in 1644, and subsequently its captain. He served as a selectman from 1645 to 1674 inclusive, except 1646-9, 1657, 1653 and 1667. In 1675 he was elected but declined. He was a deputy to the court in 1652, and afterward a commissioner of trials. By his will, witnessed July 10, 1676, he gave five pounds toward the free school. He resided near the northwest corner of Adams and Centre streets. He was a brewer, active in all town affairs, a man of judgment and deserved popularity. He died Oct. 15, 1676. He was fourth sergeant of the Artillery Company in 1647. His son, Hopestill Foster (H. C., 1667), became a member of the same in 1673, and his grandson, Hopestill, in 1694."

"The tomb stone which marks the spot where he was buried is nearly as fresh in appearance now (1859) as when first erected. Captain Foster was one of the leading men of the place, and his death was 'a great loss to the town."

Will—Capt. Hopestill Foster—Dorchester. Wife, Mary, executrix, mentions two youngest sons, Comfort and Standfast; son, Hopestill; young Hopestill, my grandson; son John; son James; son Elisha; daughter Thankfull Baker; daughter Patience Browne; daughter Mary. Will dated July 19, 1676. Witnesses made oath before county court in Boston, Nov. 2, 1676. Lib. 6; Fol. 136-138.


3852. i. HOPESTILL, b. March 10, 1645; m. Elizabeth Payson.

3853. ii. JOHN, bapt. Dec. 10, 1642; m. (?) Mrs. Abigail Hawkins Moore Kelland.

3884. iii. JAMES, b. April 13, 1651; m. Capen and Anna Lane.

3885. iv. ELISHA, bapt. Aug. 23, 1653; m. Sarah Payson.


Administrator to estate of Comfort Foster, sometime of Dorchester, husbandman, died some years since; died intestate, in his Majesty's service; granted to Standfast Foster, of Dorchester; Malster, his brother. Dated, Nov. 14, 1700.—Suff. Prob. Lib. 14; Fol. 244.

Some of my correspondents state that Comfort m. Ellenor ——, who d. Jan. 3, 1735. I don't think so.

3888. vii. STANDFAST, b. Sept. 13, 1660; m. Abigail Holman and Sarah.

3889. viii. PATIENCE, bapt. Aug. 16, 1640; mentioned in Rachel Bigg's will, Nov. 17, 1646; m. Major Thomas Brown, of Sudbury. Major Brown was a prominent resident of Sudbury; was son of Capt. William and Mary Besbee; also deacon and representative. The major was born May 22, 1645; was captain in the Indian wars. Patience d. Aug. 15, 1703; and he m., 2d, March 1, 1704, Mrs. Mary (Danforth) Phipps, dau. of Gov. Thomas Danforth, and widow of Solomon. Ch.: 1. Mary, m., June 27, 1693, Jonathan Willard, who d. 1706. 2. Thankful, m. Joseph Hubbard. 3. Patience, m., Dec. 1, 1704, Daniel Stone, and Nathaniel Rice. 4. Elizabeth, m., Nov. 7, 1708, Hopestill Bent. 5. Silence, m. Herds. 6. Hannah. 7. Eunice, b. and d. May 9, 1709.

3890. ix. MARY, bapt. Feb. 10, 1655; m. about 1680, Ephraim Sale, his second wife; m., 2d, Dec. 10, 1691, Samuel Ward.

3891. x. RICHARD, b. March 29, 1663; d. Oct. 6, 1663.

3868. DR. THOMAS FOSTER (Thomas, Thomas), b. Weymouth, Mass., Aug. 18, 1640; m., Oct. 15, 1662, Sarah Parker, of Cambridge, dau. of Robert Parker,
b. April, 1640. She m., 2d, March 30, 1687, Peter Brackett, of Billerica, bapt. 1637. She d. April 18, 1718. He d. before Sarah.

Thomas Foster (1668), of Roxbury, son of Thomas Foster, of Weymouth and Braintree, and a nephew of Hopestill (1642), was born at Weymouth. He moved to Roxbury about 1662, and removed to Cambridge about 1672. He married Sarah Parker. On the court files of 1678 he is styled “physician.” He died Sept. 16, 1679, according to the town records, or Oct. 28, 1679, as inscribed on his headstone, aged thirty-nine years.

She was daughter of Robert Parker and wife Judith. He was a butcher in Boston and Roxbury. He was in Roxbury Oct. 15, 1662, and bequeathed property to his daughter, Sarah Foster, in 1684. Foster is styled a physician in the court files.

His epitaph is as follows:

Memento te esse mortalem.
Fugit
Hora.
Here lies the body of Thomas
Foster Aged 39 yrs Died
Oct 28, 1679

The Middlesex Probate records say: Thomas, 1680, Cambridge, inventory; date October 4, 1680; Sarah Foster, administratrix; very incomplete.


3893. ⅓. THOMAS, b. June 4, 1665; m. Experience Parker.

3894. ii. SARAH, b. June 3, 1667; m. Sept. 22, 1686, Thomas Williams, of Stow.

3895. iii. HANNAH, b. July 23, 1669.

3896. iv. JONATHAN, b. Sept. 21, 1671; m. Abigail ——.

3897. v. ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 26, 1677.

3898. DEACON JOHN FOSTER (Thomas, Thomas), b. Oct. 7, 1642, in Weymouth, Mass., m. abt. 1663, Mary, dau. of Thomas Chillingworth, of Marshfield, who d. Sept. 25, 1702. He m., 2d, Sarah Thomas, Dec. 30, 1702. Was a blacksmith; selectman in 1690; was elected deacon April 6, 1700, and ordained July 20, 1701. His death is recorded in Marshfield thus: “Deacon John Foster deceased June the 13 day 1732 in the 91 year of his age and left 7 living children, 15 grandchildren and 83 G. Grandchildren and had 26 G. children die before himself.” Sarah died May 26, 1731.

Mary was the daughter of Thomas Chillingworth who was first known as an inhabitant of Lynn, Mass., in 1637. He lived a short time in Lynn. removed to Sandwich and thence to Marshfield, where he settled. Was representative to General Court from Marshfield in 1643 and 1652. He died early in 1653. Administration of his estate was granted March, 1653, to his widow, Joanna ——, who m., 2d, May 17, 1654, Thomas Doggett, and was buried in Marshfield, Sept. 4, 1684. His children were: 1. Elizabeth, b. ---; d. unm. Sept. 28, 1665. 2. Mehitable, b. ---; m. Justas Emms, of Marshfield, May 2, 1661. 3. Mary, b. ---; Deacon John Foster. 4. Sarah, b. ---; m. Samuel Sprague, the last secretary of Plymouth Colony.

His gravestone, as that of his second wife, and his daughter Deborah, is still to be seen in the old graveyard at Marshfield. It is said he resided near South river, on lands inherited from Thomas Chillingworth.

Will—In the name of God amen I Sarah Foster wife to John Foster of Marshfield in ye County of Plymouth in ye Province of ye Massachusetts Bay in New England ye 20th day of May anno Domini 1731 Being very sick and weak in body but of sound mind and memory and being desirous to settle what Estate I have Do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say I commend my soul to God my Creator and my body to ye Earth from whence it was taken to be buried in Decent Christian burial and as To such worldly goods and Estate and money and all whatsoever sort of Estate that shall anywise appear to be mine my mind & will is that ye same shall be employed & disposed as followeth:

That is to say I give and bequeath unto my Cousin John Balston my Cobirons. Item I give and bequeath unto Nehemiah Herridon ye Lad which liveth with us that black heifer that is Called mine.

Item. I give and bequeath all ye Remainder of my Estate whatsoever it is or of what sort forever it may be that appeareth to be mine unto my Cousin John Balston my Cousin mary Stetson and to my son in law Thomas Foster and to my daughter in law Deborah Foster to be Equally divided between ye sd John Balston Mary
Stetson Thomas Foster Deborah Foster and Lastly I do hereby Constitute & appoint my son in law Thomas Foster to be sole Executor of this my last will & testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal ye day and year above written

Signed sealed and declare by ye sd Sarah Foster to be her last will & testament in ye presence of

Robert Howland
William Howland
Arthur Howland

June the 23: 1731. The within named Robert Howland William Howland and Arthur Howland made oath that they saw the Within Named Sarah Foster Late of Marshfield in the County of Plymouth deceased signe and seal and heard her declare the within Written to be her last will and Testament and that they at the same time in the presence of the Testator set to their hands as Witnesses: and that according to the best of their observation she then was of a sound and disposing mind and memory.

Before Isaac Winslow Judge of Probate

Children born Marshfield:

3898. i. ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 24, 1664; m. William Carver, of Marshfield, Jan. 18, 1682-3. He was the centenarian. She d. June, 1715.
3900. iii. JOSIAH, b. June 7, 1669; m. Sarah, dau. of Samuel Sherman, of Marshfield.
3902. v. JOSEPH, b. abt. 1674; m., Sept. 8, 1696, Rachel Bassett, of Sandwich.
3904. vii. CHILLINGSWORTH, b. July 11, 1680; m. Mercy Freeman.
3905. viii. JAMES, b. May 22, 1683; d. July 21, 1683.
3906. ix. THOMAS, b. in 1686; m. Faith (Oakman), widow of Benjamin White.
3907. x. DEBORAH, b. abt. 1691; d. unm., Nov. 4, 1732.

Will—The 10th day of July 1732. In ye name of God amen I Deborah Foster of Marshfield in ye Province of ye Massachusetts in New England Being very weak & infirm of body but of perfect sound mind & memory & Calling to mind the uncertainty of this Life & being desirous to settle things in order do make & ordain this my Last will & Testament in manner & form following viz: principally I Commend my soul to God my Creator & my body to ye Earth from whence it was taken to be buried in such decent manner as to my Executors hereafter named shall be thought most meet and Convenient and as to such worldly goods & Estate as ye Lord in mercy hath lent me my mind & will is that ye same shall be employed & disposed of as in this my will is Expressed, that is to say—I give & bequeath unto my brother Thomas Foster my best feather bed one Coverled a blanket & apar of sheets & my goldneck lace and my still & one half of all my silver money.

Item I give and bequeath unto my sister Mary Hatch my best suit of Clothes & my best lace Cap my new bedticking my silk scarf and my new silk gloves & my new silk hood and ye other half of all my silver money.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Cousin Mary Mack- farland my oldest feather bed a coverled & blanket and a pair of sheets Item I give unto my Cousin Sarah Tailer Thirty shillings in money or good Bills of Credit on sd Province. Item I give unto my Cousin Millicent Carver my Gold locket Item I give unto my sister Mary Hatch my Cousin Mary Stan- dish my Cousin Mary Mackfarland and my Cousin Elizabeth Tailer all ye Remainder of my wairing apparel that is not above disposed of to be equally divided amongst them four. Item I give all ye Remainder of my moveable Estate and all ye money which is due to me by bonds or bills that shall be
Remaining after all my Just debts and funeral Charges are well and truly paid by my Executor hereafter named—ye one half to my brother Thomas & my sister Mary Hatch Equally between them two and the other half unto my brother John Foster my brother Josiah Foster & my brother Joseph Foster & brother Chillingworth Foster the other half Equally between them four. And Lastly I do hereby Constitute and appoint my brother Thomas Foster sole Executor of this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal ye day and year above written

Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal ye day and year above written

signed sealed and declared by the said Deborah Foster ye Testatrix to be her Last will and Testament in ye presence of

Arthur Howland
Abigail Howland
Sarah Peter son

December the 15: 1732: The within named Arthur Howland Abigail Howland and Sarah Peterson made oath that they saw the within named Deborah Foster sign seal and heard her declare the within written instrument to be her last Will and Testament and that they at the same time in the presence of the sd Testator set to their hands as Witnesses; and that according to the best of their observation she then was of a sound and disposing mind and memory.

Before Isaac Winslow Judge of Probate.

3872. HOPESTILL FOSTER (Thomas, Thomas), b. Weymouth, Nov. 26, 1648; m. Oct. 15, 1670, Mrs. Elizabeth (Pierce) Whittomere, wid. of the second Thomas Whittomere, of Woburn, whom she m. Nov. 9, 1666, and had one son Joseph. She was dau. of Sergt. Thomas Pierce, of Woburn, b. Dec. 25, 1646. After Foster's death she m., 3rd, March 23, 1680, Nathaniel Peirce, b. Dec 4, 1655; d. 1692, son of Robert Peirce, and had three children. He was a blacksmith. He became a resident of Woburn about the time of his marriage. He seems to have sympathized and suffered with his father for conscience' sake. Thus it is recorded, Dec. 19, 1675, Huestill Foster and John Peirce, of Obsorne, appearing before the court to answer the presentment of the grand jury for turning their backs on the holy ordinance of baptism, confessed the presentment, and, being the first time, the court sentenced them to be admonished, which was accordingly performed in open court, and, paying fees of court, were discharged. Like his brother, Thomas, he died before his father. From his inventory it is learned that he died in 1679, when he was but thirty-one years of age. The amount of his inventory was £47-2-6. It was taken by James Converse, Jr., and Gersham Flag. In the list was a Smith's shop, anvil and tongs. The administrator of his estate was granted his widow Elizabeth. The settlement shows an inventory of Thomas Whittomere's estate which Huestill Foster took into his hands when he married. He d. May 26, 1679. Res., Woburn, Mass.

3908. i. THOMAS, b. April 17, 1672; d. May 1, 1672

3909. ii. ABIGAIL, b. March 12, 1673; m. Timothy Farley, of Billerica, b. July 29, 1680. Their dau., Abigail, b. Sept. 8, 1705; d. Stoughton, April 29, 1750; m. Benjamin East, and had Benjamin, Jr., b. Sept. 21, 1743, killed at Bunker Hill, June 17, 1775; by wife Mary Wales had Caleb, b. Oct. 3, 1774; d. March 29, 1820; a dau. was Sophia Bigelow Easte (see Dorchester line).

3910. iii. JOHN, b. Feb. 14, 1676.


3873. DEACON JOSEPH FOSTER (Thomas, Thomas), b. Weymouth, Mass., March 28, 1650; m. Dec. 11, 1672, Alice Gorton, of Roxbury, dau. of John, bapt. March 8, 1652; d. May 17, 1712; m., 2d, Margaret Brown, of Sudbury; d. March 22, 1717; m., 3d, Mrs. Rebecca (Parker) Danforth, wid. of Jonathan and dau. of Jacob, of Chelmsford, b. 1661. She d. March 25, 1754. He was a blacksmith and resided in Billerica. If he was not a farmer, he owned considerable property. He was one of the proprietors of Rutland and sold his share, one thirty-second part, consisting
of 2,700 acres to Jonathan Waldo, of Boston, for £25. This was Jan. 12, 1715. He was deacon of the first church of Billerica, and for many years his associate in office was his brother-in-law, Deacon James Frost. In his will, July 26, 1721, he names his wife Rabackah, son Thomas, daughter Elizabeth Wilson and her children. The will mentions a marriage contract with his wife dated June 26, 1718. The inventory of his estate amounted to £777.

Joseph Foster's will— In the name and feer of God Amen: the sixth of May on thousand seven hundred and twenty on I Joseph Foster of Billerica in the County of Middlesex in his Majestys Provence of the Massachusetts bay in New England being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, biased be God for it. Tharfor being of a disposing] mind I do ordain this instrument to be my last will and testament the which let no man alter or change and I do hereby make void all former wills by me made and in the first place I do humbly give my soul into the hands of God Father son and holy spirit three glorious parsons but one Infinite and eternal escence hoping for salvation in and through the merits of Jesus Christ_alon?; and do firmly believe that altho' this body of mine shall moulder in the dust yet at the great day when all shall appear before God that then I shall with these eyes see God and dwell in his presence: ] to all eternity.

and I give my body to the arth to a descent buriall at the discretion of my executors and overseers in hope? ] of a glorious Rasuration]; and as to that estat which God hath blest me with what is left after my debts and funarall charges are defraied?] I do give and dispose?] of the same in the form and manner following and first: I give unto my loving and beloved wife Rabackah Foster forty pounds current money to be paid to her in a year after my decease and I further give her the liberty to take whatever she brought with her to my hous boath within doors and without acording? to my promis?] that I made with her and I do further give her a mo[u?]nring eute throu?]but I do further give her the liberty of any room in my house for a year after my decease or longer tim?] if shee does desier it that so shee may have the liberty of spending that provision that shee has helpt labor for, boath of meat and drink and '10 pounds mor?] if shee lives with me five years and I do further give her her my brindled?] heifer.

secondly I do give unto my son Thomas Foster my homestead my hous and barn and my shop and tools in the shop and the ground that the shop stands upon: and I give to him my lot on the east side of the country road which I call my homestead. This I give unto him and his heirs? forever but not to dispose of in his life tim and he may give it to his children at his death.

thirdly I give to my daughter Elizabeth Wilson the homestead that I had of Doctor John Kittrige what Thomas Foster now lives and I do further give unto her my Nuttings meadow with all the land that I have upon Beare hill all on the wast side of the country road this I give unto her and to her hairs forever.

Fourthly I give unto my grandson Joseph Willson twenty pounds which he shall have as followeth, that is my young hars at ten pounds, and my gun that he trains with at forty shillings and my lot at the great swampe at eight pounds which dno make it twenty pounds also I give him an ax and a syth and sickle and a cow the bast that is left and I give him my new bridle and my old sadle if he sees good to accept of it this I give to him and to his hairs forever.

Fifthly I give unto my granddaughter Johannah Willson twenty pounds to be paid to her by my executors in a cow and a bed and the rast in money. I also give her a platter and a gratt bason and a little bason and two spoons and my bias skilet and the chest that she lays her clothes in and a lining? wheel and six wooden plates and a chaire. These I give to her and her hairs forever. This money that is to be paid to Johannah above what her bed and cow comes to shall be paid out of ye movables or else they may be sold for money to make it: and all the rest of my movables both within doors and without both cattle and all other thinghs both wood and iron without doors and] bras and pewter within doors and all other movables except that I have given to Joseph Willson and Johannah Willson they shall be equally divided between my son Thomas Foster and my daughter Elizabeth Willson and in cas?] they cannot agree in that devision I do appoint my trusty friends Bengemen Thompson and John Blanchord to make that devision for them and if they cannot agree I appoint Mr. Joseph Stevens to joyn with them and to make a final isew?]

And as for my ought?] lands which I rasarve they shall be to pay my debts and my wive's dowry and my funarall charges my wive's dowry will be about aight and forty pounds in all besides her liberty in the hous as I have given her in my will and if she shall live with me five years from our first marriage than shee shall
have ten pounds mor And that is forty pounds dew to Mr. Jonathan Waldo at Boston: and about three pounds ten shillings dew to the Captain Thomas Pattin. This is all that I owe that I rammer now to pay thes debts and dowry.

I leave three divisions? of land the one lys on the west side of Concord River between Cpt John Hills and said river about three score and sixteen laces? [acres] which I esteem to be worth about fifty five or sixty pounds. the other lot lys in othe Swamp near seventeen acres? [acres] which I esteem about fifty five pounds. the other lot lys on the north side of rubish meadow before William Collys door about sixteen acers which I value at thirty five pounds: these lots of land to be soaid to pay lagoisons? [legacies] And I do order and give full power unto my Executors to make sale of said parte? of land according to that best judgement and discration and to make payment to the full unto all thos that I am obliged unto that are heres] sat down in my will and when every one is paid and charges defrayd my will is that my grandchildren all except Joseph and Johannah Willson shall have an equal shear of what is left.

And if my grandson Joseph Willson does not lick? what I have given him as to the colt and the lot at the great swamp than he shall have twenty pounds in money in law of it and five pounds in money for what work he has dun for me this last yer and if what is left to pay debts and [logasions] fall short than I order my son and daughter equally to make up and what is over than children equally to shar in it: my will is that what I give to my Daughter Willson shall be wholly at her dispos during her life and shee shall have the liberty of disposing of it for the cumforth of her life.

And I do constitute and appoint and fully empower my trusty friends John Blanchord and Bengemim Thompson to be my lawful executors of this my last will and testament and that they may execute it honestly to the full in every part of it and I do ratifie and confirm this and no other to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have herunto set my hand and seal the 26 of July, 1721.

Signed sealed published pronounced and declared by the said Joseph Foster to be his last will and testament in the presence of the subscribers

In the seventh yer? of the Reign of our sovereign Lord George by the grace of God of England Scotland France and Ierland?] King

Joseph Foster

Joseph Stevens
Benjamin Frost

Prob. December 18, 1721


3913. ii. JOSEPH, b. July 15, 1678; d. in infancy.

3914. iii. THOMAS, b. Feb. 11, 1681; m. Hepsibah ——.


3916. v. JOHN, b. May 12, 1685; d. Nov. 12, 1685.

3874. REV. ISAAC FOSTER (William, Thomas), b. Charlestown, Mass., about 1652; m., 1680, Mrs. Mehitable* (Wyllis) Russell, wid. of Rev. Daniel Russell, of Charlestown and dau. of Samuel Wyllis, of Hartford, Conn. She m., 3d, Rev. Timothy Woodbridge, successor of her second husband in the Hartford church. He graduated at Harvard College in 1671; was probably the son taken prisoner with his father; was admitted to the church of Charlestown Oct. 23, 1677; made Freeman of the Colony Oct. 2, 1768; and Fellow of Harvard College May 22, of the same year; as a candidate for settlement was sought by several churches, and, in 1680, he became minister of the church at Hartford. He d. Aug. 20, 1682, and Rev. Simon Bradstreet, of New London, thus notices the event in his journal. "Mr. Isaac Forster pastor of ye old chh at Hartford dyed. He was aged about 30, a man of many Abilities. His death has made such a breach yt will not easily bee made up. His widow married thirdly, Rev. Timothy Woodbridge, his successor in the church of Hartford."

When a committee of the town of Charlestown was about selecting a successor to the Rev. Thomas Shepard in 1678 the opinions of Rev. John Sherman Mather and Rev. President Oakes were requested as to the "fittest" person for their minister and these gentlemen recommended Mr. Foster as the "fittest and suitablest person" for that place.

*Sometimes in Hartford Conn., Records, Mabell.

Vol. iii, p. — Hartford Law Records. Whereas Samuel Wyllys Esq., late of Hartford ... My ever Honored Father Deceased did in his lifetime make conveyance of Several Parcels of Land lying in the township of Hartford, asfd. particularly one tract of land lying on the East Side of Connecticut River to Mr. Daniel Russell, also one home Lott adjoyning to and being part of the Home Lott. lately belonging to the said Samuel Wyllys, to his daughter Mabell Foster, and did receive full satisfaction or payment for the same, and also a tract of Land lying at a place commonly known by the name of Rocky Hill, in Hartford aforesaid. Conveyed to John Blackledge, late of Hartford Deceased as by the respective deeds on record will now more fully appear. And Whereas I Hezekiah Wyllys, of Hartford, aforesd, Son and heir to said Samuel Wyllys, Esq. Deceased by Virtue and Right of the Last Will of George Wyllys, Esq. My Ever Honrd grandfather settling by Entail Speciall all his Lands in Hartford aforesaid. On me I have now just right and Claim to all or part of the aforementioned Lands which are now in possession of Timothy Woodbridge, of Hartford aforesaid or sold by him—Wherefore, Know all men by those presents that I, the said Hezekiah Wyllys, upon the Consideration of what hath been formerly paid for the above mentioned Lands by the said Daniel Russell, and Mable Foster, and further for the Consideration of the Same of five shillings lawful money of Connecticut to me in hand paid before the Insealing and delivery of these presents, Give, grant, Remise, Release, and Quit Claim, to myself and my heirs forever unto the said Timothy Woodbridge, his heirs, and assigns, all my right, title and Claim whatsoever unto the aforementioned tract of Land lying on the East Side of the Connecticut River in Hartford aforesaid now Sold by Timothy Woodbridge to Hezekiah Sorter, of Hartford Containing four (4) miles in Length and about Eighty two rods in breadth be the same more or less abutting North on Land late belonging to the said Samuel Wyllys; East on the Common Lands West on Connecticut River, etc. Hezekiah Wyllys. 17 March, 1714-5 (the other properties included in this Quit Claim)

Note—Mr. George Wyllys was an Original Proprietor in Hartford.

Vol. 4; p. 86, Hartford Probate Records.—An Inventory of Estate of Rev. Isaac Foster, was Exhibited in Court proved and ordered to be recorded as the Court Grant Administration upon the Estate to Mrs. Mehetabel Foster, 6 March, 1681.

Page 123—The Court being moved to come to a Distribution of the Estate of the late Reverend Mr. Isaac Foster, deceased Considered the Same and what hath been preserved (?) before them by those concerned & finding by a writing made by the sayd Mr. Foster, a Mrs. Mehetabel Russell, before marriage bearing date 27th January 1679 recorded wherein it is agreed that in case the sayd Mr. Foster, should decease before the sayd Mrs. Mehetabel & leave issue behind him of her the sayd Mrs. Mehetabel the Estate should descend to her the said Mrs. Mehetabel & their heirs which agreement though it seems to be Contradicted by another writing made by them and recorded made after their marriage yet it doth not alter the force and Virtue of the former & therefore, this Court doth Judge the former writing to give the rule for Dividing the Estate & their being one third part of the Estate of Mrs. Mehetabel Russell, that She received by Mr. Daniel Russell, Last Will at her dispoze & so no more belonging to Mr. Foster.

We therefore Distribute his Estate as followeth

Two Hundred pounds to Miss Ann Foster, to be paid her at the age of Eighteen years or day of Marriage which shall first & the remainder of the Estate to be Mrs. Mehetabel Woodbridge & her heirs forever. Miss Ann Foster, to be paid in good and current pay of the country.

At a Special Court Held at Hartford, 27 December, 1686.

Vol. 4, p. 181-2; An Inventory of the Estate of Mr. Isaac Foster, taken the 12 of February, 1683, by us whose names are Under written.

Amount .................................................... \£1507-15-04

Small articles of Household use
A Negro .................................................... \£ 22-30-00
A Farm at Hoccasell .................................. \£ 200-00-00
The Home Lot .......................................... \£ 200-00-00
50 acres of Land at Rocky Hill ..................... \£ 40-00-00
Due the Estate in Money .............................. \£ 170-50-00
half the farm at Cambridge .......................... \£ 500-00-00
Land at Middletown ........................................ £ 74-00-00
Land at Winter Harbor, Sundries, Etc. ....................... £ 131

Total .......................................................... £1507-15-04
Debts due from the Estate to Mrs. Mehetable Russell by her Father ........................................ £573-16-00
Mr. Wyllys on House Lot ...................................... £ 30-00-00
Sundries .................................................................. £ 30-00-00
Legacy ..................................................................... £ 20-00-00
Other Legacies ...................................................... £ 36-18-00
Due at Charleston ................................................... £ 10-00-00

£1518-14-00

the Sundries are not counted in the Sums I give the principal items for the hints therein Contained.

1716, April 11. On the land records of Hartford, vol. 3, p. 11, is a quit claim by Mabel Foster, showing her the daughter of Mr. Samuel Wyllys, of Hartford; the quit claim was to Woodbridge. It may safely be assumed that Mabel was Mrs. Mehetable, contracted to Mabel; that the daughter of Samuel Wyllys first married Daniel Russell. She as his widow married Rev. Isaac Foster and as his widow married Woodbridge. Possibly I may be wrong.

Epitaphs from old (1st-Church) Cemetery Hartford:
The old Brownstone table in this cemetery in the rear of the 1st Church premises has upon its upturned face deeply cut, and very plain to read the following inscriptions:

Here lies Intered the
Body of the Revd Mr.
Timothy Woodbridge
Who Departed this Life
April 30 1732
In the 51 year of his
Ministry
also of the
Revd, Isaac Foster
Pastor of the First Church
Who was ordained in 1679
and died in January 1683
Mabel Wyllys
Wife of ye Revd Timothy Woodbridge
and formerly Wife of ye Revd
Isaac Foster died Dec. br 21st A D. 1698
Aged 40 years


3017. i. ANN, b. ——; m., Nov. 29, 1699, Rev. Thomas Buckingham, of Hartford.

1683. CAPT. RICHARD FOSTER (William, Thomas), b.Charlestown, Mass., Aug. 10, 1663; m., May 4, 1686, Parnel Winslow, only child and dau. of Isaac and Mary, b. Nov. 14, 1667; d. April 24, 1751. He was admitted to the church Feb. 16, 1700; was a mariner; was captain of the ship, "Mary and Elizabeth" in 1687; arrived home from Salttouthe, May 24, 1693; was captain of a pink sailing vessel from Boston to Nevis, May 30, 1713. His wife owned the covenant and was admitted to the church May 17, 1702.

Richard Foster's Will—In the Name of God Amen I Richard Foster of Charlestown in the County of Middlesex in His Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New Engld. Esqr. being weak in Body yet of perfect Memory Thanks be to God therefor Calling to mind the mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to Dy, Do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament. Principally I recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it hoping for Mercy thro the Merits of my Dear Redeemer, and my Body I commit to the Dust to be buried with a Decent and Christian Burial (at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named) Firmly believing that at the General Resurrection I shall receive the Same again by the Mighty power of God, and as Touching such worldly goods and Estate as God hath pleased in his Providence to bless me with all I demise give and dispose of in the following manner:

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Impris. My Will is that all my Just Debts and Funeral Charges be paid and discharged by my Executors hereafter named.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Beloved wife Parnell (after my Just Debts and Funeral Charges are paid) all my Estate both Real and Personal during her natural life for her maintenance with liberty to sell or dispose of what part of my personal Estate she shall think fit, and also full power to sell part of my Real Estate as she think necessary for the use of aforesaid, what of my Estate shall remain after my wife Decease, her Debts and funeral Charges paid, and after its being apprized as near as may be by men upon Oath to the true value thereof, I Give and Dispose of the same in the following manner.

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my son Richard Foster the sum of Four hundred pounds.

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my son Isaac the sum of Four hundred pounds.

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Parnell Codman the sum of Forty five pounds.

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Ann Perkins the sum of Thirty nine pounds.

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Calef the sum of thirty-two pounds.

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth McDaniel the sum of Thirty pounds.

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Grandsons Samuel and Richard Carey the sum of Thirteen pounds to be equally divided betwixt them, and what remains of my Estate beside the several Sums before given and Bequeathed and paid according to the appraisement shall be Divided into Seven Equal parts. To each child one seventh part and to my two Grandchildren aforesaid one Seventh part Equally between them, But if my Estate should fall Short of paying what I now give, Then each child and Grandchild shall abate in proportion to what I now give and also to what my Daughters have had of me at and after marriage as money then went, an account thereof is Entered on my book and at the foot signed by me.

Item I Give and Bequeath unto my sons Richard and Isaac Equally the Property of my Pew in the meeting house reserving to my Daughters the liberty and privilidge of sitting therein during their lives.

Furthermore my will and meaning is that my two sons viz. Richard and Isaac have the remaining part of all my Real Estate after my wives Decease as it is apprised as aforesaid they paying my other children and Grandchildren their proportionable part as aforesaid and I do hereby appoint my Beloved wife Parnell and my two sons Richard and Isaac to be Executors of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby disallow revoke and disannul all and every other former Will or Testament Legacies or Bequests by me heretofore made or requested to be made, Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament, In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and seal this Twentysecond Day of January Anno Domini 1755-67 In the Ninth year of His Majestys Reign.

Richd. Foster

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced and Declared by the said Richard Foster to be his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us who Subscribed our names in presence of said Foster

Matthew Johnson
Joseph Austin Jr.
Joseph Phillips.


3918. i. PARNELL, b. Feb. 23, 1687; d. Nov. 14, 1687.

3919. ii. RICHARD, b. Nov. 28, 1689; d. Feb. 11, 1694.

3920. iii. MARY, b. Feb. 16, 1692; m. Dec. 9, 1712, Capt. Samuel Carey. She d. Dec. 23, 1718. He was son of Jonathan, and a ship chandler; admitted to the Charlestown church Jan. 5, 1717. His wife owned the covenant Dec. 9, 1712, and was admitted to the church June 30, 1717. After her death he m. again. Ch. by Mary: 1. Samuel, b. Nov. 29, 1713 (captain); m. Margaret Sheaves. 2. Richard, b. Feb. 17, 1716; m. Anna ——; was a distiller in Medford. 3. Jonathan, bapt. Nov. 30, 1718; d. Jan. 3, 1718. Eight ch. by second wife.

3921. iv. RICHARD, b. March 23, 1694; m. Sarah Emerson and Mary Foye.
3922. v. PARNELL, b. Aug. 25, 1666; m. John Codman. He was son of
Stephen (Robert of Salem); was a sea captain, b. Sept. 29, 1666.
She was admitted to the church Dec. 20, 1719, and d. Sept. 15,
1752. He was poisoned by slaves in his household in 1755. Res.,
2. Res., Haverhill. His son was Hon. John, of Boston.
3. Stephen, b. Feb. 23, 1721; m. Parnel, b. May 18, 1723; m.
Enoch Bartlett. 4. Elizabeth, b. Dec. 23, 1724; m. William
Davies. 5. Mary, b. Dec. 10, 1726; m2 Joshua Moody. 6. Rich-
ard, b. June 23, 1729. 7. Benjamin, b. March 14, 1731. 8. Ann,
10. Isaac, bapt. Aug. 21, 1737 (soldier); m. Abigail Foster. 11.
Katharine, b. April 22, 1739; m. El Nathaniel Jones.

3923. vi. ANN, b. Nov. 8, 1699; m., Nov. 6, 1721. Rev. Daniel Perkins, of
Bridgewater.

3924. vii. SARAH, b. Nov. 16, 1701; m., July 19, 1723, Dr. Peter Calef, of
Charlestown; he d. Oct. 11, 1735, and she within a year. He
was a physician. She owned the covenant 1725; was admitted a
May 3, 1724; m. Frances Thompson. 2. Sarah, bap. Jan. 8,
1726. 3. Mary, b. June 28, 1728; m. young. 4. Peter, b. Octo-
er, 1729. 5. Mary, b. April, 1732; m., 1758, Stephen White. 6.
Parnel, b. July 7, 1733; m. young. 7. Parnel, b. 1734; m. Ed-
ward Coffin.

3925. viii. ISAAC, b. Jan. 30, 1704; m. Eleanor Wyer.

3926. ix. ELIZABETH, b. Aug. 21, 1706; m. Timothy McDaniel, of Boston,
afterward of Charlestown.

3927. x. KATHARINE, b. April 6, 1713; d. Feb. 11, 1716.

3880. CAPT. JOHN FOSTER (William, Thomas), b. Charlestown, Mass.,
Aug. 10, 1666; m., May 31, 1692, Sarah Richardson, of Newbury, dau. of Mr. John,
b. Sept. 9, 1674; m., 2d, Sept. 12, 1718, Esther Lathrop. She m., 2d, Sept. 12,
1726, Francis Norwood, of Gloucester. He was a master mariner; was captain of
a ship for Barbadoes in 1696. His first wife owned the covenant June 30, 1693, and
was,"bapt. at Newbury," and admitted to the church April 21, 1699.
The Middlesex Probate records say: "John, capt., Charlestown, letter date
Aug. 16, 1723; ex. Sept. 9, 1726; wife, Esther; chil., Elizabeth, minor; guardian
papers Sept. 21, 1726.

3928. i. ABIGAL, b. April 20, 1693; m., 1st, May 11, 1710, Jabez Salter;
m., 2d, Dec. 15, 1715, Edward Cruf. She m. her first husband in
Boston and resided there. She d. in 1742, and left an estate to
her heirs.

3929. ii. SARAH, b. Aug. 31, 1696; d. March 15, 1698.

3930. iii. MARY, b. Aug. 15, 1698; m., June 25, 1717, Robert Nowell; m.,
2d, Jan. 15, 1732, Samuel White. White d. before 1742.

3931. iv. ELIZABETH, b. 1712; m., Nov. 13, 1735, John Smart, in Boston,
and 2d, Feb. 14, 1740, Sendall Williams, of Boston, who was a
wire-cooper. He joined deed with Foster heirs in 1742.

3882. ENSIGN HOPESTILL FOSTER (Hopestill, Richard, Thomas), b.
Dorchester, Mass., March 10, 1645; m. there Feb. 13, 1667, Elizabeth Payson, of
Roxbury, dau. of Giles Payson. His widow in 1694 was wife of Edmund Brown.
"Hopestill Foster (1673), of Boston, soapboiler, son of Captain Hopestill (1642)
and Mary (Bates) Foster, of Dorchester, and father of Capt. Hopestill Foster (1694),
of Boston, was born in Dorchester, where he was baptized. He was admitted a
freeman in 1673, and became a member of Mather’s Second church. He married
Elizabeth Payson, of Roxbury. He was first sergeant of the Artillery Company in
1675, and became a captain in colonial militia. He served the town as constable in
1674-5, and Dec. 23, 1676, was appointed one of a committee, as suggested by the
‘Honored Council,’ to guard the town against a conflagration. He died in Boston
in 1678. His widow married Edmund Brown (1692)."—Hist. Ancient and Honorable
Artillery Co.

Hopestill died about 1677, and his widow married Edmund Brown, of Boston,

*I state her name was Payson on authority of Mary F. Pierce, of Weston
before 1694. He was a constable in Boston, 1675; on a committee for the town in 1676. By Suffolk Deeds (Vol. 37, Fol. 233) it seems that Aug. 7, 1700, there was a settlement of the estate of Hopestill F., soapboiler. This deed was acknowledged Nov. 14, 1715, by Elizabeth Brown, the widow, and Hopestill F., gunmaker, the eldest son, but was not recorded until May 15, 1724, after the latter's death. Suffolk Deeds (Vol. 38, Fol. 27), Elizabeth Brown assigned her rights under date of July 10, 1724, to her daughter Elizabeth Foster, widow and shop-keeper.

Administrator of estate of Ensign Hopestill Foster, late of Boston, deceased, intest., granted to Elizabeth Foster, widow: relict of said Hopestill, in right of self and children; granted Jan. 23, 1678. Lib. 12, Fol. 270-271. Inventory mentions money due from Father Payson.


3932. i. HOPESTILL, b. abt. 1670; m. Elizabeth Phipps.

3933. ii. SAMUEL, b. Dec. 27, 1676; m. Rebecca Brisco.

3934. iii. MARY, b. July 22, 1671; m., April 3, 1694, Timothy Nash.

3935. iv. ELIZA, b. July 26, 1669; m., May 28, 1694, Christopher Killiowe.

3883. JOHN FOSTER, ESQ. (Hopestill, Richard, Thomas), bapt. Dorchester, Dec. 10, 1648; did he m. in Dorchester, Nov. 28, 16—, Mrs. Abigail Hawkins (Moore) Kellend? wid. of Thomas Kellend, former wid. of Samuel Moore, whom she m. May 13, 1660, and dau. of Thomas Hawkins, a freeman, 1639, from London, not a ship carpenter, but a navigator.

Captain Hawkins was a large land owner in Dorchester, later moved to Boston, where he built a very large ship. She sailed for Malaga in 1645 in company with another ship, and both were lost on the coast of Spain. He was wrecked the next year on the same spot when in company with some persons from London. In 1646 he arrived in Boston, commanding a London ship. In November, 1648, Winthrop writes his son that news is received from England by Captain Hawkins' ship (God being pleased to send him, Hawkins, to Heaven by the way).

Foster began teaching school in Dorchester in October, 1660, at £25 per year. In article fourth, of his agreement, it was, "He shall teach and give out Copyes to such as come to him to learn to write—" "for his paines to have £10." There is a fac-simile of his signature to this agreement. In 1674 his "recompence" for teaching grammar scholars in English, Latin, and writing, "at ye schole-house" was £30.

The same year the General Court granted permission to establish a printing press in Boston. One was set up by Mr. Foster in 1675. This was the first printing house in Boston. He also compiled an almanac in 1675-80, and was author and printer for the years 1676-78-79-81, the latter being the year of his decease. Among other works he printed Increase Mather's Exhortation to the Inhabitants of New England ("Are to be sold over against the Dove") 4 to 1676; Hubbard's Election Sermon, delivered May 3, 1676, 4 to 1676; I. Mather's Brief History of the Warre with the Indians, etc., 4 to: a relation of the Troubles with the Indians, and other works by Mather; Rev. John Eliot, Samuel Willard, etc.

The elegies upon his death are printed entire in Simon's History of South Boston.

In 1681 it is said the town of Dorchester lost one of its jewels in the person of John Foster, Esq. He was graduated at Harvard College in 1667. Shaw, in his
description of Boston, says he opened the first printing house in Boston, which was about 1675. The first book he published was printed in 1676, and the last in 1680. He was a great mathematician, and made, calculated and published almanacs. In an almanac for 1681 "he annexed an ingenious dissertation on comets, seen in Boston, in November and December, 1680." It is not so much to be wondered at that the people were astonished and affrighted at the comet of that time if the account of the late writer be true, which says its trail reached from near the horizon to the zenith. There was a printing press in Cambridge, near the vicinity of the College in 1638, conducted by a Mr. Green, and it was there he undoubtedly learned to handle the types.

Mr. Foster, in his will, desired to have a handsome gravestone. There is a curious device upon it, to represent his skill in astronomy, etc., and also upon it the following inscription:
"The Ingenious mathematician and Printer Mr. John Foster aged 33 yrs died Sept. 9, 1681.
April 1652.
"Astra Corlis Vivens, Moriens super Aeterna Foster,
Sconde precor: Caeliurn Metiri disc supremum;
Metior atque meum est Emit mihi divis Jesus—
Nec teneor Quicquam nisi Gratia solvere."

Upon the foot stone is the following:
Ars illi sua Census Erat. Ovid "Skill was his cash."

In Thomas' History of Printing, this is translated as follows:
"Thou, O Foster, who on earth didst study the heavenly bodies, now ascend above the firmament and survey the highest heavens. I do survey and inhabit this Divine region. To its possession I am admitted through the grace of Jesus; and to pay the debt of gratitude I hold the most sacred obligation."

Mr. Joseph Capen, the minister of Toomsfield, who was the friend and townsman of Mr. Foster, wrote the following poem upon his death:

"Thy body, which no activeness didst lack,
Now's laid aside like an old Almanack;
But for the present only's out of date,
'Twill have at length a far more active state.
Yea, tho' with dust thy body soiled be,
Yet at the resurrection we shall see.
A fair EDITION, and of matchless worth,
Free from ERRATAS, now in Heaven set forth.
'Tis but a word from God to Great Creator
It shall be done when he saith Imprimatur."

On the last page of William Brattle's Ephemeris for 1682 appeared the following notice: "Advertisement of Suitable Verses Dedicated to the Memory of the Ingenious Mathematician and Printer, Mr. John Foster." Synchronous with the almanacs printed by Samuel Green and Marmaduke Johnson at Cambridge, 1675-1681, appeared the famous Boston Almanacks, compiled and printed by John Foster. May 26, 1674, the General Court 'granted that there may be a printing press elsewhere than at Cambridge.' In accordance with this privilege, in 1675, John Foster, of Dorchester, began his services as printer at "The Sign of a Dove;" and the same year he issued a sermon by Increase Mather, though his Almanac for 1675 was printed at Cambridge by Samuel Green. On his foot-stone is the laconic motto, "Skill was his Cash." Very typical of colonial elegiac verse is the eulogy on Foster by Joseph Capen, 1687. The closing lines suggest Franklin's epitaph for himself.

Later issues bear Foster's name in large letters at the top of the title-page, while he sometimes inscribes himself "Astrophil." The almanac for 1678 contains thirty-two pages, and records Courts, Commencements, Dog-Dayes and like varied events. A careful explanation of the nine columns on each month's calendar elucidates the astrocomical and nautical data. Among the elementary directions is this: "The time of (Sun's) setting may be found by subtracting the time of rising from twelve, what remains is the time of the sun's setting." John Foster, as printer, was succeeded by Samuel Sewall. "—N. E. Magazine.

Will.—John Foster, lately of Boston, now of Dorchester, mentions natural brethren, Thankful, Patience, James, Elisha, Mary, Comfort, Standfast and Hopestill; sister Baker, sister Thankfull Baker, sister Mary Sale; cousins Silence Baker and Thankfull Browne; mother executrix. Will dated July 18, 1681. Probated Oct. 6, 1681. Lib. 6; Fol. 419. Inventory mentions John Foster, deceased Sept. 9, 1681. Mary Foster executrix. Lib. 9; Fol. 105.


3884. CAPT. JAMES FOSTER (Hopestill, Richard, Thomas), b., Dorchester, Mass., April 13, 1651; m. there, Sept. 22, 1674, Mary Capen, dau. of John. She d. Feb. 8, 1678; m., 2d, Oct. 7, 1680, Anna Lane, dau. of Capt. Job. She d. Sept. 29, 1732, ae 68. James Foster was elected selectman in 1690-91-95-96-97-99; was constable in 1650. Capt. Foster was elected one of the committee in 1705 to see that the wharf be built at Wales creek. James Foster and Anna Lane, dau. of Job Lane, who, with the Fishers, Averys, Metcalfs, of Dedham and Dorchester, where old James then was—a Bullard, a Dwight, all heirs of Job Lane, of Marlboro estate, sell land to a tenant, Thomas Wait, in Malden, where the Lanes used to live, along with Hopestill Foster; Thomas, of Weymouth, son James and Anne, had to wait till daughter Anna was of age and Patience, two of them girls, who sign in
behalf of the minor brother and sisters—John, Jemima, Mary, Elizabeth, James and Hopestill. Anna, wife of James, died Sept. 29, 1732, in the sixty-eighth year, and he died Oct. 4, 1732, in his eighty-second year. His children's marriages are shown by the following deed: Suffolk Deeds (Vol. 48, fol. 76), John Foster and wife Mary, of Boston; blacksmith James Foster, Jr., and wife Priscilla, of Dorchester, yeoman; Hopestill Foster, Jr., and wife Sarah, of Boston, housewright; Silence, wife of John Clap, of Sudbury; Anna, wife of Robert Field, of Dorchester; Patience, wife of Samuel Saville, of Braintree; Jemima, wife of Robert Spur, of Dorchester; Elizabeth, wife of Ebenezer Bernard, of Woodstock; Thankful Foster, Spinster. All children of James Foster. James Foster's tombstone is in the old Dorchester yard, and bears the coat-of-arms. It records the death of James and his wife, both in 1732, and under the rules of the Heraldic Journal this coat must be considered as strong presumptive evidence of the right of the family to use arms. James was the son of an immigrant, and the inscription is earlier than the period of the assumption of arms here.
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Will.—James Foster, of Dorchester, yeoman, considering my advanced age, Anna, wife, son James, son Hopestill, eldest son John, daughters Silence, Anna, Patience, Jemima, Elizabeth and Thankful—daughters, grandfather Lane, father Hopestill, James exec. Dated June 25, 1728.


3936. ii. THANKFUL, b. March 30, 1683; d. March 1, 1700.

3937. i. SILENCE, b. April 4, 1677; m., May 26, 1698, John Clap, of Sudbury.

3938. iii. ANNA, b. Jan. 27, 1684; m., June 1, 1710, Robert Field, of Dorchester. Anni Foster and Robert Field married June 1, 1710. 1. Anna Field, dau., b. Aug. 5, 1713, and Humphrey Atherton m. Oct. 1, 1730. 2. Anna, dau., b. June 30, 1711; m. to Samuel Bird by Rev. Jonathan Bowman. He is called of Stoughton, she of Dorchester; ch: (a) Samuel, 1749; (b) John, 1750; (c) Enoch, 1751; (d) Elijah, 1753; (e) Ann, 1754; (f) Elizabeth, 1756; (g) Mary, 1758; d. 1764; (h) Ebenezer, 1761; (i) Olive, 1763; (j) Mary, 1765; (k) Sarah, 1767; (l) Hannah, 1769. 3. John, b. April 4, 1750; m. Joanna Esty, dau. of Deacon Benjamin Esty, of Sharon, Mass. John Bird died March 10, 1777, while a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Three ch: (a) Abner, b. March 18, 1771; d. Oct 24, 1837. (b) Betsey, b. April 17, 1773; d. May 13, 1818. (c) Calvin, b. March 10, 1775 Abner. 4. Bird, m. Polly Gay, dau. of Lieutenant Lemuil and Abigail Davenport Gay, March 12, 1793.

3939. iv. PATIENCE, b. Feb. 12, 1686; m., Feb. 7, 1716, Samuel Savel, of Braintree.

3940. v. JOHN, b. Feb. 9, 1688; m. Mary—.

3941. vi. JEMIMA, b. Dec. 9, 1690; m., Dec. 22, 1720, Robert Spur, of Dorchester.

3942. vii. MARY, b. Oct. 13, 1692; d. unm.

3943. viii. ELIZABETH, b. Feb. 6, 1694; m., Sept. 29, 1715, Ebenezer Barnard, of Woodstock.

3944. ix. JAMES, b. Dec. 8, 1698; m. Priscilla—.

3945. x. REBECCA, b. Sept. 14, 1700; d. Sept. 28, 1700.

3946. xi. HOPESTILL, bapt. Feb. 15, 1701; m. Sarah Allen.

3947. xii. THANKFUL, b. July 15, 1704; m., May 29, 1728. John Shaw, of Pomfret, Conn.

3948. xiii. MARY, b. June 17, 1675; d. Oct 29, 1675.


In 1775 there were nine dwelling houses on the neck, now South Boston, the location of each of which may be seen by consulting a map now in the possession of the Massachusetts Historical Society, drawn by order of the British general then in Boston; also the road and principal trees. Mrs. Foster's house was one of the best in the neighborhood and it was difficult to convince the continentalers that it did not belong to a tory, as some of the rooms were even papered, which was considered very luxurious in those days. This house was the most westerly on the neck and was burned by the British, who then had possession of Boston.

In 1747 the preaching of Rev. Mr. Whitefield caused considerable trouble among the churches in Massachusetts, on account of the members leaving and refusing to return in their former parishes. There was trouble in the Dorchester church and among those who separated from the old society was Edward Foster. A council was held, the evidence heard, and the members requested to return, which they did, since which time the church has been quiet.

In 1743 James Foster was chairman of the committee to build the new meeting house. It cost £1350 7s 10d. This meeting house was enlarged in 1795.

Adm. of estate of Elisha Foster, late of Dorchester, dec'd, intes., granted to Sarah, relict widow. Elisha died Oct. 16, 1682. Adm. granted at county court held Nov. 30, 1682. In agreement for distribution, widow to have use of whole estate, while remaining widow. If she change her condition, to have all household
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stuff and half of estate at her disposal, other half to go to relatives of deceased Elisha. Signed by Sarah, James, Comfort, Standfast Foster. Lib. 9, Fol. 197-8.

3888. CAPT. STANDFAST FOSTER (Hopestill, Richard, Thomas), b. Dorchester, Mass, Sept. 3, 1660; m. Abigail Holman. She d. June 22, 1713; m., 2d, (pub. at Boston, May 27, 1714) Sarah ——, b. 1668; d. Aug. 1, 1727. He was a freeman in 1690, was captain, selectman. In 1712, Standfast Foster and eleven other citizens of Dorchester agreed to build the Wharf at Wales' creek, and thus their heirs should enjoy it forever.

Adm. of estate of Standfast Foster, late of Dorchester, malster, dec'd, granted to his son Comfort Foster, of Dorchester, glazier, Dec. 4, 1727. Lib. 26, Fol. 24-5.


3949. i. COMFORT, b. March 29, 1689; m. Eleanor Woods and Abiel Withington.

3950. ii. ABIGAIL, b. March 18, 1692; d. Sept. 27, 1695.

3951. iii. ELISHA, b. June 18, 1696; d. November, 1775.

3952. iv. MARY b. Oct. 31, 1700; d. March 16, 1701.

3893. THOMAS FOSTER (Thomas, Thomas, Thomas), b., Cambridge, Mass., Aug. 1, 1663; m. there, Nov. 30, 1686, Experience Parker. She m. 2d, before 1719, Benjamin Geare, and in that year resided Voluntown, Conn. In regard to Thomas and Experience: he seems to disappear as Paige says in "Cambridge Hist." in 1715.

In 1719 young Thomas is at Voluntown, Conn., with his mother. Experience who is married to a Gear or a Geary, is selling off rights in Stow that are not recorded till 1740. He d. before 1709. Res., Cambridge and Stow, Mass.

3953. i. THOMAS, b. Sept. 18, 1687; m. Mercy Gates.

3896. JONATHAN FOSTER (Thomas, Thomas, Thomas), b. Cambridge, Mass., Sept. 21, 1671; m. Abigail ——. She d. in Chelmsford, Mass., Jan. 8, 1759. In 1700 he was one of a committee for calling the minister. Stow was settled in 1650, but on account of the Indian depredations the settlers were obliged to retire in 1675. The place was then a wilderness. The town was incorporated in 1683, but the early town records were quite loosely kept and are very incomplete.

Middlesex Deeds, vol. 31, p. 284.—Margaret Stratton, of Chelmsford (a widow), Jacob Warren, of Littleton, and wife, Ruth; Joseph Adams, of Chelmsford, and wife, Mary; Jonas Whitney*, of Stow, and wife Margaret, for £350, sell to Jonathan Foster, of Stow, weaver, parcels of land and meadow in Chelmsford on the south side of Robins' Hill; first piece on road to Adams' mill; road from Stratton's house to highway, all buildings, orchard, etc. Second piece on south side of Adams' mill, near lands of John Burgess, Benjamin Parker, Deacon Joseph Warren, orchard, fences, buildings, etc. This was the old homestead probably and the heirs all sell Dec. 26, 1727.

Middlesex Deeds, vol. 102 p. 345—Jonathan of Chelmsford (called husbandman this time), for £170 from Joseph Foster, of Chelmsford (relation not stated), deeds one-third the homestead bought of Stratton heirs and Robins' Hill etc., April 10, 1738. His son, Joseph, b. 1714, was then twenty-four years old. Edward Foster, William Foster, Ephraim Warren, Joseph Spalding, witnesses.


3954. i. JONATHAN, b. abt. 1698; m. Mary ——.

3955. ii. JOHN, b. abt. 1708; m. Eunice ——.

3956. iii. JOSEPH, b. Aug. 24, 1714; m. ——.

Middlesex Deeds, vol. 58, p. 537.—Robert Fletcher, of Chelmsford, was appointed administrator of Joseph, Chelmsford, house- wright, 1751—only 11 years after the deed to Elizabeth alludes to his appointment the year before (1750) and Joseph Mooars, who has been buying land on instalments or mortgaged land to Joseph, pays £40 and gets the land (a discharge) 13a, Feb. 14, 1752. Oliver and Ben Fletcher were witnesses.

3957. iv. ABIGAIL, b. abt. 1701; m. in Stow, Nov. 4, 1722, Jacob Osborn, of Winsor.

3958. v. ELIZABETH, b. ——. Was deeded half of her parents' homestead in 1740. She was not married then.

Middlesex Deeds, vol. 51, p. 310. Jonathan Foster, of

*Jonas Whitney was born in Stow in 1690; m., 1723, Dorcas Wood. She d. 1726 and he m. 2d 1726, Margaret Stratton. He res. Stow and Harvard.—[Whitney Genealogy, by Fred C. Pierce.]
Chelmsford, husbandman, gives to Elizabeth Foster for £170 the other half of the homestead he deeded before to Joseph—evidently a daughter perhaps about to be married. This was Jan. 27, 1740. The deed was witnessed by John Foster and William Foster.

3809. HON. JOHN FOSTER (John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Marshfield, Mass., Oct. 12, 1666; m., 1692, Hannah Stetson, of Situate. John Foster, of Plymouth, owned all the land on the northerly side of Sandwich street, near the Arch bridge. It was granted to him in 1711 by the town. On this land he built a distillery on that part of it now occupied by Gales' block. He was a prominent citizen, deacon of the church, owned a distill house and represented Plymouth in the general court. He was very independent in his political conduct and would never accept an executive favor.

Will.—I John Foster of Plymouth in the County of Plymouth in New England being in the Seventy-fourth year of my age and at this time in usual health and of a Disposing mind and memory (Blessed be God for it.) Do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following.—That is to Say I give and bequeath my Soul to God who gave it & redeemed it with the most precious blood of his Son Jesus, as I give my body to be buried in hope of a Glorious Resurrection, & Eternal Life through my Dear Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ—As for my Outward Estate Which God in his good providence has given me my mind & will is that it be disposed of as followeth—Imprimis I give and Bequeath to my beloved wife Hannah Foster she Resigning her Right of Dower the Sole use and improvement of my Home State during her natural life or widow Hood (and no longer) Excepting the Blacksmith shop & warehouse & wharf which is to be set off beginning at the Path Ten feet westward from the Shop—I also give unto my sd wife my best bed & furniture, my negro woman and one quarter part of my Household Goods with Liberty & choosing her share.

Item. I Give and bequeath to my youngest son Seth Foster and to my Three Daughters viz Hannah Sarah & Mercy the three Remaining parts of my household goods & all my moveable and Personall Estate (Excepting what I Shall hereafter dispose off) To be divided equally among them.

Item. I Give and bequeath To my Eldest son Samuel Foster his Heirs and assigns forever One half of the Home Stall Houses & land (Excepting the Shop, wharf and Warehouse & ye land below the Way ten feet Westward of the Shop as above) which he shall have after my wives death or second marriage.

Item. I give and bequeath to my second son Thomas Foster his Heirs and Assign forever the One half of my meadow land at ye High pines within the bounds of Duxborough, and also all my wearing apparell—and also my Pine Lott of land at Billington Sea on ye Westerly side.

Item. I Give and bequeath to my Third son Nath’el Foster his Heirs and assigns forever my Blacksmith Shop with the Utensils thereunto belonging and the Warehouse & wharf & ye land to be Sett off ten feet Westward of the Shop as above. Also ye other Half of the Home stall Houses & Land which he shall have after my wives death or second marriage. Also my field & pasture Lying in Plymo. above Little town with the Wood Lott at the head of it: Also my Sixty acres of Land at Ganners Exchange pond 49 acres on ye South & 20 acres on ye north side of sd. Pond also my lott of land on ye beach with ye Blacksmith shop that stands on it with ye utensils. Also one half of my meadow land at High Pines within the bounds of Duxborough. I also give my sd. son Nathaniel my Negro Girl Nanne and whatsoever is due to me by Book. and I order him to pay all my debts and funeral Charges and to provide for & support his mother Comfortably & Honourably as long as she Continues my widdow, or to give her yearly a certain sum of money for her support as my son Samuel and he Shall Agree. I also order him to pay to my Grandson Eliphalett Bradford Ten pounds or let him have a good Cow and also take care that sd. Eliphalet be learned the Smiths Trade or some other and when his time is up Give him two Suits of apprill one proper for the Lord, and the other for working days. Furthermore my Cedar Swamp at South meadows my sons Thomas & Nath’el shall have, one half to Thomas, his Heirs & Assigns and the Other half To Nath’el his Heirs and assigns. Finally I nominate and appoint my two sons Samuel & Nathaniel to be Joyn't Executors of this my last will & Testament. In Witness hereof I
Memorandum. Thy words [my negro Girl Nane e] were Enterlined before Signing, &c

John Foster. [Seal]

Plymo. ss. Janr. 7 the 26, 1741 This will being Presented for probt. by the Excers. The above named Isaac Lothrop Junr., Thomas Wetherell & Rebecca Wetherell made oath that they saw the above named John Foster sing & Seal & heard him declare this Instrument, to be his Last Will & Testament, and that they at ye same time in ye Testators presence subscribed as witnesses & yt. he was then of sound mind.


3962. iv. SAMUEL, b. ——; m. Margaret Tilden and Margaret Wadsworth.

3963. v. JOHN, b. Nov. 7, 1699; d. young.

3964. vi. THOMAS, b. Nov. 19, 1705; m. Lois Fuller and Mary Morton.


3966. viii. GRESHAM, b. Nov. 2, 1709; d. before 1741.

3967. ix. NATHANIEL, b. June 6, 1711; m. Mercy Thatcher and Mrs. Abigail (Woodman) Billings.


3990. JOSIAH FOSTER (John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Marshfield, Mass., June 7, 1669; m. Sarah Sherman. She d. July 30, 1713; m., 2d, May 2, 1717. Ursula Rand. She d. Dec. 20, 1717. He settled in Pembroke, and appears to have been a farmer. He lived to be ninety years of age, as administration of his estate was
granted to Isaac, his son, as late as April 4, 1757. The Plymouth County record shows that he married Sarah, dau. of Samuel Sherman, of Marshfield. His second wife was of Scituate. Josiah Foster, of Pembroke, Isaac Foster appointed administrator April 4, 1757; heirs not mentioned. He d. 1757. Res., Pembroke, Mass.

3972. i. MARY, b. Feb. 2, 1696; m., March 28, 1726, John Mackfarland, Jr.

3973. ii. ELIZABETH, b. November, 1698.

3974. iii. BARSHEBA, b. September, 1700.

3969. iv. JOSIAH, b. December, 1703; m. Mary Bonney and Elizabeth Carver.

3970. v. ISAAC b. Aug. 5, 1705; m. Frances Joslyn.

3974. vi. DAVID, b. December, 1707.

3975. vii. NATHANIEL, b. December, 1710.

3976. viii. SARAH, b. July 10, 1713; m., Dec. 8, 1731, Isaac Mackfarland.

3902. JOSEPH FOSTER (John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Marshfield, Mass., 1674; m. Sept. 8, 1666, Rachel Bassett, of Sandwich; d Dec. 12, 1744. He resided in Barnstable in 1696, where he married his wife. He soon after moved to Sandwich, where he died. She was b. Oct. 25, 1679; d. Dec. 12, 1744, dau. of William, 3d, and Rachel Willison, of Taunton. William, 3d, b. 1656, m., Oct. 9, 1675; son of William, Jr., and Mary, of Sandwich. He d. 1679, age abt. forty-five, son of William and Elizabeth, who came in Fortune 1621, and died 1677.


3977. i. MARY, b. Sept. 1, 1667, at S.; m. Moses Swift, of S., Dec. 24, 1719.

3978. ii. JOSEPH, b. Sept. 10, 1668, at B.; m. Elizabeth Milton.

3979. iii. BENJAMIN, b. Nov. 16, 1699, at B.; m. Maria Toby, at Sandwich.

3980. iv. WILLIAM, b. March 31, 1702; m. Hannah Rider.

3981. v. THANKFUL, b. Nov. 3, 1703; m., Sept. 25, 1725, Nathan Toby, of Sandwich.

3982. vi. JOHN, b. April 12, 1705; m. Joanna Brown.

3983. vii. NATHAN, b. Jan. 3, 1707-8; m. Mary Lake and Mary (?) Smith.

3984. viii. ABIGAIL, b. Feb. 27, 1708-9; m., May 15, 1735, Zaccheus Swift.


3986. x. EBENEZER, b. May 10, 1713.

3987. xi. SOLOMON, b. Sept. 14, 1714; m. Rebecca Nye.


3989. xiii. SARAH, b. Sept. 23, 1721; m., Nov. 11, 1742, Nathaniel Nye.

3990. xiv. HANNAH, b. June 17, 1718.

3904. DEACON CHILLINGSWORTH FOSTER (John, Thomas, Thomas), b. June 11, 1660, in Marshfield, Mass.; m. Mercy, dau. of John Freeman, of Harwich (now Brewster), Mass. She d. July 7, 1729, ae. thirty-three. He m., 2d, Susannah, wid. of Nathaniel Sears, and dau. of John Gray. She d. Dec. 7, 1730. He m., 3d, Ruth, wid. of Samuel Sears, and dau. of William Merrick, Dec. 7, 1731. He settled in that part of Harwich, which is now Brewster. Like his father and grandfather, he was a blacksmith, and transmitted the mysteries of that craft to at least three sons. He was a deacon in the church from July 4, 1731, till he died. Was selectman nine years, town treasurer twenty-five years, town clerk twenty-eight years, representative eight years. He d. Dec. 22, 1764. Ruth d. Feb. 13, 1766, ae. eighty-two. At the time of his third marriage he had six children by his first wife, three by his second wife, and in his family also was the daughter of his second wife, by her former husband, ten in all, of whom only two were over twenty years of age. Nearly all these children were gathered under one roof, and constituted a very harmonious family.

From Probate records of Barnstable County, book 13, p. 87: I, Chillingworth Foster of Harwich in the County of Barnstable and Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, Do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament this Thirtieth Day of September 1763. First, I recommend my soul to God that Gave it hoping in his mercy thro' the merrits of Christ and my Body to the Earth in Decent Christian burial as to my worldly Estate I Give Demise & Dispose of the same in manner following

I will that all my Just Debts Funeral charges & the Legacys Given in the Will be paid out of my real estate by my Executors hereafter named and ordained and I do hereby order and Inpower my sa Executor to sell so much of my Real Estate as will be sufficient to Discharge the same for the most it will fetch & to give and execute good and lawful Deeds of conveyance to the Purchasers.
2dly. I give to my beloved wife Ruth the free use and Improvement of one Third of my Personal Estate During her Life. I give to my son James Foster five shillings.

3dly. I give to my son Nathan Foster his heirs &c. the House he now lives in with my Land thereto adjoyning.

4thly. I give to my son Isaac Foster his heirs &c. my orchard & Land adjoyning to my Dwelling house bounded as follows, beginning at the southwest corner of sd orchard Thence Runing Easterly by the wayside till it comes to south of my front Door. Thence Northerly on a straight line Through the middle of the house to the Northeast corner of the Garden fence. Thence westerly as the fence now stands to sd Isaac Fosters Land and thence Southerly in the Range between this and sd Isaac's Land to the first specified Bound Reserving the Improvement of one-third of the Garden to my Daughter Jerusha as hereafter Exprest I also give my sd son Isaac my vice & Beeker in ye shop. 5ly. I give to my son Nathaniel Foster fifteen pounds in money.

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6ly. I give to my Daughter Jerusha Foster the Feather bed that was her mothers with 2 pr sheets 2 pr blankets 2 coverlids 1 bolster & 2 pillows and one sixth part of the Remainder of my Indoors movables Further my Will is that my sd Daughter have the free use and Improvement of one Third part of the Garden and one Room in my Dwelling house either the Lower Room or Chamber as she shall choose so long as she remain unmarried & no longer I also give my said Daughter one Cow & Eight Pounds money. 7thly. I give all the Remaining part of my Estate both Real & Personal to my son & Daughters Chillingsworth Foster, Thomas Foster, Nathan Foster, Isaac Foster, Nathaniel Foster, Mary Paddock, Mercy Crosbie and Jerusha Foster to be Divided equally Between them their heirs & assigns forever.

And I ordain my son Chillingsworth Foster sole Executor to this my last will & Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the Day & year above written. Signed sealed Pronounced & Declared to be his Last Will & Testament In presence of Chillingsworth Foster,

Barnabas Myrick,
Nathl. Stone,
Hannah Stone.


Mercy Freeman's ancestor was Edmund Freeman, who came over in the "Abigail," Captain Hackwell, master, 1635, and settled in Lynn, Mass., in 1635; was one of the grantees of Sandwich, Mass., April 3, 1637, and where he died in 1682, at the supposed age of ninety-two. He soon rose to distinction in the town and colony,
and occupied many important positions. He was chosen assistant to the governor in 1640, and was reelected yearly until 1646. There was no known relationship between him and Samuel, who came to Watertown. His wife's name was Elizabeth.

Ch.: 1. Alice, b. 1618, in England; m. Deacon William Paddy, Nov. 24, 1639.
2. Edmund, b. 1620, in England; m. Rebecca, dau. of Gov. Thomas Prince. 3. Elizabeth, b. 1623, in England; m. John Ellis. 4. John, b. 1622, in England; m. Mercy, dau. of Gov. Thomas Prince. John was born in England; married Mercy, dau. of Gov. Thomas Prince and Granddaughter of Elder William Brewster, on the 13th or 14th of February, 1640-50. John early removed to Eastham; captain in 1675, and actively engaged in King Philip's war; was major in 1685; deacon in church; selectman ten years; when scarcely thirty years of age he was sent to the Colonial Court as deputy. He represented Eastham 1666-67; 1655-64; 1655-66. In 1667 he was chosen assistant to the governor and was reelected yearly until the union of the Colonies in 1692. Sheriff of county under Andros' administration, and the first named judge of the Court of Common Pleas after the union of Plymouth and Massachusetts colonies. His grave-stone, at Eastham, bears the inscription: "Here lies the body of Major John Freeman. Died October ye 28th 1717 in ye 95th year of his age." His wife, Mercy, died Sept. 28, 1711, ae. eighty. There were few men in the colony of his day that bore a better reputation than Major Freeman. He was upright and impartial in all his acts while a public servant, and correct in his religious walks through life.

Ch.: (a) John, b. Feb. 2, 1650-1; d. young. (b) John, b. December, 1651; m. Sarah Merrick. John was born in Eastham, m. March 1st, Sarah, dau. of William Merrick, Dec. 15, 1672, who died April 21, 1696. He m. 2d, Mercy, wid. of Capt. Elkanah Watsen, of Plymouth. His children were all by his first wife. John resided near the line between Eastham (now Orleans) and Harwich (now Brewster), and his death, July 27, 1721, was recorded in both towns. His headstone is in Brewster. Mercy died Sept. 27, 1721, ae. sixty-two. Ch.: i. John, b. Sept. 3, 1674; d. young. ii. Sarah, b. September, 1676; m. Edward Snow. iii. John, b. July, 1678; m. Mercy —. iv. Rebecca, b. Jan. 28, 1680-1; d. young. v. Nathaniel, b. March 17, 1682-3; m. Mary Waters, of Plymouth; d. August, 1735. vi. Benjamin, b. July, 1685; m. Temperance Dimmick. vii. Mercy, b. Aug. 3, 1687; m. Deacon Chillingworth Foster. viii. Patience, b. —; m. Eleazer Crosby, Oct. 24, 1706.


3991. i. JAMES, b. Jan. 6, 1706-7; m. Lydia Winslow.
3992. ii. CHILLINGSWORTH, b. Dec. 25, 1707; m. Mercy Winslow.
3993. iii. MARY, b. Jan. 5, 1709-10; m. David Paddock, of Falmouth, Oct. 12, 1727. Rem. to South East, Dutchess Co., N. Y. He was b. Aug. 12, 1705, son of Zachariah, Jr., and Bethiah and gr. son of Zachariah and Deborah (Sears), of Yarmouth, Mass.
3994. iv. THOMAS, b. March 15, 1711-12; m. Mary Hopkins.
3995. v. NATHAN, b. June 10, 1715; m. Sarah Lincoln, June 14, 1739.
3996. vi. ISAAC, b. June 17, 1718; m. Hannah Sears.
3997. vii. MERCY, b. March 30, 1720; d. Aug. 28, 1720.
3998. viii. MERCY, b. July 29, 1722; m. Iaac Crosby, Oct. 7, 1742.
3999. ix. NATHANIEL, b. April 17, 1725; m. Phebe Wing and Charity Knowlton.
4000. x. JERUSA, b. Dec. 9, 1727; m. April 2, 1759, Capt. Solomon Bangs.
4901. xi. SON, b. and d. March, 1729.

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4002. i. THOMAS, b. May 4, 1735; m. Mary Foster.
4003. ii. DEBORAH, b. March 10, 1736; m. in 1760, Anthony Waterman.


4004. i. THOMAS, b. Oct. 17, 1706.
4005. ii. JOHN, b. Jan. 11, 1708; m. Hannah —.
4006. iii. SARAH, b. June 30, 1709; m. David Crosby, b. March 27, 1703.

He was son of Joseph, of Billerica; rem. to Shrewsbury, Mass. None of the births of his children are on the town records in Shrewsbury.


12. Rachel, bap. Sept. 15, 1751. Hannah, the fourth of these children, was bap., says the church record, "by virtue of her (the mother) having enjoyed that privilege at Billerica, where she lived." His wife, Sarah, was admitted to the Shrewsbury church in 1734, and he in 1741, and in 1743 he was dismissed to the church in the North Parish of Shrewsbury.

4007. iv. JOSEPH, b. April 8, 1711.
4008. v. HANNAH, b. Sept. 25, 1716.
4009. vi. OBADIAH, b. March 17, 1721. About 1740 he went with the naval expedition to the West Indies to assist in the war with America against Spain.


He was a sea captain and was quite a prominent citizen; held the office of high sheriff for Middlesex county for more than forty years; resigning which he was in 1764 appointed justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the same county, in which office he continued until his death.

We also find in the old burying ground, at Charlestown, Mass., the tombstone with the arms of the wife of Richard Foster, Jr., 1724. He was grandson of William Foster, of Charlestown, 1650. Those arms, crest and motto are those of the Fosters, or Forsters, of Brickhill county, Bedford, and the Boyne county, Lancaster, also reported by the Fosters of Jamaica, West Indies. Various ancient silver articles with the Foster arms are preserved in America. Among others, a large tankard, with the arms beautifully engraved, and the tinctures clearly indicated. It is in possession of Edward Ingersoll Browne, of Watertown.

Crest: An arm in armor embossed, holding in the hand a broken tilting spear, proper.

Motto: Sic fractus fortis. "If broken, still strong."


4010. i. SARAH, b. May 4, 1718; m., March 22, 1738, Samuel Bradstreet. She d. Feb.

MARY, b. Nov. 4, 1722; m. June 18, 1741, JOHN BRED; m. 2d, April 25, 1769, John White. Breed was son of Ebenezer, distiller. Res., Charlestown. White was born in Charlestown. Ch. by Breed: 1. EBENEZER, b. July, 1742. 2. Mary, b. March 25, 1744. 3. John, b. April 20, 1746. 4. Hannah, b. Dec. 25, 1747; m. Nov. 1, 1786, Rev. David Osgood. He was b. Andover, Mass., Oct. 14, 1747; was grad. Harvard College, 1771. He d. Dec. 12, 1822. He was the third minister in Medford, and was born within half a mile of the Tewksbury line. His father was Captain Isaac, who lived to an advanced age on the farm where his father, Mr. Stephen Osgood, resided. David's mother was Elizabeth Flint, the daughter of a respectable farmer in Reading. David worked on his father's farm until nineteen years of age; he taught school and entered Harvard. He sustained a high rank in his class. After his graduation he studied for the ministry, and settled in Medford in 1774. He was a true patriot and a learned and effective preacher, and held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. 5. Sarah, bapt. May 6, 1750. Ch. by White: 6. John, bapt. Sept. 14, 1766. Res., Billerica.


RICHARD, b. Feb. 17, 1728; probably died young, as he is not named as an heir.


HANNAH, bapt. Feb. 28, 1731; m. Nov. 22, 1753, Capt. Ebenezer Kent, son of Captain Ebenezer; he enlisted in the Revolutionary war, 1780; was sergeant and captain. She was admitted to the church July 21, 1754. She d. s. p. before 1757, for he then m. again.

WILLIAM, bapt. Dec. 17, 1732; probably died young, as he is not named as an heir.

MARGARET, b. May 19, 1734; d. Dec. 15, 1789; unm.

Margaret Foster's Will, 1790—In the name of God Amen I Margaret Foster of Charlestown in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Spinster, being in perfect memory and understanding and knowing that I must quickly lay down this earthly tabernacle do make and appoint, this my last Will and Testament.

I commit my Soul into the hands of my dear Redeemer and my body to the dust to be buried with a decent burial, and after all my just debts and funeral expenses are paid—

I give and bequeath all my wearing Apparel to my three sisters namely to Parnell Boylston wife of Richard Boylston, to Ann Austin wife of John Austin Junr, and to Abigail Codman wife of Isaac Codman all of Charlestown aforesaid, to be equally divided between them, and all the Rest and Residue of my Estate I give and devise to Parnell Boylston for her particular use one fifth part, to Mary Hall wife of Ephraim Hall of Medford one fifth part and to the heirs of my late sister Katherine Sprague of Lancaster, deceased, namely to Sarah Sprague, to Ann Austin Sprague and to Samuel John Sprague, one fifth part to be equally part to be equally divided between them, and I do hereby appoint Richard Boylston, John Austin Junr, and Isaac Codman all of Charlestown aforesaid to be my sole executors of this my last Will and do hereby Revoking all former Wills by me made in Witness whereof, I have hereunto sett my hand and seal this fourteenth day of
December Anno Domini One thousand Seven hundred and Eighty nine.

Signed Sealed published and Declared by the within named Margaret Foster, to be her last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who in the presence of the Testator, and of one and other subscribers be as Witnesses

William Boylston
Rachel Monro

Mary X Gee

Hannah Austin witness to Mary Gee's mark

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4021. xii. KATHARINE, bapt. March 19, 1738; m. (pub.), Nov. 21, 1772, John Sprague.

The Hon. John Sprague was a citizen of Lancaster from Sept. 1, 1770, to the 21st of September, 1800, the time of his death. The town was much indebted to him for the correctness of their municipal proceedings, and the unanimity with which their affairs were conducted. He was born at Rochester, in the county of Plymouth, then province of the Massachusetts Bay, on June 21, A. D. 1740, O. S., corresponding to the 2d of July, N. S. He was the son of Noah Sprague, Esq., by Sarah, his wife, who was a lineal descendant of Elizabeth Penn, the sister of Sir William Penn, who was an admiral under Cromwell, and the father of William Penn, the proprietor of Penn. Her husband was William Hammond, of London. Benjamin, their son, removed from London to Sandwich, in the colony of Plymouth; married there in 1650, and thence removed to Rochester. John Hammond, the second son by this marriage, married Mary Arnold, daughter of the Rev. Samuel Arnold, the first minister of Rochester, and Sarah, a daughter by this marriage, was Mr. Sprague's mother.

Judge Sprague began to prepare for College in December, 1760, and entered therein at Cambridge at the end of the summer vacation, after, viz., A. D., 1761. Having pursued his collegiate studies with reputation, he graduated in 1765, and soon after took charge of the grammar school in Roxbury; commenced the study of physics there, and pursued it under the instruction of the late Dr. Thomas Williams for a short time, viz: until May, 1766. In that month he removed to Worcester, abandoned the study of physics and entered as a clerk in the office of Col. James Putnam, an eminent barrister at law, and kept a private grammar school there. At the May term of the Court of Common Pleas, 1768, he was admitted as attorney of that court. Removed thence to Rhode Island, and in the following September was admitted an attorney in the Superior Court in the county of Providence, colony of Rhode Island, etc., and opened his office in Newport; there he remained without the prospect of much business, in the diligent pursuit of his professional studies until May, 1769, when he removed to Keene, in the county of Cheshire, then province of New Hampshire, where he pursued the practice of law until Sept. 1, 1770; made himself acquainted with the people and the business of the courts there, and by his talents, industry and fidelity acquired a reputation which long afterward afforded him extensive professional employment in the interior counties of that province. Inclined to take up his permanent abode in his native province, he then removed from Keene to Lancaster, in the county of Worcester, and opened an office in partnership with Abel Willard, Esq., a respectable counselor at law, for the term of ten years, beginning the 21st of the same month. This part-
nership was interrupted by the war with Great Britain. Mr. Willard, adhering to the king, left Lancaster in March, 1775, and never returned. In April, 1772, he was admitted an attorney of the Superior Court of Worcester. In December, 1772, he married Catharine Foster, of Charlestown, the twelfth child and ninth daughter of Richard Foster, Esq., sheriff of Middlesex. By this marriage he had one son and two daughters. He was occupied in extensive professional employment, till arms silenced the law; then he shared in the burdens and privations common to his neighbors and fellow citizens in the eventful period of the Revolution. Having purchased a small farm in the center of the town, he labored upon it as a farmer, dismantled himself of his linen and ruffles and other appropriate habiliments, and assumed the garments of labor, which were then the checkered shirt and trousers. He was resorted to for counsel in all cases of difficulty which occurred, and toward the close of the Revolution, when our government was formed, and business revived, he was one of the principal counselors and advocates in our courts of justice. His legal learning was so well combined with and aided by common sense and a sound discretion that he was considered one of the most safe, discerning and upright counselors in the commonwealth. As an advocate he was not the most eloquent, but such was the fairness of his statements and force of his arguments, that conviction seemed their natural result. He was cotemporary with the two Straights, the late Governor, and the late Judge, both of the county of Hampshire, and the late Hon. Levi Lincoln, of Worcester, and divided with them the multiplied business of advocating causes and collecting debts in the counties of Hampshire, Worcester and Middlesex, and in the counties of Hillsboro and Cheshire, in New Hampshire. In May, 1772, he was elected a representative of the town to the General Court, and in the January session following, a vacancy in the Senate occurring, being a candidate, voted for by the people, was elected by the legislature to fill that vacancy, and was again elected to the Senate by the people in 1785. In February, 1783, he was first commissioned a justice of the peace and quorum for the county of Worcester. So high was he held in the estimation of the judges of the Supreme Judicial Court, as a lawyer, that at the February term of that court, in Suffolk, 1784, he was made a barrister at law, and was called to that distinction by the first writ that issued for barrister in the commonwealth; the mode of admission preceding the Revolution having been without writ. He was to have been admitted before the Revolution, but the tumults preceding the Revolution having been without writ. He was elected to represent the town in the General Court in 1784 and 1785.

In 1786 Mr. Sprague was selected by the government as the law adviser of Major-General Lincoln, to attend him in his expedition against Daniel Shays and his adherents, who had excited a rebellion in the commonwealth. May 5, 1787, he was bereaved of his wife, and in the latter part of the same year he married Mary Ivers, widow of Thomas Ivers, Esq., late treasurer of the commonwealth and eldest child of Mr. John Cutler and Mary, his wife, of Boston, who survived him. In 1788 he was elected a member of the convention for ratifying the Constitution of the United States. The town was opposed to the ratification, and by a committee of seven gave him instructions to vote against it. Having confidence, however, in the intelligence and rectitude of their delegate, they so qualified the instructions as to leave him to vote as he should think proper. He was one of the seven out of fifty members from the county who voted in the affirmative. In the winter of the same year he was appointed sheriff of the county of Worcester, in the place of William Greenleaf, Esq., who was removed from that office. He was punctual and faithful in the performance of his official duties; reduced the former irregulari-
ties in the administration of the office to order and system and resigned it in 1792.

He returned to the practice of law and continued in it until 1798. He represented the town in the General Court from the year 1795 to 1798 inclusive. In 1798 he was appointed chief justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the county of Worcester. It was a new and valuable acquisition to have a learned lawyer at the head of the judicial administration of the county, whose integrity and talents fitted him for the station, and whose justice and impartiality would insure the confidence of all engaged in the business of the court.

In this office he continued until his death. His historical and legal knowledge, the accuracy of his mind, and its adaptation in the choice of language to express it on all subjects, rendered him a very useful member of the legislature, and he was looked to as a safe adviser and guide in the political and local concerns of the commonwealth. He was a lover of peace, and possessed a happy talent at reconciling jarring interests and harmonizing discordant feelings. Such were his mental qualities, so strong his sense of justice and honorable dealings that he was selected, before he was on the bench, a commissioner or referee, to adjust the numerous controversies which prevailed to an alarming degree in the then District of Maine, between those who, without title, had settled on the lands of the commonwealth, of the Waldo Patent and Plymouth Company on the one part, and the lawful proprietors of them on the other. By his coöperating agency, together with the enactments thereon by the legislature, such a settlement of the contending claims was effected as restored peace and contentment to the parties.

In the course of his professional career many young gentlemen of liberal education entered his office as students in law and shared from him the requisite instruction. Of the distinguished men now living who were his pupils are the Hon. Edward H. Robbins, late lieutenant-governor of the commonwealth, now Judge of Probate for the county of Norfolk; the Hon. Nathaniel Paine, Judge of Probate for the county of Worcester; the Hon. Artemas Ward, Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for the commonwealth of Massachusetts, and John M. Forbes, Esq., now Charge d'Affaires, at Buenos Ayres.


Copy of an epitaph in old burial field, Lancaster:

Mrs Katharine Sprague
the amiable Consort of ye
Honble John Sprague, Esqr.
And a daughter of the late
Richard Foster, Esqr.
Died May 5th A.D. 1787.
in the 40th. year of her age.
And is here interred.
Blessed are the pure in Heart,
for they shall see God.

He was son of John. Ch.: t. Abigail, b. Feb. 13, 1770.

4023. xiv. JOHN, bapt. April 5, 1741; probably d. young, as he is not named as an heir.

4024. xv. MARTHA, bapt. June 27, 1742.

3925. CAPTAIN ISAAC FOSTER (Richard, William, Thomas), b., Charleston, Mass., Jan. 30, 1714; m., Aug. 24, 1732, Eleanor Wyer, dau. Captain William, b. July 14, 1714; d. March 5, 1758 of "cramp in stomach." He was a sea captain, making frequent voyages between Boston and Europe; in 1765 he was called merchant; he was quite a prominent citizen of Charleston and his name often occurs in Frothingham's history of the town. No probate of his estate.

Will—Isaac Foster, of Charleston; merchant; wife, Eleanor Foster; two chil-
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4038. i. REBECCA, b. April 10, 1699; m., pub. Aug. 31, 1721, John Best.
4039. ii. SAMUEL, b. June 25, 1701; m. Rachel Kneeland.


4040. i. JOHN, b. April 10, 1713; m. Mary Fish.
4041. ii. MARY, b. Feb. 16, 1714.
4042. iii. ANNA, b. Dec. 26, 1716.
4043. iv. MARY, b. Feb. 4, 1718.
4044. v. EDWARD, b. Sept. 20, 1720. He was a blacksmith.
4045. vi. JAMES, b. Feb. 14, 1723. He d. unm. in 1747-8. Administrator of estate of James Foster, formerly belonging to his Majesty’s ship Cambridge, but late of his Majesty’s ship Rippon, deceased, granted to his mother, Mary Foster, of Boston, widow, Jan. 10, 1748. Suff. Prob. Lib. 42; fol. 103.

4046. vii. EBENEZER, b. Aug. 30, 1729.
4047. viii. MARY, b. Aug. 30, 1731.

3914. CAPT. JAMES FOSTER (James, Hopestill, Richard, Thomas), b. Dec. 8, 1698, Dorchester, Mass.; m. Priscilla —, b. 1692; d. March 16, 1739; m., 2d, Oct. 9, 1740, Mrs. Elizabeth Pimer, b. 1666; d. May 25, 1771, ae, seventy-five.


Will—Elizabeth Foster, of Dorchester, widow; son-in-law James Foster, daughter-in-law Mary Foster; other children-in-law, the children of my deceased husband, James Foster, Esq.—James Foster, Priscilla Topliff, and Anna Low; brother-in-law Capt. Hopestill Foster, executor Dated May 3, 1763. Prob. June 28, 1771. Lib. 70; fol. 344-5-6.


4048. i. PRISCILLA, b. Nov. 18, 1722; m., May 29, 1744. Ebenezer Topliff.
4049. ii. BEULAH, b. Oct. 27, 1725; d. Aug. 18, 1741.
4050. iii. MARY, b. June 3, 1727; unm. in 1763.
4051. iv. ANNA, b. Aug. 4, 1729; m., June 1, 1758, Obadiah Low, of Boston.

4052. v. JAMES, b. March 31, 1732; m. Mary Robinson.

3946. CAPT. HOPESTILL FOSTER (James, Hopestill, Richard, Thomas), bapt. Feb. 15, 1701, Dorchester; m., Nov. 11, 1724, Sarah Allen, b. 1762; d. September, 1772. His record of officeholding is similar to that of his cousin Hopestill, the gunsmith, but begins ten years later.


In division daughter Mary Prince, wife of Christopher Prince; Hopestill Foster only son, daughter Sarah Hearsey. Oct. 27, 1786 Lib. 85; fol. 742-3-4-5.


4053. i. SARAH, b. Oct. 3, 1725; m., Aug. 17, 1749, George Hanners; m., 2d, — Hersey May 27, 1762.
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4056. iv. Mary, b. Dec. 19, 1731; d.—.
4058. vi. Mercy, b. March 4, 1735; m. Col. Christopher Prince. They went from Boston to Annapolis, N. S., in 1770, and he was an United Empire Loyalist. The family resided in Nova Scotia ever after.
4059. vii. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 20, 1739; d. young.
4060. viii. Hopestill, b. June 29, 1744; m. Susannah Wood.

3949. Comfort Foster (Standfast, Hopestill, Richard, Thomas), b., bapt. Dorchester, June 20, 1689; m., July 22, 1712, Eleanor Woods. She d. and he m. 2d, May 12, 1726, Abiah Withington, b. —; d. March 23, 1810. He was a glazier.
Administrator of estate of Comfort Foster, late of Dorchester, glazier, deceased, granted to his widow, Abiah Foster, of Dorchester, March 9, 1755. Suff. Prob. Lib. 32; fol. 386, 475. Lib. 33; fol. 375.

4062. ii. Abigail, b. Jan. 8, 1713; m., June 21, 1733, Joshua Sevor, Jr.
4063. iii. Thomas, b. March 21, 1715; m. Mary Lyon.
4067. vii. William, b. April 24, 1727; m. Elizabeth Hunt.

3953. Thomas Foster (Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas), b. Cambridge Mass., Sept. 18, 1657; m. in Preston, Conn., July 3, 1711, Mercy Gates. He went from Cambridge to Preston and thence to Voluntown, Conn., with his mother Experience Foster, who had married for a second husband Benjamin Geary. This is all there is on Voluntown vital records. Thomas and mother Experience, 1709 (vol. 42, p. 142) Middlesex court, he a husbandman, like his father Thomas, of Stow (Thomas, Thomas of Weymouth). His wife was a Mercy; sold to Joseph Heald 10 acres house lot granted to father Thomas by town of Stow, March 3, 1709. I have searched the Voluntown, Conn., land records through, and the following is all that I can find of Foster: First Phillip's Bill, of Groton, Conn., deed to Thomas Foster, of Preston, Conn., dated March 3, 1714.
Res., Preston and Voluntown, Conn.
4069. i. Silas, b. Voluntown, March 7, 1721; d. Dec. 8, 1721.
4070. ii. Stephen, b. Preston, April 20, 1712.
4071. iii. Sarah, b. Preston, July 31, 1717.

3954. Jonathan Foster (Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas), b. Stow, Mass., abt. 1698; m. Mary —.

Middlesex Co. Deeds—vol. 28; 110. Jonathan of Shrewsbury, yeoman, for £8 from Gersham Keyes, 40 acres in Shrewsbury, drawn by William Johnson, Jr., Sept. 10, 1720 (Abraham Moulton and Thomas Hall), witnesses. He was married to his Mary and gone to Shrewsbury before his father made the move to Chelmsford.

From Ward's history of Shrewsbury: "Foster, Jonathan, on house lot No. 44, in 1729; ad. to chh. here in 1727; wife's name Mary, and ad. to chh., 1735. Their chh., as recorded here, were: 1. Jonathan, b. June 6, 1719, and ad. to chh. here in 1743; 2. Mary, b. Nov. 24, 1721. 3. Benjamin, b. March 1, 1724; bapt. at his father's house in 1727; d. the same year, say the chh. records. 4. Thomas, b. Sept. 2, 1726. 5. Hezekiah, b. Aug. 28, 1728. 6. Beulah, b. Feb. 13, 1731; 7. Jemima, bapt. July 4, 1733; 8. Kenia, bapt. Dec. 14, 1730. There is no death on the town record of the name of Foster for the family was set off to Lancaster." I found the record of Jonathan's admission to the church, but there is no record of his death or removal. I think that previous to 1724 there was no complete record kept, except of marriages, additions and baptisms. From the records of the church in Shrewsbury the following is taken: "Nov. 5, 1727. Jonathan Foster was admitted to full church privilege."

Jonathan Foster with others, at their request in 1752, were set off from Shrewsbury to Lancaster. This property also joined Holden.

Will—In the name of God Amen this Fourteenth day of December Anno Domino one thousand seven hundred and forty three I Jonathan Foster of Shrewsbury in the County of Worcester In the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New
England Husbandman being at this time of sound mind and memory praised be God. But knowing myself in a mortal state as to my body, Wherefore I do make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament. Principally and first of all I commit my Immortal soul into the hands of God that gave it. And my body I Recommend to the Earth to be buried in a Christian manner nothing doubting but at the General resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as such worldly Estate God has bestowed upon me I give demise and Dispose of in the following manner and for once. First I order that my just debts and funeral charges be paid.— Imprimis, I give unto Mary my dearly beloved wife the Improvement of all my Estate so long as she remains my widow — Item. I give unto my son Jonathan Foster five shillings. Item. I give unto my son Thomas Foster Twenty pounds. Item. I give unto my son Hezekiah Foster Five pounds. Item. I give unto my daughter Mary Foster Five pounds. Item. I give unto my daughter Beulah Foster Five pounds. Item. I give unto my daughter Jemima Foster Five pounds. Furthermore it is my will that if after this distribution is made any Estate be found that was mine that it be equally divided among the Heirs; and that if there be not enough for each to receive what is assigned, then an abatement to be made upon each according to their proportion given. And I do hereby constitute, authorize make and ordain my trusty and well beloved wife Mary Foster of Shrewsbury in the county and province above said to be sole Executrix to this my last will and settlement, and do hereby utterly disallowe, revoke, and disannul all, and every other former settlement, Legacies and Bequests, and Executors by me in any way before named and willed and bequeathed, Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and the day and year above written Signed Sealed published Pronounced and declared by the said Jonathan Foster as his last will and testament in the presence of us

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Judith I. Baker
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4072. i. JONATHAN, b. June 6, 1719; m. Mrs. Bathsheba Crosby, Betty Hazen, Thankful Harington and Mercy Towne.

4073. ii. MARY, b. Nov. 24, 1721.

4074. iii. BENJAMIN, b. March 1, 1724; bapt. 1727, and d. 1727—church records.


4076. v. HEZEKIAH, b. Aug. 28, 1728; m. Hannah—

4077. vi. BEULAH, b. Feb. 13, 1731.


4079. viii. KEZIAH, b. June 4, 1736.

3955. JOHN FOSTER (Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas), b. Stow, Mass., abt. 1705; m. Eunice—

Of all the branches of the Foster family this one, of which John and Eunice are the head, have caused me more trouble than any other half dozen lines. The first that was known of John, before his connection with the main line was made out, was his appearance in Stow, Mass., with Eunice. There he had three children born, Joseph, John and Abigail. The records of deeds of Middlesex county, at East Cambridge, show that about this time he was disposing of his property there on the Marlboro line, with water power privileges, given to John Wilt, of Marlboro (old Lynn family). The highway and adjoining estates he parts with to Thomas Gibson, and the same reservations and Hapgood’s walls seem to point to an original estate, which probably formerly was his wife’s estate in Stow, where the new project to start mills, perhaps iron mills, on the Marlboro line, by Hathorn and John Wilt, was on tap. In looking up Hathorn’s for a Baltimore merchant lately, I struck the plans of the Lynn blacksmiths, some of which go to Wilmington, some to Marlboro, and John Wilt and a Goodale have land owned in Stow and Marlboro, on what was called the Alcock plantation. I find our John and Eunice had sold to John Wilt, by some reference in one deed I handled, for the purpose of improving a mill privilege
on the land bordering the Assabet brook (Elizabeth river) property. When he sold, in 1733, he reserves those rights. The iron business had a boom in that section in connection with William Russell and others, about that date, and farmers, gave up good land to pay assessments in a new concern, in all sorts of supplies, and the paper of the company seems to get into court later when they couldn’t pay up. I have a long list of the Hathorn associates somewhere that include many Marlboro and Stow names later.

Stow town clerk, July 20th, in a letter, says he has looked the proprietors' books through and found no land at all owned by the name of John Foster. So it is inevitable that he bought of Cornet John Darby the two rights he sold to Gibson, and he must have lost the rights in any land owned by Thomas Foster.

John and Eunice next appear in Hassamisco, incorporated that year, 1735, as Grafton, Worcester county, which was settled by many people from Stow and towns in that vicinity. The first record there is on the old Hassamisco church book and reads as follows:

"Sept. 12, 1736, he was received in full communion by the Grafton church. His wife, Eunice, was admitted Feb. 17, 1742." He was selectman 1736-7-8, while he resided there, and was a prominent resident, for in "seating the meeting-house," that is, in assigning seats in the church edifice, which was done by a committee appointed for that purpose, he was given the second seat, which shows that there were but few others more prominent. Two more children were born to the couple, and are found of record in the church and town books in Grafton—viz.: Jacob and Lydia. About 1736 there was quite an exodus from Grafton to Hardwick, then known as Wombersnessicook by the Indians, where he was one of the first settlers. There he owned 200 acres of land, part of which is located where the bridge now stands and where the woolen factories are located in that part of Hardwick, incorporated twenty-four years after the present town was incorporated—in 1761—as Ware, Hampshire county. Thus it will be seen that his property was located in two towns. At this time the property in Hardwick was in Hampshire county, incorporated in 1662, and later in Worcester county, incorporated in 1731. On moving to Hardwick he took a prominent part in the affairs of the town and church. In 1740 and 1741 he was chosen selectman and town clerk. He seems to have returned to Grafton, and the vacancies in office were filled Nov. 23, 1741; but he bought land again in Hardwick Sept. 9, 1742, and is described as of Hardwick in the inventory of his estate Feb. 27, 1745-6, which estate was divided Aug. 4, 1751, between his children, Joseph, John, Jacob, Jonathan, Abigail and Lydia.

One branch of the family remained in the vicinity of Ware, and they state that their ancestor "Jacob" (this is a mistake, it should be John), "one of the first settlers in Ware, was born in Bridge water. He lived in Ware, just over the bridge, near where the woolen factories are now. He was descended from the Pilgrims. He owned 200 acres of land near where Ware Village now stands. He raised a family of two sons and three daughters. His eldest son, Joseph, left his father and settled in the north part of the town on a farm. There he remained about thirty years; had four sons and moved to Barnard, Vt., where the family was well received and held responsible positions. John, his eldest son, was captain; another captain, and another representative for thirteen years."

I have endeavored to ascertain the exact date of death of John Foster. The town records of Grafton, Ware, Hardwick and Brookfield, have been examined but without success. Frederick D. Ruggles, of Hardwick, subsequently made a very thorough investigation and wrote as follows:

"I have looked for John Foster and wife, Eunice. I find by looking over old deeds wherein he bought land in the southwest part of Hardwick, near Ware, on his second return to Hardwick, which you are probably advised of. No record of his death I am able to find in Ware, or by any other tradition, or in the old Baptist Church yard, near his possessions. John Foster seems to be a man of mark in our early settlement. He was a town clerk and selectman; T. C. in 1740-41, and selectman at the same time."

Joseph Foster, aged about sixteen; Lydia Foster, aged fourteen; Abigail Foster, aged thirteen; Jacob, aged nine; John Foster, aged about fifteen; Jonathan Foster, aged five, children of John Foster, late of Hardwick; guardian appointed; does not give the mother’s name. Joseph Wilder, Judge of Prob., 1745, Hardwick.

—Worcester Probate Records.

* See History of Grafton, by Fred C. Pierce, the writer.
† See Paige’s History of Hardwick, Mass.
‡ Frank B. Foster, Riverside, Mass.
JOSEPH, ABIGAIL, CHARLES, JOHN, SAMUEL, JONATHAN, 2d, JOHN, an He Doggett, to lot In ofJ... 1739. He was not in Rev. army from Mass. He represented Sabine, daughter of Joseph, late of Scituate, deceased, and Lydia Foster; no further relationship given.—Plymouth Probate.

In 1742 he purchased the estate of Joshua Drew, administrator of the estate of his father, Nicholas Drew. After having possession of it for one year he again resold it to Joshua. He d. 1778. Res., Plymouth and Kingston, Mass.

He represented Plymouth in the General Court many years, commencing in 1741. He was a justice of the peace and quorum, and a judge of the Court of Common Pleas.

He died of small pox in 1777. He was a deacon of the church, and often speculated in real estate. He represented Plymouth for many years in the General Court, and in 1765 received instructions from his constituents to govern his action on the exciting questions of that time. At the beginning of the Revolution he continued loyal to the crown, and according to Sabine went with the British army to Halifax. He must have returned the following year, for his death is recorded in 1777. Many other citizens of Plymouth sympathized with Mr. Foster, as the records show.

In 1752 he secured the Silas West property on an execution, but soon sold it. In 1739 he owned fifty feet of land, having purchased it of Nicholas Drew. He sold it the same year to Judah West. In 1734 he purchased of his brother John the lot of land on which the Plymouth Rock House, now stands, and erected a house thereon. In 1743 he purchased property of Winslow S. Holmes, and sold it in 1757 to James Carver. The same year (1743) he purchased a residence of Ebenezer Doggett, and sold it the following year to John Kempton. In 1743 he purchased a lot of James Shurtleff and sold it in 1766 to Abiel Shurtleff. In 1762, for assisting in building the causeway and bridge, he had given him a parcel of land, which he sold that year to Barnabas Hedge.

Sabine, in his "Loyalists," says: "Foster, Thomas, Esquire, of Plymouth, Mass. He represented that town in the General Court several years, and in 1765 instructions were furnished him to govern his course on the exciting questions of the time. Aside from his political preferences, he was esteemed by his townsmen for his attention and fidelity to the municipal and civil concerns intrusted to his care. His father, Deacon John Foster, was also a representative from Plymouth, and pursued an independent line of conduct in that relation, never accepting of executive favors. His son, Thomas, was a graduate of Harvard University, and instructed a school at Plymouth. His grandson, Thomas, was an officer of a bank at Charleston, S. C.,
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and died there in 1803, aged fifty-eight. Branches of his family settled in Middleboro and Kingston, Mass., and in Norfolk, Va. Mr. Foster accompanied the British army to Halifax in 1776.

Mary Foster, of Plymouth; will probated Dec. 12, 1781; written July 27, 1780. She gives to the children of her daughter, Elizabeth Jackson, deceased, and her daughter, Salome Dimon; daughters Mary and Eunice, sons Seth and Philemon. She appoints her daughter, Mary Foster, executrix.


4094. i. THOMAS, b. 1727; m. Mercy Witherell.

4095. ii. ELISHA, b. 1730.

4096. iii. GERSHOM, b. Sept. 23, 1733; d. young.

4097. iv. LOIS, b. 1735; m. Josiah Sturtevant and Samuel Savery.

4098. v. DEBORAH, b. 1737, m., 1756, Samuel Doggett, son of Ebenezer.

Ch.: 1. Deborah, b. 1758.

4099. vi. JOHN, b. 1739.

4100. vii. GERSHOM, b. 1740.

4101. viii. HANNAH, b. 1742.

4102. ix. MARY, b. 1745; d. young.

4103. x. ELIZABETH, b. 1747; m., 1768, Nathaniel Jackson. He was son of Thomas, senior. Ch.: 1. Nathaniel; m. Deborah Harlow. 2. Hezekiah, b. 1770; m. Sarah Nicolsen. 3. Betsey; m. William Harlow. 4. Henry, b. 1774. The wife, Elizabeth, died, for in 1776 he m. Martha Bartlett.

4104. xi. SALOME, b. 1749; m. Thomas Dimon.

4105. xii. MARY, b. 1751; unm. in 1781.

4106. xiii. SETH, b. 1753; d. young.

4107. xiv. JOB, b. 1755.

4108. xv. EUNICE, b. 1757.

4109. xvi. SETH, b. 1758; m. ----.

4110. xvii. PHILEMON, b. 1760.

4111. xviii. SUSANNA, b. 1762.

4112. xix. EUNICE, b. 1764; m., 1780, James Prince, son of Thomas Prince.

Res., Providence, R. I. Ch.: 1. Polly, b. 1784. 2. Thomas, b. 1786. 3. Lydia, b. 1788.

3967. NATHANIEL FOSTER (John, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Plymouth, Mass., 1711; m., 1735. Mercy Thacher, of Middleboro, Mass., dau. of Peter; m., 2d, December, 1733, Mrs. Abigail (Woodman) Billings, of Little Compton. She was dau. of Edward and Margaret Billings, of Little Compton, and m. at Little Compton. R. I., Sept. 22, 1734. Richard Billings, b. 1674; d. Nov. 20, 1748. Abigail was b. Aug. 23, 1714.

He sold his double lot, with the old house on it, to Samuel Ellis, who occupied the easterly half of it, in 1777. In 1734 he purchased what is known as the Durfee house of Nathaniel Morton.

Nathaniel Foster, of Middleboro, will probated Nov. 20, 1793; written May 7, 1791; sons, Nathaniel and Gershom; children of son John Foster, deceased, namely, William and Peter Foster and Elizabeth Dunham. (This grandson, William, is called Jr. in the papers.) He also mentions his daughters, Mary Foster, Mercy Russell and Abigail Bushope. He also mentions his grandchildren, children of his daughter Terry, deceased, also daughter, Martin. He appoints his sons Nathaniel and Gershom executors. In another paper, filed with the case, I find that James Washburn, attorney and guardian of Betsey Terry, Luther Washburn and Hannah, his wife; Abiel Perry, grandchildren and heirs to said Nathaniel Foster, appears from a certain decree, filed in this case.—Plymouth Probate.


4113. i. MARY, b. 1736; m., 1757, Thomas Foster, of Marshfield (see).

4114. ii. MERCY, b. 1737; m., 1757, John Russell, and 2d, 1798, William Sever. He (Russell) came from Scotland and settled in Plymouth where he married. Ch.: 1. John, b. 1758. 2. James, b. 1760. 3. Thomas, b. 1761. 4. Mercy, b. 1763; m. William Jackson. 5. Abigail, b. 1766. 6. Nancy, b. 1767; m. John Sever, of Kingston. 7. Nathaniel, b. 1769. 8. Jane, b. 1773; m. James Sever, of Kingston. 9. George, b. 1776. 10. Charles, b. ----. Russell died, and Mercy m., 2d, 1798; Sever was son of Nicholas.

4115. iii. NATHANIEL, b. 1749; d. before 1751.
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4116. iv. HANNAH, b. 1743; d. before 1749.
4117. v. PETER, b. 1745.
4118. vi. JOHN, b. —; m. Elizabeth Rider.
4119. vii. HANNAH, b. 1749; d. before 1755.
4120. viii. SARAH, b. 1750; m. — Martin.
4121. ix. NATHANIEL, b. Sept. 28, 1751; m. Lydia Barnaby.
4122. x. ABIGAIL, b. 1753; m. — Bishop.
4123. xi. GERSHOM, b. 1754.
4124. xii. HANNAH, b. 1755; m. Luther Washburne.
4125. xiii. BETTY, b. 1757; m. — Terry.

3960. JOSIAH FOSTER (Josiah, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Pembroke, Mass., m., July 20, 1725, Mary Bonney. She d.; m., 2d, Marshfield, Mass., Feb. 10, 1750, Elizabeth Carver. She d. 1802. Joseph Foster, of Pembroke, will probated March 25, 1780, written Aug. 23, 1779; wife Elizabeth. He bequeathed money to the children of his daughter, Sarah Chamberlain, deceased; daughter, Mary Mackfarland; children of his daughter, Margaret Crooker, deceased; children of his daughter, Abigail Whitten, deceased; grandson, Nathaniel Chamberlain. He appoints Nathaniel Chamberlain, his grandson, his executor.

Elizabeth Foster, widow of Pembroke; will written Jan. 14, 1754; probated June 28, 1802. She mentions in her will her sister, Lydia Phillips and her (Lydia's) daughter, Lydia; sister, Huldy Sampson, wife of Abraham Sampson; niece, Hipthasda Sampson (Gideon Sampson's daughter); sister, Keziah Sampson. She mentions Mary Bates, wife of Gamaliel Bates, the daughter of her brother, Reuben Carver; she also mentions her three nieces, Lydia Rickett, Abigail Fuller and Mercy King, daughter of her late sister, Deborah King. She appoints Amos Phillips, son of her sister, Lydia Phillips, executor, but he declines.


1/27. ii. MARY, b. —; m. — McFarland.

1/28. iii. MARGARET, b. —; m. — Crooker.

4129. iv. ABIGAIL, b. —; m. — Whitten.


1/30. i. DAVID, b. —; m. Experience Randall.


4131. i. MILTON, b. April 10, 1728; m. Jean ——.

4132. ii. EDWARD, b. Oct. 22, 1729; m. Martha ——.

4133. iii. WILLIAM, b. Nov. 7, 1735; m. Deborah Lewis.

4134. iv. NATHANIEL, b. abt. 1740; m. Lydia Frisbee.

4135. v. JOSEPH, b. abt. 1744; m. ——.


4136. i. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 26, 1726.

4137. ii. REMEMBER, b. Sept. 22, 1728.

4138. iii. THANKFUL, b. Sept. 12, 1733.


4140. v. BENJAMIN, b. July 9, 1748; m. Anna Dunham.


4141. i. WILLIAM, b. ——.

4142. ii. JOSEPH, b. ——.

4143. iii. MARY, b. ——.
3982. JOHN FOSTER (Joseph, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Sandwich, Mass.,
April 12, 1705; m., in Sandwich, Mass., Joanna Brown, b. 1666; d. Feb. 9, 1771.

Will—From probate records of Barnstable Co., book 13, p. 449. In the Name of God, Amen. I, John Foster of Sandwich in the County of Barnstable in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, Sadler. Being under decay of Body but thro' divine Goodness of sound mind and memory, and mindful of approaching Death Do make this my Last Will and Testament and first I recommend my soul to the mercy of God thro' Jesus Christ, & my Body to a decent Burial at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named, and as to my Worldly Estate I give Devise & dispose as follows: Imprimis. I give and bequeath to my Beloved wife Joanna Foster and to her heirs & assigns forever, my Dwelling house & all my other Buildings & all my Lands and all my Real Estate whatever & wherever and all my Cash Credits Bonds Notes of hand, Quick stock, Household Goods & all other my Personal Estate whatever & wheresoever she paying my Just Debts and funeral charges.

Finally, I constitute and appoint my wife Joanna Sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made. & declaring this to be my last Will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this fourteenth day of April A. D. 1769 thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine.

Signed, sealed Published & Declared by the sd John Foster as and for his last Will & Testament in presence of us.

Nathaniel Bassett.
N. Bourn.
Abr. Williams.

Probated Sept. 27, 1769.

A true copy of the record.

He d. Sept. 14, 1769, ae. sixty-five. Res., s. p. Sandwich, Mass. These deaths are from Sandwich grave stones. He was a saddler by trade.

3983. NATHAN FOSTER (Joseph, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Jan. 3, 1708,
Barnstable, Mass. Nathan Foster resided in the Timothy Crocker house at West Barnstable. He was a hair dresser and wig maker by trade, and died aged. He married 1st, Mary Lothrop, May 21, 1753; 2d, Mercy Smith, 1766. Ch. b. in Barnstable. His will is dated Oct. 19, 1814; mentions his daughter Mercy, the widow of Ephraim Crocker; sons Nathan and John, daughter Elizabeth, and the heirs of his three children, Thomas, James and Mary Crocker, all deceased. He d. 1814. Res., New Barnstable, Mass.

4144. i. ABIGAIL, b. Sept. 24, 1756; d. young.
4145. ii. JOHN BURSLEY, b. June 11, 1758; d. young.
4146. iii. MARY, b. Oct. 4, 1765; m. — Crocker.
4147. iv. JAMES, b. Feb. 8, 1767; m. —.
4148. v. MERCY, b. March 7, 1768; m. Ephraim Crocker.
4149. vi. THOMAS, b. March 4, 1771; m. —.
4150. vii. NATHAN, b. March 19, 1773; m. —.
4151. viii. ABIGAIL, b. Jan. 4, 1775; d. young.
4152. ix. JOSEPH, b. July 16, 1776; d. young.
4153. x. JOHN, b. July 15, 1777; m. —.
4154. xi. ABIGAIL, b. May 6, 1780; d. young.
4155. xii. ELIZABETH, b. Feb. 16, 1783; unm. in 1814.

3987. SOLOMON FOSTER (Joseph, John, Thomas, Thomas), b., Barnstable Mass., Sept. 4, 1714; m. in Sandwich, July 15, 1739, Rebecca Nye. He was town clerk and much engaged in public affairs at Sandwich, and later moved to Brookfield, Mass., where he died. His will is on file in the Worcester Probate Court office. He was of Brookfield, probated Dec. 27, 1791; mentions, wife Rebecca, sons Bryant, Eliasha, Lemuel, and daughter Abigail Dow. He d. in Palmer, December, 1791. Res., Sandwich and Brookfield, Mass.

4156. i. BRYANT, b. July 5, 1741; m. Thankful Blackwell.
4157. ii. ABIGAIL, b. Dec. 30, 1750; m. — Dow.
4158. iii. WILLIAM, b. Feb. 4, 1753; prob. d. before 1791, not mentioned in father's will.
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4150. iv. ELISHA, b. Oct. 14, 1759; m. Eunice —.
4160. v. LEMUEL, b. April 14, 1762.

3991 DEACON JAMES FOSTER (Chillingsworth, John, Thomas. Thomas)
b. Jan. 6, 1706, in Harwich, Mass.; m., July 10, 1729, Lydia, dau. of Major Edward Winslow, of Rochester, Mass. She was b. Sept. 8, 1709; d. Jan. 7, 1770, ae. sixty. He m., 2d, Phoebe Axtell, of Berkley, published May 11, 1771. James, like his ancestors, was a blacksmith and deacon. He was also selectman, town clerk and town treasurer, resided in Rochester till 1774, when he removed to Athol with his son, John, and died there about 1788.

Will—I James Foster of Athol in the county of Worcester and commonwealth of Massachusetts gentleman being advanced in years but through God's goodness of sound and Disposing mind and memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of life do make and ordain this my last will and testament recommending my Soul to the hands of a merciful God that gave it and my body to be buried in a decent and Christian manner after my decease at the discretion of my executor hereafter named—as to such worldly personal estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this world I give and dispose of the Same in the following manner Imprimis I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Phebe all the goods of all Sorts and kinds that she brought to me after marriage with me & that to be in room and stead of her thirds in my personal estate which is only on condition that she quit her right in my personal estate—Also I give to my wife Phebe the lawful right of dower. Item I give & bequeath to my three Daughters in Equal viz: Mercy Rider, Mary Paige and Lydia Haskell all my indoor moveables except those before mentioned goods belonging to my wife Phebe—Also I give to my Daughter Mercy Rider three pounds four shillings lawful money to be paid by my executor after my decease Item I give to my three Sons Chillingsworth, James and Edward Foster Six shillings Each in full of their portion; Also I give to my son Nathan Foster six pounds eight shillings lawful money in full or his portion Item I give my wearing apparel to my five sons to be equally Divided amongst them after my decease. Item I give and bequeath to my son John Foster all my personal Estate Whatsoever or wheresover the same is or may be found, that I have not in this my will Disposed of; also my Debts, Dues or Demands that shall be Due to me at my Decease and I order my kind Son John to pay all my Debts and funeral charges and the charge of settling my estate Likewise I appoint my son, John Foster, as my executor to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this Sixth Day of October Anno Domini 1784 and Eighth year of the Independence of America. James Foster [Seal]

[Edward and Magdalin Winslow, parents of Kenelm Winslow, of Droitwich, Worcestershire, England, had five sons and three daughters. The sons all came to this country. 1. Edward, b. Oct. 19, 1594; m. May 16, 1618, Elizabeth Barker, who died at Plymouth, March 24, 1621. He and his wife came on the “Mayflower” in 1620 to Plymouth. He m. 2d, May 12, 1621, Susanna, widow of William White, of the “Mayflower.” (She was sister to Edward and Dr. Samuel Fuller who came of the “Mayflower.”) 2. John, b April, 1596. Came in the “Fortune” November, 1621; m. Mary, dau. of James Chilton (a Mayflower passenger). Removed to Boston; was a merchant there, March 1655 and d. there, 1674, ae. seventy-eight. 3. Eleanor, b. April, 1598. 4. Kenelm, b. April 29, 1599; m. Elinor Newton, widow of John Adams. 5. Gilbert, b. October, 1600. Came with his brother Edward in the “Mayflower,” went back to England and died there before 1660. 6. Elizabeth, b. March 8, 1601. 7. Magdalin, b. Dec. 26, 1604. 8. Josiah, b. Feb. 11, 1605-6. Came to N. E. with his brother Kenelm; m. Margaret, dau. of Thomas Brown; settled in Marshfield. He d. 1674 and his widow d. 1683.

The descendants of Kenelm Winslow are as follows: Kenelm Winslow, son of Edward and brother of Governor Edward Winslow, of Plymouth, was born in Droitwich, Worcestershire, England, April 29, 1599, and came to New England in 1629, resided at Plymouth until about 1641, when he went to Marshfield. He m. June, 1634, Elinor, widow of John Adams, whose maiden name was Elinor Newton. She d. Dec. 5, 1681. He was a farmer and joiner; represented Marshfield at General Court 8 years and held sundry minor offices. He d. at Salem, Mass., Sept. 12, 1672, ae. seventy-three (“He resorted to Salem for medical aid having been long sick.”) Ch.: (a) Kenelm, b. abt. 1656; m. Mary Warden, dau. of Peter Warden, of Yarmouth. who d. Sept. 22, 1688, in her forty-eighth year. He m., 2d, Demaris —, who survived him. He d. Nov. 41, 1715, in the seventy-ninth year of his age.
in Harwich and his headstone stands in a cemetery near his home but within the easterly border of Dennis, Mass. Ch.: b. in Harwich. 1. Kenelm, b. abt. 1667; d. at Harwich, March 10, 1729, ae. sixty-one. 2. Josiah, b. Nov. 7, 1669. Captain, d. at Freetown April 3, 1761. 3. Thomas, b. abt. 1672; d. April, 1689 at sixteen. 4. Samuel, b. abt. 1674. 5. Mercy, b. abt. 1676; m. Melitiah White, of Rochester; m. 2d, Thomas Jenkins, of Barnstable. 6. Nathaniel, b. abt. 1678. Res., Rochester, Mass.; Little Compton, Mass.; Middleboro, Mass., and removed to Maine.

7. Edward, b. Jan. 30, 1651; m. Sarah —. He resided at Rochester, was a farmer and egnaged in making and forging of iron; he was a selectman, town clerk, town treasurer, justice of the peace and of the quorum; also major of militia and was generally designated by his militia title. He d. June 25, 1760. Sarah d. Oct. 11, 1767, at eighty-five. Ch.: i. Edward, b. Nov. 6, 1703; m., Hannah, dau. of his uncle Kenelm Winslow, of Harwich, Dec. 14, 1728, who d. Sept. 23, 1745. He m., 2d, Rachel, dau. of his Uncle Josiah Winslow, of Freetown, May 1, 1746, who d. May 1, 1746. He m., 3d, Mrs. Susanna Winslow, of Dighton, pub. Aug. 9, 1767. He d. May 7, 1780. 2. Mehitable, b. May 6, 1705; m. Col. Thomas Winslow, son of her uncle Kenelm, of Harwich, Feb. 12, 1722-3. 3. Sarah, b. 1707; m. Thomas Lincoln, who d. June 15, 1730; m., 2d, James Whitcomb, May 31, 1731. Removed to Western (now Warren), and was living there in 1771. 4. Lydia, b. Sept. 8, 1709; m., Deacon James Foster, July 10, 1729. 5. Mercy, b. Sept. 11, 1712; m. Chilingsworth Foster, Esq. 6. Thankful, b. April 2, 1715; m. Josephus Hammond, April 10, 1735. 8. Demaris, b. —; m. Jonathan Small, of Harwich, July 30, 1713. 9. Elizabeth, b. —; m. Andrew Clark, of Harwich, Aug. 9, 1711. 10. Eleanor, b. —; m. Shubach Hamlin, of Barnstable, March 25, 1719. 11. John, b. abt. 1701; deacon in Rochester church and d. there 1755. (b) Ellen, b. abt. 1638; m. Samuel Baker, 1656; d. Aug. 27, 1676. (c) Nathaniel, b. abt. 1639. (d) Job, b. abt. 1641.)

Mary, b. April 11, 1732; m. Col. Timothy Paige, of Hardwick, Oct. 24, 1754; d. July 2, 1825, ca. ninety-three. Paige was b. May 24, 1727, and was son of Deacon Christopher and Elizabeth (Reed), of Hardwick. Christopher Paige, Feb. 10, 1691, was the first deacon of Hardwick, where he d. March 10, 1774; was son of Nathaniel Paige, who was in Roxbury in 1686, but removed to Billerica in 1688, and was also one of the purchasers of Hardwick, Mass. He d. Aug. 22, 1701, at Hardwick, although the date on his gravestone is Aug. 26, 1791. He was a representative to the General Court of Boston in 1781, and was Col. of the Fourth regiment of local militia of Worcester county, Ebenezer Newell being lieutenant-colonel and Asa Danforth major. Their ch. were: 1. Lydia, b. Sept. 15, 1755. Hardwick; d. July 8, 1810; m., November, 1775, Deacon Thomas Fuller, farmer. Removed to Hardwick, Vt. They had a son, Hon. Austin Fuller, of Saratoga, N. Y. 2. Timothy, b. Feb. 16, 1757; d. Oct. 29, 1821. He was a civil magistrate, selectman eighteen years; assessor, twenty-four years; delegate to the convention at Concord, October, 1779; member of committee of correspondence, inspection and safety in 1777 and 1779; justice of the peace May 9, 1803; representative to the General Court, seventeen years, viz.: from 1805 to 1821; and delegate to the convention held in Boston, November, 1820, for revising the constitution of Massachusetts. He was in the Revolutionary war. He married at Hardwick, Jan. 20, 1780, Mary Robinson, b. Dec. 3, 1758, Hardwick, dau. of Thomas and Mary Warner, of H. She d. March 29, 1836, at Hardwick Their son was Rev. Lucius Robinson Paige, D.D., b. March 8, 1802, Hardwick, Mass.; commenced preaching in 1823 and was ordained as Universalist minister in 1825; settled in Springfield in 1826, Rockport in 1830, and Cambridge in 1832, where he remained till 1839, when he resigned his pastorate to engage in literary and ecclesiastical work, and the honorary degree of A. M. from Harvard in 1850, and of D. D. from Tufts college in 1861. The following is list of his literary works as given in Allibone's Dictionary. 1. Selections from Eminent Commentators, 1833, 12mo. 2. Address at the Cen-
tennial Celebration at Hardwick, Mass., Nov. 15, 1838. 3. Questions on Select Portions of the Gospels, 1838. 4. Commentary on the New Testament, 6 vols., 12mo; i. 1844, Gospels; ii. 1845, Gospels; iii. 1843, Acts; iv. 1857, Romans; v. 1867, I. and II. Corinthians; vi. Galatians to Jude. 5. Address before Amicable Lodge Oct. 18, 1855; Papers in the Universalist Expositor, Universalist Quarterly, etc.

Mr. Paige was for some years employed upon a history of Cambridge, Mass. He has been a civil magistrate since 1843; was elected town clerk of Cambridge in 1839, and was city clerk from 1846 to 1855, when he resigned that office and became cashier of the Cambridge bank, which office he also resigned in 1860; was reelected in 1863, but again resigned in 1864. He was treasurer of the Cambridge Savings Bank, 1855 to 1871. He married at Brookfield, Mass., Sept. 14, 1826, Clarinda Richardson, b. June 28, 1805, Brookfield, dau. of Ezekiel and Sarah (Rice), of B. She d. Aug. 29, 1833, Cambridge, Mass. He m., 2d, at Cambridge, Oct. 5, 1834, Abby Riggs Whittmore, of Charles-town. He was elected to that town Oct. 22, 1807, dau. of Joseph and Comfort (Quiner) and sister of Rev. Thomas Whittmore, D. D. She d. Dec. 23, 1843, Cambridge. He m., 3d, at Brookfield, Mass., Oct. 22, 1845, Lucy (Comins) Richardson, b. March 19, 1799, Massachusetts, dau. of Barnabas and Mary (Bacon), of Charles-town, and widow of Solomon Richardson, of Brookfield. She d. Jan. 3, 1864, Cambridge. He m., 4th, at Worcester, Aug. 2, 1866, Ann Maria (Peck) Brigham, b. Sept. 21, 1806, Portland, Mass. (now Maine), dau. of Robert Maynard and Ann (Allen), of Worcester, and widow of Hon. David Trowbridge Brigham, of Keokuk, Iowa. Her mother was dau. of Hon. Joseph Allen, and sister of Chief Justice Charles Allen and Rev. George Allen, all of Worcester, Mass. For Allen family, see Joseph Parson's Memorial. Res., 1874, Cambridgeport, Mass., where he died. 3. Mary, b. Oct. 19, 1799; d. March 27, 1834, Stockbridge, Vt.; m., Aug. 23, 1778, Daniel Fay. Res., Hardwick, Vt. They had a son, Cyrus Paige Fay, of Columbus, Ohio. 4. Foster, b. Aug. 29, 1761; d. June 22, 1843; m. Amittai Paige. Res., Bakersfield, Vt. 5. Reed, b. Aug. 30, 1764; d. July 22, 1816; m. Hannah Paige, Hancock, N. H. He graduated at Dartmouth college, 1786 and also received the degree of A. M. from the same college; read divinity with Rev. Dr. Emmons of Franklin, R. I., ordained Sept. 21, 1791, as the first minister of the Congregational church at Hancock, N. H., and continued there till his death. The following is a list of his published discourses as found in Allibone's Dictionary: 1. Ordination Sermon, 1796. 2. Ordination Sermon, 1803. 3. Election Sermon, 1805. 4. Fast Sermon, 1812. 5. Sermon, 1815. 6. Oration Fourth of July. He m. at Bedford, Mass., Dec. 25, 1794, Hannah Paige, b. March 11, 1773, Bedford, Mass., dau. of David and Abigail (Jones), of B. 6. Moses, b. Dec. 12, 1765; d. Dec. 28, 1765. 7. Moses, b. Feb. 16, 1767; d. Dec. 5, 1818; m. Lucy Aiken; m., 2d, Mary Aiken. 8. Rebecca, b. Nov. 28, 1768; d. August, 1795; m. Capt. Seth Pierce. She married as second wife, Dec. 22, 1793. Captain Seth Pierce, b. about 1747, son of Ebenezer and Mary (Haskins), of Middleborough, Mass. He d. Feb. 25, 1809, Hardwick, and was buried there. His death occasioned by accidentally sticking a penknife into his knee. He was a private in the company of minute man at Middleborough, commanded by Capt. Nathaniel Wood, and promptly responded at the Lexington alarm; and he afterward commanded a company in the patriot army of the Revolution, which company was raised in the towns of Northfield, Shutesbury, Leverett and New Salem. At the reorganization of the militia, in 1781, he received the commission of captain of the local or standing company of infantry at Shutesbury. He was one of the selectmen of Shutesbury four years, and representative to the General Court from Hardwick in 1806. [Pierce Family, p.
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70.] He was married four times; first to Huldah Sampson, by whom he had five children; second [name of wife unknown] third, to Abigail Hinckley, by whom he had one daughter; and fourth, to Mary McFarlin, who survived him; Hardwick, Mass.

4163. iii. CHILLINGSWORTH, b. Dec. 8, 1733; m. 1st, Margaret Pope, of Dartmouth; m. 2d, Mrs. Sarah Freeman, of Rochester.

4164. iv. JAMES, b. April 17, 1735; d. May 29, 1753.


4166. vi. JAMES, b. April 13, 1757; m. Mary Lewis.

4167. vii. EDWARD, b. July 3, 1758; m. Deborah Bangs.


4169. ix. JOHN, b. Aug. 5, 1762; d. Sept. 9, 1792.

4170. x. NATHAN, b. Jan. 26, 1743-4; m. Hannah Haskell.

4171. xi. JOHN, b. July 30, 1745; m. Rebecca Paige.

3992. HON. CHILLINGSWORTH FOSTER (Chillingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Dec. 25, 1707, Harwich, Mass.; m. Oct. 10, 1730, Mercy Winslow, dau. of Edward, Esq., of Rochester, N. H.; b. Sept. 11, 1712; d. Jan. 25, 1757; m. 2d, July 7, 1757, Sarah Freeman, of Harwich. He was a son of Chillingsworth and Mercy (Freeman), of Harwich, and brother of Deacon James Foster, who m. Lydia Wins-
low. He was a blacksmith and resided generally in Harwich, now Brewster, but seems to have been in Barnstable a few years, where two of his children were born in 1735 and 1737. He was selectman of Harwich two years; representative ten years; justice of the peace, and special justice of the Court of Common Pleas. His will is dated Dec. 28, 1776.

Will—From Probate Records of Barnstable county, vol. 20, p. 415: I, Chillingwh. Foster of Harwich in the County of Barnstable do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament this 28th Day of Decr. Anno Domini 1776 first I recommend my soul to God that Gave it hoping in his Mercy through the Merits of Christ and my body to the Earth in Decent Christian burial as to my worldly Estate I Give demise and dispose of the same in manner following.

My will is that all my Just Debts & funeral charges be paid by my Executor hereafter named and ordered.

Imprimis. I give to my Daughter Sarah Waterman her heirs &c two acres and a half of upland & swamp lying on the Southerly side of the Country Road between said Road and the pond to be measured of to her of on ye westerly part of my land adjoining to Winslows land.

Item. I give to my said Daughter Waterman my grandson Jeremiah Mayo and my Grand daughter Thankfull Freeman to their Heirs &c. to be divided in Equal thirds among them the woodlot I bought of Thomas Clark lying to the Southward of Sequastones way.

Item. I also give to the said Sarah Jeremiah and Thankfull the land and meadow that I now own that was formerly my Grandfather John Freeman Deceased to them their Heirs &c to be divided equally between them three.

Item I also give to the said Sarah Waterman Jeremiah Mayo & Thankfull Freeman all my indoor movables and all my neat cattle & swine Excepting my best pair of oxen.

Item. I give my Grandson Jeremiah Mayo my chaise horse.

Item. I give to my Daughter Sarah, my Grandson Jeremiah Mayo and my granddaughter Thankfull Freeman liberty to sett in my Pew in the meeting house from time to time as they shall have occasion.

My will further is that if both or either of my aforesaid Grand children shall die without issue in that case such part of the Estate as is Given to them or either of them in this will shall be to my Daughter Sarah Waterman her heirs &c forever.

Item. I give to my son Chillingwh. Foster his heirs &c forever all my Estate both Real and personal Goods and Chattels not heretofore disposed of in this my Last will & Testament I paying all my Just Debts & funeral charges and faithfully performing what is enjoined him in this will.

And I do constitute Ordain & appoint my son Chillingworth Foster Sole Executor to this my last will and Testament. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto sett my Hand & Seal the day & year before written. Signed, Sealed Pronounced & Declared to be his last will and Testament.

In Presence of us,
Isaac Foster.
Joseph Snow.
Thomas Stevens.

A true copy of the record.
He d. 1779.
4172. i. THANKFUL, b. June 14, 1733; m. Oct. 23, 1755, Joshua Freeman; had dau. Thankful.
4175. iv. MEHITABEL, b. April 18, 1746; m., Nov. 25, 1762, Joshua Mayo of Eastham; had son Jeremiah.
4176. v. SARAH, b. Nov. 25, 1747; m. Jan. 8, 1767, Samuel Waterman, of Wellfleet.

3994. THOMAS FOSTER (Chillingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. March 15, 1711, Harwich, Mass.; m. July 11, 1734, Mary Hopkins, dau. of Joseph, of Harwich; gr. dau. of Stephen, of the Mayflower.

Thomas Foster, with his wife and four children, emigrated from Harwich, Mass., to the "Oblong," now Southeast, Duchess county, N. Y., some time before
1749, as his wife, Mary, was granted a letter of discharge from the church in Harwich to the church in Oblong, Aug. 20, 1749. Family tradition puts the removal several years earlier, probably about 1743. Four children were born after the family settled in the Oblongs. Two daughters (of whom I have no record, save that Thomas had three sisters) and two sons, Tilly and Seth. Thomas Foster settled on a farm in the present town of Southeast, now occupied by his great-great-grandson, Alfred Crosby Foster (Alfred C., Joshua Crosby, James, Jr., James, Thomas), a bachelor. Three of his sons, Joseph, Tilly and Thomas, as they grew to manhood moved further up the Oblong, and into what is now Dutchess county, possibly further; traces of the last two are lost.

He d. 1790. Res., Harwich, Mass., and Oblong, N. Y.

4177. i. JOSEPH, b. March 27, 1735; m. Desire Hopkins.

4178. ii. THOMAS, b. June 22, 1736; m. and res. Southeast, N. Y.

4179. iii. JAMES, b. Feb. 18, 1737; m. Thankful Sears and Bathsheba Hall.

4180. iv. MARY, b. July 18, 1740; m. in Southeast, N. Y., Prince Hopkins.


4181. v. SETH, b. April 11, 1761; m. Huldah Ragan and Mrs. Elizabeth (Townsend) King.

4182. vi. TILLY, b. —

4183. vii. TWO more daughters.


4184. i. JENNY, b. April 12, 1740; m., Nov. 8, 1762, Isaac Davis.


4186. iii. SARAH, b. Sept. 6, 1744; m., Jan. 23, 1765, Samuel C. Crosby.


4188. v. MARY, b. July 13, 1749; m., Dec. 20, 1777, Gideon Clark.

3996. ISAAC FOSTER (Chillingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Harwich, Mass., June 17, 1718; m., Nov. 2, 1738, Hannah Sears, of Harwich, dau. of Samuel and Ruth (Merrick), dau. of Isaac's stepmother. She d. Oct. 31, 1760. She was a direct descendant of Giles and Stephen Hopkins of the "Mayflower." He res. on
the homestead and was a blacksmith. The graves of both are to be seen in the old grave yard in Brewster. He d. Sept. 10, 1777. Res., Harwich, Mass.

4189. i. ISAAC, b. May 29, 1739; m. Eunice Freeman, Almira — and Rebecca Wing.

4190. ii. SAMUEL, b. May 31, 1741; m. Lydia Thacher.

4191. iii. DAVID, b. March 24, 1742; m. Phebe Freeman.

4192. iv. LEMUEL, b. Feb. 24, 1744; d. young.

4193. v. SETH, b. March, 1747; m. Sarah Cobb.

4194. vi. HANNAH, b. March 4, 1749; m. John Gill, of Boston.

4195. vii. NATHANIEL, b. April 8, 1751; m. Mary Hopkins.

3999. NATHANIEL FOSTER (Chillingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Brewster, Mass., April 17, 1725; m. in Harwich; m. pub. June 21, 1746, Phebe Wing, b. Jan. 20, 1720; d. —; m., 2d, Charity Knowlton.

Many of Chillingsworth's children went to New York and settled around Southeast, in the year 1750. Among them, Nathaniel, b. April 17, 1725, who was also a blacksmith and followed his trade a part of the time after he came. When he purchased his farm there, presumably, soon after his arrival, he is mentioned in the deed as "Nathaniel Foster, blacksmith." He had many children. His eldest son, Nathaniel, Jr., married, so the old folk say, a Crosby; and they also say she was known to the still older folk as Aunt Lydia, in her old age. A Joshua Crosby, of this vicinity, in his will, mentions his daughter, Lydia Foster. Among the other children of Nathaniel Foster, Sr., was a daughter, Ruth, who married Abner Crosby, from whom my wife is descended also. This Ruth was born 1750 and died Oct. 1, 1816. Her eldest son, Thomas Crosby, married Hannah Snow. Their eldest child, Esther, married Peter Waring.

He was a member of the committee appointed in 1777 to represent the Southeast precinct in the general committee, and his name appears on a military order of Col. John Field to Lieut. Jonathan Crane, to organize the persons named into a guard for the protection of the inhabitants of that quarter, dated Oct. 8, 1777. His name also appears prominently in the records of the early church, as does that of his son, Nathaniel, Jr. Both occupied places of prominence in the community.

I have no copy of a will of Nathaniel Foster, Sr., but I have an abstract thereof. It is the first will recorded in the Duchess county surrogate's office (what is now Putnam county, was, until 1812, a part of Duchess). Nathaniel Foster, Sr., according to the Harwich records, had recorded intention of marriage to Phebe, daughter of John and Rebecca (Vickery) Wing. The marriage, however, is not of record in Harwich. He was a prominent man in the town and church of his section during his life, and also served on the Revolutionary war committee of this town; these matters appear in the records of the town, a part of which had been incorporated in a history of the county, but were later destroyed by fire. His will, dated April 13, 1787, and proved May 15, 1787, mentions wife, Charity; sons, John, Nathaniel, David, Samuel; daughters, Thankful, Ruth, Phebe, Jerusha, Susanna; also son Robert Knowlton Foster, under age. Executors appointed were sons Nathaniel and Samuel, and Abner Crosby (the latter married the daughter Ruth, from whom many are descended). This son, under age, was born nine years before his father's death, and as he is the only one mentioned as under age, and Foster's wife, when he died, was Charity, I assume that he was twice married, at least, and I believe that this second wife must have been a Knowlton; of this I am not sure. There were families of that name near here, and the names Charity and Robert seem to have appeared often among them. The old church records are destroyed or stolen, or these points might be cleared up now.

His first wife was daughter of John Wing and his third wife, Rebecca (Vickery), of Brewster. Wing's property was on Crane Pond Neck. His second wife was probably a dau. of Ephraim and Charity Knowlton.

He d. 1787. Res., near Danbury, Conn., at Southeast N. Y.

4196. i. JOHN, b. Nov. 15, 1731; m. Deborah Elwell.

4197. ii. THOMAS, b. in 1750; m. Hannah Bliss.

4198. iii. DAVID, b. in 1758; m. Lydia White.

4199. iv. NATHANIEL, b. 1748; m. Lydia Crosby.

4200. v. SAMUEL, b. —; m. Lucy —.

4201. vi. ROBERT KNOWLTON, b. in 1775; m. Martha Conklin.

4202. vii. RUTH, b. 1750; m. Abner Crosby. She d. Oct. 1, 1816. Her son, Thomas, m. Hannah Snow. Abner Crosby, son of David and Reliance (Hopkins) Crosby, was born Dec. 25, 1744, and died May
5. 1813. Ch.: i. Lowhama, b. 1766; m. Isaac Crosby. 2. Thomas, b. 1768; m. Hannah Snow. 3. Reliance, b. 1769; m. William Burrhus. 4. Ruth, b. 1772; m. Enos Marshall. 5. Stephen, b. 1774; d. young. 6. Stephen, b. 1778; m. Lydia Sears. 7. Eleazar, b. 1781; m. Prudence. 8. Zenas, b. 1783; m. Sarah Chapman. 9. Nathaniel Foster, b. 1758; m. Eunice Wakeman. 10. Naomi, b. 1790; m. Charles Birch. 11. Jane, b. 1793; m. Charles C. Crosby. 12. Phebe, b. 1786; m. John Snow. Of above children, Thomas and Hannah (Snow) Crosby (she was dau. of William Snow and Lydia Wixon), were married Feb. 12, 1756; he d. Feb. 16, 1844; she d. Feb. 24, 1853, ae. eighty-three. They had nine children, the eldest being Esther, b. Dec. 16, 1786; d. July 16, 1831. She m., March 23, 1805, Peter Waring, son of John and Mary (Elwell) Waring. He was b. Dec. 14, 1782, and d. July 16, 1831. They had ten children, among them being Charles Rundell’s wife’s mother, Catharine A., b. Aug. 2, 1828. She m. Levi H. Roberts, as shown elsewhere. Mrs. Rundell is descended through two lines from Nathaniel, Sr. There were many of the Foster and Crosby names in Southeast and Brewster, N. Y., early, and intermarriages between the families were frequent. Nathaniel had a brother, Thomas, who went to that section at the same time.

4203. viii. THANKFUL, b. ——.
4204. ix. PHEBE, b. ——.
4205. x. JERUSHA, b. ——.
4206. xi. SUSANNAH, b. ——.

1002. THOMAS FOSTER (Thomas, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Marshfield, Mass., May 4, 1735; m., 1757, Mary Foster. He was a blacksmith and inherited the homestead in Marshfield, which he sold to Nathan Thomas (his cousin) and rem. to Middleboro. Res. Marshfield and Middleboro, Mass.

4207. i. THOMAS, b. April 16, 1758.
4208. ii. JOHN, b. Feb. 3, 1760.
4209. iii. PETER, b. July 16, 1761.
4210. iv. NATHANIEL, b. June 15, 1763.


4211. i. NATHANIEL, b. Nov. 11, 1730.
4212. ii. PARKER, b. March 6, 1732. I think he went to Kittery, Me., and with his son, Parker, Jr., was in Rev. war. See Rev. soldiers.
4213. iii. JOHN, b. Aug. 25, 1733; m. ——.

1027. DR. ISAAC FOSTER (Isaac, Richard, William, Thomas), b. Charlestown, Mass., Aug. 25, 1740; m., July 4, 1765, Martha Mason, dau. of Thaddeus, of Camb, b. 1743; d. Sept. 21, 1770; m., 2d, Sept. 3, 1771, Mary Russell, dau. of Richard, of Camb, at Boston. She m., 2d, John Hurd (his second wife), June 5, 1753. She was b. 1749; d. Jan. 14, 1786. Hurd d. July 10, 1800, ae. eighty-two. Foster graduated at Harvard University in 1765. He then began the study of medicine under Doctor Lloyd, of Boston, and completed his studies in England. In his profession he achieved considerable reputation; had a large practice and numbered among his pupils Doctors Bartlett, Welch and Bustis. He was a staunch patriot and prominent in the town meetings of the day, his name appearing on several committees. He was elected a delegate to the convention in county of Middlesex, in August, 1774, and a member of the first Provincial Congress of Massachusetts, in October of the same year. In 1775 he was appointed a surgeon; was for some months at the head of the military medical department, while General Ward held command in Cambridge. After the battle of Concord he gave up a large private practice to attend to the wounded. He was appointed by the committee of safety to attend the men wounded at the battle of Bunker Hill. Soon after was appointed surgeon of the State Hospital. General Washington, on the discovery of the treachery of Doctor Church, appointed him, in October, Director General pro tem. of the American hospital department. In 1777 the office of Deputy Director General of Hospitals was established, and he was chosen by Congress to this office, having charge
The eastern department. This office was abolished in 1780, and, of course, Doctor Foster was left out of service. His health had suffered so much by fatigue and exposure that he lived but a short time longer.

"Foster, Isaac, physician, b. in Charleston, Mass., about 1740; d. in February, 1781. He was graduated at Harvard in 1758; studied medicine in this country and abroad, and settled in Charlestown, where he practiced for several years. He was a delegate to the convention of the county of Middlesex, in August, 1774, and

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to the first provincial Congress of Massachusetts, in October of that year. Doctor Foster was appointed a surgeon in 1775, and was for some months at the head of the military medical department, while General Ward commanded at Cambridge, and before the arrival of General Washington. On April 20th, the day after the battle of Concord, by urgent request of General Ward and Doctor Warren, he attended the men who had been wounded, and gave up his private practice, which was very large. On June 18th, the day after the battle of Bunker Hill, he was appointed by the committee of safety to attend those who had been wounded there, and was afterward given the post of surgeon of the State Hospital, then just opened. In October he was appointed by General Washington director general pro tem. of the American hospital department. Congress shortly afterward appointed Doctor Morgan to that place, but Doctor Foster was still the oldest surgeon in the hospital. Again, in 1777, General Washington appointed him to take charge of the hospitals in the eastern department. He retired from public life in 1780, being in feeble health, but did not resign his commission. Several men, eminent in the medical profession, studied with Doctor Foster, among them William Eustis and Josiah Bartlett, the younger."—Am. Biography.

In the Atlantic Monthly, for May, 1859, under the title of "A Bundle of Old Letters," there is given a short sketch of his life and public services, together with over a dozen letters written by him, from various places, 1776-79, principally to his wife, in which reference is made to the state of affairs, and many incidents of the day are recorded. He lived on the northwest corner of Main and Henly streets, Charlestown, Mass. His will is dated Aug. 1, 1780, and proved April 19, 1782, Suffolk Probate records.

Will—Isaac Foster, of Boston, physician; wife, Mary Foster; eldest daughter, Eleanor Foster; my late wife, Martha Foster, deceased; daughter, Polly Beal Foster; youngest daughter, Nancy Foster; brother-in-law, Nathaniel Coffin. Aug. 1, 1780. Prob. April 19, 1782. Lib. 81, fol. 50-57-58-59-60. Lib. 83, fol. 1093. William Pratt, of Charlestown, mariner, admitted administrator cum testamento annexo on the estate of Isaac Foster, late of Boston, physician, deceased. Feb. 9, 1796. Lib. 94, fol. 187.


4214. i. MARTHA, b. May 11, 1766; d. May 4, 1768.

4215. ii. ELEANOR, b. Nov. 4, 1767.

4216. iii. MARTHA, b. Sept. 19, 1769; not mentioned in her father's will.

4217. iv. NANCY, b. ——.

4218. v. MARY BEAL, bapt. Aug. 23, 1774; m. William Pratt, of Boston; mariner.

4015. ELISHA FOSTER (Hopes'till, Hopes'till, Hopestill, Richard, Thomas), b. Boston, Mass., May 25, 1711; m. there Elizabeth Shepard. She d. May, 1773.

Will—Elisha Foster, of Boston, merchant; wife, Elizabeth, executrix. Dated, March 27, 1766. Prob May 16, 1766 Lib. 65, fol. 229-230.

Will—Elizabeth Foster, of Boston, widow; nephew, Nathaniel Shepard, and niece Catharine Shepard, children of my late brother, Nathaniel Shepard, deceased; nephews Thomas Shepard and Nathaniel Shepard, children of my late brother, Thomas Shepard, deceased; nephews Benjamin Thomas, and Nathaniel Thomas;
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4219. i. JOHN, b. in 1722; m. Jane —

4040. JOHN FOSTER (John, James, Hopestill, Richard, Thomas), b. Boston, Mass., April 10, 1713; m. there Mary Fish. After his death she m., 2d, — Holmes.


4220. i. JOHN, b. —

4221. ii. MARY, b. —

4052. CAPT. JAMES FOSTER (James, James, Hopestill, Richard, Thomas), b. Dorchester, Mass., March 31, 1732; m., July 4, 1754, Mary Robinson.


Further account of Mary Foster and James Robinson, administrators, mentions money paid William Foster. Feb. 13, 1784. Lib. 83, fol. 110-111. Also mentions property destroyed by the enemy. (Their house was situated on Dorchester Neck, and was burned by the British.) Warrant for division mentions four children, July 8, 1788. Lib. 87, fol. 366. Division of real estate settled on daughter Susanna, wife of Abraham Gould; mentions Stephen Foster, eldest son; other children, Mary Foster and Benjamin Foster. July 15, 1788. Lib. 87, fol. 367. Bond to administrator mentions Stephen Foster, physician of Bath, in county of Lincoln; Abraham Gould, yeoman; Jonathan Bird, gentleman; legal representatives of Benjamin Foster and Elizabeth Foster Rice, both of Dorchester. July 15, 1788. Lib. 87, fol. 569-9. Further account of estate mentions money paid to Will Foster's estate. April, 1785. Lib. 87, fol. 351.


4222. i. ELIZABETH, b. March 18, 1755; d. July 23, 1775.

4223. ii. JAMES, b. Jan. 15, 1757; d. April 17, 1771.

4224. iii. STEPHEN, b. Oct. 17, 1758; m. and res. Bath, Me. Was a physician.

4225. iv. MARY, b. March 8, 1760.

4226. v. BEULAH, b. Jan. 8, 1762; d. May 23, 1782.

4227. vi. JOHN, b. May 18, 1764; d. Sept. 11, 1765.

4228. vii. SUSANNAH, b. April 27, 1766; m. Abraham Gould. The great-grandfather of Abraham Gould, who married the above Susannah Foster (1766-1837), was Patience Foster, who died in Sudbury, Mass., August, 1706, ae. fifty-nine. She was wife of Maj. Thomas Brown, of Sudbury.

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4229. viii. RUTH, b. June 6, 1768; d. Aug. 7, 1783.


Will—Hopestill Foster, of Boston, gentleman.—wife Susanna Foster, surviving children, Benjamin W. Foster; James Foster; Sukey, wife of Elisha Adams; Sally Foster; Hopestill Foster, Jr.; Ruth Foster; John H. Foster. Dated, Aug. 1, 1799. Prob., Feb. 15, 1802. Lib. 100; fol. 37-8.

Susanna Foster, of Boston, widow, admitted administratrix of will of Hopestill Foster, late of Boston, gentleman, deceased; Benjamin Wood Foster, merchant, and Elisha Adams, cabinet-maker, both of Boston, bound with her. Feb. 15, 1802. Lib. 100; fol. 49-151.


4231. i. BENJAMIN WOOD, b. July 14, 1770; m. Hannah French and Mrs. Davison.

4232. ii. JAMES, b. Feb. 7, 1772; d. unm., 1800.


4234. iv. DAVID, b. April 30, 1776; d. Sept. 27, 1777.

4235. v. SARAH, b. Feb. 18, 1778; m. Thomas Forbes, of Groton.

4236. vi. HOPESTILL, b. Aug. 14, 1780; m. Susan Sawyer.

4237. vii. RUTH, b. Sept. 28, 1783; m. Nathan H. Bartlett.

4238. viii. JOHN HANCOCK, b. May 30, 1785; m. Elizabeth Allen.


4239. i. JOSEPH, b. July 27, 1738.

4240. ii. JACOB, b. May 30, 1739; d. June 1, 1739.

4241. iii. MARY, b. Feb. 2, 1741.


4243. v. THOMAS, b. Feb. 15, 1745.

4244. vi. ABIGAIL, b. Nov. 4, 1746.


4246. viii. LUCY, b. Sept. 30, 1754.

4247. ix. ELISHA, b. Sept. 21, 1756.


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4240. ii. JOSIAH, b. Dec. 25, 1751; d. same day.
4250. iii. CHILD, b. and d. same day, Dec. 9, 1753.


4252. ii. COMFORT, b. March 21, 1758.
4253. iii. WILLIAM, b. Jan. 1762; d. May 20, 1763.
4254. iv. WILLIAM, b. July 11, 1763; m. Mary Maxfield.

4072. JONATHAN FOSTER (Jonathan, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas), b. Haverhill or Dunstable, Mass., June 6, 1719; m. in Shrewsbury, Mass., Aug. 2, 1741, Mrs. Bathsheba (Newton) Crosby, b. 1695; d. soon after marriage; m., 2d, Betty Hazen. Both wives d. s. p. m., 3d, abt. 1757. Thankful Harrington. d. January, 1779; m., 4th, Mason, N. H., Nov. 30, 1779, Mercy Towns, b. 1751. She d. in Townsend, Mass., in 1814. He lived 102 years of age. The Shrewsbury, Mass., records of the Congregational church there have this of Jonathan Foster, Jr.'s first marriage: "Jonathan Foster, Jr., married Aug. 2, 1741." In a note, Rev. Job Cushing, who married them, and by whom the records were kept, says: "Bathsheba Crosby, a widow more than twice his age. An unequal yoking together." Bathsheba was born in Marlboro, in September 1695, dau. of Joseph and Abigail. She married in Marlboro, Jan. 23, 1721, John Crosby from Billerica, one of the founders of the church in Shrewsbury, Mass., in 1723. They lived on house lot No. 13, in 1729; he d. in Shrewsbury, Dec. 5, 1758, ae. 43-45-50. "They did not have any children and his widow married young Foster but soon died.

Hon. J. L. Davenport, of the Bureau of Pensions, Washington, D. C., writes as follows: "Jonathan Foster made an application for pension on May 1, 1815, at which time he was ninety-five years of age and residing at Mason, N. H., and his pension was allowed for three years' actual service as a private in the Massachusetts troops, Revolutionary war. He served under Captain Shattuck and Colonel Greaton. Place of his enlistment not stated. His widow, Mercy, made application and received a pension for the service of her husband as above set forth. He died March 31, 1821. The names of their children are not stated."


4255. i. JONATHAN, b. Nov. 15, 1750. Was in Revolutionary war.
4256. ii. NATHAN, b. July 15, 1762. Served in Revolutionary war.
4257. iii. RICHARD, b. Nov. 28, 1764; m. Hannah Edwards.
4258. iv. ANDREW, b. July 5, 1768.
4259. v. BETTY, b. March 12, 1771.
4260. vi. DANIEL, b. Dec. 4, 1773; m. Abigail ——.
4261. vii. SAMUEL, b. March 18, 1776.

4263. ix. STEPHEN, b. April 27, 1782; d. unm.
4264. x. ELISHA, b. ——; d. unm.
4265. xi. GARDNER, b. March 31, 1785; m. Mary B. Fuller.
4266. xii. WILLIAM, b. ——; a son is Charles H. Foster, of Nashua, N. H., P. O. box 688.
4267. xiii. SALLY, b. ——.
4268. xiv. LYDIA, b. ——.

4076. HEZEKIAH FOSTER (Jonathan, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas), b. Stow, Mass., Aug. 28, 1728; m. Hannah ——; m., 2d. ——. The only information I have concerning Hezekiah Foster, of Salisbury, N. H., is that he took the
ASSOCIATIONAL TEST BEFORE THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR.

He d. ——. Res., Shrewsbury, Mass., and Hopkinton and Salisbury, N. H.

4269. i. HANNAH, b. May 6, 1747 in Shrewsbury, Mass.
4270. ii. RICHARD, b. 1762; m. Sarah Greeley and Esther Jewell.
4271. iii. ABIGAIL, b. ——; m. —— Stevens. Res., Claremont, N. H.
4272. iv. JACOB, b. ——; m. Lucy Bartlett. Res., Coos Co., N. H.
4273. v. JONATHAN, b. ——; m. Mary Greeley.
4274. vi. SARAH, b. ——; m. —— Bean.
4275. vii. DAU, b. ——; m. —— Stickney.
4276. viii. DAU, b. ——; m. —— Godfrey.
4277. ix. MEHITABLE, b. ——; m. —— Ward.
4278. x. MARY, b. ——; m. —— Judd.
4279. x. CALEB, b. ——. Res., Baltimore, Md.

4080. HON. JOSEPH FOSTER (John, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, Stow, Mass., June 3, 1730; m. (pub.) Feb. 9, 1751, Susannah Roberts, of Brookfield, Mass., b. Billerica, 1730; d. Barnard, Vt., May 18, 1800. He was born in Stow, Middlesex county; moved in infancy to Grafton, Worcester county, and finally settled with his parents in Hardwick in that part incorporated in 1761 as Ware. He was the eldest son and was given in the division of the estate part of the 200 acres originally purchased by his father. He remained on the farm for thirty years; was a prominent and respected citizen and held the highest offices in the town, which shows he was a "man of character and influence."

He was a delegate to the Provincial Congress from Ware, Mass., in 1771 and 1775. The church record contains this in relation to him, April 10, 1757: "Voted to hire preaching for this summer; voted to raise upon the polls and estates the sum of £13-6-8 for preaching and boarding ministers and going after ministers; voted Joseph Foster to go after ministers."

In 1775, Joseph Foster was allowed £3-9-6 for expenses to the Provincial Congress. He was captain of a company in Col. Ruggles Woodbridge's regiment, which marched on Lexington alarm, April 19, 1775, and did duty in services during Revolutionary war. Soon after the war he moved with his family to Barnard, Vt., where many people from Hardwick had previously settled. In his new home he commanded the esteem and respect of the people. One son, John, was captain in the local militia, justice of the peace, deacon of the church and was elected representative for thirteen consecutive years. Another son was brigadier-general of the militia and another, Peter, was also captain. Deacon Joseph was selectman in Barnard in 1780-81-82-83-91-92-94. Joseph Foster's will made in 1798, presented for probate at Woodstock, Vt., June 2, 1807. Name of wife Susanna Foster. Names of children, who were all legates, John, executor; Joseph, Asa, Peter; Eunice, m. Emerson; Susanna, m. Lawton; Anna, m. Tucker. Each of these children had one-seventh of the property after provision for the widow. He d. May 10, 1807. Res., Ware, Mass., and Barnard, Vt.

4280. i. ASA, b. Oct. 11, 1761; m. Ruth Cheadle.
4281. ii. JOSEPH, b. Sept. 10, 1759; m. Deborah Tracy and Dolly Parmenter.
4282. iii. JOHN, b. Sept. 3, 1757; m. Experience Gray and Mrs. Rachel (Richmond (Myrick) Chamberlain.
4283. iv. PETER, d. May 31, 1764; m. Sarah Herriden and Susanna Henry.
4284. v. ANNA, b. April 20, 1766; m. in Barnard, Sept. 10, 1789, Robert Tucker. She d. in Barnard, Vt.; he m. 2d. Sarah Foster, a niece of his first wife, Anna; b. May 13, 1787; d. December, 1836, in Irwin, Ohio. He d. in Irwin, Oct. 2, 1842. ae. seventy-five. Ch.: i. Elvira, b. January 12, 1805; m. in Barnard, Hon. Ebenezer Atwood, b. March 29, 1802; was a farmer and d. in Malone, N. Y., Jan. 23, 1870. She d. April 17, 1871. Ebenezer Atwood came from best old Pilgrim and Puritan stock. His ancestors have always been people of influence, filling responsible positions in church and state. Ebenezer himself was a farmer, yet found time for much public service, always holding important town offices — selectman, assessor, etc. He served two terms in the state legislature. He raised a large family. Three of his sons were in the civil war, two of them sacrificing their lives. While he kept many of the stern qualities or characteristics of his early ances-

*Hyde's Historical Address, Ware, Mass., 1847.
tors, he was a most genial friend and respected citizen. Ch.: (a) Joseph Foster Atwood, b. — ; d. Malone, N. Y., May 19, 1895. (b) Seth, d. in infancy. (c) Thomas Hammond, b. — ; d. Sept. 20, 1872. (d) George Alexander, b. — ; d. Nov. 2, 1856. (e) Elizabeth Penn, b. — ; d. Dec. 12, 1861. (f) Charles was ass’t editor of Chicago “Tribune,” and d. in California in 1880. Ch.: 1. Eleanor F., unrn. 2. Charles Edward, b. Aug. 16, 1869; m. Oct. 21, 1897, Corrilla C. Dreutzer, res. 1544 Lafayette av. Ch.: Carl Edward, b. Sept. 30, 1865; with J. W. Doane & Co. 3. Joseph Foster, b. Jan. 6, 1873; m., June 15, 1899, Ruby Teasdale, res. 4619 Woodlawn avenue, Chicago. 4. Elizabeth Penn, unrn. 5. Ebenezer, b. November 25, 1879, unrn., resides Chicago. (g) Joel Tucker, b. — ; d. Feb. 4, 1854. (h) Nancy Ann, b. Sept. 3, 1837; m. in Royalton, Vt., Sept. 20, 1862, Albert Arnold Sprague, b. May 19, 1835, of Sprague, Warner & Co. Res., 2710 Prairie av., Chicago. Albert A. Sprague, the founder and senior member of the great wholesale house of Sprague, Warner & Co., was born in Randolph, Vt., May 19, 1835. His father, Ziba Sprague, was a well-to-do farmer and trader in his native town, and gave his children good educational advantages. Obtaining his preliminary education in the public schools, he fitted for college at the Meriden, N. H., seminary. Entering Yale, he was graduated in 1859. It was his intention to qualify for the legal profession, but on account of pulmonary troubles, he was obliged to forego a professional life. Returning to Vermont, he remained for three years and regained his health. In 1862, he came to Chicago, intending to engage in business, but with no settled plans as to what particular line he would engage in. Finding an excellent opportunity to embark in the wholesale grocery trade, he formed a partnership and began under the firm name of Sprague & Stetson. The business gradually increased and was soon one of the recognized leading commercial houses of Chicago, the firm name being changed to Sprague, Warner & Co., and under which name the business is still conducted. Under Mr. Sprague’s personal management, ably aided by hundreds of employees, the house has had a wonderful and substantial growth, until to-day it is recognized as the largest exclusively wholesale grocery house in America, with one exception in New York. He is unselfish and retiring; never sought political office, though often importuned, and prefers a quiet place in the background rather than the glamour of publicity. He is one of the most successful merchants in America to-day, and is the soul of honor and integrity. He is an important factor in many commercial movements and is actively interested in a number of well known corporations; is a member of several of the leading clubs, and no man in Chicago in better known, more earnestly sought or justly esteemed. Ch.: 1. Elizabeth Penn, b. Oct. 30, 1861; m. Frederic Shurtleff
Coolidge, of Boston, Mass., Nov. 12, 1891: address 2636 Prairie
avenue, Chicago. ii. Carrie Arnold, b. Oct. 15, 1866; d. Sept. 9,
1874. iii. Susy, b. June 7, 1869; d. Nov. 29, 1873. (i) Oliver Augustine,
b. ——; res. Oyster Bay, L. I. (j) Ebenezer, b. ——; d. 1864, in
war. (k) Irving Herbert, b. ——; d. 1864, in war. (l) Myron Winslow,
Ch.: 1. Eliza Weld, b. June 11, 1881. 2. Ella Marie, b. Oct. 30,
1883. Senior member of the firm of Atwood & Steele, 18 River
st. (m) Lucia Elvira, b. May 24, 1849; living; m. Otho Sylvester
Arnold Sprague. Res., Pasadena, Cal. Ch.: Mary Amelia
Sprague, b. July 30, 1872; m. Adolph Casper Miller, professor at
University of Chicago; res 6018 Stony Island av., Chicago.
Albert Arnold Sprague, 2nd, b. May 13, 1874, unm.; is connected
with Sprague, Warner & Co. GR. Harvard College class '98.
Nancy Atwood Sprague, b. Aug. 8, 1870, unm.; at School in
Cambridge, Mass. Lucy Sprague, b. July 2, 1878, unm.; at
April 1, 1888. 2. Seth, b. Sept. 20, 1796. 3. Joel, b. Sept. 24,
1794. 4. John, b. Sept. 3 1798. 5. Laban, b. May 6, 1803. 6. Oliver,
14, 1821. These children all lived and died in the west, except
Aurora, who m. John Reynolds and resides in Crookston, Minn.;
Seth m. and resides in Kansas. A son of Stillman is Rev. Joseph
Foster Tucker, a Congregational clergyman in Tewksbury, Mass.
Oliver went to Stockholm, N.Y., m. Nancy Newton, March 14, 1815,
and d. there Feb. 23, 1874, and had eight daughters. 10.
3. Joel m. in Bridgewater, Vt., Lucia A. Hammond, who d.,
and he m. 2d, Elizabeth Orvis. Res., in Port Huron, Mich. He was a
merchant. 2. Seth, never married and d. young. 4. John m.
May 20, 1823, Betsey H. Atwood and resided in Barnard.
7. Anna, d. Malone, N. Y., June 27, 1867. 5. Laban, d. Oct. 10,
1870, was a physician at Port Huron, Mich., and later at
Rochester; m. Lucy Ballin, who d. in R. in 1863; he went east and m.;
d. in Hartford, Vt.

vii. EUNICE, b. April 18, 1753; m. Oct. 25, 1781. Asa Emerson.
July 9, 1784. 3. Asa, b. March 14, 1786. 4. David, b. May 28,

viii. SUSANNAH, b. Sept. 5, 1755; m. (pub) Sept. 1, 1774. Jacob
Lawton, Jacob, son of James and Joanna (Mark) Lawton, b. abt.
1752; m. his wife in Ware, Mass.; pub. Sept. 1, 1774. She d.
at Barnard, Vt., Nov. 27, 1819, ae. sixty-four. Ch.: 1. Christopher
Aug. 5, 1788. 6. Joanna, b. Jan. 4, 1793. 7. Lydia, b. June 14,
1795. The last three, born in Barnard. Jacob Lawton removed
to Barnard abt. 1787, and d. there Aug. 23, ae. eighty-four.

viii. ABIGAIL, b. Sept. 18, 1758; d. before 1798; prob. unm.; not
mentioned in her father's will.

JONATHAN FOSTER (John, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas),
b. Hardwick, Mass., Aug. 18, 1740; m. Hannah Thayer. He was the youngest son
of John and Eunice, and settled in the north part of the town of Ware. This town
originally extended from the northwest parish of Rutland, now Barre, on the north,
to the Quabaug river, in Warren, covering Hardwick, parts of Ware, Palmer and
Brookfield, and that part of Warren north of the river. Jonathan was always a farmer,
and lived to the age of sixty-nine, giving his property to his only son, Moses. He was
a soldier of the Revolution. Was a selectman for the town of Ware during the years 1782-3. He d. Nov. 24, 1805. Res., Ware, Mass.

4288. i. MOSES, b. June 22, 1768; m. Anna Joslyn.


4089. CHARLES FOSTER (Samuel, John, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Plymouth, Mass., 1730; m., 1752, Sylvia Delano.

Charles Foster, of Kingston; will written Nov. 22, 1804; probated May 7, 1805; wife mentioned in the will but name not given; also grandson, James Foster; daughter-in-law, Fear Foster. and sons of his late brother, namely, Charles, Nathaniel, Joseph and Samuel. He d. April, 1805. Res., Kingston, Mass.

4290. i. LUCY, b. 1753; d. young.

4291. ii. LUCY, b. 1756.

4292. iii. JAMES, b. 1758; m. Fear Washburn.

4092. ROBERT FOSTER (Samuel, John, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Plymouth, Mass., 1737; m. Elizabeth — —. Robert Foster, of Kingston; administrator appointed Nov. 7, 1791; wife, Elizabeth; Elizabeth and James Foster appointed administrators. He d. 1791. Res., Kingston, Mass.

4293. i. ROBERT, b. abt. 1760; m. Elizabeth — —.

4294. ii. NATHANIEL, b. 1774; m. Abigail Adams.

4295. iii. CHARLES, b. 1769; m. Sarah Cook.

4296. iv. JOSEPH, b. — —; m. Lydia Cook.

4297. v. JOHN, b. — —.

4298. vi. SAMUEL, b. — —.

4094. THOMAS FOSTER (Thomas, John, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Plymouth, Mass., 1727; m., 1747, Mercy Withereil, dau. of Thomas, b. 1727; d. 1796.

He was graduated at Harvard College in 1755. Soon after he assumed the charge of the Central School in Plymouth. Thomas Foster, of Plymouth; Mercy Foster appointed administratrix, July 17, 1778; wife, Mercy; heirs not mentioned. He is mentioned in one place as Thomas, Jr.; died insolvent.—Plymouth Probate.

Mercy Foster, of Plymouth, widow; will probated Oct. 19, 1796; written March 7, 1793; daughter, Mercy May, wife of John May; grandson, Samuel Bartlett; sons, Thomas Foster and George Foster. William LeBaron was appointed executor. Mercy was the widow of Thomas Foster. He d. in 1777. Res., Plymouth, Mass.

4299. i. HANNAH, b. 1745; prob. d. before 1796.

4300. ii. LUCY, b. 1750; prob. d. before 1796.

4301. iii. THOMAS, b. 1751. He went to Charleston, S. C., and was president of a bank there.

4302. iv. PRISCILLA, b. 1753; pub., m. — Bartlett. Had son Samuel.

4303. v. GEORGE, b. 1755.


4304. SETH, b. abt. 1783; m. Mary Daniels.


4304. i. WILLIAM, b. — —.

4304. ii. PETER THACHER, b. — —.
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4304. iii. ELIZABETH, b. 1770; m., 1788, William Dunham. He was son of William, of Plymouth, b. 1745. Ch.: 1. John Foster, b. —. 2. John, m. John Lewis and Benjamin Barnes.

4305. iv. JOHN, b. 1768; d. before 1793.


4306. i. JAMES R., b. Feb. 24, 1798; m. Nancy Henry.


The immigrant ancestor was Nathaniel Dickinson, who m. Anna Guild, landed at Boston about 1630, and probably settled at Watertown for a little while, and settled in Wethersfield, Conn., in 1637; removed to Hadley, Mass. (Norwottuck), 1650; freeman, 1665; deacon, and first recorded; d. in Hadley, June 16, 1676. Colonel Perez, Jr., b. 1813; m. in Boston, April 10, 1835, Susan Penniman, b. 1823; d. Aug. 9, 1846. Ch.: 1. Lucy P., b. July 1, 1846; d. Oct. 13, 1846. Res., Knoxville, Tenn.

The Knoxville, Tenn., paper says: "To-day marks the anniversary of the birth of a man who is honored and loved by everybody in Knoxville. Four score and five years ago Perez Dickinson was born in the State of Massachusetts. When a young man, he came to Tennessee, and has since made his home in Knoxville, where by diligence in business, integrity that commands universal confidence and a high order of ability, he has succeeded in accumulating a handsome fortune. At the age of eighteen he was graduated from the old East Tennessee University, in 1831. Soon afterward he became a partner in the mercantile business with the late James H. Cowan. The firm was universally popular and prospered. Back in the 50's he, with others, organized the great wholesale firm of Cowan, McClung & Co., in which establishment he still maintains an interest. To write of the reputation of this house would be words wasted, as it is known by everybody, and stands in the very front rank of the great business establishments in the United States. It will be considered no reflection upon the other able men interested in the house to say that none have contributed more to its well-merited popularity than Col. Perez Dickinson.

When he came to Knoxville, it was a small village. He has seen it grow into a large city, and he and his host of friends have the proud satisfaction of knowing that he has contributed much to its growth. He has made an impression upon Knoxville in various ways. His active business life, lasting for three score years, was marked by a strictness of integrity that left no room for question. It has been said in the past, by leading business men in New York and other great commercial centers, that the fact of a man being in business in Knoxville was prima facie evidence of his title to credit. No one is entitled to more credit for this high standard than Col. Perez Dickinson. A man of con-
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stant integrity himself, he impressed, unconsciously perhaps, this virtue upon the minds and hearts of his associates, and hence it is a fact that excites pride in the bosom of every Knoxville that the business men in the city are trusted and honored and respected all over the land.

Beginning back at a time when the memory of most readers of the Journal runneth not to the contrary, Colonel Dickinson has been reckoned as the very soul of warm-hearted, generous hospitality. Strangers coming to the city from every state in the Union, presidents and other high officials; men great in their professions and men who have distinguished themselves in business; great preachers, great lecturers, and those who have shed brilliancy on the pages of American literature, all have been hospitably entertained at his table and around his fireside. And not these, only, for thousands who are less conspicuous, have been made happy by his attentions. Many years ago he purchased the famous Island Home farm, which was beautified regardless of expense, and for years it has been visited by our own people and by thousands of strangers, until it is as widely known as Knoxville itself.

He has made an impression upon Knoxville that has been a beneficent influence, that has been manifested for years and will be for an indefinite time in the future. He has always been punctilious in the observance of those conventionalities that do so much toward making smooth the rough places of life's journey, things that are too often overlooked in the rush and hurry of the fast age in which we are living. He has never been too busy and rarely too severely indisposed to remain away from the funeral of a deceased friend. Always a lover of flowers, in the cultivation of which he has taken constant pleasure, his floral contributions have found their way to the house of affliction and bereavement, not only to the mansions of the rich but also to the cottages of those upon whom fortune has smiled less henigly.

In his youth and early manhood on up to his maturer years, he always found time to take an active interest in public affairs. In the days of the whig party he was an ardent whig. He was an admirer and supporter of the grand men who lived and ruled during the golden era of Tennessee's political life. He knew them well and entertained many of them at his hospitable board. He exercised a good influence on the voters of the country adjacent to Knoxville, his advice being often sought, wisely given and willingly heeded. Without being an office-seeker himself in any sense, he exercised a wide influence in political affairs.

4308. iii. NATHANIEL, b. Jan. 26, 1795; m. Sally Salsbury.
4309. iv. SALLY, b. ———; m. ——— Hudson.
4310. v. LYDIA, b. —――.
4311. vi. FANNY, b. ———.
4312. vii. HANNAH, b. ———.
4313. viii. BETSY, b. ———; d. unm. June 5, 1843.
4314. ix. SAMUEL, b. 1791; d. unm. Oct. 27, 1850.

4130. DAVID FOSTER (Isaac, Josiah, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Pembroke, Mass., m. there Experience Randall. She d., Hanson, 1858. David, of Pembroke; widow, Experience Foster; she was appointed administratrix, Oct. 13, 1860. He d. 1866. Res., Pembroke, Mass.
4315. i. JOHN BUNYAN, b. Feb. 1804; m. Bathsheba H. Eversoa.
4316. ii. DAVID H., b. ———; m. Deborah ———.
4317. iii. BETSY, b. ———.
4318. iv. SYBIL, b. ———.
4319. v. BETSY, b. ———; m. Ira Drake.

4320. i. RACHEL, b. July 13, 1753; m. July 12, 1773, Stephen Cushing.
4321. ii. KETURAH, b. Aug. 30, 1755; m. June 14, 1778 Samuel Hovey. She d. Feb. 14, 1790.
EDWARD FOSTER (Joseph, Joseph, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. near Boston, Mass., 8 Oct. 22, 1729; m. Martha Peabody.

Edward Foster, an addressor, of Hutchinson, in 1774. Went from Boston to Halifax, N. S., as a loyalist in 1776, with his family, and in 1778 was proscribed and banished. In the records of the Suffolk registry of deeds appear the following two transfers, among the confiscated estates of American loyalists: (a) Date of record, July 2, 1781; loyalist owner, Edward Foster; purchaser, Thomas Greenough; recorded in lib. 132, on folio 257; description, land and buildings in Boston, Bear Lane, n.; Middle St., e.; Theophilus Lillie, an absentee, s.; said Greenough, w. (b) Date of record, June 22, 1782; loyalist owner, Edward Foster; purchaser, William Burbeck, Levi Lane; recorded in lib. 135, on folio 49; description, land and buildings in Boston; Prince St., or Black Horse Lane, n.; Gibbon Bony, e.; Nathaniel Barber, s.; John and William Freeman, w. There is a tradition that Edward Foster, or his son, Edward, or both, assisted, while the Royal army occupied Boston, to make a quantity of horseshoes with three erect prongs, which were distributed all over the "Neck," for the purpose of wounding cavalry, should the rebels venture to make an attack (vide Sabine's American Loyalists, ed. of 1847, p. 291). Mr. Foster settled in the township of Dartmouth, N. S., where he and his son Edward, on July 15, 1783, obtained a grant of 1,550 acres of land, and where they managed large iron works. Sabine (ed. of 1864, p. 428) says he died in 1786, leaving thirteen children. In Sabine's 1817 edition he dates that both Edward and Edward, Jr., died in Union, Me. This I think is doubtful. Mr. Foster was in religion a Sandemanian.—Sabine.

The death notice of Edward Foster, Jr., which will probably interest the reader, is as follows: "Died—At Union, State of Maine, 17th of July, last, Mr. Edward Foster, aged 72 years. He was, for a great number of years a very respectable inhabitant of this place." (The Weekly Chronicle, Halifax, N. S., Aug. 9, 1822.)

He d. 1786. Res., Boston, Mass., and Halifax, N. S.

4322. i. EDWARD, b. 1750; m. at Dartmouth, Jane Thompson and Sarah Eide.

4323. ii. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 6, 1756 (indistinct date on tombstone), and died at Halifax, Oct. 5, 1810, aged sixty-four years, and is buried in St. Paul's graveyard, Halifax. Married, 1st, Dr. (?)—Handyside, of Halifax, by whom she had a daughter, (a) Elizabeth, who, about 1703 (date of marriage license bond), married William Lawson, of Halifax, afterward Hon. William Lawson, member of the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia, by whom she had a number of children. Mrs. Handyside m., 2d, John Lawson, b. in Boston, Jan. 17 (?), 1749; d. at Halifax, Nov. 17, 1795, father of Hon. William Lawson, just referred to (John Lawson had married, 1st, 1769 (?), [date of marriage license bond] Sarah Shatford). John and Elizabeth Lawson had a son, (i) George Piers Lawson, who m., Jan. 10, 1820, Anne Foster, dau. of Edward Foster (prob Edward Foster, Jr.), by whom he had a daughter, Susan DeChezean, who d. Jan. 6, 1854, ae. eighteen years.

4324. iii. MERCY, b. about 1758. She d. at Halifax, N. S., Nov. 26, 1816, ae. fifty-eight years. Came to Halifax from Boston with her father; m., at Halifax Oct. 11, 1779, Temple Stanyan Piers, merchant of Halifax, son of Lewis Piers (one of the first settlers of Halifax, and grandson of Sir Henry Piers, first Baronet of Tristernagh Abby, county Westmeath, Ireland). The children of Temple Stanyan and Mercy Piers were: 1. Temple Foster, b. 1781; d. 1783. 2. Elizabeth, b. 1782; d. 1783. 3. Temple Foster, b. Dec. 9, 1783; m., 1807, Elizabeth, dau. of William Bevil Thomas, of St. John's, Newfoundland, and aunt of Fanny, wife of Gen. Sir Richard Dacres, G. C. B., by whom he had a number of children, some of whom still live in Halifax. Mr. Piers was formerly paymaster of the Nova Scotia regiment of Fencible infantry and subsequently merchant of Halifax. 4. Lewis Edward, b. Feb. 22, 1785; m. Elizabeth Boyd, and d. without children, Sept. 5, 1807; merchant and captain Fifteenth Battery of Nova Scotia militia. 5. Mary, b. 1786; d. same year.

* A grandson in Canada says he was born on Martha's Vineyard, perhaps at Tisbury.
Mr. Temple S. Piers was first engaged in the custom house, then in the lieutenant-governor's service, and finally became a merchant, forming with Charles Hill the firm of Piers & Hill. He d. at Halifax, July 1, 1786. His eldest surviving son, Temple Foster Piers, b. at Halifax, Dec. 9, 1783; d. at Halifax, April 19, 1860. Paymaster of Nova Scotia regiment of Fencible infantry, and subsequently merchant, associated with his brother, Lewis Edward; m., Feb. 13, 1807, at St. John, Newfoundland, Elizabeth (dau. of William Bevil Thomas, of St. John's), by whom he had a large family, of whom Henry Piers, of Halifax, owner of Eldorado gold mines, b. Oct. 1, 1824; m., Aug. 14, 1866, Janet Louisa, dau. of Edward H. Harrington, formerly high sheriff of Sydney county, Nova Scotia, by whom he has had: 1. Elizabeth, b. 1807. 2. Harry, b. 1807. 3. Edward, b. 1872; d. 1873. 4. Charles, b. 1874. 5. George Sidney, b. 1877. 6. Nora, b. 1880. Harry Piers, b. 1870; assistant librarian Legislative library, Halifax; recording secretary of the Nova Scotia Institute of Science, and secretary-treasurer of the United Empire Loyalist Association of Nova Scotia. Is engaged in scientific, bibliographical and general literary work.

"Died—Early Tuesday morning, Mrs. Mercy Piers, aged fifty eight years, widow of Mr. Temple Stanyan Piers. Her funeral will take place from the house of John Lawson, Esq. (where the deceased was taken ill), this day (Friday), at half past three o'clock."—The Weekly Chronicle, Halifax, Friday, Nov. 29, 1816.

4325. iv. WILLIAM, b. 1751; m. ———.
4326. v. THOMAS, b. ———.
4327. vi. SAMUEL, b. ———.
4328. vii. JOHN, b. in 1752; m. ———.
4329. viii. JOSEPH, b. 1763; m. Lydia Freeman.
4330. ix. MILTON, b. 1759; m. Phoebe Tucker.
4331. x. POLLY, b. ———.
4332. xi. ANN, b. ———.

4133. WILLIAM FOSTER (Joseph, Joseph, John, Joseph, Thomas), b. Tisbury, Mass., Nov. 7, 1733; m. there, Jan. 3, 1760, Deborah Lewis, dau. of Samuel and Deborah (White), b. Rochester, Mass., Sept. 4, 1744; d. Ashfield, Mass., May 14, 1830. She m., 21, Nov. 18, 1802, Elisha Parker, at Ashfield. William Foster was a tailor, blacksmith and general tucker at Tisbury and Ashfield.

Will—In the name of God Amen I Wm. Foster of Ashfield in the County of Hampshire and Commonwealth of Mass. being weak in body, but of sound and perfect mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following, first and principally I give and recommend my soul to God that gave it and my Body to the Ground to be buried at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named, and as to such worldly estate as it has pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose of in manner and form following that is to say: First. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Deborah Foster all my indoors household moveables and the Improvement of all the rest of my estate both real and personal after my just Debts Legacies and funeral charges are paid out to hers so long as she shall remain my widow. Secondly. I give to my son Lewis Foster the Clock that is now standing in my house. Thirdly. I give to my grand Daughter Deborah Luce fifty cents to be paid by my Executors. Fourthly.—I give to my Daughter Hannah Foster convenient room to live in my house and eight Cords of wood a year cut up at the Door so long as she shall remain unmarried, and once Cow said Cow to be kept for her use on my Estate so long as she shall remain unmarried.—Fifthly. I give to my son Milton Foster all my estate not above disposed of both real and personal, after his mother's death or marriage, to him his heirs and assigns.—Lastly. I do constitute and appoint my son Milton Foster sole Executor of this my last will and testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the twentieth Day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one

William Foster.

Signed sealed published and declared by the above named Wm. Foster to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator

Henry Bassett
Jonathan Tilly.

Foster Tilly.
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4335. i. OLIVE, b. Feb. 15, 1791; m. Cornelius Luce. She d. Ashfield in May, 1796.

4334. ii. MICHAEL, b. Feb. 5, 1793; d. May 10, 1794.

4335. iii. LEWIS, b. Nov. 27, 1794; m. Hannah Porter.

4336. iv. WILLIAM, b. April 18, 1797; d. Oct. 27, 1799, at Tisbury.

4337. v. MILTON, b. Jan. 1, 1772; m. Sophia Bannister.

4338. vi. SUSANNA, April 20, 1776; d. September 1794, Pittsford, Mass.


4334. NATHANIEL FOSTER (Joseph, Joseph, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. near Rhode Island, abt. 1740; m. Lydia Frisbee. Nathaniel Foster, Sr., was a soldier of the Revolution. He then resided in the town of Hinsdale, N. H. He was one of the first to engage in the fight for independence at the battles of Concord, Lexington and Bunker Hill and all through the war. Was absent from home seven years and ten months before he returned, leaving a wife and six children. He was under General Arnold for a time. He was at the battle of Oriskany and Fort Stanwix. After the war he came to New York state and settled near Johnstown. After he became of age he married Lydia Frisbee and moved with his young wife to the town of Hinsdale, Vt. After the war four more children were born to him, viz.: Elisha, Polly, Lydia and Shubael. The names of those born before the war were: Elisha, Nathaniel, Zilpha, Anna, Solomon and Sybil, all of whom lived to a good old age and raised families, except Anna.

He d. 1826. Res., Rhode Island, Hinsdale, Vt., and Salisbury N. Y.

4330. i. ELISHA, b. March 31, 1761; m. Polly Streeter.

4331. ii. NATHANIEL, b. 1766; m. Jemima Streeter.

4332. iii. ZILPHA, b. 1768; d. unm.

4333. iv. ANN, b. 1770; m. Daniel Robinson; d. s. p.

4334. v. SOLOMON, b. 1772.

4335. vi. SYBIL, b. 1774; m. Walter Hastings and resided in Ohio.

4336. vii. ELISHA, b. 1783; d. unm.

4337. viii. POLLY, b. 1788; m. Oliver Churchill; had 2 dau. She d. and was buried in Oppenheim, N. Y.

4338. ix. LYDIA, b. 1791; m. —— Waterman.

4339. x. SHUBABEL, b. 1795; m. Eunice Smith.

4350. xi. LUCY, b. ——; m. Elisha Foster (her cousin).


4331. i. ABRAHAM, b. October, abt. 1769; m. Sabra Scott.

4332. ii. DAVID, b. March 2, 1771; m. ——.

4353. iii. DOLLY, b. ——; m. —— Farr. She d. in Remsen, N. Y.


GEAR COFFIN, b. Sept. 23, 1784; d. Coeyman, N. Y., March 25, 1792.

SHUBAEL, b. Oct. 10, 1786; m. Phoebe Canniff.


FRANKLIN, b. May 1, 1791; m. Betsey Collins.

JAMES, b. Sept. 6, 1793; d. December, 1832.

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4364. xi. THEODORE, b. Dec. 28, 1797; m. Seviah Guild, Elizabeth Conkling and Maria Moore.


4365. i. WILLIAM, b. Aug. 6, 1772; m. Polly Pottle.

4366. ii. REBECCA, b. Dec. 7, 1774; m. Solomon Shaw.

4367. iii. ABEL WILSON, b. July 11, 1776; m. Prudence Brown and Phebe Bates.

4368. iv. ELLIS, b. April 23, 1784.

4159. ELISHA FOSTER (Solomon, Joseph, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Brookfield, Mass., Oct. 14, 1759; m. — Eunice. Will of Elisha Foster, of Holden, 1798; wife, Eunice; sons, Samuel and Elisha; daughters, Hannah, Sallie, Eunice, Jerusha, and Betsey. Joseph Dorr, judge. His will was probated Sept. 4, 1798, at Worcester.

Jeremiah Blake appointed guardian of Samuel Foster, Hannah Foster and Sally, aged more than fourteen; Eunice Foster, Jerusha Foster, Betsey Foster, and Elisha Foster, under fourteen years, children of Elisha Foster, late of Holden, Sept. 18, 1799. Joseph Dorr, judge of probate. He d. 1799. Res., Holden, Mass.

4369. i. SAMUEL, b. —

4370. ii. ELISHA, b. —

4371. iii. HANNAH, b. —

4372. iv. SALLY, b. —

4373. v. EUNICE, b. —

4374. vi. JERUSA, b. —

4375. vii. BETSEY, b. —

4163. CHILLINGSWORTH FOSTER (James, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Rochester, Mass., Dec. 8, 1733; m. (pub.), June 29, 1754, Margaret Pope, of Dartmouth; m. 2d, (pub.), Aug. 5, 1794, Mrs. Sarah Freeman, of Rochester. A head stone to his memory stands in the central burial place at Rochester, Mass. He resided in Adams, Mass., at the time of his second marriage. He d. in Cherry Valley, N. Y., March 3, 1807. Res., Rochester, Mass., and Cherry Valley, N. Y.

4376. i. JAMES, b. 1761; m. Martha Dunster.

4377. ii. THANKFUL, m. Seth Pope, of Fairhaven, Mass.

4378. iii. DEBORAH, m. Seth Pope, of Rochester.

4379. iv. MARGARET, m. — Pope.

4380. v. CHILLINGSWORTH was a physician in Adams and Middleboro, Mass., and Bristol, R. I. He was killed by an explosion on board a privateer during the war of 1812.

4381. vi. EDWARD, d. of small-pox when abt. fourteen years old.

4382. vii. SAMUEL, lived in Adams and Rochester, Mass.; removed to Virginia, where he died.

4383. viii. RUBY, b. 1773; d. Aug. 11, 1805, ae. thirty-two, Rochester, Mass.; m. Samuel Pierce, of Troy, N. Y.

4166. DEACON JAMES FOSTER (James, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Rochester, Mass., April 12, 1737; m. (pub.), Nov. 30, 1755, Mary Lewis, dau. of Ebenezer. He was a blacksmith by trade, a farmer, and deacon of the church. He reared his family in Rochester, where he spent most of his long life. He followed the sea in early life and was afterward a blacksmith. He had a reputation, when a young man, of being the strongest man, in a muscular sense, in his part of the country, and several of his feats of strength, if not true, have become traditional among his descendants. For many years he was deacon of the Congregational church, but finally moved to East Montpelier, Vt., where two of his sons had preceded him.


His children, all recorded in Rochester, were:

4384. i. EBENEZER, b. July 9, 1757; was an ensign in the Revolutionary army; was killed in battle Sept. 19, 1777.
4385. ii. MARY, b. July 21, 1759; m. (pub.), Oct. 9, 1779, to Wm. Wood, of Fairhaven. Ch.: Mary, James, and Hulda, who m. West Vincent, of Dartmouth. Ch.: Mary and Core.

4386. iii. LYDIA, b. Feb. 21, 1762; m. April 27, 1786, Richard Taber, of Dartmouth. Ch.: Mary and Corey.


4389. vi. JAMES, b. July 25, 1768; was drowned at sea Dec. 5, 1790.

4390. vii. MERCY, b. March 12, 1770; m. Thomas Cole, of Rochester. Rem. to Calais, Vt.; six ch.

4391. viii. STEPHEN, b. July 31, 1772; m. Mary King, of Rochester.

4392. viii. NABBYY, b. Nov. 23, 1775; m. (pub.), Nov. 10, 1799, to Joseph Whittredge, of Rochester. Rem. to New York state and had a son Joseph, who d. in Ohio.


4394. x. EBENEZER LATHROP, b. Oct. 20, 1779; m. Clarissa Ellis, of Sandwich.

4167. EDWARD FOSTER (James, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. July 3, 1738, in Rochester, Mass.; m. Jan. 15, 1762, Deborah, dau. of Seth and Deborah (Nickerson) Bangs; d. in Broome, N. Y., ae. ninety. Went from Rochester, Mass., to Hardwick, Mass., then to Pelham and settled in that part of the town now called Prescott, and later to Wilmington, Vt. Edward Foster served in the company of Captain Silvanus Walker, as private in 1750-60. He was lost in the French woods from ten to fourteen days and was also in service at Montreal. Edward Bangs was born in 1752 at Chichester, County Sussex, England. He came to Plymouth, Mass., on the "Ann" in 1623. In the earlier Plymouth record frequent mention is made of Edward Bangs. He is repeatedly mentioned as serving on grand jury; as overseer or captain of the guard against the Indians; as an appraiser of land and as engaged in other public pursuits, and was evidently an important man in the colony. In 1627, at a public court held May 22, it was agreed to divide the stock by lot among the companies of the three ships. The whole was divided into twelve companies and lots were drawn. Edward Bangs was in the twelfth with ten other persons. To this lot fell the "great white back cow" which was brought over in the "Ann." He married in Plymouth about 1627, Lydia, dau. of Robert Hicks. He removed with Governor Prince to Eastham. Was a shipwright and directed the labor on the first vessel built in the colony (Plymouth colony), though earlier ones had been launched in Massachusetts (Massachusetts Bay colony). Was representative 1647 and several other years; town treasurer from 1646 to 1665. He died, 1677. In his will of Oct. 19, of that year, probated May 31, 1678, he evidenced the fact that all his children were then alive except Rebecca. Ch.: i. Rebecca, b. —; m. Jonathan Sparrow, Oct. 26, 1654. 2. John, b. —; m. Hannah Smalley, Jan. 23, 1661. 3. Sarah, b. —; m. Thomas Howes, 1650. 4. Jonathan, b. 1649; m. Mary Mayo, July 16, 1664, dau. of Samuel Mayo, of Barnstable; was captain, representative to Plymouth, 1674, and five other years, and, in 1692, to Boston under the new charter. He m. 2d, Sarah —, who d. June 11, 1719, ae. seventy-eight. He m., 3d, in 1720, Ruth, widow of John Young, and dau. of Daniel Cole, who led him to Harwich, where he d. Nov. 9, 1728. Ch.: (a) Edward, b. Sept. 30, 1665; m. Ruth —; (b) Rebecca, b. Feb. 1, 1668. (c) Jonathan, b. April 30, 1670; d. young. (d) Mary, b. April 14, 1671. (e) Jonathan, b. May 4, 1673; m., 1st, Elizabeth —; 2d, Experience Berry. (f) Hannah, b. March 14, 1676. (g) Lamosin, b. May, 1678. (h) Samuel, b. July 12, 1680; m. Mary Sutherland, ae. sixty-four. He d. June 11, 1750. Ch.: i. Seth, b. July 29, 1706; m. Deborah Nickerson, Dec. 23, 1726. ii. Samuel, b. July 11, 1707; m. Phoebe Hopkins, June 19, 1729. He d. July 18, 1751. iii. David, b. March 29, 1709; m. Eunice Stone, March 29, 1731. iv. Mary, b. May 2, 1711; m. John King,
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4395. i. SETH, b. Feb. 19, 1765; m. Margaret Shays.


4398. iv. JAMES, b. Sept. 12, 1777, at Athol; d. at Athol, Mass., Oct. 25, 1781, recorded in Wilmington, Vt.
4399. v. HOPESTILL, b. at Athol; d. young, at Athol, Mass.
4400. vi. LYDIA, b. —; d. young at Athol, Mass.
4401. vii. TILLY, b. abt. 1779; m. Abigail Hammond.
4402. viii. HOPESTILL,* b. June 20, 1783, at Athol; m. Laura Osborn.

4404. x. JOHN C., b. abt. 1784; m. Betsey Lewis and Persis Duncan.


4405. i. THOMAS, b. in Hardwick, Feb. 16, 1766. Rev. to Maine.
4406. ii. LEMUEL, b. June 24, 1770; m. Chloe Powers.
4407. iii. NATHAN, b. Nov. 13, 1778; m. Betsey Ware.
4408. iv. JAMES, b. Jan. 10, 1784; m. Electa Miller.
4409. v. SAMUEL, b. Aug. 9, 1788; m. Pamela Camp.
4410. vi. JERUSA, b. in New Salem, Mass., Feb. 9, 1768; d. July 22, 1777.
4412. viii. LOIS, b. Milburn, Mass., June 2, 1777; m. Asa Hunt; went west.
4415. xi. HANNAH, b. Sept. 19, 1781; m. James Wilcox; went west.

4417. JOHN FOSTER (James, Chillingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Rochester, Mass., July 30, 1745; m. Oct. 6, 1768, Rebecca Paige, of Hardwick, b. Oct. 8, 1749. He moved to Athol, Mass., in 1774 and to Barnard, Vt. She d. 1856, in Potsdam, N. Y. She was dau. of Deacon William and Mercy (Aikins). He removed from Rochester to Athol, Mass., abt. 1774 and subsequently to Montpelier, Vt.

*Recorded in the town clerk's office at Wilmington, Vt.
where he attained old age. He was an active member of the Congregational church; an upright, honest man and much respected in the community where he lived. His wife's people were also people of prominence and much respected in the then new settlement of Barnard. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits. Before he removed from Athol to Barnard he sold his farm, dividing the proceeds among his sons and reserving enough for the purchase of a small farm for himself in the new settlement. It is on record in the Barnard clerk's office that he bought of Bereah Green 180 acres for 313 pounds, on March 16, 1795. Here he spent the remainder of his days, loved and respected by all who knew him. He d. Aug. 26, 1814, and was buried in Barnard. The wife of John Foster, after her husband's death, removed with her children to the new settlement of Northern New York where they settled. She sold her little home in Barnard whose fortunes she had followed for so many years, and left friends and neighbors very dear to her to follow her children into a new country. They removed from Barnard, Vt., to St. Lawrence county, N. Y., in 1817. Ever after she removed to York state she lived with her children who loved her dearly. Her children and grandchildren did all that was in their power to make her last days happy. She was a peaceful, loving mother, and, as she became aged, as with all old people, she lived a great deal of her time in the past, calling up in her mind things of the past. She would come tottering to the door of the room, her face lighted up as by inspiration, and say to her son, "Shadrach, don't you remember when we lived down in Old Athol," and then she would relate some incident which occurred at that time. She died at a good old age, and was buried in the Garfield cemetery, where many of her descendants lie. He d. Aug. 26, 1814. Res., Athol, Mass., and Barnard, Vt.

4416. i. WILLIAM, b. Oct. 17, 1769; m. —. He left for the far west when young, and has not been heard from for many years.

4417. ii. LYDIA, b. Feb. 10, 1772; m. Rufus Pratt. They had several girls and only one son, William, b. April 8, 1834. Two of their daughters married and resided in Keeseville, N. Y. They lived in the town of Pierpont, St. Lawrence county; she d., in 1836, ae. sixty-four; was buried in the Garfield cemetery. She was the mother of six children—three boys and three girls, all of whom have passed away, save one, Rebecca Pratt, who is living in Wisconsin.
JOHN, b. Sept. 3, 1776; m. ———.

JAMES, b. Sept. 22, 1778; m. Lucy Swift.

EBENEZER, b. Oct. 19, 1780; m. Rebecca McIntosh.

SHADRACH, b. March 20, 1783; m. Lucy Gambell.

AIKINS, b. Feb. 7, 1788; m. Dorcas Aikins.

REBECCA PAIGE, b. Feb. 24, 1791; she m. at Barnard, Jesse Kinney, Jr., Oct. 27, 1808, who was b. in Barnard, Feb. 16, 1785; after his death, Oct. 22, 1814, she m., 2d, Feb. 24, 1816, Amasa MacFarland, b. July 15, 1783; d. Springfield, Mass., Dec. 14, 1866. She d. Chicopee, Mass., May 5, 1874. He was a merchant; had eight ch. One child, Eliza Gibson, b. Dec. 31, 1816; unm.; res. South Framingham, Mass. She had one son by Mr. Kinney, and five children by her second husband. She lived in Boston most of her life and died there at an old age. She had one son, Lafayette MacFarland, who was a doctor in Boston for many years.

JOSEPH FOSTER (Thomas, Chillingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Harwich, Mass., March 27, 1735; m. Desire Hopkins, dau. of Sylvanus and Ruth (Berry), b. 1745. He was born in Harwich, Mass., and went with his parents to the "Oblong," now South East, Duchess County, N. Y., in 1740. Soon after his marriage he is said to have settled in Warren, Litchfield county, Conn. In 1767, he resided in South Precinct, Duchess county, Province of New York. Res., Warren, Conn.

JOSEPH, b. Dec. 18, 1784; m. Lois Alderman.


JAMES FOSTER (Thomas, Chillingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Harwich, Mass., Feb. 18, 1737; m., March 6, 1763, Thankful Sears, b. Nov. 26, 1734, who d. July 27, 1772; m., 2d, Sept. 13, 1773, Bathsheba Hall, b. 1748; d. Sept. 12, 1820. She was dau. of James and Desire (Toby). He was a man of importance in the precinct; an influential member of the church, and his name frequently occurs on its early records in positions of trust and responsibility. He was a member of the local guard for the protection of the inhabitants during the Revolution. He d. Aug. 18, 1810. Res., South East, N. Y.

THOMAS, b. May' 15, 1787; m. Rhoda Crosby and Mrs. Fanny Roberts.

MARY, b. March 26, 1764; m. April, 1781, Obadiah Crosby. Res., Albany, N. Y.
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4432. iv. EDMUND, b. Oct. 24, 1767; m. Sarah Hopkins.

4433. v. ELIZABETH, b. July 10, 1769.

4434. vi. JAMES, b. Feb. 14, 1772; m. Elizabeth Crosby.

4435. vii. THANKFUL, b. Sept. 15 1777; m. Edward Crosby.

4436. viii. PETER HALL, b. June 26, 1779; m. Mary Hopkins.

4437. ix. RUTH, b. Oct. 27, 1781; d. unm.

4181. SETH FOSTER (Thomas, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. South East, Duchess county, N. Y., April 11, 1761; m. in Cornwall, N. Y., Huldah Ragan, b. Oct. 29, 1758; d. Oct. 20, 1797; m., 2d, Mrs. Elizabeth (Townsend) King. Upon his marriage, Seth Foster removed from the "Oblong" to West Philippi (now Carmel, Putnam county, N. Y.), settling on a farm about a mile east of the present village. The land was leased from Frederick Philippi, being a part of the Philippi Manor, until 1801, when the farm was bought by Seth Foster. He was a tanner as well as farmer, and until 1827, when it was discontinued, Foster's tannery was a busy place, the leather in many cases being made upon the premises. His first wife, Huldah Ragan, had four children. She was the daughter of an Irish officer. Seth Foster's second wife was Elizabeth Townsend, widow of Jonathan King. She had two daughters Seth Foster was a man of quick, impulsive tempera-
tment; energetic and prompt in his dealings, and held a place of influence in the community. He d. Sept. 15, 1837. Res., Carmel, N. Y.


4440. iii. TILLY, b. April 16, 1793; m. Sally Armstrong and Mary Bennett.

4441. iv. THOMAS, b. May 17, 1795; m. Betsey Crane and Mrs. Lydia (Foster) Crosby (see).

4442. v. HULDAH, b. May 3, 1800; m., in Carmel, in 1818, Ebenezer Kelley. She d. Sept. 5, 1851. He was b. Nov. 10, 1798; d. May 16, 1877; was a drover and farmer. Ch.: 1. Lydia Ann, b. Oct. 6, 1820; d. Sept. 23, 1868. 2. Frederick Mandred, b. July 26, 1822; m. 1st, Laura A. Kelley, Sept. 7, 1840, no ch. Frederick M. Kelley was one of the pioneers in instituting explorations and surveys which should determine the feasibility of uniting the Atlantic and Pacific by a waterway through Central America. As early as 1852, Mr. Kelley sent out a party to survey along the course of the Attrato river. Four other expeditions followed, undertaken at the direction of Mr. Kelley, who, in 1856, visited England and France to obtain the co-operation of those countries. For many years he devoted his whole time and fortune to the promotion of the undertaking. It is said of him that "he produced more intelligible information toward the solution of this problem, of such vast importance to the commercial and
political interests of the world, than had hitherto been given." His researches and experience have made him an acknowledged authority upon this subject, and few men now living have a more extensive and accurate knowledge upon all matters relating to interoceanic canals. He m. 2d Emma J. Gardner, Oct. 15, 1839, 153 W. 45th street, N. Y. 3. Francis Edward, b. April 11, 1825; d. Oct. 31, 1864. 4. Sarah Elizabeth, b. Jan. 26, 1829, Carmel, N. Y. 5. Juliette, b. Dec. 12, 1830; m. Leonard Everett, Nov. 4, 1854; d. April 13, 1895, no ch. 6. Thomas, b. March 1, 1834; d. July 18, 1855. 7. Susan King, b. May 3, 1837; m., 1st, April 8, 1857, Jerome Hasen; m. 2d, Milan Cole, Nov. 15, 1870, Carmel, N. Y. 8. Thomas Foster, b. March 17, 1839, is unm. Res., Carmel, N. Y. 9. Emily Virginia, b. April 1, 1840; m. Joseph Hopkins, Nov. 14, 1860, Carmel, N. Y.

LAURA, b. Nov. 30, 1844; d. Nov. 30, 1847.


JOHN, b. —; m. Catherine —.

NATHAN, b. —; m. Polly —.

CAPTAIN ISAAC FOSTER (Isaac, Chillingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Harwich, Mass., May 29, 1739; m., June 10, 1762, Eunice Freeman, b. May 1, 1730, dau. of John and Tamsen (Sears); d. Oct. 2, 1777; m. 2d, Almira —;

May 3d, March 15, 1764, Sarah Thatcher, b. November, 1741; d. Oct. 20, 1777; m. 4th, 1778, Rebecca Wing. He was a mariner. Record of will at Barnstable, Mass., burnt. Will probated March 13, 1824; Isaac and Benjamin, executors. His grave is in the Brewster burying ground. In 1812 he was one of a committee of Brewster's citizens appointed to take into consideration the alarming state of public affairs and memorialize the governor and council, it being voted July 2, to adopt the Boston resolutions disapproving of the war with Great Britain. He d. Feb. 29, 1824. Res., Brewster, Mass.

LEMUEL, b. Aug. 15, 1765; m. Elizabeth Foster.

ISAAC, b. Oct. 23, 1770; m. Sarah Thatcher.

BENJAMIN, b. Sept 27, 1772; m. Desire Freeman.

HANNAH, b. Aug. 3, 1767; m. Oct. 29, 1790, Zobeth Snow.

EUNICE, b. August, 1769; d. November, 1769.

SAMUEL, b. Feb. 6, 1775; m. Eunice Clark.

SARAH, b. May 26, 1777; m. Theophilus Bangs.


LYDIA, b. —

ELIZABETH, b. September, 1772; m. Lemuel Foster.

DESIRE, b. —.

LIEUT. DAVID FOSTER (Isaac, Chillingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Harwich, Mass., March 24, 1742; m., Harwich, Nov. 2, 1769, Phebe Freeman, b. Nov. 19, 1747; d. Sept. 10, 1811. She was dau. of Edmund, Jr., 5. and Mary (Clark) Freeman. Edmund, Jr., was son of (Edmund, Thomas. Major John, Edmund), through Major John, who married Mercy Prince, daughter of Patience Brewster, who was daughter of Elder William Brewster. David F. was a blacksmith and a whaler. At that time there were many whales in the bay. He was six feet, two inches tall, broad shouldered with little flesh, resolute, and a great wrestler, at which amusement he was never thrown. He was a Revolutionary soldier; first lieutenant in Abijah Bangs Co., April 20, 1776; and his name can be found several times in the records at the State House from 1776 to 1779. His grandson, David, recollected having been told by David Foster, 5, himself, that he was at Dorchester Heights when Boston was evacuated, March 17, 1776, he, David F. being a boy of twelve or fourteen. So far we have found no record of this. He, as well as his wife, was descended from Elder William Brewster. His grand-mother, wife of Chillingsworth Foster, was Mercy Freeman, dau. Major John and Mercy Prince, dau. of Patience Brewster. David Foster built the house at Brewster in 1795, still occupied by his granddaughters—two of them (1898). When Washington
took command of the army in 1775, he needed more troops, and the quota from Barnstable county was forty men. Lient. David Foster was one of the forty men, and received his first commission from the council. He was at the evacuation of Boston and at different times during the war served upon Cape Cod, where the whole coast was watched and guarded through fear that the British would land. The British war ship, Somerset, was anchored in the harbor at the time of the battle of Bunker Hill and shelled the city of Charlestown, was wrecked on Cape Cod in 1778, and David Foster was on duty guarding the prisoners from the ship, Somerset. His granddaughter, Emma F., has been fortunate enough to secure a piece of the old ship, which is, of course, of great value to her, as she had three ancestors in that Company. Chillingworth Foster and his son Isaac and his son David are buried in the old burying ground at Brewster, Cape Cod. Brewster was a part of Harwich until the year 1803, when it was set off as a town by itself. In what is called the "new burying ground" at Brewster are buried grandfather, Freeman Foster and father, David Foster.


4456. i. FREEMAN, b. May 1, 1782; m. Mehitabel Low.

4457. ii. EUNICE, b. Oct. 18, 1770; m., Jan. 7, 1789, in Harwich, Benj. Thatcher; had one child, Jonathan, who had one son, Benjamin, who was lost at sea off Hatteras; Eunice d. May 31, 1800.

4458. iii. PHEBE, b. Aug. 7, 1777; m. Joseph Clark; d. Dec. 8, 1834. They had one son Prince Clark who d. at sea.


4459. i. NATHANIEL, b. Feb. 17, 1778; d. abroad.

4460. ii. THANKFULL, b. Nov. 13, 1779.

4461. iii. GILES, b. Aug. 10, 1781.

4462. iv. TEMPERANCE, b. Nov. 13, 1782.

4463. v. SOLOMON, b. Aug. 4, 1785; m. Polly ——.

4464. vi. POLLY, b. July 4, 1787.

4465. vii. JONATHAN, b. May 22, 1790.

4466. viii. ELISHA, b. Oct. 1, 1794; m. Deborah ——.

4467. ix. HOPKINS, b. Nov. 15, 1796; m. Hannah ——.


4469. i. DAN, b. Jan. 17, 1780; m. Mercy Briggs.

4470. ii. JOSHUA, b. Feb. 4, 1773; m. Sarah ——.

4471. iii. EBENEZER, b. Aug. 18, 1777; m., April 1, 1802, Harty Johnson, b. July 1, 1751. He res. in Williamstown, Mass., and d. there s. p.

4472. iv. JOHN, b. March 7, 1782; m. Susan Carpenter.

4473. v. SALLY, b. Aug. 8, 1790.


4707. SERGT. THOMAS FOSTER (Nathaniel, Chillingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. The Oblong, N. Y., Jan. 10, 1750; m., in Kent, Conn., Esther ——. She d. ——; m., 2d, in Kent, Conn., April 6, 1780, Hannah Bliss, b. June 9, 1754; d. April 5, 1841. He was born in The Oblong, Conn., or New York, in 1756-7; enlisted in the Revolutionary army—in the Connecticut militia—and served through the war. Part of the time he was sergeant of his company. Soon after the war he moved from Kent, Conn., to Vermont, locating in Strafford; followed farming and later moved to Calais. March 4, 1831, he was granted a pension for Revolutionary war service, and paid $93.30 for back pension. He died the following year.

"Thomas Foster made an application for pension on April 2, 1818, at which time he was sixty-two years of age, and residing at Calais, Vt. and his pension was allowed for eighteen months' actual service as a private and sergeant in the New York troops, Revolutionary war. He served under Capt. William Pierce and Colonel Swartwout. Place of his enlistment not stated. His widow, Hannah, made application and received a pension for the service of her husband as above set forth. The soldier died at Calais, Vt., July 9, 1832. He was born at a place called The
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Oblong, in New York, formerly a part of, or claimed by, the State of Connecticut. Date of his birth not stated. Wife's maiden name was Hannah Bliss. Names of children not stated. Very respectfully, J. L. Davenport, First Deputy Commissioner.

The Stafford, Vt., town clerk writes as follows: "Thomas Foster elected a highway surveyor, March 17, 1755; fence viewer, March 6, 1797. I do not find this name in connection with any religious society in Strafford. Congregational church not organized until Dec. 19, 1820; Free Will Baptist not far from 1705. Universalist society formed Nov. 5, 1798; church formed 1826. The first deed to Thomas Foster, called of Kent, Litchfield county, Conn., is dated Nov. 9, 1781. Many deeds to and from him followed up to 1793."

The family say Thomas was b. in 1750. His application for a pension places his birth at 1756. He d. July 9, 1832. Res., Kent, Conn., Strafford, and Calais, Vt.

4474 i. GEORGE W., b. March 16, 1795; m. Polly Kelton.
4474 ii. ARTEMAS, b. Kent, Conn., July 14, 1791; m. Priscilla Titus.
4474 iv. MIRANDA, b. Jan. 6, 1792. He d. young, unm.
4474 v. HORACE, b. Feb. 16, 1794. He d. Calais, Vt. When a child he had scarlet fever, by which he became blind.
4474 vii. LUCINDA, b. October, 1795; d. June 21, 1799.

4198. DAVID FOSTER (Nathaniel, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Danbury, Conn., 1758; m. Lydia White, b. 1750; d. 1828. He was in the Revolutionary war. He d. 1821. Res., Williamstown, Mass.
4475 i. DAVID, b. June 18, 1784; m. Polly Treadwell.
4476 ii. NATHANIEL, b. May, 1786; m. Sally Leach.

4199. NATHANIEL FOSTER, JR. (Nathaniel, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. in Mass., 1748; m. Anna Baker, who d.; m. Lydia Crosby, dau. of Joshua.

Nathaniel Foster, Jr., died in or near the year 1795, as on October 9th of that year letters of administration were granted to Darius Crosby on his estate. There is no record of the distribution of the estate.

The Crosby family were the most numerous of any in this town in former times. Descendants of Thomas, David and Joshua. David came to Southeast in 1719; died in 1793, aged eighty-five years. His wife, Reliance, died in 1788. His children were David, b. in 1737, and d. in 1816, and Reliance, Susan, Sarah, Abner, Eli and Moses.

David, son of David Crosby, had Peter William, McC., Seth, Sarah, Thankful, Rhoda and one I cannot name. She went to Caazavina; had children. Peter Crosby had Johanna, Clarissa, Fannah, Caroline, Maria and Harry. Johanna married Rhexubn D. Barnum; had one son, Harry, and one daughter, Maria, who married Edward N. Stephens, and had three daughters. Clarissa married Dr. Stephen C. Barnum and had four children, Peter, Joshua, Mary and Fanny. Joshua married; had Stephen C.; he married; had children, Peter, Mary and Fanny; all married. Fanny married Aoy Raymond; had George and one daughter; both had children. Harry had family. William McM. married; had Francis, Sarah, Mary and two more. They went to Benton, Yates county, N. Y. Seth married; had two, Amanda and Delia; both married. Amanda married Mr. Cande; they went to —, Ohio. Sarah married Stephen Raymond; had James, Morgan F. and Mary. Morgan married Jane Travis; no children. Mary married Samuel Kelley; had James R. and Ira W. Ira died, aged twenty-two years. James R. married Ursula Foster in 1811, and then married Mary K. Richards in 1889. James Raymond married Julia Smith in 1818; had Adah, Sarah, Mary and Thomas E. Adah married Chauncey R. Weeks and had James, Edward C. Thomas, Robert and Louisa. Edward C. married Josephine Howse and had Raymond, William H., Robert and Sarah, the others not married. Sarah married Rev. G. H. Livingston and had Gilbert R. and Julia; Julia not married. Mary married John Drake; had three daughters. Thomas married; had James R. and Thomas. James R. married; had children. Thankful Crosby married Samuel Lawrence; had Paddock, Fanny, Bethiah, Ester and Hannah. Ester married Mark Yale; had one son, Stephen.
Hannah married James Young; had Isaac and Esterann. She married Grant Lane; had four children. Fanny married; had Reuben, Paddock, Stephen, Thankful and Sarah. Paddock first married; had Thomas and two daughters, Mary and Sarah. Bethiah married Charles Townsend; had six children, Isaac, William, Welden, Morgon, Mariah and Deborah. William married Harriette Brewster; had two daughters. The others of this family have no children. The above is mostly from the memory of James R. Kelley; made Sept. 1, 1896, in Southeast, N. Y. Res., Becket, Mass., and Southeast, N. Y.

1877. i. WILLIAM BAKER, b. Sept. 13, 1781; m. Eleanor Ward.

1878. ii. NATHANIEL, b. Feb. 9, 1785; m. Elizabeth Crosby; m. 2d, Charity Brinkerhoff; had children, Maria, Mary and William. Maria d. without marrying. Mary m. a Norton and still lives at Onondaga, N. Y. The son's son lives at 1215 North Salina St., Syracuse, N. Y.

1879. iii. ELIJAH, m., but d. without children. He adopted a child, who m. J. S. Perkins, and lives at Salisbury, Conn.

1880. iv. CLARISSA, b. May 20, 1791; m. Horace Jones. They left quite a large family. One son, William, has descendants living at Lakeville, Conn. His daughter, Emma, m. Elbert Eggleston, now living there. There were three other daughters besides, as I have the record: Julia m. George H Bundy, Los Angeles, Calif. Sarah m. Edward J Barden, Washington, D. C. Elizabeth m. J. S. Perkins, Lakeville, Conn. (adopted by Elijah Foster).


Of the children of Lemuel and Phebe (Foster) Roberts there is little to say regarding them. Lemuel seems to have led the life of a quiet, prosperous farmer. His son, Levi H. Roberts was a man well known throughout the neighborhood, as he had spent his entire life there. He was identified with every movement looking to the betterment of the community, and was especially well known for his prominence in church work. He was for a long time the best known member of the M. E. church. He held town offices and was an ardent Republican in politics.

1890. SAMUEL FOSTER (Nathaniell, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Danbury, Conn., m. Lucy ——. Res., Rodman, N. Y.

1892. i. PHEBE, b. ——; m. —— Campbell. Res., Smithsville, N. Y.

1893. ii. NATHANIEL, b. ——.

1894. iii. PHILANDER, b. ——.

1895. iv. DERBY, b. ——.


1897. vi. JOHN, b. ——; d. ——.

1898. vii. BETSEY, b. ——; m. —— Wilcox. She d.
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4489. viii. WARILDA, b. —; m. — Sampson. She d.
4490. ix. LUCINDA, b. —; m. — Knapp. She d.
4491. x. TABITHA, b. —; m. — Drummond. She d.
4492. xi. SAMUEL, b. —; d. —.


4489. i. JOHN, b. 1791; m. Rachel Smith.


4480. i. JOHN, b. 1760; m. Anna —.

4219. JOHN FOSTER (Samuel, Samuel, Hopestill, Hopestill, Richard, Thomas), b. Boston, Mass., about 1722; m. there Jane —. He was a cordwainer. Jane Foster, of Roxbury, widow, appointed guardian of John Foster and Jane Foster, minors, above fourteen years, and of Martha Foster, a minor, under fourteen years; all children of John Foster, late of Roxbury, cordwainer, deceased. Dated May 7, 1779. Suff. Prob., Lib. 72, fol. 551.


4490. i. SAMUEL, b. 1751; m. Margaret —.

4491. ii. JANE, b. —; m. Thomas Cheney.

4492. iii. JOHN, b. —; m. —.

4493. iv. MARTHA, b. —.

4494. v. WILLIAM, b. 1753; m. Mary Draper.


4496. vii. MARY, b. in 1745; m. Thomas Thompson, and rem. to Deer Isle, Me., in 1765. They had a very large family. She d. in 1836, ae. ninety-one. He d. in 1824, ae. eighty. They were the parents of nine sons and five girls. All lived to grow up. One son was Capt. John Thompson, a noted master mariner, who d. in Philadelphia, Pa.


4497. i. BENJAMIN WOOD, b. 1814; m. Margaret Tyler.

4498. ii. DAVID WOOD, b. March 13, 1816; m. Ruth A. Johnson.

4499. iii. RUTH ANNE, b. Dec. 27, 1818.

4500. iv. WILLIAM, b. —; m. —.

4501. v. JOHN, b. —; m. and d. s. p.

4502. vi. GIRL, b. —; m. — Pois, of Baltimore, Md.

4503. vii. GIRL, b. —.


4504. i. BEULAH, b. —; m. July 3, 1818, John R. Remick.

4238. JOHN HANCOCK FOSTER (Hopestill, Hopestill, James, Hopestill, Richard, Thomas), b. Boston, May 30, 1788; m., Nov. 28, 1814, Elizabeth Allen, dau. of Josiah, of Boston. She d. Feb. 25, 1869. He inherited the estate on the corner of Washington and Hollis sts. Still in possession of the family. He was a grocer.
Foster Genealogy.


Samuel and William Foster went to Fitzwilliam about 1799, and was probably the first settler on L. 8, R. 3. He was admitted to church in F., Nov. 11, 1792, on letter from Ashby, Mass. He d. in 1813, at forty-seven years, and the family left town about 1817. By wife Hannah he had eight children, b. in F. He d. May 8, 1813. Res., Fitzwilliam, N. H.

Samuel Edwards, b. Nov. 9, 1792; m. Miriam Bartlett.


Andrew, b. Aug. 25, 1802; d. s. p.

Nancy, b. March 18, 1805; m., Sept. 9, 1829, Walter Heywood. He was son of Benjamin and Mary (Whitney), b. Feb. 13, 1804; d. Aug. 1, 1880.

Walter Heywood, founder of the Walter Heywood Chair Company, of Fitchburg, and its president from the first, died in
Fitchburg, Aug. 1, 1880. Mr. Heywood was born at Gardner, Feb. 13, 1804. He was a lineal descendant of one of the Pilgrim families who came over in the Mayflower. His grandfather, Seth Heywood, went from Sterling to Gardner about 1773, and was one of the first settlers of the town. During the Revolutionary war he was an officer in the continental army at Cambridge for nine months. He was a man of superior mind, his range of reading was very wide, and his memory was remarkably retentive. Mr. Heywood was the son of Benjamin and Mary (Whitney) Heywood, and was the third of a family of six sons. He attended the schools of his native town, and worked on his father's farm till nearly twenty years of age. In 1824 he began work as an apprentice in James M. Comee's chair shop in Fitchburg, but the same year he began business for himself, driving to Boston as often as he had a horse load finished, and selling them. The Fitchburg Sentinel says of Mr. Heywood, and the growth of the chair business in Fitchburg:

In 1827 his brother, William, commenced working with him, and they employed from fifteen to twenty hands. In 1830 he formed a partnership with three others, his brother, Benjamin F., who had been a merchant in Gardner, Moses Wood, afterward president of the Rollstone Bank, and James W. Gates. The firm carried on the chair business, and opened a store in Gardner for the sale of groceries and dry goods. They also established a store in Boston for the sale of chairs. The business was successfully conducted in its various branches till about 1835, when the partnership was dissolved, Messrs. Wood and Gates retiring from the firm, and Mr. Heywood severed his relation with the store at Boston. A new company was formed, consisting of Levi, Benjamin F., Walter and William Heywood and W. R. Carnes. A large shop was erected on land now occupied by the factories of Heywood Brothers & Co., and the company entered into the manufacture of chairs on an extensive scale. In 1841 Walter Heywood sold his interest in the business and removed to Fitchburg. In company with Leander P. Comee, he, in 1842, built the block on Main street more recently known as Sprague & Comee's block, and in 1842 the firm opened a store for the sale of dry goods, groceries, hardware and other merchandise at the salesrooms now occupied by L. Sprague & Co. In the fall of 1844 the firm hired a part of the "Old Red Mill," on West street, since used as a cotton factory by H. W. Pitts & Son, and commenced to manufacture chairs, employing about ten hands. In 1846 the chair business was removed to the upper story of a new building which Alvah Crocker had erected on Water street, on the spot now occupied by the Fitchburg Steam Engine Company's shop. This shop was burned Dec. 7, 1849, and the firm lost heavily by the fire. The partnership was then dissolved, and Mr. Heywood directed his whole attention to the manufacture of chairs. Mr. Crocker erected a new building, 130x40 feet and three stories high, on the site of the burned shop, and Mr. Heywood hired the whole of the new building. In 1852 he received as partners Alton Blodgett, who had entered his employ in 1833, and who continued a member of the company until his death, Sept. 10, 1878; Lovell Williams, still a member of the company, and George E. Towne, who continued with the company till 1874, when he disposed of his interest to H. A. Blood. G. H. Spencer, the present superintendent of the works, was admitted to the firm in 1864. Soon after the new company was formed they erected two large buildings in the rear of the shop, on land leased of Mr. Crocker, and with increased facilities they greatly enlarged their business. In 1856 the firm opened a foreign trade, which eventually extended to England and the continent of Europe, the West Indies, South America, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, China and Japan. The Walter Heywood Chair Company was organized as a stock company under a special act
of the legislature, May 31, 1869, with a capital of $2,400,000. On
the night of July 21, 1870, the most destructive conflagration that
ever visited Fitchburg laid the entire establishment in ruins.
Fortunately the loss on the Chair Company’s property was fully
covered by insurance, and preparations were made shortly after
the fire to rebuild the works on a scale unprecedented in this
branch of manufactures. The location of this important industry
excited much interest. A lot of nine acres on River street was
at length purchased, and the present commodious buildings were
erected. At present the company employs 300 hands be-
sides seaters, and a capital to the amount of between $600,000
and $700,000 is required. The company has mills for preparing
stock at Barton, Vt., and has stores at New York, Boston and
elsewhere for the sale of their products.

As the result of close application to business Mr. Heywood ac-
cumulated a handsome property. He made large investments in
the manufacturing interests of the city, and his counsel was
sought in the management of concerns in which he was interest-
ed. He was formerly one of the largest stockholders in the
Putnam Machine Company, and has been a director since 1867.
In 1866 he purchased an interest in the Fitchburg Iron Foundry,
and at his death was senior member of the firm of Heywood,
Wilson & Co. He has been a director of the Fitchburg Ma-
chine Company since 1870, and was a partner in the Fitchburg
Machine Works since the company was organized in 1877. He
was a director of the Burleigh Rock Drill Company since its
organization in 1867, a director of the Fitchburg State or National
Bank for thirty-seven years, a trustee of the Fitchburg Savings
Bank from its organization, May 12, 1846, till June 21, 1877.
He was also town treasurer of Gardner from 1834 till his removal
to Fitchburg in 1841. He retained his vigor to a remarkable degree,
and his mind was clear and active till a few days previous to his
death. His success in business was the growth of patient years
of toil rather than any series of brilliant exploits. He was no
adventurer in doubtful projects, but his energies and his coun-
sels were always in the line of discretion and prudence. If ever
his judgment was waived in business matters, it was generally
observed in the end that his views were sound and reliable, and
would have yielded the largest measure of success. He was
plain and unostentatious, solving his problems by a careful process
of reasoning, rather than by jumping at conclusions. He was
conservative, persevering, yet energetic, and thorough in every-
thing he undertook. From the one-horse load of chairs which he
made in 1824 his business grew until he was president of the
largest chair manufacturing establishment in the world. He
established a reputation for integrity which was world wide and
commanded the confidence of the leading houses in his line of
business in all quarters of the globe. The Heywood chairs are
as familiarly known in Africa, Australia and South America as
in Boston, New York or San Francisco. Mr. Heywood was for-
tunate in calling around him a class of men who rendered great
assistance in the management of the extensive business. His
associates, with few exceptions, grew up with the business under
his training. He leaves a widow, also two daughters, Mrs. Wil-
liam O. Brown and Mrs. D. A. Corey, of Fitchburg, Mass.
His first wife, whom he married in 1828, died Aug. 1, 1861, just nine-
teen years previous to his decease. Ch.: 1. Eliza was b May
4, 1870, William O. Brown, b. Royalston, March 30, 1815; d. s.
p., June 29, 1890; was county commissioner. 3. Nellie, b. Jan.
31, 1844; m. D. A. Corey. She d. s. p., July 22, 1887.

4520. vii. F. LILLY, b. June 10, 1807; m. John Williams. He was b. in Shir-
ley, Mass., Sept. 27, 1806; m. Jan. 31, 1830; d. Jan. 11, 1882, in
Worcester, Mass. She d. May 8, 1882. Was a gear manu-
facturer. Ch.: 1. Martha Ann, b. Sept. 7, 1839; m., Feb. 7, 1860,
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4521. viii. CALVIN ANSON, b. Aug. 9, 1811; m. Mariah E. Bryant.


4522. i. FANNY HUSTON, b. Sept. 9, 1817.

4523. ii. DAUGHTER, b. 1813; d. Nov. 15, 1818.


4525. i. MARY A. E., b. Nov. 20, 1812; d. unm., July 9, 1857.

4526. ii. MARTHA BURRAGE, b. April 6, 1815; m. 1833, Daniel Pierson. She d. April 11, 1849, Wilmington, Mass. Her ch. are all dead.

4527. iii. IFA B., b. Dec. 28, 1816; m. Thirza F. Newhall.


4529. v. SARAH FULLER, b. May 29, 1822. She d. s. p., May 14, 1897, Hollis, N. H.


4532. viii. EMILY ANN, b. Aug. 14, 1830; m. March, 1878, Albert C. Tarlton. Res., Leicester, Mass. She has been m. three times; her first husband b. July 25, 1851; d. March 10, 1862.


4535. ii. CALEB, b. ———, 1775; m. ———.

4536. iii. SUSAN, b. 1792; m. ——— Currier. She d. 1873.


4538. v. ASA, b. 1786.

4539. vi. ELIZA, b. 1794; d. young.

4540. vii. DANIEL, b. 1800; d. young.

4541. viii. JONATHAN FOSTER (Hezekiah, Jonathan, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas), b. New Hampshire, ———; m. Mary Greeley. He was in the Revolutionary war and was a fifer at the battle of Bennington. He d. Res., New Hampshire.
ASA FOSTER (Joseph, John. Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas), b. Ware, Mass., Oct. 11, 1701; m., Barnard, Vt., Oct. 7, 1784, Ruth Chedle. b. April 24, 1765, in Ashford, Conn.; d. Stockholm, N. Y., April 29, 1829, dau. of Asa and Martha Paddock. Asa Foster, son of Deacon Joseph and Susanna Foster, was born in Ware, Mass., Oct. 11, 1701. He married Ruth Chedle, a Connecticut woman, and moved to Barnard, Vt. He took an active part in the defense of his adopted State. The records in the adjutant-general's office, Montpelier, Vt. show that 'Asa Foster served in Capt. Benjamin Cox's company of Ebenezer Allen's detachment, Vermont volunteers, in August, 1780, scouting in Barnard, and in October, 1780, scouting after the enemy to Brookfield; that in 1781 he served in Lieut. Beniah Green's Independent company of rangers.' Asa Foster was overseer of the poor, 1802.


ASA, b. Aug. 20, 1791. He was a minister and went to Bangor, Me., n. f. k.


ORRIN SABIN, b. March 16, 1797; m. Clementina Burrows.

LYMAN, b. Oct. 12, 1806; m. Phebe Ann Strong.

BENJAMIN GILMAN, b. May 16, 1812; m. Charlotte M. Brown.

HENRY, b. Sept. 9, 1803; m. Emily G. Hollbrook.

JOHN PADDOCK, b. April 21, 1799; m. Mrs. Fanny W. Rowley.

JUDAH ROBERT, b. May 31, 1801; d. unm.; was engaged to be married; wedding presents all purchased, but died two weeks before the wedding.

GEN. JOSEPH FOSTER (Joseph, John, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas), b. Ware, Mass., Sept. 10, 1720; m. Deborah Tracy, of Hartford, Conn., b. 1756; d. Nov. 15, 1818, sister of Hon. Andrew Tracy, of Woodstock, Vt.; m. 2d, in Brandon, Oct. 20, 1819, Dolly Parmenter, b. Northfield, Mass., May 3, 1782, dau. of Josiah and Bethiah (Holton) and d. Barnard, June 20, 1861. Deborah Tracy was b. March 10, 1756, the dau. of Thomas and Elizabeth (Warner) and granddaughter of Stephen and Deborah (Bingham). Elizabeth was the dau. of Joseph and Elizabeth (Allen) Warner. Stephen was son of John and Mary Jane (Prence) Tracy and grandson of Stephen and Triphosa (La ——) Tracy. Mary Jane Prence was the dau. of Gov. Thomas Prence and Mary (Collins) his second wife. With his two brothers, John and Peter, he settled in Barnard, Vt., the latter part of the seventeenth century. He was a brigadier-general of the Vermont militia and prominent and respected citizen. Joseph Foster was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He first enlisted in Ware, Mass., and later at Barnard, Vt. He made an application for a pension Aug. 9, 1832. His first service was from October, 1776, to Jan. 1, 1777, as a substitute in Captain Hinman's company from Connecticut. From spring of 1777, to July, 1777, was a private in the companies of Captains William Babridge and John Thompson. He also rendered about four months service in 1781 as a private on scouting expeditions under Lieut. Beniah Town and Captain Greene, of Vermont. General Joseph was selectman in 1790-1801; overseer of the poor in 1805-15-17-21; was representative in 1788-89.
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Inscription on grave stones in Barnard cemetery:

"Gen. Joseph Foster" died Dec. 27, 1839, ae. eighty years.

The path of the just is as a shining light that shineth
More and more with the perfect day."

"Deborah, wife of Gen. Joseph Foster, died Nov. 15, 1818, ae. sixty-two years.

The sweet remembrance of the just
Shall flourish when they sleep in dust."

"Dolly, widow of Gen. Joseph Foster, died June 20, 1861, ae. seventy-nine years."


1282. HON. JOHN FOSTER (Joseph, John, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas), b. Ware, Mass., Sept. 3, 1757; m. Barnard, Vt., Oct. 13, 1784, Experience Gray, b. March 13, 1761. She d. May 25, 1826; m. 2d, Mrs. Rachel (Richmond) (Myrick) Chamberlain. She was prob. b. in Taunton, Mass., widow of Ebenezer Myrick and later widow of John Chamberlain. She d. s. p. He was born on the old homestead in Ware and moved to Barnard, Vt., with his parents. There he was a prominent and useful citizen. Was deacon of the church; captain of the local militia (he having seen service in the Revolutionary war) and representative in the Legislature for thirteen consecutive years. Was also justice of the peace. Inscription on his gravestone in Barnard cemetery: "John Foster, Esq., died Aug. 17, 1848, ae. ninety years, eleven months, eighteen days. May his piety and virtues long live in the hearts of his friends and posterity." John Foster was in the Revolutionary army, enlisting in Ware, Mass., September, 1777, for three months, as a substitute in Capt. John Crawford's company in Colonel Cushing's regiment. Next as sergeant under Captain Cox at the fort in Barnard, Vt. This was in the year 1780. He made application for a pension, Aug. 9, 1832, then in his seventy-fifth year. He was at the surrender of General Burgoyne in 1777. Deacon John was town treasurer of Barnard from 1726 to 1815; was moderator in 1789-91-93-95-96-98-100-102-104-106-108-110-113-115-116-119-121-124; selectman in 1793-5-1804-5-1813-14-15; overseer of the poor, 1802-7-18-20; was representative in the Legislature, 1780-92-94-96-97-1822. Deacon John was a member of Constitutional Convention in 1814.


4504. iii. LOUISA, b. March 13, 1792; m. Feb. 27, 1817, in Barnard, Samuel Granger, of New Braintree, Mass. He was b. Aug. 12, 1788, in New Braintree, Mass. She d. April 9, 1870, in Decatur, Ill.

4505. iv. EXPERIENCE, b. July 25, 1794. John Foster, Esq., had a daughter by the name of Experience, went by the name of "Speedy." She married William Bennett, and it was at their house that John Foster died. I am quite sure they had two boys that settled somewhere in the west; think one of their names was Montgomery Bennett. I find no record of the marriage or birth of the children. A grave stone with this inscription marks where she was buried: "Experience, wife of William Bennett, d. May 13, 1845. ae. 51 years." He d. in Barnard, Vt., Nov. 18, 1865, ae. eighty years. Ch.: 1. Nelson T. 2. Susan Experience, m. Waterman Hill. Res., Milford Centre, Ohio.

4506. v. ANNA, b. May 29, 1798; m. Jan. 7, 1823, John Smith, of Montpelier; m. 2d, Eleazer Crocker Smith. John Smith, b. Oct. 1, 1763; d. April 14, 1855. She d. April 22, 1869. Her second husband was her first husband's brother, b. June 26, 1791. They had seven ch., and all d. young.

4507. vi. SARAH, b. April 18, 1787; m. Robert Tucker. She d. Dec. 1, 1846. (see).


4509. viii. JOEL, b. April 10, 1802; m. Livinia Armstrong.

4510. ix. MOSES, b. March 20, 1800; m. Fannie Crowell.
4283. CAPT. PETER FOSTER (Joseph, John, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas), b. Ware, Mass., May 31, 1764; m., in Barnard, Vt., Jan. 1, 1793, Sarah Herridan, b. 1768. She d. in Barnard, May 11, 1805; m., 2d, Feb. 25, 1806, Susanna Henry. He was born on the old homestead in Ware, Mass.; removed to Barnard, Vt., with his parents. There he always resided and was a prominent and respected citizen. Was captain of the local militia and held other town and church offices. The house he lived in at Barnard is still standing. He deeded it away in 1838. Capt. Peter Foster was overseer of the poor in 1814.


4571. i. PETER, b. May 5, 1797; m. Anne McIntosh.

4572. ii. HANNAH, b. April 27, 1790.

4573. iii. LYDIA, b. Feb. 13, 1792.

4574. iv. JACOB, b. June 27, 1799.

4575. v. JAMES HENRY, b. Dec. 25, 1793; m. Mary Johnston.

4576. vi. EUNICE, b. May 30, 1802; d. March 11, 1806.


4288. MOSES FOSTER (Jonathan, John, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas), b. Ware, Mass., June 22, 1768; m., Dec. 29, 1796, there, Anna Joslyn, b. 1776; d. Aug. 27, 1800. He was born in Ware and always resided there on the farm given him by his father and located by his great-grandfather. He lived there for sixty-six years, respected and esteemed by all.


4578. i. JONATHAN, b. Oct. 30, 1797; m. Sarah W. Edson.

4579. ii. ASAHEL B., b. May 14, 1799; m. Avis Tolpliff.


4580. i. JAMES, b. 1793; m. Sarah Ripley.

4293. ROBERT FOSTER (Robert, Samuel, John, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Kingston, Mass., abt. 1760; m. Elizabeth —. Res., in Duchess county, N. Y.

4581. i. NATHANIEL, b. May 17, 1781; m. Polly Simmons and Mary Howes.


4583. ii. LUCY, b. 1804; m. Thomas Howard, of West Bridgewater.

4584. iii. ALEXANDER B., b. ——; m. Betsey Sprague.

4585. iv. NATHANIEL, b. 1799; m. Betsey Filkins.

4586. v. WILLIAM A., b. ——; m. Aseneth ——.

4296. JOSEPH FOSTER (Robert, Samuel, John, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Kingston, Mass.; m. Lydia Cook. She d. in 1846.

Joseph Foster, of Kingston; Joseph Holmes appointed administrator March 20, 1826; wife Lydia; heirs not mentioned.

Lydia Foster, of Kingston, widow; Sylvanus Packard appointed administrator Feb. 24, 1826; no heirs mentioned.


4587. i. AMELIA, b. 1806; m. Cephas Bumpas.

4588. ii. JOSEPH, b. 1809.

4589. iii. LYDIA COOK, b. 1811; m. Asa Cushman.

4590. iv. SALLY COOK, b. 1814; m. Joseph Lovering.

4591. v. CAROLINE, b. 1815.

4592. vi. BETSEY, b. 1817.

4593. vii. MARY ANN, b. 1819; m. ——.

4594. viii. LUCIA MERTON, b. 1821.
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1801. SETH FOSTER (Seth, Thomas, John, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Mass.; m. Hampton, N. B., Mary Daniels. She d. Millstream, N. B., June 19, 1830. Res. Studholm, N. B.

1802. i. JOSEPH, b. June 29, 1806; m. Margaret Haney.


1804. i. JAMES, b. abt. 1808; m. Mary Elizabeth Purdy.

1805. ii. SEITH, b. Nov. 19, 1814; m. Sarah M. English.

1806. iii. SARAH, b. —.

1807. iii. MARIA, b. —.


1809. i. ABBEY BILLINGS, b. June 19, 1826; m. Nov. 1857, Judson Adams, of Northbridge. She d. in Oakham, Oct. 16, 1881.


1811. iii. SAMUEL JAMES, b. Feb. 9, 1831; m. Mrs. Sarah W. Rawson.

1812. iv. NATHANIEL H., b. Dec. 17, 1832; m. Mary E. Draper and Mary A. Webster.

1813. v. ADELINE AUGUSTA, b. May, 1835; d. July 30, 1839.

1814. vi. ADDISON CARY, b. Sept. 1, 1837; m. Lydia H. Clapp.

1815. vii. ALBERT HENRY, b. April 12, 1839; m. Addie M. Ashby.


1817. i. SON, b. July 12, 1821; d. March 22, 1825.


1822. ii. EMILY, b. April 6, 1832; d. June 23, 1896.

1823. DAVID HOWLAND FOSTER (David, Isaac, Josiah, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Pembroke, Mass., ——; m. Deborah ——. She d. Jan. 13, 1896. David H. Foster, of Pembroke; will written, Feb. 15, 1875; probated, April 12, 1880; wife,
Deborah: sons, Horace J., of Pembroke; Jarius H., of Woburn; Jared P., of parts unknown; Hiram, of Duxbury, and John and Otis, of Pembroke. Deborah Foster, of Pembroke; Horace J. Foster appointed administrator Feb. 24, 1806; children, Horace J. Foster, of Pembroke; Jarius H. Foster, of Woburn; Jared P. Foster of Newport, Ark.; Hiram Foster and Otis Foster, of Pembroke, and John Foster, of Hanson—all sons of said deceased.


4614. i. HORACE J., b. ——. Res., Pembroke.

4615. ii. JARIUS H., b. ——. Res., Woburn.

4616. iii. JARED P., b. ——. Res., Newport, Ark.


4618. v. JOHN, b. ——. Res., Pembroke.

4619. vi. OTIS, b. ——. Res., Pembroke.

4322. EDWARD FOSTER (Edward, Joseph, Joseph, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Boston, Mass., 1750; m. Jane Thompson. She d. in Halifax, Nov. 25, 1776; m. 2d, Sarah Gide. She d. in Halifax, Nov. 7, 1800. Edward was born, doubtless, in Boston, about 1750. He went with his father, as a Loyalist, to Halifax, in 1776, and, in 1778, was proscribed and banished. With his father he conducted large iron works in Dartmouth, N. S. His wife's name was Sarah. He must have been the Edward Foster who, on May 1, 1797, obtained a grant of eleven acres of land in the township of Dartmouth. Sabine (edition of 1864, p. 432) says that about the year 1814 he settled in Union, Me., and died there in 1822, ae. seventy-two. History of the town of Union, Me., says: "About the year 1814 came Edward Foster from Halifax. He was the father of Major Robert Foster. He had left Massachusetts when the Loyalists, or Tories as they were called, were obliged to go off. There seem to have been two men of the name, a father and a son." Edis Gazette, July 29, 1776, states: "We hear that yesterday a prize was sent into Salem with Ben Davis and son Edward Foster, and about a dozen other Tories on board. She was bound to New York with stolen dry goods."

Edward forged the first anchor that was made in America.


4620. i. ROBERT, b. Nov. 4, 1773; m. Maria Emerson.

4621. ii. PATTY, b. ——.

4622. iii. WILLIAM, b. Nov. 21, 1789; m. Eliza Temple Allen.

4623. iv. EDWARD, b. ——.

4624. v. TEMPLE, b. ——.

4625. vi. MARY, b. ——; m. William Albro.

4626. vii. ANN, b. ——; m. —— Lawson.

4627. viii. SARAH, b. ——; m. —— Dolby.

4628. ix. ELIZABETH, b. ——.

4629. x. JANE, b. ——.


4630. i. THOMAS, b. Nov. 12, 1772; m. Elizabeth Thomas.


4631. i. JAMES, b. ——; m. ——.

4329. JOSEPH FOSTER (Edward, Joseph, Joseph, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Port Medway, N. S., 1763; m. in Liverpool, N. S., Lydia Freeman; d. abt. 1823. He was a farmer. He d. 1853. Res., Port Medway, N. S.

4632. i. BENJAMIN, b. Jan. 17, 1800; m. Abigail Murray.

4633. ii. SAMUEL F., b. February, 1796; m. Mehitable Cole.


SUSANNA, b. Oct. 27, 1795, Ashfield; d. May 23, 1797.

LEWIS, b. Sept. 23, 1797, Ashfield; m. Mrs. Martha (Gould) Noyes.


WILLIAM, b. Nov. 26, 1801, Ashfield; m. Eliza A. Hall, Matilda W. Foster and Mary F. Miller.

ALLEN, b. March 10, 1804, Ashfield; d. May 4, 1837.

EMILY, b. May 20, 1806, Ashfield; m. Euphrosa M. Allin.

WILLIAM, b. Nov. 26, 1801, Ashfield; m. Eliza A. Hall, Matilda W. Foster and Mary F. Miller.

JOSEPH CUMMINGS, b. Feb. 12, 1810, Ashfield; m. Almena S. Foster.


JULIA, b. March 17, 1815; d. March 21, 1817.


NANCY FAIRBANKS, b. Ashfield, March 11, 1805; m., April, 1833, Otis Wheeler. She d. Aug. 28, 1850.


MOSES FULLER, b. Marietta, O., May 21, 1819; d. 1822.

ALMENA SOPHIA, b. Marietta, O., Aug. 16, 1811; m. Joseph Cummings Foster (see).

MATILDA WHITE, b. Marietta, O., Sept. 24, 1813; m. William Foster. (see).


MARY MORIAH, b. Marietta, O., Nov. 6, 1821; d. Nov., 1839.

JOHN MILTON, b. Marietta, O., Oct. 18, 1828; m. Catherine McNeil.

LEWIS DEXTER, b. March 18, 1846.

ELISHA FOSTER (Nathaniel; Joseph, Joseph, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Hinwdale, N. H., March 31, 1764; m., Salisbury, N. Y., Polly Streeter, b. June

4665. i. ELNATHAN, b. Nov. 2, 1793; m. Elizabeth Tallcott.

4666. ii. HENRY, b. Sept. 4, 1790; m. Amanda Hoisington.

4667. iii. ABEL, b. May 22, 1801; m. ---.

4668. iv. LEWIS, b. June 30, 1807; m. ---.


4673. ix. CLARISSA, b. Oct. 8, 1809; m. --- Klock. Res., Wellsville, N. Y. She d. March 14, 1892. A son is Lewis Klock, of Wellsville, and a dau. is Mrs. W. S. Brown, of Philadelphia, N. Y.

4674. x. CHARLOTTE, b. Sept. 25, 1813; m. George Decker. After his death, she married a Mr. Lucius Dotz, a Union soldier in the war of 1860-65, who is now dead. She is living; her oldest is Nelson Decker, of Devereaux, Herkimer county, N. Y. Her address is Stratford, Fulton county, N. Y.


Nathaniel Foster, justly celebrated as a hunter and trapper of northern New York, was a native of Hinsdale, Windham county, Vt.; the town is now called Vernon. He was named after his father and was born about the year 1767. At the age of twenty-three he married Miss Jemima, daughter of Amos Streetor, of New Hampshire; a year or two after which, and nine or ten years subsequent to the close of the Revolution, he moved to the town of Salisbury, Herkimer county, New York; at which time the country around his new home was mostly a wilderness. In person he was nearly six feet high, erect and strongly built, with a large muscular frame that seemed well-fitted for fatigue. His features were commanding though not finely marked and when cheerfulness lit up his countenance through his keen, dark eye they were rather prepossessing. His complexion was sallow, his hair was a sandy brown, but not very gray to the hour of his death, although he grew bald in the latter part of his life.

At the time of Foster’s emigration to New York wild game was so abundant in the northerly part of Herkimer county that with his fondness for the excitement attending a hunter’s life, circumstances combined to make him a perfect Nimrod. To adopt the language of a correspondent, “He was a Leatherstocking of an original stamp, and devoted to a wild-wood life.” He began pioneer residence in the winter and the following spring he took a sufficient quantity of fur, principally beaver, to purchase a cow and many articles necessary in housekeeping. He afterward obtained yearly large quantities of valuable fur, such as beaver, otter, muskrat, marten, etc. He has been known to have three or four hundred muskrat traps set in a single season, employing at times several men to help him tend them.

Deer, bears and wolves were so numerous, for years Foster made his home on
the borders of the forest, that he slaughtered them in great numbers. Indeed, it is believed that he has killed more of those animals collectively than any other individual in the State during the same period; having slain no less than seventy-six deer in one season and ninety-six bears in three seasons. He has also been known to kill twenty-five wolves in one year, having a line of traps set for them from Salisbury to the St. Lawrence. These animals were so great a pest among the sheepfolds when the country was new, that a liberal bounty was paid for their destruction by the state, increased at times by the liberality of certain counties and towns in which they were the most numerous. The avails of his hunting and trapping amounted in one year, when a liberal price was set upon wolves, to the sum of twelve hundred and fifty dollars. He occasionally killed a panther. The bounties paid for the destruction of wild animals often made the taxes of the frontier towns a burden, and a wealthy farmer in the neighborhood of Foster took a stand one season which prevented the paying of such a reward for the destruction of wolves as hunters thought they deserved. The consequence was that all the old and young Nimrods in the vicinity turned their attention to other game and purposely let the wolves alone, which in a year or two more were greatly on the increase. Foster told his former friend at the election he would be sorry for the manner in which he voted, and, after the animals had had time to increase, he was not much surprised one morning to hear a most pitiful story from him about the injuries he had sustained the night before by the wolves; they had been into his sheepfold and destroyed more property in a single night than his tax when the highest bounty was paid for their scalps had amounted to in several years. He soon found, to use a hunter's phrase, he was 'barking up the wrong tree' for sympathy. "Well," said Leatherstockings, with not a little manifest indifference, "I don't know as I can pity you much. If you are unwilling to pay me for protecting your sheep you must buy traps and take care of them yourself." It is perhaps unnecessary to add, the pecunious farmer was ready to vote a more liberal bounty than ever for the destruction of wolves at the next proper election.

Some winters Foster turned his attention almost wholly to the killing of deer, disposing of their saddles and skins for the eastern market. The visitor to the Albany museum will there see the skin of a large moose which was shot by this hunter, and for which he received from the proprietors some fifty dollars. There is the skin of another large moose in a New York or Philadelphia museum also killed by this hunter. The following incident attended the death of one of those animals: Foster had a favorite dog, as fond of hunting as was his master. The bay of this sagacious animal one day called its owner to a retired spot in the forest where he discovered Watch holding a moose by the nose; keeping his own body between the forelegs of his adversary to avoid the blows aimed at him with the antlers of the enraged animal, which formidable weapons weighed together nearly thirty pounds.

On nearing the spot, Foster sent a bullet through the heart of the moose, which, in its death struggle, dashed the dog off with a terrible blow. The print of the dog's teeth remained upon the nose of the moose, but both animals appeared to be dead. Foster took off his coat and laid his canine friend upon it, at which time a partner in the hunt arrived upon the ground. With a heavy heart Foster prepared to skin the game, when his comrade observing a moving of the muscles about the dog's neck and told the former it would recover. But the old hunter shook his head, doubtingly. After a while Watch raised his head slowly from the ground to receive the caress of his master, but as soon as his eye rested upon his fellow antagonist, he sprang to his feet and seized the lifeless animal by the throat, from which he was, with no little difficulty, removed. The restoration of his favorite dog to life caused Foster more real joy than could possibly the killing of a dozen moose.

One or two years after Nathaniel Foster settled in Salisbury, his father removed from the east with his family, and located in the same town. He, too, was something of a sportsman. Nathaniel had two brothers younger than himself who, as they attained sufficient age, indulged occasionally in hunting deer. The following incident will show how providentially the elder brother was once saved from harm. His brother, Elisha, having on some occasion borrowed his gun, sent it home by a young son. The lad, as he neared the dwelling, saw his uncle going in at the door, and to be very smart, as boys sometimes are, he drew up the piece and snapped it at him. On entering the house he told his kinsman what he had done; when the old hunter took the piece from the hand of his nephew, walked to the door and snapped it and a bullet whizzed through the air from its muzzle.
He remarked as he went to set it away that he had shot seventy-six deer with his rifle that season and it had not before missed fire in a single instance during the whole time.

The rifle with which Foster usually hunted would carry two balls as well as one, and when he desired to render the death of large game doubly sure, he loaded with two bullets. Foster and Stoner had each a rifle at one time made after the same pattern by Willis Avery, of Salisbury, and called double shooters. They were made with a single barrel with two locks, one placed above the other far enough to admit of two charges, and have the upper charge of powder rest upon the lower bullet. The locks were made for percussion pills and when the pick, which crushed the pill at the first lock was down, there was no danger to be apprehended in firing the lower charge. These rifles cost about seventy dollars each. That of Stoner was borne by a soldier into the Florida war.

The following incident will serve to show one of the numberless perils to which hunters are exposed in the forest. Nathaniel Foster and his brother, Shubael, were on a deer hunt many years ago in St. Lawrence county, when the former came suddenly upon two noble bucks trying titles to the soil. To end the dispute, he drew up and shot one, and, as it fell, the other bounded off a few rods and halted to witness a more novel engagement than its own recent one. The fallen deer was not killed but was badly stunned by the ball striking it near the backbone, and as the hunter ran up to cut its throat, the animal sprang upon its haunches and in its own defense struck furiously at him with its antlers. Quick as thought, this modern Leatherstocking placed the knife between his teeth and grappled the weapons of his unexpected foe. The struggle for the mastery was long and fierce, the hunter not daring to let go his hold; but, as good luck would have it, he got the head of the deer between two trees, against one of which a horn was broken and the worried animal thrown down. Before it could recover, the hunter dealt it a blow upon the head with a club fortune had placed at his command, when he succeeded in cutting its throat. The tussle lasted more than thirty minutes, and when his brother arrived upon the ground he found the grass and bushes trampled down for several rods around. The strength of the hunter was nearly exhausted in the engagement, while his tattered garments gave evidence that a visit to his wardrobe would alone restore his outward man to the condition it was an hour before.

On a certain occasion, Shubael Foster visited a wolf-trap in company with his brother, Nathaniel, in which a wolf was caught by one of its hind legs. It crawled under a log on their approach, and the senior hunter, conceiving it would make him a fine pet, resolved to take the snarler home alive. With a forked stick he fixed a kind of halter upon its nose and loosening it from the trap he thus led the captive home. It would go ten or fifteen rods as quietly as a dog and then spring at their faces with all its might. He kept it muzzled and fasting about the house for several days, much of which time it concealed itself under a bed. It was finally slain and a bounty taken for its scalp.

Nathaniel Foster was familiarly called "Uncle Nat," among his intimate friends. His early advantages at school were limited, as were those of many of the hardy pioneers of western and northern New York who chanced to be boys in the great American contest for liberty. When he settled in Salisbury he could neither read nor write; but about the year 1810, William Waterman, then a merchant in Salisbury, learned him to write at his store, as he informed the author.

The northerly part of Herkimer county was not only a wilderness when Foster began the life of a hunter, but much of it is still in a state of nature. It is dotted with numerous crystal lakes and rivulets, to the shores of which Foster was invited in his hunting excursions as wild game grew scarce nearer his home. About the year 1793 or 1794 Mr. W. S. Benchley, of Newport, N. Y., who was acquainted with Uncle Nat, and who has often been on Brown's tract with Foster and since his day has kindly furnished several incidents in the old trapper's life, and a description of the tract, or a portion of it can be found in a history of Foster published in New York State. Foster had considerable trouble with an Indian who was the aggressor in several cases and finally killed him in self-defense. Foster was tried for the shooting, but was at once acquitted.

He died at his daughter's in Ava, N. Y., March 16, 1840. Res., Salisbury, N. Y. 4069. i. REUBEN, b. —; m. —.

4070. ii. JEMIMA, b. Nov. 8, 1794; m., in Salisbury, N. Y., Daniel Edgerton, b. Nov. 20, 1791, Lyune, Conn; d. Ava, N. Y., Nov. 21, 1870. She d. there April 15, 1873. Was a farmer. Ch. 1.
Marius Edgerton, b. in Columbia, Herkimer county, N. Y., Sept. 15, 1815; d. at Ava, N. Y., November, 1867. No ch. 2. Augustus, b. June 20, 1817; d. Dec. 4, 1897. No ch. 3. Jedediah Edgerton, b. March 27, 1819; d. April 15, 1897. D. O. Edgerton, D. D., the oldest son of Jedediah, died several years ago. Hon. F. A. Edgerton, second son, now resides in Rochester, N. Y. Prof. E. E. Edgerton, third son, resides at Clinton, N. Y. 4. Jane, wife of G. Vary, fourth child of Daniel Edgerton, b. Feb. 11, 1821; d. at Ava, Dec. 7, 1894. No ch. 5. Nathaniel Edgerton, b. June 21, 1823; m. Bertha Foster, May 30, 1866. P. O. address, Phelps, Ontario county, N. Y. Emeline E., b. July 20, 1877; m. D. D. Dickerson, Aug. 4, 1892. P. O. address Volga, S. D. 6. Prof. D. D. Edgerton, LL. D., b. 1838. P. O. address, Phelps, N. Y. 7. John M. Edgerton, b. July 14, 1836; m. Oct. 13, 1859, Sophia E. Cronk, b. July 21, 1837. Is a farmer and merchant and is now retired. Res., 102 West street, Utica, N. Y. Ch. : (a) Byron L., b. July 24, 1860. (b) Rae A., b. Oct. 11, 1862. (c) Earl Foster, b. Oct. 10, 1864. Earl Foster d. Oct. 21, 1864 Rae A. d. Oct. 30, 1864. (d) Rae A., second, b. April 21, 1865. (e) Myra L., b. March 29, 1868. (f) K. Winona, b. Nov. 18, 1871. (g) Effie Leon., b. Nov. 15, 1874. (b) Gideon V., b. March 4, 1877; d. Aug. 19, 1879. Byron L., m. June 11, 1884, P. O. address, 49 Churchill av., Utica, N. Y. Rae A., m. July 8, 1897. P. O. address, 49 Grove street New York city. 8. Eliza J. Edgerton, b. Sept. 18, 1851; Rome, Oneida county, N. Y. o. Mary L. Edgerton (wife of Selden Palmer), b. Feb. 10, 1854. Of the eleven children of Jemima and Daniel Edgerton only five of that number raised families, viz.: Jedediah had four that grew to be men of families. D. O. Edgerton was called the boy preacher; he commenced at the age of seventeen years. His knowledge of the Bible, control of language, and eloquence of speech was one of the wonders of the age; he died at the age of twenty-eight years. Hon. F. A.; P. O. address, Rochester, N. Y., Prof. E. E., and J. P. Edgerton, were the four sons of Jedediah Edgerton. Nathaniel Edgerton has two children, Arthur and Jennie, address is Phelps, Ontario county, N. Y. Emeline E., wife of D. D. Dickerson has one daughter, Mary, who married a man by the name, Truman; P. O. address is Volga Brookings county, S. D. John M. has five ch.; B. L. is with him in Utica; Rae A. is connected with the police in New York city; and three daughters, who are with him. Daniel Edgerton was born in the town of Lyme, New London county, Conn., Nov. 29, 1791. His father, Jedediah Edgerton, formerly moved from the state of Rhode Island to Connecticut. About the year 1806, he moved with his family to Schoharie, N. Y. He bought a small farm, where the family resided until Daniel became of age. He then went to Salisbury, Herkimer county, soon after he married Jemima Foster. Then he bought a farm in the town of Columbia, Herkimer county, (at that time New York was a slave state), and with the farm there were two slaves, Black Molly and Tim. When he sold this farm he gave them their liberty, a small house and two acres of land, where they lived until they died. Daniel, at this time, had two children. In the spring, 1818, he, with his family, moved to Antwerp, Jefferson county, where he remained about eight years, where he was nicely located and made some money. For two or three years fever and ague was so prevalent he sold out and came as far as Pickney, where he remained one year. Then he bought a farm in the town of Martinsburg and remained in that place seven years, when he sold out and came to Boonville (now Ava) in 1835, where he lived the remainder of his life. His death occurred Nov. 21, 1870. He had been a resident of Ava for thirty-five years; he had seen years of pioneer life and toil, and was one of those before whose strong arm and resolute will nature's primeval elements gave way to make room for the light and blessings of civilization.
his domestic relations he was the kind and considerate husband, the mild, firm father; in his social circle, a firm, enduring friend. His conversation, enlightened by his hearty laugh, and sweetened by the cheerful smile of green old age, rendered his last days pleasant and happy; in business, the upright man; as a citizen, dearly he loved and deeply he felt for his country, realizing that the sunlight of national blessing gleamed around the pathway of the humblest walk in life. The Bible for his companion, and his interest in things heavenly and divine so sincere during the last years of his life, so tranquil and untroubled, led all to believe that his march was triumphant from the death river strand up to the eternal throne. In politics, he was an ardent Republican, although the town was Democratic, he was elected to many prominent offices and in every case he discharged every duty very acceptably and with credit to himself and friends.

John M. Edgerton, born in Boonville, Oneida county, N. Y., July 14, 1836. At the time above mentioned, the town of Ava (then Boonville) was comparatively a new country. At the age of six years John M. commenced to attend the district school of the town; in the fall and spring was employed on his father's farm. In summer, while attending school, it was John M.'s business to hurry home and drive up the cows, and then drive them away to the pasture after milking. On the farm his father usually kept from thirty to forty cows. He attended the district school until he was about seventeen years old, when he commenced to attend the Dilla high school, where he attended several terms. The next course was the Rome academy, several terms, and finished up at Charlottesville with a thorough academic training. At the age of twenty-one he received an appointment in the engineer department of New York State; remained there two years; soon after bought a farm and married Miss Sophia Cronk, of western N. Y.; continued farming in connection with the lumber trade in northern New York for several years; soon after purchased the store and hotel at Ava formerly owned by Morse & Tiffany; carried on business for two years; sold out and occupied the farm. He also owned machine shop and saw-mill, which he carried on at the same time. Being a Republican and living in a Democratic town, he took an interest in politics; was elected supervisor of the town five terms; in 1885, accepted the position of law clerk in the county clerk's office of the county; served in such capacity three years. He also assisted in indexing all the books in said office, which cost two years' hard labor; next came the books in the surrogate's office which lasted one year more. Since that time he has retired from business. He is now sixty-two years old and is willing to rest for a few years.

4671. iii. DAVID, b. --.
4672. iv. NELLIE, b. --.
4673. v. AMOS, b. --.
4674. vi. SOPHIA, b. --.
4675. vii. SIX other children, d. young.

4351. ABRAHAM FOSTER (Joseph, Joseph, Joseph, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Barnstable, Mass., abt. 1769; m. Sabra Scott. He was born in Massachusetts and migrated to New York State with his brother, David, about 1792. He first located in Norway, soon moved to Fairfield and finally located in Middleville, where he died. Was always a farmer. He d. Jan. 27, 1813. Res., Middleville, N. Y.

4676. i. ASAPH, b. Sept. 27, 1796; m. Rachel Stout.
4677. ii. ELIJAH, b. April 13, 1795.
4678. iii. BETSEY, b. 1801.

4680. v. VIÑONA, b. —
4681. vi. CAROLINE, b. —
4682. vii. ALMIRA, b. —
4683. viii. MARYA, b. —
4684. ix. SOLOMEN, b. —

4352. DAVID FOSTER (Joseph, Joseph, Joseph, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. March 2, 1771, Barnstable, Mass., m. ——. David Foster was born in Massachusetts; emigrated with his brother, Abraham, to Norway, N. Y.; then moved to Fairfield, and finally settled in Newport, where he died. Keith Hawkins, of Newport, N. Y., is a grandson.

He d. ——. Res., Newport, N. Y.

4685. i. CLARISSA, b. —
4686. ii. SOPHRONIA, b. —
4687. iii. FREELAND, b. —
4688. iv. DELIA, b. —
4689. v. LYDIA, b. —
4690. vi. SOLOMEN, b. —
4691. vi. DAVID, b. —


4692. i. MARY ANN, b. April 20, 1804; m., April 16, 1826, William Burnett. She d. Sept. 6, 1832.
4693. ii. CAROLINE, b. July 26, 1805; m., Jan. 31, 1831, Erastus Hunn.
4694. iii. CHARLES DYER, b. Jan. 11, 1807; d. May 16, 1827.


4697. i. ANNA, b. Sidney Hastings county, C. W., May 11, 1814; d. June 1, 1814.
4698. ii. BENJAMIN, b. Sidney, Hastings county, C. W., Jan. 19, 1816; m. Amelia Salisbury.
4699. iii. JOSEPH, b. Sidney, Hastings county, C. W., Sept. 3, 1818; m., January, 1843, Lydia Ann Haight.
4702. vi. JAMES, b. Sidney, Hastings county, C. W., Feb. 25, 1825; m., July 15, 1845, Hannah Wood.
4703. vii. DANIEL, b. Sidney, Hastings county, C. W., May 12, 1827; m., Dec. 20, 1855, Sarah Jane Vroman.
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4706. x. THEODORE HUNTINGTON, b. July 15, 1834.
4707. xi. WILLIAM ALFORD, b. Oct. 1, 1837.

4731. iii. SALLY B., b. July 5, 1802; m., Sept. 28, 1825, James Dean. A descendant is Mrs. Geo. L. Prentice, of Putnam, Conn.
FOSTER GENEALOGY.

4736. vi. JOHN, b. July 6, 1810; m. Mary Sedgewick.
4738. viii. FREEMAN SHAW, b. April 26, 1816; m. Sarah D. Tolman and Mrs. Harriet Gould White.

4376. DR. JAMES FOSTER (Chillingsworth, James, Chillingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Rochester, Mass., 1761; m., May 18, 1783, Martha Dunster. He d. June 30, 1811. Res., Rochester, Mass

4739. i. JOSIAH DENNIS, b. Feb. 24, 1784. He was a physician in Rochester, and died at the age of twenty-eight. The Plymouth Probate records say: "Josiah Dennis Foster, of Rochester, physician; Nathan Willis appointed administrator Oct. 26, 1812; died insolvent: no heirs mentioned."

4740. ii. ISAIAH DUNSTER, b. Feb. 2, 1791. He was a practicing physician in Rochester. He d. in 1813. From the Probate records, at Plymouth, it is learned that Isaiah Dunster Foster, of Rochester, physician; Nathan Willis appointed administrator July 5, 1813. He d. insolvent, but the court ordered a certain amount of the property to be distributed among Elkanah Foster, the heirs of Chillingsworth Foster, deceased; the heirs of Samuel Foster, deceased; the heirs of Deborah Pope, deceased; Hannah Dunster, Judith M. Dunster, Mary Dunster; the heirs of Abigail Dunster, deceased; the heirs of Thankful Pope, deceased, and the heirs of Ruby Pierce, deceased.

4741. iii. JAMES, b. —. Like his brothers, he was a physician, in Rochester, and died in 1811. The Plymouth Probate record says: "James Foster, Jr., of Rochester, physician; Nathan Willis appointed administrator Aug. 22, 1811. He died insolvent; owned some real estate in the State of Ohio, Meigs county; nothing in the papers show that he left heirs or widow."

4391. CAPT. STEPHEN FOSTER (James, James, Chillingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Rochester, Mass., July 31, 1772; m., Jan. 3, 1802, Mary King, b. 1752; d. May 18, 1857. He went to Vermont before marriage and settled in East Montpelier. He made the journey to Rochester in 1801, and returned, taking with him his young wife, Mary, daughter of Jonathan King. He was a lieutenant in the Volunteer company that went out from Vermont to Plattsburg, N. Y., in 1814. He was afterward made a captain in the militia, and by this title was ever afterward known. Besides being a farmer he was a carpenter and millwright. The house which he built is occupied by his grandson, Edwin. He was a man of strong convictions and decided views in matters pertaining to politics and religion. He was one of the founders of the Universalist church. Possessing an excellent judgment, he was frequently consulted by his neighbors who left decisions to him rather than try them in court. He d. April 3, 1850. Res., East Montpelier, Vt.


4743. ii. MARY, b. Aug. 11, 1804; d. March 28, 1806.

4744. iii. STEPHEN, b. July 12, 1806; m. Maria Kimball and Caroline B. Evans.

4745. iv. GEORGE KING, b. May 21, 1808; m. Elvira Cleveland.

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Frederick H., b. May 1, 1852; m., Dec. 3, 1873, Ella C. Stevens; two ch.


HENRY DEARBORN, b. April 23, 1815; m. Sarah Bassett.

CAROLINE, b. April 30, 1806; m., June 19, 1825, Prince Snow, of Mattapoisett Res., Plymouth. He was b. Jan. 30, 1798; d. March 10, 1888. Two ch.: Walter Wood; and Dennis Foster, b. April 25, 1832; m., March 30, 1856, Jane Washburne. Had three ch.

JAMES, b. Feb. 24, 1808; m. Susan Bunker and Mrs. Annie E. Edwards.

EBENEZER LATHROP, b. Dec. 9, 1800; m. Nancy Bryant Cushman.

DENNIS, b. ---; d., ae. nineteen.

ISAIAH DUNSTER, b. Aug. 2, 1814; m. Martha B. Cushman.

HENRY, b. May 9, 1817; m. Sarah A. Stertevant and Rebecca Jane Calvert.

JOHN MURRAY, b. June 27, 1823; m. Esther H. Sowle.
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Seth Foster, Sr., was born in the town of Hardwick, state of Massachusetts; his father being Edward Foster, b. July 3, 1738, at Rochester, Mass., and his mother being Deborah Bangs, b. Feb. 5, 1744, at Harvard, Mass. She d. in January, 1825, and is buried at Broome, Schoharrie county, N. Y. He married Miss Hannah Shays, dau. of Gen. Daniel Shays, by whom he had seven children, named respectively: Thomas Jefferson, Polly, Amy, Seth, J., Clarisa, Cynthia and Norman. He d. — and was buried beside her husband.

Shays was born in Hopkinton, Mass., in 1747, and died in Sparta, N. Y., Sept. 29, 1825. He was an ensign at the battle of Bunker Hill, and afterward a captain. Captain Shays, then living in the western part of Massachusetts, was chosen leader of a well-organized band of insurgents, which included many prominent, but erratic citizens, who, in January, 1777, made a feeble attempt to capture the Continental Arsenal, at Springfield, and secure a removal of the heavy, and as they thought, unjust taxes caused by the high salaries paid to state and county officials. In February, 1788, Shays's army was entirely overcome. He retired to Vermont, and later received a pardon. In his old age the State of Massachusetts gave him a pension for military services during the Revolution.


4760. ii. THOMAS JEFFERSON, b. ——; d. young.

4761. iii. POLLY, b. ——; m. Jeremiah Hatch and Aaron Service.

4762. iv. ANNY, b. ——; m., —— Andrus.

4763. v. CLARISSA, b. ——; m. Levi Springsteen. Ch.: Cally and Harry.


4765 vii. SETH, b. March 3, 1790; m. Fannie Alverson and Nancy Gamble.


4766. i. HEGGIE, b. ——; m. —— Streeter. Ch.: Warren and Cynthia.

4768. ii. EDWARD, b. ——; m. Mary Keene.

4769. iii. OTIS, b. ——; m. Polly Nott.


4771. v. CHIPMAN, b. ——; m. Julia Drake, s. p.


FOSTER GENEALOGY.

4401. TILLY FOSTER (Edward, James, Chillingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. (prob.) Pelham, Mass., abt. 1779; m. Abigail Hammond. Application for guardianship for Elisha and Hannah Foster, children of Elisha, late of Dana, was made April 9, 1810. He d. 1810. Res., Dana, Mass.

4774. i. ITALY, b. Jan. 9, 1801; m. Sophronia Johnson.

4775. ii. Elisha, b. —; m. Fanny —.

4776. iii. HANNAH, b. —.


4902. HOPESTILL FOSTER (Edward, James, Chillingsworth, John, Thomas), b. June 29, 1782, Pelham, Mass.; m., February, 1808, Laura Osborn, b. Nov. 12, 1786; d. May 17, 1837; m., 2d, at Jefferson, Wis., Mrs. Willard, who d. s. p. He was born in the northwestern part of Massachusetts, in Pelham, to which place his parents had moved from Hardwick, Worcester county. His parents migrated to the then "far west" and located in Renssalaerville, N. Y., later moving to Antwerp, in 1806. In Jefferson county he cleared three farms, and there his children were born. In 1819, he moved to Jefferson county, Wis., locating on a wild tract but now transposed into a fine farm. His sons, Hopestill, Jr., and Lucius, accompanied him and they arrived in Milwaukee on May r. Later he moved to Pecatonica and Jefferson. He died at Aztalan, Wis. His life was well spent and won him the respect of those who knew him, and at his death he was deeply mourned by all. He d. June 30, 1869. Res., Antwerp, N. Y.

4778. ii. VOLNEY, b. Oct. 20, 1816; m. Mirriam Torrey.

4779. i. HARVEY, b. Jan. 6, 1813; m. Rebecca Foster.

4780. iii. HOPESTILL E., b. May, 1820; m. Huldah Price; was a Methodist minister and d. in Stockton, Cal., s. p.

4781. iv. LUCIUS, b. Nov. 22, 1822; m. Margaret Richards.


4783. vi. ELIZA, b. —; d. ae. 4 years.

4404. JOHN C. FOSTER (Edward, James, Chillingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. abt 1784, in Pelham, Mass.; m., —, Betsey Lewis; m., 2d, —, Persis Duncan. He moved to New York State with his parents when a boy; served in the One Hundred and Eighth New York regiment of militia in the war of 1812, commanded by Lieut.-Col. Culver Britain; was stationed at Brownsville, N. Y., and attached to the brigade commanded by Gen. Ela Collins. He d. in 1811, N. Y.

4784. i. LEWIS, b. —; m. Lucy Hyer.

4785. ii. ELIZA b. —; m. — Phelps.

4786. iii. JOHN, b. —.

4787. iv. EMILY, b. —.

4788. v. CHARLES, b. —.

4789. vi. TILLY, b. —; m. Deborah Kimball.

4790. viii. LYDIA, b. —.

4791. viii. BETSEY, b. —; m. — Watson.

ACISAR, b. 1793; c. Croydon, N. H., 1794.


NATHAN, b. 1797; m. Laura Clapp.


HERSCHEL, b. 1801; m. Clara McGroch.


ORISA, b. 1832. 5. Roxy, b. 1835. 6. Olney, b. 1839.


CAROLINE, b. 1843.


DAMARIS S., b. 1812; m. — Bancroft; d. Burlington, Vt.

JOSEPHINE, b. 1815; d. 1815. Orange.


HAD ch.: Lorenda E., b. 1845.

NATHAN FOSTER (Nathan, James, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Milburn, Mass. Nov. 15, 1775; m., Nov. 16, 1806, Betsey Ware, of Wilmington, Vt., b. May 19, 1780; d. Sept. 7, 1840. Was a truckman. He was drowned Jan. 18, 1845, in Charles river at Boston. Res., Boston, Mass.


NATHAN, b. Sept. 4, 1814; m. Sarah J. Pettingill and Mrs. Harriet N. Manseer.


JAMES FOSTER (Nathan, James, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Wilmington, Vt., 1784; m., 1801, Electa Miller, b. 1757; d. 1857. In 1811 they moved to Orange, Vt. He d. 1858. Res., Wilmington and Brandon, Vt.

ADALINE, b. 1808; m. Otis Batchelder, of Orange.

ELVIRA, b. —; m. Reuben Richardson, of Canada. Res., Wis.


ADDI MILLER, b. Sept. 3, 1811; m. Leonora Pressey.

MARY WARD, b. —; m. Benjamin Hathaway, of E. Douglass, Mass.

JOHN, d. infancy.


ELECTRA E., b. —; m. Oramel H. Watson, of West Topsham, Vt.

SARAH ANN, b. —; m. Jonathan E. Colby, of South New Market, N. H.

LYDIA D., b. —; m. Carlos Thomas, of Compton, P. Q.


HENRY, b. —; m. Lucy A. Miles. Res., Barre, Vt.

MANNING S., b. —; d. young.

GEORGE P., b. —; m. Sarah J. Palmer. He was the proprietor of the Union House. In 1874 he was instrumental in having a reunion of the descendants of his grandfather, Nathan, at Orange, Res., Montpelier, Vt.
4409. DR. SAMUEL FOSTER (Nathan, James, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Bangor, Me., Aug. 9, 1788; m., Orange, Vt., April 7, 1811, Pamela Camp, b. Sept. 19, 1793; d. Nov. 29, 1852. Doctor Samuel Foster, the youngest child of Nathan Foster, settled in Orange, Vt. He married Pamela Camp, of Barre, and after living in Orange, Cambridge, and Barre, he went west. Of his eight children all but one lived to have families. Their names were Dana, Gould, Pamela, Betsey, Wooster, George, Evarissa, Albert. Wooster deceased at the age of thirteen; Dana, Gould, Pamela, Betsey and George have since departed to the other life leaving wives, husbands and children. Evarissa married John L. Farrar and is now living at Peru, Ind.; Albert married Sarah Lovina Randall, and is now living at Otsego, Allegan county, Mich. Dr. Foster first came to Michigan in 1829, and located land where Otsego now is. He returned to Vermont and brought his family to Otsego in 1831, the first family in the place. He built the first loghouse at Battle Creek and Otsego. He was the first justice of the peace and first postmaster when it was a territory, and his son Albert, was the first white child born in what is now western Michigan. He died May 16, 1844. Res., Otsego, Mich.

4822. i. SAMUEL DANA, b. Aug. 11, 1814; m. Mary Franklin.

4823. ii. GOULD CAMP, b. July 17, 1816; m. Sophronia Scott.


4826. v. GEORGE HASKELL, b. Sept. 21, 1825; m. Jennie Demhan.

4827. vi. EVIRISSA, b. Nov. 20, 1827; m., March 26, 1843, John L. Farrar. Res., Peru, Ind. He was born Watertown, N. Y., April 29, 1824; d. Feb. 27, 1891; was a lawyer. Ch.: 1. Arnold Foster, b. May 29, 1857; d. June, 1877.

4828. vii. ALBERT RANDOLPH, b. July 30, 1834; m. Sarah Randall.

4829. viii. WOOSTER, b. ___. d. ae. eighteen.

4418. JOHN FOSTER (John, James, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Athol, Mass., Sept. 3, 1776; m. ___. He was killed by the fall of a tree. Res., Barnard, Vt., ___.


4419. REV. JAMES FOSTER (John, James, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Hardwick, Mass., Sept. 22, 1778; m., in Barnard, Vt., Oct. 12, 1806, Lucy Swift. He was a Universalist clergyman in Onondaga county, New York. Preached in Syracuse, Utica and Rome. These were his only pastores. Lucy was daughter of Jonathan Swift. He was married in Barnard and was a Universalist minister, and the father of five children—two sons and three daughters. He preached in his last days in Bridgeport, N. Y., and died in 1854, ae. seventy-six years. Res., Bridgeport and Rome, N. Y.

4831. i. THEY had five children; n.t.k.

4420. E. EBENEZER FOSTER (John, James, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Barnard, Vt., Oct. 19, 1780; m. there, Jan. 1, 1804, Rebecca McIntosh. He removed to North Barnard, where he was engaged in mercantile business for a time. But not being successful in that business, he removed with his family to York state, where he spent the remainder of his days in agricultural pursuits. He was the father of seven children, all of whom have passed away save one, Mrs. Rebecca Stafford, of Potsdam, N. Y. Ebenezer was a firm believer in universal salvation. He was more than eighty years of age at his death. His burial-place is the Garfield ground, where his wife and most of his family lie. He d. Aug. 1867. Res., Barnard, Vt., and New York.

4832. i. THEY had seven children: One child still living, Mrs. Rebecca Stafford, of Potsdam, N. Y. She is now nearly eighty years of age and very feeble.
CAPT. SHADRACH FOSTER (John James, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Barnard, Vt., March 20, 1753; m. there, March 16, 1809, Lucy Gambell, b. 1790; d. Pierrepont, N. Y., July 26, 1877. Lucy Gambell was daughter of Major John Gambell, a highly respected citizen of Barnard and a soldier of the Revolution. Captain Shadrach Foster was a soldier in the war of 1812. He was a farmer by occupation, a Universalist in belief, and a strictly honest and upright man. He removed from Barnard, Vt., in 1817, coming all the way with an ox team on which he brought his wife and three children, and what household goods he could bring on his sleds. He settled in the town of Pierrepont and cleared up a farm there which he afterward sold, and removed to Massena, where he lived until his death. He was drowned while helping a neighbor extricate his horse which had broken through the ice. He was the father of twelve children who, with his wife, were thus suddenly bereft of a kind husband and an indulgent father. His funeral took place on the 2nd of April and his remains were interred in the Rachet River burial grounds, Massena. After the death of her husband, Lucy (Gambell) Foster removed with her family back to Pierrepont, where her sons bought and cleared up the farm, where she lived the remainder of her days, and where she died. She discharged the duties and bore the many cares and trials that fell to her with rare Christian patience and cheerfulness. She died at the advanced age of eighty-seven years, leaving her children the rich heritage of her self-sacrificing life. She was buried in the Garfield cemetery beside her children and grandchildren. Lucy (Gambell) Foster was a member of the Freewill Baptist church.

He d. March 31, 1835. Res., Barnard, Vt., and Massena, N. Y.

1832. i. THEY had twelve children, six living.

1833. ii. SARAH, b. Sept. 11, 1811; m. 1833, Elijah Smith. They resided in Massena, N. Y., save two years in Ohio, until 1866, when they went to Potsdam, N. Y., where they resided until her husband's death, May, 1882. She was the oldest of twelve children, all of whom lived to be past twenty-five years of age. A devoted wife, an affectionate daughter, and a loving sister in years long past, she shared largely with her mother in the care of her younger brothers and sisters left fatherless, to show she was a mother as well as elder sister; childless herself, they were to her as children. She d. June 3, 1883. She sleeps beside her husband, who d. May, 1882, in the Garfield cemetery.

1835. iii. JOHN P., b. Nov. 10, 1813; m. Minerva Bradley and Clara S. Parmelee.

1836. iv. FRANKLIN, b. July 31, 1814; m. Betsey Swift.

1837. v. GARDNER, b. Aug. 19, 1816; m. —.

1838. vi. EDWIN, b. April 13, 1820; m. Adaline Irish.


1840. viii. ORIN, b. Nov. 14, 1825; unm. Res., Pierrepont, N. Y. He never married and has always lived on the old farm. He is now living with his brother, Warren, at the old homestead. He and his mother lived together many years after the other children were married and gone from home, and were living together at the time of her death.

1841. ix. WARREN, b. Dec. 13, 1818; unm. Res., Pierrepont, N. Y. He never married and spent much of his early life at home helping care for his mother's family. Went west, where he made his home with his brother, John, and when the war broke out enlisted in a Wisconsin regiment and served eighteen months; went in as a private, and for bravery was promoted to first lieutenant in the army. He was honorably discharged and after a short time returned to his old home in Pierrepont, where he now resides.

1842. x. AIKINS, b. Jan. 24, 1827; m. Lutitia Lobdell.

1843. xi. AURILLA, b. April 18, 1829; m., Nov. 12, 1849, Hiram Swift, who was the son of Harvey Swift, who was the son of Levi Swift, who removed from Barnard, Vt., in the year 1815 or 1816. Hiram and Aurilla Foster Swift were the parents of three children, viz.: 1. Theodore H. Swift, b. June 14, 1850. 2. Francis Swift, b. April 15, 1852. 3. Charlotte Swift, b. Oct. 2, 1854.
Hiram Swift, died Jan. 4, 1861, in his forty-second year, and his widow married William Fay, of Royalton, Vt., in 1866. They have had no children. Both are still living.

Theodore H. Swift is a lawyer by profession and was the attorney for Charles Chickering in the celebrated Paine case in New York city in the years of 1856 and 1857. After having won the case for the heirs of Paine he returned to Potsdam, his former home, where he has followed his profession up to this time. He was by a late election elected county judge of St. Lawrence county. Theodore H. Swift was married to Mary Perkins, dau. of John L. Perkins, July 5, 1871. They were the parents of three children: Johnie H. Swift, who died at the age of eight years. Hiram Swift, who is now living, and Leon Swift who died at nine weeks of age. Theodore H. Swift received his education at the old academy of Potsdam, studied law at the Canton Law School, and was admitted to the bar at the age of twenty-one years. Frances Swift was educated at the State Normal School, of Potsdam, N. Y., followed teaching for a time and was married to Alvedo S. Barber, July 19, 1875. They removed to Ithaca, Mich., where they have resided ever since. Alvedo S. Barber is a merchant and does a large business in that line. They are the parents of three children, one of whom died in infancy. They have one son and one daughter. Roscoe Swift Barber, b. May 15, 1884; Anna Elizabeth Barber, b. March 7, 1880. Charlotte Swift Powers was educated at the State Normal school, of Potsdam; graduated from that school, and for some time taught in different parts of the state; married James L. Powers, Sept. 15, 1889, and lives on the old homestead. His children are the fifth generation who have lived on the old Swift farm. They are the parents of three children. Harold Powers, b. Feb. 14, 1881; Hiram Powers, b. Sept. 20, 1882; Mary Freman Powers, May 7, 1884.

4844. xi. SUSAN, b. July 6, 1831; m.; and d. of consumption, aged twenty-five years; buried in Garfield cemetery.

4845. xii. DIANTHA, b. July 2, 1835; m., 1858, Joseph Marden. They were the parents of three children. She died in the winter of 1872 and is buried in Garfield cemetery.

4422. COL. AIKINS FOSTER (John, James, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Barnard, Vt., Feb. 7, 1788; m. there, Feb. 24, 1811, Dorcas Aikins, b. April 8, 1791; d. April 7, 1877. Dorcas was daughter of Nathaniel Aikins. He was a highly respected farmer and, as were most of his brothers, a Universalist in faith. For many years he was one of the trustees of that church in Potsdam, N. Y. He was also colonel in the regiment to which he belonged when the laws of our country required every man to serve in the militia. He was said to make a very commanding appearance as he rode his horse dressed in the uniform of a colonel. He removed to Wisconsin in the year 1842 or 1843, where his only daughter had married and gone a few years before. He had but one son and one daughter. The son removed with the father to the then far west, where they spent the rest of their lives in agricultural pursuits. Aikins, the father, lived to the age of eighty-eight years, ten months and twenty-four days. He was buried in Jefferson, Wis. His wife died April 27, 1877, aged eighty-six years, nineteen days, and son soon following. One only daughter remains, Mrs. Harvey Foster, of Jefferson, Wis.


4846. i. DAUGHTER, b. ——; m. Harvey Foster, of Jefferson, Wis. (Sec.)

4847. ii. AIKINS, b. ——.


4848. i. LYMAN, b. March 25, 1813; address, Hamilton, N. Y.

4849. ii. MELINDA, b. ——; d. Feb. 15, 1841.


4851. iv. HARLEY, b. Dec. 26; d. Oct. 8, 1887; address, Hubert Foster, Poolville, N. B.
4852. vi. SPENCER, b. April 28, — ; d. Sept. 28, 1896.
4853. vi. HARRIET, b. Aug. 26, 1834; address, Harriet Richmond, Hamilton, N. Y.
4854. vii. NATHAN, b. Nov. 6, 1827; d. October, 1830.
4857. i. HARRY, b. — ; m. and had Norman, Henry and Lewis.
4858. ii. JOSEPH, b. — ; m. and had John J., Mary J., Joseph, Josephine, and Charles.
4859. iii. CHLOE, b. — ; m. Rev. Thomas Jones.
4860. iv. THIRZAH, b. — ; m. Orville Eldred.
4861. v. LUCY, b. — ; m. Abijah Pool.
4863. vii. NORMAN, b. 1805; m. Minerva Tyler and had Charles, Asenath and Minerva.
4449. THOMAS FOSTER (James, Thomas, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. South East, N. Y., May 15, 1757; m. Rhoda Crosby, dau. of David, b. 1785; d. Oct. 14, 1839; m., 2d, May 15, 1845, Mrs. Fanny Roberts, b. Aug. 16, 1801; d. Jan. 24, 1871, s. p. She was dau. of Lemuel and Phoebe (Foster) Roberts. He d. Aug. 29, 1861. Res., South East, N. Y.
4864. i. DAVID C., b. June 1, 1809; m. Louisa M. Skinner.
4865. ii. LYDIA, b. Aug. 10, 1811; d. Dec. 6, 1839. She was m. Dec. 4, 1831, to Daniel Belden Crosby, b. May 4, 1809; d. Nov. 15, 1836. She m., 2d, Thomas Foster (her cousin), son of Seth, but d. soon afterward, Dec. 6, 1839, s. p., of scarlet fever.
4866. iii. PETER HALL, b. Sept. 15, 1812; m. Mary I. Weller and Emma A. Acker.
4869. vi. AMBROSE, b. April 7, 1820; m. Maria Sands.
4871. viii. MARCUS HARRISON, b. June 4, 1826; d. Jan. 4, 1858.
4872. ix. EDWIN, b. June 24, 1828; m., Dec. 24, 1862, Lucy Nelson. She d. 1892; had one dau., d. in infancy. He res., 326 W. 145th st., New York city.
4873. x. THOMAS, b. Dec. 31, 1830; m. Hannah M. Turner.
4874. i. THOMAS, b. July 27, 1807; d. unm. June 25, 1832.
4875. ii. EDMUND, b. Aug. 8, 1810; m. Ann Eliza Regina.
4876. iii. REUBEN HOPKINS, b. June 19, 1794; m. Rosetta Price.
4877. iv. THANKFUL, b. Dec. 27, 1788; m. Ruben Bradley, of Rochester N. Y. She d. July 15, 1832; had three sons and two daughters.
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4878. v. BETHIAH, b. April 7, 1791; m. Jeremiah Duel. She d. March 20, 1866.


4881. viii. JAMES H., b. June 9, 1801; m. Letitia Huxhurst.


4883. x. MELINDA, b. July 31, 1814; d. unm. Feb. 1, 1860.

4434. JAMES FOSTER (James, Thomas, Chillingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Feb. 14, 1772; m. June 10, 1791, Elizabeth Crosby, b. 1772; d. April 1, 1823. He d. Nov. 20, 1856. Res., South East, N. Y.

4884. i. BATHSHEBA, b. March 25, 1792; m. June 1, 1800, James Burchus. She d. Jan. 31, 1813; had one dau. Abigail; m. Nov. 5, 1816, Alfred Hoyt, b. Feb. 3, 1794.

4885. ii. ABIGAIL, b. Feb. 5, 1797; m. March 5, 1810, Alfred Hoyt. She d. Oct. 5, 1848.

4886. iii. EDMUND, b. Jan. 6, 1800; d. unm. March 20, 1833.

4887. iv. JOSHUA CROSBY, b. Nov. 11, 1805; m. Laura Roberts.

4436. CAPT. PETER HALL FOSTER (James, Thomas, Chillingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. June 26, 1779; m. Mary Hopkins, of De Forest Corners, N. Y., b. June 10, 1780; d. Oct. 11, 1859. Peter Hall Foster was a cooper, and taught school winters. He was a captain of militia. His brother, James, was a farmer and taught singing school winters. He d. Feb. 13, 1836. Res., South East, N. Y.

4888. i. MORTON H., b. 1802; d. Sept. 16, 1834.

4889. ii. JARVIS, b. August, 1805; d. Oct. 8, 1887; ae. eighty-two years, two months.

4890. iii. GEORGE HOPKINS, b. ——. 4892. v. MARY, b. ——.

4891. iv. AMY, b. ——. 4894. vii. ELIZABETH, b. ——.

4440. TILLY FOSTER (Seth, Thomas, Chillingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Carmel, N. Y., April 15, 1793; m. Oct. 12, 1818, Sally Armstrong, dau. of Orrin of Conn., b. Sept. 25, 1795; d. April 8, 1836; m. 2nd, January 1837, Mary Bennett. He was a farmer. He d. April 4, 1842. Res., South East, N. Y.

4895. i. ISAAC EDWIN, b. Oct. 12, 1820; d. unm., Sept. 22, 1847.


4898. iv. LAURA BETSEY, b. Jan. 3, 1827; m. May 7, 1856, Dr. Nathan S. King. She d. July 13, 1860. He was b. Dec. 19, 1824. Ch.: 1. James Foster King, b. Oct. 30, 1857; m. Cora Norris, Oct. 9 1854; b. April 23, 1859; d. April 13, 1892; had one child, May Laura, b. Oct. 21, 1885; d. Aug. 27, 1897. He was a minister in the Reformed Church and his only pastorate was at Roxbury, Delaware county, N. Y. He d. May 30, 1886. 2. Julia Sherwood King, b. Feb. 13, 1863; m. Luther W. P. Norris, May 18, 1886. Ch. are: Ruth, b. May 8, 1887; Julia Evelyn, b. March 15, 1891; Mildred, b. April 22, 1892; Nathalie, b. Aug. 30, 1893. Res., Dobbs Ferry, N. Y. He is a piano manufacturer and was b. June 3, 1861.

4899. v. EMILY, b. Jan. 21, 1830; d. April 6, 1864; unm.
THOMAS FOSTER (Seth, Thomas, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Carmel, N. Y., May 17, 1795; m. there, October, 1821, Betsey Crane, b. May 10, 1798; d. June 27, 1825; m., 2d, September, 1837, Mrs. Lydia (Foster) Crosby, b. 1811; d. Dec. 6, 1839. Thomas Foster, youngest son of Seth Foster, was a man of great energy and activity, of a sociaable and hospitable nature. He married Betsey Crane, daughter of Joseph Crane, of Carmel, and granddaughter of Capt. John Crane, prominent during the Revolution, as were all the numerous members of that family, for his loyalty to the cause of the colonies. Thomas Foster remained at the old homestead, a farmer like his father. Like his father, also, he was actively interested in the Gilead Presbyterian church with which the family was connected, and was one of its trustees for many years. In September, 1837, he married Lydia Foster, widow of Daniel Crosby, who died the following December.

He d. Sept. 22, 1840, Res., Carmel, N. Y.

JOSEPH CRANE (John, Nathan, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. ——; m. Catherine ——, b. 1789; d. March 12, 1863. His will is dated Jan. 16, 1827; was proved April 1, 1828. Name of wife not given; children, Lincoln, John, Josiah, Lydia, Emily, Patty, Catherine. Augusta. His brother, Nathan, was executor.


LYDIA, m. July 6, 1811; d. Jan. 9, 1854.

LINCOLN, b. Jan. 24, 1813; d. March 21, 1887.

EMILY, b. May 19, 1814.

PATTY, b. Aug. 29, 1816.

JOHN, b. Dec. 27, 1821; d. at sea June 10, 1835.

JOSIAH, b. March 31, 1823; m. Caroline Small.

CATHERINE, b. ——.

AUGUSTA, b. ——.


LAURA ANN, m. Dec. 7, 1804; d. Anthony Smalley, of B.

NATHAN, b. March 6, 1807; d. April 10, 1841, in Haverhill, Mass.

POLLY, b. March 18, 1811; m. Prince S. Crowell, of Dennis.


HIRAM THATCHER, m. Jan. 5, 1813; m. Margaret C. Hodgman.

FOSTER GENEALOGY.

b. Dec. 30, 1835; m., May 2, 1861, Annie Conant, b. March 22, 1837.

Res., 56 Warren St., Boston, Mass. Ch.: (a) Grace E. Morse, b. Feb. 21, 1863; m. Walter M. Farwell, Nov. 5, 1894. (b) Annie Conant Morse, b. Sept. 1, 1869. (c) Gertrude Frances Morse, b. Jan. 16, 1872; d. Jan. 14, 1874. The children of L. Foster and Annie Conant Morse were born Zeigler st., Roxbury, Mass.; same house and room as all the children of Ezra and Eliza Jane Morse. Mr. Morse is of the tenth generation of Samuel Morse, who settled at Dedham in 1676, and of the eighth generation of Thomas Foster, who was at Weymouth, Mass., in 1640, also great-grandson of Ezra Morse, who was one of the Minute Men of Lexington, April 19, 1775. He married Annie Conant, a descendant of Roger Conant, who came to Plymouth about July, 1623. L. Foster Morse was educated in the public schools of Roxbury. He was a member of the city council of Roxbury from 1860 to 1864 inclusive. He was in business in Colorado Territory in 1866 and 1867, before the Union Pacific railroad was built. He traveled by stage from Missouri river to Denver, and was one of the passengers on the first train to Julesburg, in June, 1867, and to Cheyenne, in November, 1867. A member of the city council of the city of Boston the year the city of Roxbury was annexed to Boston, 1868. A member of the board of assessors from 1869 to 1879, and from 1882 to 1884. He was one of the commissioners on the subject of annexation of the city of Charlestown, the town of West Roxbury, Brighton and Brookline to the city of Boston in 1873, also one of the commissioners to assess the betterments on the line of Stony Brook in 1885.

He is a member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, a life member of the Bostonian Society, Roxbury Military Historical Society, Boston Old School Boys Association, a trustee of the North End Savings Bank, and one of the board of trustees of Forest Hills Cemetery, of which for the last three years he has been president. Business for the last thirty years, general real estate, in Roxbury, Boston, Mass.

4917. iii. LEMUEL, b. Dec. 7, 1801; m. Mary Jane Ernel.


4919. v. ALMIRA, b. Oct. 5, 1806; m., Sept. 6, 1829, Isaac Foster. She d. April 30, 1834. He d. in New Orleans, November, 1834.

4920. vi. GEORGE HENRY, b. July 25, 1810; m. Elizabeth M. Bowles.

4921. vii. CHARLES SAMUEL, b. July 11, 1815; m., Oct. 13, 1842, Emeline Foster, of Brewster. He d. s. p., Brewster, Mass., 1889. His will
is dated Sept. 24, 1888, proved Aug. 13, 1889. Left widow, Emeline, and no heirs. He was town clerk and treasurer of Brewster for twenty-seven years.

4922. viii. LYDIA, b. April 5, 1802; d. Oct. 12, 1805.

4447. CAPT. ISAAC FOSTER (Isaac, Isaac, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Oct. 23, 1770, Brewster; m., Sept. 7, 1797, Sarah Thatcher, dau. of Samuel and Lucy, b. April 23, 1751; d. Feb. 28, 1861. He was a sea captain and a man of prominence in Brewster, holding the office of selectman and serving the town as a representative. Isaac, Brewster, will date May 13, 1829; proved April 17, 1855; wife, Sarah; children, Sarah T., Lucy and Thatcher. Sarah Brewster, will date Dec. 8, 1858; proved April 16, 1861; children, Sarah T. Foster and Lucy Thatcher.


4924. ii. SARAH T., b. July 18, 1802. Sarah T. Brewster, will date Nov. 27, 1888; proved Feb. 12, 1889; unm.; brother, Thatcher; sister, Lucy, mentioned.

4925. iii. ISAAC, b. July 8, 1806; d. young.

4926. iv. LUCY, b. Nov. 29, 1814; d. unm., 1893; will dated Nov. 3, 1890; prob. April 18, 1893.

4927. v. JULIA ANN, b. June 14, 1817; d. young.

4928. vi. THATCHER, b. July 6, 1819; m. Louise —— and Susan J. Emery.


4448. CAPT. BENJAMIN FOSTER (Isaac, Isaac, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Sept. 27, 1772, Brewster. Mass.; m. there Dezire Freeman, b. June 1, 1774; d. May 23, 1850. He was a sea captain and filled important town offices, being treasurer in 1818 and town clerk, both of which he held for six years. His will is dated Aug. 26, 1846; proved April 18, 1848. Wife, Dezire; dau., Dezire Thatcher; son, Benjamin, and gr.-ch., Isaac, Freeman, Joseph, Edgar, Lincoln and Sophronia D. He d. March 10, 1845 Res., Brewster, Mass.


4931. ii. BENJAMIN, b. June 28, 1803; m. Sophronia ——.

4932. iii. LUCY, b. ——. 4937. viii. JOSUAH, b. ——.

4933. iv. ISAAC, b. ——. 4938. ix. LAURA ANN, b. ——.

4934. v. DEBORAH, b. ——. 4939. x. DAVID, b. ——.

4935. vi. JOSEPH, b. ——. 4940. xi. MARY, b. ——.

4936. vii. CHARLES, b. ——.


4941. i. HEMAN, b. Jan. 11, 1799; m. Polly Foster Crosby.

4942. ii. REBECCA, b. Aug. 23, 1800.
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4943. iii. SAMUEL, b. Oct. 3, 1802.


4946. vi. LYDIA T., b. April 25, 1808; d. Feb. 9, 1870.


4948. viii. CYRUS, b. May 13, 1813; d. Oct. 1, 1850.

4949. ix. EMELINE, b. June 17, 1817.


He was six feet tall and weighed at one time two hundred and fifty pounds. He was a ship master, sailing to New Orleans, West Indies, Liverpool and Russia. He was one of the early converts to Universalism under John Murray and was one of the founders of the church in Brewster. He married Phebe, his second wife, in 1806. They were married at home about 1795, which was probably all the ready money put into it. He lived there all his life, and two of his daughters are living there now (1893).

Mehitable (Low) Foster was the wife of Freeman Foster and appears to have been as strong and efficient a woman as he was a man. She was born in Barre, Mass., May 25, 1793. Her father was Jennison Low, who was a Revolutionary soldier in Col. Sparhawk's regiment. Her mother was Dinah Haynes, or Haines. After her father's second marriage, she went to Boston and lived with Lemuel Foster, brother of David F. Here she met Capt. Freeman Foster, nephew of Lemuel F., and was married Jan. 15, 1806. Went to Brewster to live in the house with David and Phebe F., and made a home for her five or six brothers and sisters, four of whom married in Brewster. She brought up her ten children; each and all of whom sustained good characters and were useful and respected citizens. This was while her husband was on his voyages and only at home a few weeks at a time. He d. Feb. 25, 1870. Res., Brewster, Mass.

4950. i. FREEMAN, b. March 4, 1807; m. Nancy S. Ingalls.

4951. ii. LUCRETIA, b. Feb. 21, 1811; m., May 28, 1815, Rev. Cyrus A. Bradley. Res., South Brewster, Mass. Res. on old homestead, built in 1795. He was b. Dracut, Mass., April 6, 1822. He is a Universalist clergyman. The house where they reside is the original Chillingworth Foster house, erected in 1698, the frame being cut on the place. (See photo.) They had one son and one daughter, the latter d. young. The former is r. Rev. Asa Mayo, Universalist clergyman. Res., Dracut, Mass., b. March 5, 1836; m., Nov. 27, 1878, Mary H. Emery. Res., Winthrop, Me. 2. Cyrena Augusta, b. Oct. 6, 1860; d. Oct. 6, 1861.

4952. iii. DAVID, b. July 10, 1810; m. Cynthia C. Berry and Mary Anne Linehan.


FOSTER GENEALOGY.

Lawrence University in 1868; settled three years in Bath, Me.; nineteen years pastor All Souls' church, Brooklyn; settled in 1890 First Universalist church, Worcester, Mass.; elected twice president of St. Lawrence University, which position he declined; associate editor Christian Leader, of Boston, for many years; author of two books, "Rambles Overland" and "Wayside and Fireside Rambles." Has traveled extensively in Europe and America and has lectured and written much on his travels. Ch.: (a) Fred E. Gunnison, b. May 28, 1869. (b) Lulu A. Gunnison, b. Dec. 27, 1874. 2. Herbert Foster, b. Halifax, N. S., June 28, 1858: m., April, 1885, Alice May. b. October, 1861. Herbert F. Gunnison is a representative younger Brooklynite, one of a group of active and brilliant men who came to this city from St. Lawrence county a dozen years ago. Not one of these

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has failed to make his mark, and Mr. Gunnison is no exception. While he can never be president of the United States, because he was born in Halifax, N. S., where his father, the Rev. Nathaniel Gunnison, a distinguished Universalist clergyman, was United States Consul, he is in a fair way to get everything else. Mr. Gunnison is now in his thirty-fifth year. He is a graduate of St. Lawrence University, Canton, N. Y. After an interesting experience at school-teaching in northern New York, he came to
Brooklyn and entered the ranks of journalism in the office of the Brooklyn Times. Subsequently he became Albany correspondent for the Brooklyn Daily Eagle, serving in that capacity for three years and graduating into the business office of that publication, where he has since remained in a responsible capacity, and is now the business manager and managing director. Incidentally, Mr. Gunnison has made the Eagle Almanac a standard work. Mr. Gunnison was one of the founders of the Hanover Club, in the Eastern District, and was its first secretary. He was one of the organizers and is still a director of the Twenty-sixth Ward bank. He is secretary of the New York Alumni Association of St. Lawrence University, president of the Northern Industrial Wood-Yard, a leading Eastern District charity, and a trustee in All Souls' Universalist church, taking special interest in the educational and philanthropic work of the society. Mr. Gunnison has done much to reveal the merits of Long Island to the world at large as the author of "Out on Long Island," a popular descriptive work, detailing the beauties of its resorts. He is a brother of the Rev. Almon Gunnison, D. D., of Worcester, Mass., long a leading Brooklyn clergyman, and of Prof. Walter B. Gunnison, principal of Grammar School No. 19. Mr. Gunnison is married, and resides in the fashionable quarter of Hewes street. Politically he is a Republican, and for a number of years up to the recent reorganization, vice-president of the Nineteenth Ward Republican Association. Ch.: i. Raymond Gunnison, b. April, 1886. ii. Edith Gunnison, b. 1888; d. 1892. iii. Florence Gunnison, b. 1891. iv. Foster Gunnison, b. 1896. 3. Foster N., b. April 4, 1840; m., July 26, 1867, Emma Elliott. 4. Ann L., b. March 21, 1842; d. June 21, 1861. 5. Walter B., b. May 2, 1852; m., Jan. 18, 1876, Blanche Eaton. He is a graduate of St. Lawrence University, where he was professor of languages for many years.

4958. ix. WILLIAM LOW, b. Sept. 30, 1822; m. Matilda Higgins.

4959. x. SOPHIA, b. April 8, 1825; m. Nathaniel T. Hunt. She d. Oct. 4, 1863. Had one son that d. young. She was his second wife.


4960. i. GILES, b. July 24, 1805.

4961. ii. JOSHUA, b. Oct. 18, 1808.

4962. iii. SOLOMON, b. May 24, 1811.

4963. iv. MARY, b. Nov. 14, 1813.

4964. v. HANNAH, b. Aug. 11, 119.

4965. vi. NATHAN, b. April 17, 1822.

4966. vii. TEMPERANCE, b. May 9, 1824.

4967. viii. WILLIAM, b. Dec. 5, 1827.


Elisha Brewster, will dated Dec. 5, 1873; proved Jan. 13, 1874; wife, Deborah; ch., Nathan Foster, of Brewster, and Deborah F. Chase, wife of Frederick Chase, of New Bedford. Her will was dated Feb. 12, 1879; proved Jan. 11, 1881; gr.-ch., Wallace T., Melissa G., Maria L., all of Brewster. He d. 1874. Res., Brewster, Mass.

4968. i. ELISHA, b. Dec. 4, 1825.

4969. ii. DEBORAH F., b. Sept. 21, 1828; m. Frederick Chase.

4970. iii. MARIA, b. Oct. 10, 1831.

4971. iv. NATHAN F., b. Dec. 8, 1833; m. Mary — and Melissa A.;Hopkins.

4972. v. SARAH ABBIE, b. Dec. 22, 1839.:


4973. i. MARY H., b. Sept. 8, 1822.


1476. iii. FRANKLIN ELWELL, b. Sept. 1, 1816; m. Louisa Moor.


1477. i. HIRAM J., b. 1827; d. Feb. 3, 1830.

1478. ii. MYRON M., b. 1817; d. Aug. 13, 1841.

1479. iii. ELIZA CAROLINE, b. Aug. 7, 1815; m. Jan. 12, 1839, John W. Bates. Res., Troy, N.Y. He was b. Sept. 4, 1807; d. March 19, 1880; was a merchant and manufacturer. She d. Sept. 16, 1881. They had five ch., two only arrived at maturity, viz.: Eliza Foster, b. Nov. 22, 1840; unm. Res., Lansingburgh, N.Y., and Helen Frances, who m. Charles W. Parks, of L.


1480. i. THOMAS NELSON, b. April 30, 1817; m. Harriet Louisa Townsend.

1481. ii. JOSHUA C., b. ——; d. unm. in Michigan.

1482. iii. PHEBE MARIA, b. ——; m. Amasa Corbin, of Gouverneur, N.Y.


1484. v. SARAH, b. ——.

1485. vi. LOVINIA, b. ——.


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4985-5. iv. SIDNEY H., b. March 29, 1858; m. Louisa R. Dudley.


4985-11. x. GEORGE W., b. Aug. 6, 1836; m. Cynthia A. Crosier.


4985-15. iii. MANDANIA, b. March 21, 1813; m. Calvin Fisher and — McLeod.


John Dickinson and Eleanor Hicks, his wife, removed from middle Massachusetts to Vermont in 1790. Their only son, Nathaniel, was born at Calais, Vt., Dec. 20, 1810. He received a fair common-school education, and was all his life an intelligent reader, and a shrewd observer of current events. He had an early liking for the manual of arms, and served a short time in the Winslow Blues, of Boston. He also held captain's commission from Governor Hill, of New Hampshire, and later, from Governor D. of Wisconsin. He married Priscilla Titus Foster (dau. of Artemas and Priscilla Titus Foster), at East Calais, Jan. 26, 1841, and took her to Haverhill, N. H., where he had already lived for a few years. In 1843, he went to Burlington, Wis., which town he served for some years as supervisor and justice of the peace. In 1846, he was elected for Racine county as member of the first Constitutional Convention of Wisconsin. In 1854, he removed to Walworth county, and died at Elkhorn, March 14, 1883. He was from first to last a Democrat. In later life he attended the Episcopal church. By occupation, he was a carpenter, joiner, and building contractor. As a man, he was one of the best and kindest.

4985-17. v. PRISCILLA, b. May 3, 1819; m. Ira Goodell Sanborn. A son, Orrin Cutler Sanborn, res. at Elroy, Wis.


4475. DAVID FOSTER (David, Nathaniel, Chillingsworth, John, Thomas), b. Williamstown, Mass., June 18, 1781; m. there, Polly Treadwell, b. May 22, 1786; d. 1841. He was a farmer. He d. 1861. Res., Williamstown, Mass.

4986. i. FRANK B., b. ——. Res., Williamstown.


4988. iii. LAURA, b. ——.


4990. v. CLARISSA, b. ——.

4991. vi. CAROLINE, b. ——.

4992. vii. DAVID, b. ——.

4993. viii. JOHN A., b. ——.

4994. ix. SAMUEL D., b. Jan. 9, 1825; m. Sarah S. Prindle.

4476. NATHANIEL FOSTER (David, Nathaniel, Chillingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Williamstown, Mass., May, 1786; m., 1809, Sally Leach, b. April, 1792; d. Feb. 14, 1867. He was a farmer. Was in the war of 1812. He d. Aug. 27, 1870. Res., Fairfield, Vt., and Tibbetts, Wis.

4995. i. JASON, b. July 4, 1812; m. ——.
FOSTER GENEALOGY.

4996. ii. NELSON, b. Dec. 26, 1813; m. ——.


4998. iv. ALANSON, b. ——; m. and res. Sauk Centre, Minn.

4999. v. DAU., b. 1828; d. 1830.

5000. vi. SUSANNAH, b. 1811; d. Oct. 17, 1819.

5001. vii. SUSAN, b. ——; m. Martin Prindle. Ch.: r. Marcia, b. ——;

5002. viii. PHEBE, b. Nov. 4, 1826; m. July 8, 1819, Lyman Newton, b. March 13, 1820; d. Sept. 7, 1879; was a farmer. They res. East Fairfield, Vt. Ch.: 

5003. ix. JAY, b. ——; m. and res. Fayetteville, Wis.

5004. x. ASA, b. May 23, 1830; m. Clarinda L. Tibbetts.

5005. xi. DAVID, b. 1832; m. ——. He d. March 18, 1863, and she m., 2d, Lockwood Reed. Res., Moriah, N. Y.

5006. xii. LYDIA ANN, b. April 4, 1834; m. —— Gower. She d. May 1, 1877. Ch.: Sadie, b. ——; m. Wood. Res., East Fairfield, Vt.


5007. i. SAMANTHA, b. Aug. 21, 1805; d. Dec. 23, 1877.


5009. iii. WILLIAM RILEY, b. Sept. 4, 1809; d. July 23, 1815.

5010. iv. ORESTES COVIL, b. May 12, 1811; d. Sept. 15, 1813.

5011. v. ORRILLA, b. March 4, 1813; m. Seth Stannard, April 27, 1854; d. Nov. 26, 1884.

5012. vi. ORESTES RILEY, b. Oct. 16, 1815, m. Louisa A. Norcott.


5016. x. WILLIAM LEWIS, b. March 11, 1824; d. Feb. 15, 1825.


ROBERT, b. 1822; d. 1851. His son, Theodore Foster, Morton House, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

CHARLES, b. 1824; 691 avenue E., Bayonne, N. J.

DANIEL, b. May 21, 1827; m. Sarah F. Mabie.

JOHN, b. 1829; 691 avenue E., Bayonne, N. J.

HESTER ANN, b. 1831; d. young.

CAROLINE BARLOW, b. 1834; LaPorte, Ind., care Rev. T. B. Barlow.

MARY JANE WOOD, b. 1836; d. 1891. No ch.

HAZEN, b. 1839; 45 East Forty-fifth street, Bayonne, N. J.

ENSIGN JOHN FOSTER (John, John, Thomas, 'Joseph 'Thomas, Thomas), b. in Tewksbury abt. 1760; m. Anna. He was in the Revolutionary war and at the surrender of Cornwallis. Res., Tewksbury, Mass.

ROBERT, b. Jan. 12, 1764.

JOHN, b. Oct. 28, 1751; m. Sarah Blodget and Rhoda Willard.

AMARIAH, b. Oct. 31, 1785.

NABBA, b. June 4, 1788.

PETHUEL, b. Sept. 6, 1790.

PERLEY, b. Sept. 20, 1792.

ANINNIL, b. July 5, 1790.


Captain Samuel Foster, son of John Foster, was born in Roxbury, Mass., in 1751. He aided in the destruction of the tea in Boston harbor in 1773. In 1775 he was sergeant of the first company of Minute Men formed in America. This company was organized in Roxbury, and according to the testimony of General Heath "distinguished itself in the battle of Lexington." On May 20, 1775, Sergeant Foster was appointed lieutenant in Capt. Edward L. Williams' company, in General Heath's regiment, and served in that capacity in Roxbury and at Fort No. 2, Cambridge, during the siege of Boston. Lieutenant Foster was one of the officers in Colonel Knowlton's expedition, which, on the night of Jan. 8, 1776, crossed, single file, on the almost submerged milldam from East Cambridge to Charlestown and burned the remaining houses occupied by the British, and captured the inmates. The garrison at Bunker Hill, under General Howe, opened a heavy cannonade upon them, but of the little expedition of two hundred not one was injured, and they returned safely the way they came. Washington was highly pleased, and in general orders the next day thanked the officers and men "for the spirit, conduct and secrecy" with which they accomplished the objects of the raid. While this affair was in progress many of the British were being entertained in Faneuil Hall by the performance of a farce, written by General Burgoyne, and called the "Blockade of Boston," in which General Washington was ridiculed. Suddenly there was an announcement that the Yankees were attacking Bunker Hill. Officers were ordered to their posts, and the audience dispersed in great excitement and confusion. Immediately after the evacuation of Boston by the British, in March, 1776, the Twenty-fourth Continental Infantry, Col. John Greaton, in which regiment Foster was a first lieutenant, was ordered to New York and thence to Canada to reinforce the army there. The whole campaign in Canada was disasters. Smallpox, fever and ague attacked our troops, and at one time not a single man in Colonel Greaton's regiment was fit for duty. On the first of January, 1777, Lieutenant Foster was promoted to the captaincy of the second battalion of the third regiment, and he held that
commission until his death, May 6, 1778. His health was ruined by the sufferings and hardships he endured in Canada, but he continued to serve with his regiment until December, 1777, when he was furloughed for six months on account of his illness, but he died before his furlough expired. He left a wife and one son, John Foster.

Margaret Foster, of Roxbury, widow, admitted guardian to John Foster, and Mary Foster, minors under fourteen years of age, children of Samuel Foster, late of Roxbury, gentleman, deceased. William Foster, of Roxbury, gentleman, became bound with said Margaret. May 22, 1778. Lib. 77, fol. 659. Joseph Williams, of Roxbury, gentleman, nominated guardian unto John and Mary Foster, minors, under fourteen years of age, children of Samuel Foster, late of Roxbury, deceased. March 15, 1785. Suff. Prob. Lib. 84, fol. 125-6.

Margaret Foster, widow, and Ebenezer Foster, of Roxbury, gentleman, admitted administrators of estate of Samuel Foster, late of Roxbury, gentleman, deceased, intestate. William Foster, gentleman, bound with them. May 22, 1778. Lib. 77, fol. 790-1.

Inventory mentions him as Capt. Samuel Foster. Lib. 77, fol. 134-5. Lib. 84, fol. 141-151.

Joseph Williams, of Roxbury, gentleman, admitted administrator de bonis non of estate of Samuel Foster, late of Roxbury, gentleman, deceased, intestate. March 29, 1785. Lib. 84, fol. 156.

Insolvency petition mentions William Foster for his proportion of his father's estate, John Foster; Thomas Thompson for (Mary Foster) his wife; Thomas Cheney for Jane Foster, his wife. Aug. 25, 1787. Lib. 86, fol. 460-1.

Administrator's account mentions amount paid to William Foster for the funeral charges of the widow, April, 1787. Suff. Prob. Lib. 80, 460, 464, 85, 724.


5035. i. JOHN, b. Oct. 14, 1772; m. Mary Haskell.

5035½. ii. MARY, b. ——.


5036. i. LEONARD, b. ——. Was a mariner. m. and had a dau. Fanny. John Foster, of Roxbury, soap boiler, admitted administrator on estate of Leonard Foster, late of Boston. mariner, deceased, intestate. Ezra Morse, yeoman, and Lewis Morse, tallow chandler, both of Roxbury, bound with him. June 21, 1802. Lib. 100, fol. 259.

Administrator's account mentions John Foster, Jr., administrator, money paid to Fanny Foster. Suff. Prob. Lib. 100, fol. 459-60. He d. in 1802. —

4494. WILLIAM FOSTER (John, Samuel, Samuel, Hopestill, Hopestill, Richard, Thomas), b. near Boston, in 1753; m., 1778, Mary Draper, b. 1761; d. May 17, 1834.

William Foster was born in 1753 and Mary Draper in 1761. Both were born at Jamaica Plain (Boston), Mass., or Dedham, Mass.—anyway in that vicinity. They were married at Roxbury, Mass., in 1778, by Rev. Mr. Abbott. After their marriage they went to Deer Isle Me., and purchased a large farm, and were among the early settlers there. The history of Deer Isle, Me., speaks of him as being quite a prominent man, and they understood he came from Dedham, Mass. He was a blacksmith, and did a large business there. At the first town meeting held there, in 1789, he was elected one of the selectmen of the town, which office he held for several years.

Some of his family moved from Deer Isle, Me., to Eastport, Lubec, Newport, Corinth and other towns in the state of Maine, but most of them came to Massachusetts. One son went to Sandwich, Mass., and a grandson, Cyrus L. Foster, lives there. One son, Aaron Foster, went to Baltimore, Md., and died near there, wealthy. He had a daughter marry a man there named Malthy, a wealthy gentleman and oyster merchant.

Administration on estate of William Foster, late of Deer Isle, deceased, was granted in August, 1829. The name of his widow was Mary Foster. The names of the children, if any, do not appear.—Hancock Co., Maine, Probate records, at Ellsworth.

5037. i. SAMUEL HEATH, b. 1787; m. Mary Howard.
5038. ii. WILLIAM, b. ——.
5039. iii. DAU., b. ——; m. Capt. John Howard, of Deer Isle, Me., and she d. there, and after her death he married one of the daughters of William Foster, Sr., by whom he had six sons and two daughters, but only one son remained there, they went to Gloucester, Newburyport, Hyde Park, Beverly and other Massachusetts places.
5040. iv. DAU., b. ——; m. David J. Waters. He published a paper in Castine, Me., in 1800. He d. and she m., 2d, Stephen Kidder, who d. soon after, and she m., 3d, Samuel Ober, of Sedgwick, Me. With her third husband she moved to Lowell, Mass., and died there. Her dau. m. a Mr. McIntire.
5041. v. THERE were fourteen children.

5042. i. ALBERT WOOD, b. ——; m. ——.
5043. ii. MARY, b. ——.
5044. iii. JOSEPHINE, b. ——.
5045. iv. CORNELIA, b. ——.

4498. DAVID WOOD FOSTER (Benjamin W., Hopestill, Hopestill, James, Hopestill, Richard, Thomas), b. March 13, 1816; m. in Cincinnati, O., Sept. 20, 1840, Ruth Ann Johnson. Res., St. Louis, Mo.
5046. i. MILTON, b. July 15, 1841; d. June 8, 1842.
5048. iii. EDWIN BYRON (twin), b. Jan. 24, 1846; m. Lilly Wise Hunter.
5050. v. DAVID DONOPHAN, b. Nov. 25, 1847; d. June 26, 1848.
5051. vi. BENJAMIN RANDALL, b. Feb. 13, 1851; m. Julia Blanche Tompkins.
5053. viii. MARY SUSAN, b. Jan. 2, 1849; m. Dr. Rush Appleberry.
5054. ix. SARAH BELL, b. ——; m. Frank T. Fife.
5055. x. EMORY STERLING (twin), b. ——; d. young.
5056. xi. EMMA FRENCH (twin), b. ——; unm.


5058. i. JOHN HANCOCK, b. Feb. 3, 1855. P. O. address, 89 Bellevue St., Boston, Mass.
5059. ii. LOUIS FREDERICK, b. Sept. 29, 1861; m. Leona R. Stockman. P. O. address, Freeman St., Brookline, Mass.
5060. iii. LOUISE T., b. June 25, 1868. P. O. address, 89 Bellevue St., Boston, Mass.
5061. iv. AGNES L., b. Sept. 9, 1852; d. at Auburndale, Mass., Aug. 3, 1876.
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4511. SAMUEL EDWARDS FOSTER (Richard, Jonathan, Jonathan, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas), b. Fitzwilliam, N. H., Nov. 9, 1792; m., Marlboro, N. H., June 9, 1815, Miriam Bartlett, b. Winchester, N. H., June 9, 1796; d. April 12, 1886. He was a machinist.

Among the mechanics of the past whose genius or inventive power has contributed to the welfare of the world, there may honorably be noted the name of Samuel E. Foster, late of Brattleboro, Vt. In the year 1828 Mr. Foster made an important improvement in papermaking, called the pulp dresser. This invention is now used in all paper mills, and is considered indispensable. Though others have received great benefits from the use of this invention, Mr. Foster received no compensation for this benefit to the world in cheapening the cost in paper manufactured. The first mill where this invention was used caused the discharge of twelve hands, and at the same time accomplished more work in the mill than before the discharge. This invention caused the establishment in this place of a manufactory of paper machinery, a business that has been successfully carried on here about forty years. Mr. Foster died in Fitchburg, Mass. He d. in 1871. Res., Brattleboro, Vt., and Fitchburg, Mass.

5064. i. SAMUEL E., b. ——; d. Fitchburg.


5066. iii. CLARISSA L., b. July 20, 1822; d. March 8, 1824.

5067. iv. HARRIET A., b. March 8, 1825; d. July 17, 1826.


5069. vi. MAVERETT A., b. April 27, 1838.

5070. vii. THEODORE G., b. June 16, 1827; m. Mary E. Brooks.


5072. ii. RICHARD HENRY, b. Feb. 5, 1833; d. Nov. 18, 1847.


5077. i. LEONORA A., b. Jan. 20, 1845; d. 1867.

5078. ii. CYRUS A., b. Dec. 4, 1844; m. Wilhelmine E. Brown.


5080. ii. SOPHRONIA L., b. Nov. 18, 1844; m., September, 1865, Charles E. Miller. Address, Weld, Me.

4533. RICHARD FOSTER (Richard, Hezekiah, Jonathan, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas), b. Salisbury, N. H., March 6, 1788; m., Hartford, Vt., June 12, 1812, Irene Davis Burroughs. Of Killingly, Conn., who moved to Hanover, N. H., in 1786. She was b. Oct. 6, 1786; d. March 16, 1854.

Richard Foster, when he was about ten years of age, went with his father from Salisbury to Hanover, N. H. They settled on the farm which was granted to Rev. Eden Burroughs as the first minister of that town. Richard continued to live upon the farm and became a worthy man and a prominent and active member of the Congregational church. After the death of his wife he lived with his sons. They had eleven children, ten of them sons. Two of these children died in infancy. Of the remaining nine, seven were graduated from Dartmouth College, while the only daughter received a liberal education. The mother, Mrs. Irene Foster, practically read through the library of Dartmouth College while her sons were receiving an education. Of the seven sons at Dartmouth six became ministers and one a lawyer.

He d. in Lowell, Nov. 22, 1868. Res., Hanover and Salisbury, N. H.

5081. i. EDEN BURROUGHSH, b. May 26, 1813; m. Catherine Pinneo.

5082. ii. WILLIAM, b. July 9, 1814; d. July 25, 1814.

5083. iii. WILLIAM COWPER, b. July 8, 1815; m., May 11, 1848, Mary Ann Elliot. She d. June 12, 1857. He m., 2d, Sept. 28, 1858, Almira G. Elliot.

5084. iv. DANIEL, b. Dec. 10, 1816; m., May 21, 1850 at Cambridgeport, Dora S. Swift.

5085. v. SALLY B., b. April 21, 1818; lived at West Springfield, Mass.; m. Dr. Sawyer; d. Washington, D. C., 1866, s. p.


5089. ix. ROSWELL, b. June 30, 1824; m. Esther Lewis and Mary La Fore.


4534. CALEB FOSTER (Richard, Hezekiah, Jonathan, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas), b. Salisbury, N. H., in 1785; m. — — —. He was a tanner. He d. 1862. Res., Hanover, N. H.

5092. i. ELIZA, b. — — —.

5093. ii. LAURA, b. — — —; m. Jesse Pinneo and Oramel Pinneo.
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5094. iii. CALEB CONVERSE, b. ——; m. Laura Horeston, Emily E. Jones and Sarah J. Dewey. A son, Henry, is postmaster at Hanover, N. H.

5095. iv. MARY ANN, b. ——; m. Horace Wright.


5097. vi. HORACE, b. ——.

5098. vii. ROSWELL, b. ——.

4536. REV. AMOS FOSTER (Richard, Hezekiah, Jonathan, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas), b. Salisbury, N. H., March 30, 1797; m., June 29, 1825, Harriet Amelia White, b. March 26, 1802; d. Oct. 18, 1882. She was dau. of Rev. Broughton White. Amos Foster, son of Richard and Esther Jewell Foster, was born in Salisbury, N. H., March 30, 1797. When about a year old, his parents removed to Hanover in the same state not far distant from Dartmouth College. Baptized in infancy, and religiously trained at home, he was converted during a religious revival at the age of eighteen; and very soon after—the first Sabbath in January, 1816—connected himself with the Congregational church at Hanover Centre. The next two years were spent at Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, whence he went to Dartmouth to graduate in 1822. He partially supported himself while in college by teaching school during the mid-winter months. Having the ministry in view, he had no sooner graduated than he gave himself to the study of Theology, retaining for that purpose his connection with the college, and, together with a number of other graduates, enjoying the instruction of President Tyler and Professor Shurtleff; interrupted, however, by the continued necessity of teaching, a temporary calling, which he prosecuted a part of one year in Westmoreland, N. H., and a part of another at Kimball Union Academy. Licensed to preach by the Winisor Association at Norwich, Vermont, February, 1824, he preached his first sermon the very next Sabbath in his own church at Hanover; nor, thus equipped and commissioned, was he long in finding a field of labor. Just as he was completing his studies, Rev. Broughton White, with whom he had boarded at Westmoreland, was doing missionary service at Canaan; by him he was requested to visit that place and speak to the people on the Sabbath which he did. At the request of the people he went again the following Sabbath. Then an engagement was made for several months, which arrangement proved mutually satisfactory, the result being a call to the pastorate of the church, and his ordination and installation over it. The ordination occurred March 2, 1825. Once established in his field of labor, a young pastor's want is a help-meet. Accordingly, soon after his ordination, June 20, 1825, Mr. Foster was united in marriage to Harriet Amelia, daughter of Broughton and Ruth Sabin White.

Counting from the time of his first visit there, his stay in Canaan covered a period of nearly nine years, sixty persons were added to the membership of the church, but never during his term of service, did it rise to self-support. During his stay in Canaan he made frequent visits to Putney, Vt., where his wife had relatives and had become well known to the people; so, when they found themselves without a shepherd it was natural they should turn their thoughts to him. And as he was situated, he felt it was best for him to make a change. And, as the call from Putney seemed to be the voice of God, he resigned his charge at Canaan and accepted the invitation to settle in Putney. In this new field he was installed Feb. 13, 1833. The first months of his ministry were marked by revival interest. As a result of this awakening more than thirty persons were added to the church. Other revivals followed in the years 1835, 1839 and 1843, in none of which did the pastor receive much assistance from other ministers.

When Mr. Foster had been in Putney twenty years, he felt that a change of some sort was a necessity, for during all this time he had taken no vacation. This feeling had been growing in his mind when, one day, a gentleman appeared at his door, said he was from Ludlow and in pursuit of a minister for that place, and had come to ask him to preach there on some early Sabbath. The result was that he visited the place and preached to the people, and was invited to become their pastor. A council was summoned to advise with respect to his dismissal from Putney, but refused to recommend it, and the call was declined; only, however, to be renewed and then approved by a second council and accepted. The action of the second council was taken September 21, 1853. His ministry in Ludlow, where he was installed Nov. 9, 1853, was active and congenial. But the business failure of his largest supporters soon compelled another removal.
Soon after his license to preach, he had for several Sabbaths supplied the church in Acworth, N. H. He had not forgotten the people, nor had they ever lost sight of him. They were now without a pastor, and learning of the state of affairs in Ludlow, lost no time in inviting him to spend a Sabbath with them. The result was a call and its acceptance. And in the fall of 1856, he was dismissed from his charge in Ludlow, and in February, 1857, was installed in Acworth. At the end of nine years he felt that so extensive a field imposed hardships to which he was beginning to feel unequal and asked to be relieved. As Putney was without a pastor just then and as he intended to make that place his home, as he had a house there, he was released from Acworth in January, 1867, and came directly to Putney, where he preached as "stated supply." In 1872, in the seventy-sixth year of his age, he insisted upon laying off harness and retiring from active responsible service. He continued to live in his home in Putney until the death of his wife, which occurred in October, 1882. Much of his time after that was spent with his daughter, the wife of Rev. Henry M. Grant, in Concord, Mass. His last visit was in the summer of 1884. He returned from Concord September 4. Soon after his return he began to show signs of failing. For a few days he kept about, but

was obliged to take his bed. This was Thursday. He continued to fall until Sun-

day. At 6:30 p. m. he "fell asleep." 


5099. i. BROUGHTON WHITE, b. Sept. 7, 1828; m. Mary L. Sutton.


5102. iv. HENRY DWIGHT, b. April 4, 1834; m. Levina J. Carpenter.

5103. v. CHARLES EDWARD, b. Sept. 25, 1838; m. Hannah M. Black.


5105. vii. GEORGE C., b. April 10, 1836; m. Teresa M. Howe.

4537. REV. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN FOSTER (Richard, Hezekiah, Jonathan, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas), b. Hanover, N. H., June 16, 1803; m., Dunmester, Vt., April 10, 1832, Ruth Hovey Kimball, b. Dec. 9, 1807; d. June 3, 1845, in Salisbury, N. H., dau. of John and Lucinda (Pouler); m., 2d, August, 1846, Mrs. Mary Perry, of Manchester N. H. She d. in Chicago at the home of her dau., Mrs. Rev. F. A. Noble. Rev. Benjamin Franklin Foster, b. Hanover, N. H.; graduate Amherst College 1828; studied theology with Rev. Silas McKeen, D. D., of Bradford, Vt.; ordained at Anoskeag (now Manchester), N. H., March, 1832; pastor at Salisbury, N. H., from Nov. 13, 1833, to July 27, 1846; at
FOSTER GENEALOGY.

Dummerston, Vt., from Oct. 8, 1810, to Dec. 18, 1867, and d. at Dummerston, Nov. 2, 1868. The history of Dummerston contains quite a long sketch of Rev. B. F. Foster and his different pastors.


He was a native of Vermont, and during the war of 1812, as a member of the American army, fought in the second encounter with England. His wife, Elizabeth, was born in Perry county, Pennsylvania, and was of German lineage. They were married, and in 1837 emigrated to Iowa, where they soon took up residence. He died in Dummerston, Van Buren county, of that State. He was a prominent man, possessing superior intelligence and ability. A college graduate he was familiar with six or seven languages, possessed broad general information and ripe scholarship. For many years he was county judge of Van Buren county, Iowa, and throughout his life was a stalwart advocate of Democracy. There were only three white families living in Van Buren county when he took up his residence there in 1837, and his nearest neighbor was six miles away. The Indians, however, were very numerous, and the wild and undeveloped land was unmarked by any trace of civilization. Judge Foster took an active part in the work of upbuilding and progress, and his name is enrolled among the pioneers of the Hawkeye State. His wife long survived him, finally passing away in Marion county, Mo., at the age of ninety-four years. The family numbered six sons.


ORRIN SABIN FOSTER (Asa, Joseph, John, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas), b. Barnard, Vt., March 16, 1797; m., Stockholm, St. Lawrence county, N. Y., Clementina Burrows; d. February, 1850. He was a farmer. He was born in Vermont, where he resided until twenty years of age, when he emigrated to Stockholm, and ever after resided. He was a very ambitious man, and ruined his health by working in a forge. During the latter part of his life he was in poor health. Was a very intelligent man, and had an excellent education for those days. He d. April 1845. Res., Stockholm, N. Y.

RUTH SALINA, b. Dec. 1, 1826; m., June 9, 1847, Orin Nelson, Jr. She d. Nov. 4, 1887, s.p.

SARAH SOPHRONIA, b. May 16, 1828; m. Dec. 3, 1849. She d. April, 1868; left four children. Among them, Mrs. Alvin Taylor, Potsdam, N. Y., and Mrs. Mary Brink, North Stockholm, N. Y.


5123. v. GEORGE S., b. Dec. 16, 1852, n. f. k.
5124. vi. JUDAH ROBERT, b. April 5, 1855. He res. unm. in Graham, Susquehanna county, N. M.


5125. i. BENJAMIN G., b. Oct. 26, 1831; m. Sylvia Wright.
5126. ii. WILLIAM F., b. July 20, 1833; m. Adeline Bolic.


When a child about four years old, his parents moved from Barnard, Vt., to Stockholm, St. Lawrence county, N. Y., where he grew to manhood, with only meager opportunities for educational improvement. Often the only books found in the family being the Bible and spelling-book, with now and then a dictionary. Early, in his young manhood he set about learning the carpenter's and joiner's trade from his brothers, Judah and Henry, and, while thus engaged, accompanied them to Pennsylvania and Virginia, where they did much heavy bridge and other building on one of the first railroads constructed in that part of the country. Returning again to Stockholm with some little means he secured two hundred acres of land, and was one of three brothers, Henry and Lyman, to own together a section of land. He at once set about making a farm, clearing the land, putting up buildings and building fences. Early in life he made a profession of religion and united with the Congregational church, of East Stockholm, and was a member of the church
choir. He was married at Edwards, St. Lawrence county, to Charlotte M. Brown, fourth child and second daughter of Amasa and Sophia (Foster) Brown of Fine, St. Lawrence county. She was born at Swanton, Vt. Of her mother's (Sophia Foster's) family, no particulars can be gathered. She died Sep. 10, 1822. Her father, Amasa Brown, was a prominent man in his day at Swanton, engaged extensively in merchandising and lumbering. He was cousin to John Brown of Harper's Ferry notoriety. For many years he lived at Fine, and died there in June, 1855. After his marriage, Benjamin Foster went west, first by team to Michigan; but the country did not suit him, and, disposing of his outfit, proceeded by steamer to Illinois. The Illinois and Michigan canal was being constructed and had much to do with booming this part of the west, establishing waterway communication from our great lakes to the gulf of Mexico. He followed along the canal to Peru, LaSalle county, which was at the height of its prosperity at the prospect of being the terminus of the canal, and here he spent several years, returning occasionally to New York to visit his family and look after business matters. Finally, in the summer of 1847, he returned East to dispose of his interests there and make preparations for the removal of his family to Illinois, and which was accomplished in the early autumn of the same year. Leaving Stockholm by stage one bright September morning, at the close of the same day, he, with his family, arrived at Ogdensburg, where they took boat for Chicago. From there they proceeded in two prairie schooners along the Illinois and Michigan canal and the Illinois river, arriving at LaSalle county in the early evening of October 1. The canal was nearing completion, with LaSalle one mile east of Peru, as the terminus. This was completed that winter, and the following spring, 1848, was opened for traffic. That he might have his family with him, Mr. Foster had finished off, or caused to be finished off at his own expense, two rooms in a brick dwelling house, whose owners (two maiden sisters) were erecting, but at the time were only able to put up the walls and enclose them. This structure is still standing and occupied in a good state of preservation. These were early days and pioneer times and comers had to take such accommodations as they could find until they could do better. But the subject of our sketch had his family comfortably housed while others occupied tents, or were poorly sheltered from the elements by boards set up endways and not very safely secured at that. In two weeks after his arrival here, Mr. Foster returned to Chicago for the building materials that were to enter into the construction of the new home, and which were brought from Chicago by teams and wagons. The following summer, in June, was completed and occupied one, if not the best, dwelling house in the place. But in those days it was considered a long way out, and many were free to say "it was a mistake in Colonel Foster" as he was sometimes humorously called, though he never gave his country one hour of military duty, "to build way out on the prairie." This dwelling is still standing, and the place is one of the pleasantest, situated in the heart and most delightful and desirable part of the city. By this time he was thoroughly settled and came to be identified with the early interest and history of LaSalle. Much heavy building in the way of stores and elevators was necessary, and he was foremost as a contractor in the erection of them. He built the first bridge that spanned the Illinois river at LaSalle, also the first coal shaft, and then again rebuilt it, the first being destroyed by fire, known as the Kentucky coal shaft, afterward the Cowley shaft. Many of these structures are standing to-day and doing the work for which they were intended, while others have given way to those more modern or substantial. For instance, the first bridge that spanned the Illinois river was of wood and has given place to one of iron.

Politically, Mr. Foster was a Whig until the organization of the Republican party. Always interested in the issues of the two parties, yet he never aspired to office, and only on one occasion did he ever hold office. He was on the first board of school directors elected for LaSalle and served a term of one or more years. By honest and uniting industry, he gathered to himself a snug little property, so that when added years brought added infirmities, he had a competency more than sufficient for his material needs.


5128. i. MARTHA, b. at Stockholm, N. Y., July 23, 1826. Address, LaSalle, Ill. In the fall of 1851, Martha Foster went to the academy at Granville, Ill., presided over by Mrs. S. A. Cooley, a pupil of Mary Lyon and graduate of Mount Holyoke Seminary, Hadley, Mass., for her preparatory studies. One year later she went to Albion College, Albion, Mich., to continue the work already
begun, graduating from there with honor in a class of eleven. July 11, 1855, and, with one exception, the youngest in the class, Dec. 2, 1857, she was married to William Chapman, of La Salle, fourth child and youngest son of Moses and Lucinda Chapman, b. Petersburg, N. Y., Feb. 25, 1828. At the time of their marriage Mr. Chapman was deputy sheriff of La Salle county and engaged in the livery business, and during the war of the Rebellion, handled horses for the army. About this time he was the patentee of Chapman's horse holder, and the spring of 1865, having disposed of his business and patent interest, he, with his wife, moved on to a farm near Forrest, Livingston county, Ill., where they remained until May, 1883, when they returned to La Salle. Mr. Chapman becoming district agent for the sale of Union Pacific railroad lands in Nebraska and Colorado. But of late, owing to advanced years, has retired from active business. For more than thirty years Mrs. Chapman has been an active member of the Congregational church, first at La Salle, then at Forrest, and then again at La Salle, where she at present belongs. No surviving children are left to them. She is president of the Fox River Association of the Illinois Women's Home Missionary Union.

SOPHIA, b. at Stockholm, N. Y., Jan. 16, 1830; m Ole Larson, at La Salle, Ill., Dec. 28, 1860. Address, Omaha, Neb., 716 Twenty-third street. For a brief period, Sophia Foster attended school at Granville, one year at Albion College, Albion, Mich., and one year at Jacksonville, Ill. Mr. Larson was born near Starneger, Norway, Dec. 30, 1835, coming to this country with his parents in 1854, settling in Norway, La Salle county, where his parents remained until their death. At the time of their marriage, Ole Larson was deputy postmaster with the late John H. Mifflin as postmaster. Sept. 29, 1862, he enlisted for the war of the Rebellion in Henshaw's battery, Illinois Light Artillery, at Ottawa, Ill., and was made quarter-master sergeant soon after going into camp. He was subsequently detailed to duty in the commissary department, and there continued until mustered out of service at Springfield, Ill., July 18, 1865. Since then he has done office work in express companies and the Union Pacific Railroad Co. at St. Joseph, Mo., and Omaha, Neb. At present he is in the money department of the Pacific and United States Express Co., with residence at 716 North Twenty-third street, Omaha, Neb. To Mr. and Mrs. Larson has been born one child, Charlotte. Foster, at La Salle, Jan. 22, 1863. Her education was begun in a private school taught by Mrs. Mary Jones Sherrill, of Omaha, and continued in the public schools of the same place. Nov. 20, 1884, she was married to Frank M. Rice, of Logansport, Ind., where they at present reside. Mr. Rice is a staunch Republican and has done some hard work for the success of that party in his own State. He is engaged in the hardware business. To this couple has been born a daughter, Olie Mahon, Feb. 7, 1886.

EMMA, b. at La Salle, Ill., Sept. 21, 1840; m Hiram Holmes, Dec. 29, 1870. Address, La Salle, Ill. Emma Foster received her education in the public schools at La Salle, though for a brief time she attended the Henry Seminary at Henry, Ill. She was married to Hiram Holmes, Jr., of La Salle, eldest child of Hiram and Beulah Holmes. For several years he was associated with James P. Williamson in one of the largest grocery houses in the city. Disposing of his interest in this, he was seven years in the flour and feed business. At present he is overseer for F. W. Matthiesen's lanteed estate with residence at La Salle. To them belong three children: 1. Charles, b. Dec. 15, 1882, and 2. Martha Foster, b. Dec. 15, 1882, and 3. Jessie Fremont, b. Jan. 30, 1885, all at La Salle. Beulah Holmes received her education in the public schools at La Salle, though for a few months she attended the public schools in Omaha, Neb. Jan. 8, 1891, she was united in marriage to Charles Standish Cornish, only son of
Wallace Bruce and Agnes Aseneth Cornish. He was born and raised at La Salle. At the time of his marriage he was associated with Mr. Holmes in the flour and feed business at Spring Valley, Ill. Afterward he was employed in T. T. Bent & Co.'s general store at Oglesby, Ill., for two or three years, when he moved to Peru, Ill., and took a position in the Northwestern Clock Co., and gradually worked his way up to clock inspector, which position he now holds. To them have been born three children: Mildred, b. at La Salle, Nov. 30, 1893; Ruth and Rachel, twins, b. at Peru, June 21, 1896.


5131. i. HENRY HOLBROOK, b. Oct. 3, 1836; m. Addie B. Dutton.
5133. iii. CHARLES DICKENS, b. Feb. 5, 1842; d. Nov. 20, 1851.
5135. v. CHARLES CUTTING, b. July 1, 1858; d. Dec. 12, 1862.

4558. JOHN PADDOCK FOSTER (Asa, Joseph, John, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas), b. Barnard, Vt., April 21, 1799; m. Mrs. Fanny Westrom Rowley, d. May 31, 1877. He was a farmer, owned an extensive saw mill; moved from Barnard, Vt., to Stockhom, N. Y., and died there. They had eleven children only four living: Mrs. C. P. Finch, Stockhom; Betsey Foster, Stockhom; Mrs. J. C. Slater, Moira, N. Y.; Joseph H. Foster, Toledo, Ohio; Asa went to Detroit; m. in Stockhom; d. in Detroit, s. p.

He d. in 1849. Res., Stockhom, N. Y.

5136. i. BETSEY, b. ——; unm. Res., Stockhom, N. Y.
5137. ii. JAMES ASA, b. Nov. 27, 1820; m. Electa A. Marsh.
5138. iii. JOSEPH HENRY, b. —— Res., Toledo, Ohio.
5139. iv. DAUGHTER, b. ——; m. J. C. Slater. Res., Moira, N. Y.
5140. v. DAUGHTER, b. ——; m. C. P. Finch. Res., Stockhom, N. Y.


5141. i. ALONZO, b. —— Res., Otsego, Mich.
5142. ii. LIONEL, b. —— Doctor.
5143. iii. MAHALA, b. July 27, 1810; d. Iowa.
5144. iv. MINERVA, b. Feb. 2, 1812.
5145. v. LENORA, b. July 29, 1815; m. Marcia Stone, Mary Cromer and Harriet Little.

4569. DR. JOEL FOSTER (John, Joseph, John, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas), b. Barnard, Vt., March 10, 1802; m. 1831, Lovina Armstrong, of Schoharie, N. Y.

[By Francis V. White, M. D., of New York. From transactions of the Medical Society of the State of New York for the year 1855.] Dr. Joel Foster was born in Barnard, Vt. His ancestors were among the first settlers in New England. He was of the sixth generation of Fosters. His father was John Foster, Esq., who served his country both in the war of the Revolution and the late war of 1812, and was honored by his fellow citizens by the position, severally: Selectman, justice of the peace, and member of the Legislature and Constitutional Convention. His mother's maiden name was Miss Experience Gray. He was of a family of nine children. Dr. Foster secured the usual school education of his surroundings. He had private instruction in the classics. He did not graduate from a classical college. He commenced his medical studies at Woodstock, Vt. His preceptor was Dr. Joseph A. Gallup. He attended lectures both at Castleton and Burlington, Vt., his preceptor being professor in the college of both places and subsequently he went to Philadelphia, Pa., becoming a student of Professor George McClellan and Nathaniel Smith, and graduated from Jefferson Medical College, class of 1826.
FOSTER GENEALOGY.

The subject of his paper was "Neuviere," which attracted much attention, being published in the August number, 1820, of the Philadelphia Medical Review. His first professional career was in Schoharie Court House, a small village thirty miles west of Albany, N. Y. Here he married Miss Lovinia Armstrong in 1831. She survived, also an only child, a son, Gen. John A. Foster, an eminent lawyer, and in our later war of the Rebellion distinguished in his public services, both in the field and military courts. Dr. Foster removed to New York City in 1835, and continued in active practice to within a week previous to his death, which occurred at his late residence, 206 Fourth avenue, June 29, 1854, from his having a contracted liver obstructing the flow of bile, accompanied with jaundice. His funeral was at the church of which he was a consistent member—Calvary church, Fourth avenue and Twenty-fifth street—July 1, 1854, at 3 p. m. The large congregation represented all the walks of life, particularly that of the medical profession. Dr. Foster was the oldest living permanent member of the Medical Society of the State of New York, having been elected in 1832, when he became a member of the Medical Society of the county of New York, March 14, 1836; he was recognized as the recent president of the Schoharie County Medical Society. He was one of the founders of the following societies: 1st. The New York Society for the relief of widows and orphans of medical men. 2d. The New York Academy of Medicine, of which he was vice-president from 1850 to 1862, and trustee from 1862 to 1866. 3d. The New York Physicians' Mutual Aid Association; and, 4th. One of the incorporators of the New York infant asylum, and at the time of his death was honorary president. In politics, he was originally an Abolitionist, and was a member of the first Whig convention, of which Hon. William H. Seward was chairman. Of late years, he was an ardent Republican, though taking no active part in politics. When President Lincoln called for volunteer physicians after the second battle of Bull Run, Dr. Foster obtained about forty physicians and went to the front. His patriotic action in behalf of the wounded was duly appreciated and honorable mention was made. Dr. Foster was a successful practitioner of medicine, respected and esteemed by the community and the medical profession for his probity and integrity. Truly it can be said of him, who had seen his eighty-second year, and fifty-eighth of medical work, "Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shocks of corn cometh in his season."


5147. i. JOHN ARMSTRONG, b. — ; m. Lomie — .


5150. i. JAMES McINTOSH, b. Nov. 5, 1820; d. Barnard, Nov. 25, 1841.

5151. ii. EUNICE ANNE, b. Feb. 26, 1823; m. Ware, Mass., June 10, 1845. William Marsh. She d. Ware, s. p., March 14, 1847.

5152. iii. MARY P., b. Sept. 2, 1828; m. Oct. 17, 1848, in Ware, Charles Grout of Spencer. She d. there Nov. 26, 1857.

5153. iv. JULIA GAY, b. June 30, 1825; m. Nov. 10, 1846, in Ware, Mass., Louis Reed Foster, Ipswich branch, which see for the full family data.

4575. JAMES HENRY FOSTER (Peter, Joseph, John, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas), b. Barnard, Vt., Dec. 25, 1793; m. in Balto, Canada, 1820, Mary Johnston, b. May 4, 1804; d. July 3, 1898.

In 1813 James Foster went to Kingsloie, Canada, driving from Barnard in a cutter. His brother went with him but returned. James had been in Kingsloie but a short time when he was overtaken by sickness and was in a prostrate condition for three months. All his means were exhausted and he was obliged to sell his horse and cutter to get out of debt. There he started in business, in Balto. He had
about twelve and one-half cents, but by industry and attention to work he was enabled to bring up a large family of children comfortably.


5154. i. ESTHER ANN LUCRETIA, b. 1823; m. ——.
5155. ii. ELIZA MARIA, b. 1825.
5156. iii. SARAH JANE, b. 1826; d.
5157. iv. MARY ISABELLE, b. 1827.
5158. v. CATHARINE, b. 1829.

5160. vii. JAMES HENRY, b. 1832.


5162. ix. WILLIAM JOHNSTON, b. 1836; d.

5163. x. DANIEL GEORGE, b. 1839; d.

5164. xi. HARRIET ANN, b. 1848.


5169. xvi. CAROLINE, b. 1849.


His grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary war and a descendant of the Pilgrims. He was educated for school work, and was persistent in his efforts to secure an education early in life. During the vacation of the public schools, while a mere boy, he would walk a distance of eight miles on alternate days to recite his Latin and other studies to Rev. Joseph Bodgeitt, who lived in an adjoining town.
He was a successful teacher. His labor in this line being principally in districts where the element was too strong for the ordinary teacher. A good disciplinarian, possessing tact and also being physically well equipped, made his services in that direction desirable and much sought for. After following school work several years he went to farming in Ware on a farm inherited from his grandfather. He was married to Sarah W. Edison, of New Braintree, and raised a family consisting of five sons and five daughters. After farming a few years he decided to move to New Salem, Mass., giving his children the advantages of the excellent Academy located there. In 1847 he moved to Greenwich, Mass. Being of a mechanical turn of mind, he applied himself to building and erected many structures. He attended the Congregational church; was interested in the formation of the Free Soil party. Later he was identified with the Republican party, and had the moral courage to express and able to defend his convictions; temperance man, and of sound and keen judgment, and a close student of state and national affairs. He was upright and possessed a retentive memory, which he retained until he received a paralytic shock, which terminated fatally.


5170. i. GEORGE W., b. Sept. 16, 1824; m. — — — — — — — — — —.


5173. iv. JOHN M., b. Feb. 27, 1835; d. Feb. 12, 1855.


5177. viii. ELIJAH E., b. June 6, 1830; d. April 20, 1842.


5179. x. FRANK B., b. April 28, 1845; m. Eugenia M. Field.

5180. i. ANN M., b. at Ware, Hampshire county, Mass., June 15, 1823; m. John Holt, at Wheatland, Kenosha county, Wis., May 31, 1846. Living at Koro, Wis., at date, July 22, 1858. Mr. Holt died at Koro, Wis., June 19, 1898. Left two daughters, Addah Fridd, Koro, Wis., and Avis Foote, Waukan, Wis.

5181. ii. JAMES HERVEY, b. Aug. 3, 1827; m. Lucy J. Lathrop.

5182. iii. AVIS ALVIRA, b. at Ware, Mass., May 14, 1830; m. Ira Randall Lathrop, Sept. 1, 1847; d. in Berlin, Wis., April 9, 1879. She left four sons and one daughter. Martin E. Lathrop, the oldest, resides at Hancock, Wis.


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5480. JAMES FOSTER (James, Charles, Samuel, John, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Kingston, Mass., 1793; m. Sarah Ripley, dau. of Daniel Ripley. James Foster, of Kingston; will written Nov. 8, 1861; proved Sept. 9, 1878; heirs mentioned, children of Lucy F. Drew, wife of Christopher P. Drew; Charles J. Foster; Jane F. Tupper, wife of Martin Tupper, and children of said Jane Tupper, viz.: Alice M., Lucy F., William A. and Foster F. Tupper. James Foster's wife was Sarah Foster.—Plymouth Probate.
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5183. i. LUCY F., b. — ; m. Christopher P. Drew.
5185. ii. CHARLES J., b. —

4581. NATHAN FOSTER (Robert, Robert, Samuel, John, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Duchess county, N. Y., May 17, 1781; m. Polly Simmons, dau. of David and Jerusha Barnum, b. Feb. 15, 1785; m. 2d, Mary Howes. He d. in Paris Hill, N. Y., Res., Cazenovia and Waterville, N. Y.

5187. i. GEORGE D., b. Oct. 27, 1812; m. Emerancy B. Thurston.

5189. iii. DWIGHT BARNUM, b. — ; m. Celia Ann Paddock. A dau. is Mrs. Adell Foster, of Syracuse, N. Y., Florence Flats.
5191. v. MYRON, b. — ; m. a dau. is Mrs. Fanny Foster Clark, of Elmira, N. Y.
5192. vi. ORVILLE, b. — ; m. — —. A dau. is Mrs. Lizzie Mergan-toller. Res., Camden, N. Y.
5193. vii. CORNELIA, b. — ; m. James Curtis. Res., W. Winfield, N. Y. She and May Rosson are dau. of Myron Curtis, is at 24 River St., Chicago, Ill.
5194. viii. ROBERT, b. — ; m. and left two sons, Dwight Barnum and Nelson Simmons.


Alexander B. Foster, of Kingston; will written May 23, 1867; probated Nov. 8, 1869; wife, Betsey Sprague Foster: children, Elizabeth B. Bailey, wife of Horace P., of Plymouth, and Adriauna Foster, of Kingston.


5196. ii. ADRIENNE, b. —

4586. WILLIAM A. FOSTER (Nathaniel, Robert, Samuel, John, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Kingston, Mass.; m. Asenath —

William A. Foster, of Kingston, administrator, appointed Oct. 29, 1861; wife Asenath; sons, William G. Foster, of Kingston, and Nathaniel J. Foster, of Boston.


5197. i. WILLIAM G., b. —. Res., Kingston.
5198. ii. NATHANIEL J., b. —. Res., Boston.

4595. JOHN FOSTER (Seth, Seth, Thomas, John, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Studholm, N. B., June 29, 1806; m. there Margaret Haney, b. 1807; d. June 15, 1850. He was a cordwainer. He d. Nov. 21, 1888. Res., Sussex, N. B.

5199. ii. HENRY A., b. Aug. 2, 1832; m. Mrs. Amelia J. Wortman.
5200. iii. GEORGE EULIS, b. Sept. 3, 1837; m. Mrs. Addie C. Chisholm.
5201. iv. ELIZA ANN, b. Dec. 27, 1834; d. Apr. 20, 1860.
FOSTER GENEALOGY.


4597. JAMES FOSTER (Seth, Seth, Thomas, John, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Stodholm, N. B., abt. 1808; m. at Victoria Corner, N. B., Mary Elizabeth Purdy, b. April 2, 1823; d. Aug. 28, 1884. He was a farmer and a member of the Free-Will Baptist church. He d. April 19, 1877. Res., Kings county, N. B., and Mars Hill, Me.

5206. i. SETH, b. Aug. 20, 1848; m. Millie Dillon.


5207. i. CHARLES EDWARD, b. July 12, 1850; d. July 25, 1860.

5208. ii. JAMES WILMOT, b. June 19, 1852; m. Lucinda M. Vincent.


5210. iv. ALBERT BRUNSWICK, b. Oct. 11, 1858; m. and res. Ottawa, Canada.


Nathaniel H. entered the service in September, 1861, as a lieutenant in the Twenty-fifth regiment, Massachusetts volunteer infantry; served in the department of North Carolina; wounded at the battle of Roanoke Island; appointed major in the Twelfth United States colored artillery (heavy) in July, 1864; served in the department of Kentucky; mustered out April, 1866.


5213. ii. ADDIE LIONE, b. Nov. 22, 1859; m., June 12, 1888, Albert W. Poland. She d. Jan. 25, 1891.


5214. i. ADDISON, b. Aug. 7, 1862; d. Aug. 7, 1862.

5215. ii. ALBERT BRINARD, b. Aug. 8, 1863; d. Nov. 12, 1865.

5216. iii. JAMES DAVIDSON, b. Feb. 7, 1870; m., Oct. 6, 1897. Res., Providence, R. I.

5217. iv. ADDISON LEROY, b. Sept. 4, 1878.
Foster Genealogy.


Albert Henry enlisted in Company F, Fifteenth regiment, Massachusetts volunteer infantry in June, 1861; was in many of the principal battles of the army of the Potomac, among them Fredericksburg, Gettysburg and others; prisoner of war four months; mustered out July, 1864. Res., North Brookfield, Mass.


Major Robert was son of Edward. He did business in Amesbury, N. H., and Newburyport, Mass.; m. Maria, dau. of Col. Benjamin Emerson, of Hampstead, N. H.; went to S. Union about 1812: purchased farm, mills and kept for a time the only store in Union; removed to Thomson, where he resided and was in business some years, but removed and died at West Chester, Pa. He was a large shipper and ship owner, but during the war of 1812-14 his property was mostly destroyed or taken by the enemy, and he moved to Maine with his wife and six children.

There was another Robert living in Massachusetts, contemporaneously with this Robert. He was a wheelwright, however.

There is no will or administration of his estate in Essex county after 1813, and it is therefore quite safe to say he removed elsewhere, as his name does not appear after this time on the records of deeds. He appears to have been quite well off, and the following abstracts of deeds will exemplify his position somewhat:

Robert Foster, Newburyport, merchant, bought of Barnard Mace, do. three rods land, bounded on his own land, Oct. 16, 1804.

Sept. 28, 1804, he bought of Tristano Coffin and wife Susannah, Joseph Marquand, merchant, and wife Rebecca, in her right; Ebenezer Stocker, Newbury, merchant, and wife Mary; Susannah Coffin, single, Newburyport; Benjamin Moody, of Epsom, N. H., attorney at law and wife Elizabeth, and Stephen Moody, of Gilman town, N. H., Esq., and wife Frances, for $1,800, fourteen and one-third rods land in Newburyport, bounded on Barnard St., Ebenezer Morrison, dec'd, and Back St., with all the buildings, being the same lot of land and house Seth Tristian, as administrator of his late father William Coffin, bought of William Weed, May 11, 1796.

Jan. 30, 1805, he of Newburyport, merchant, bought of John Barnard, do. trader, two undivided fifth parts land in Andover, lying in common with land belonging to Dr. Edward Barnard, of Salem, and others, being the dower set off to Sarah, widow of Rev. Edward Barnard, formerly of Haverhill, deceased.

Dec. 19, 1811, he of Newburyport, merchant, and wife Maria, for $60, deed to Walter Woodbury, do. quit claim all right to one-sixth of dwelling house and land, being the same and all the property set off to me on execution, July 21, 1808, as the estate of Peter Woodbury.

Jan. 19, 1811, he and wife Maria, for $420, deed to Zebadiah Shattuck, Jr., Andover, twenty-two acres pasture and woodland in Andover, being part of twofifths of the dower of the late Mrs. Sarah Barnard, of Haverhill, according to plan of survey by Joshua Chandler, June 3, 1898.

Sept. 25, 1809, he and wife Maria, to Edward St. Loe Livermore, Newburyport, lot land with dwelling house and other buildings in Newburyport, being same estate on which said Robert lives, bounded on High St., John Cooper, late widow Morrison, now Putnam and Ebenezer Morrison, being same estate bought of Tristam Coffin, Sept. 28, 1809.

June 23, 1812, for $6,000, he sold Benjamin Dudley Emerson, lot land with dwelling house and other buildings, where said Foster lives, beginning on High St., bounded on Brown St., Ebenezer Johnson, etc. (I think Mr. Foster's wife to be an Emerson, as he named two of his children Emerson for middle names.)

June 21, 1813, he and wife Maria, for $5,000, sold John Dane, land and dwelling house.

There are several other real estate transactions on record of minor importance, but none after 1813.
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5221. i. HENRY T., b. Feb. 5, 1815; m. Mary McK. De Haven.

5222. ii. ABNER, b. Aug. 3, 1817; m. and res., Beardstown, Ill. He d. August, 1894.

5223. iii. CAROLINE D., b. June 15, 1819; m. Dr. Davis. Res., Bloomfield, N. J.

5224. iv. ROBERT N., b. Dec. 21, 1800; m. Sarah J. Marsh.

5225. v. SARAH EMERSON, b. June 17, 1806; m. Dec. 10, 1829, William J. Farley, Esq. She d. 1836 in West Chester.

5226. vi. MARTHA J., b. July 26, 1802. She d. May 2, 1832, in Thomas- ton, Me.


5228. viii. BENJAMIN EMERSON, b. March 17, 1809; d. in New York City.


5230. x. BENJAMIN, b. March 28, 1808; d. April 12, 1808.

462 WILLIAM FOSTER (Edward, Edward, Joseph, Joseph, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Dartmouth, N. S., Nov. 21, 1789; m. there Oct. 30, 1814, Eliza Temple Allen, b. Oct. 19, 1792; d. April 26, 1854. He was a merchant and tobacco manufacturer.

He served his time as a blacksmith, but when a young man became a hardware merchant; supplied iron and hardware for the Shubenacadie canal, which after having a lot of money spent on it, was a failure, and William Foster lost a large amount of money by the failure, which caused his failure shortly afterward. Six feet tall and very straight, a very strong active man; was always ready to give assistance to others in trouble or difficulty. Later he started a tobacco manufactory in Dartmouth, the first ever started in Halifax or Dartmouth. After continuing that for some years he gave it up, and was appointed an officer of the customs; was very well known and respected in Halifax and Dartmouth. He held a number of civic offices at different times; had twelve children, of which four—two male and two female—survive; all married. They were married two and one-half miles from Dartmouth, in a house the frame of which was brought from Boston in 1776. He d. March 28, 1882. Res., Halifax, N. S.

5231. i. SARAH EIDE, b. March 8, 1817; d. unm. Jan. 15, 1892.

5232. ii. MARTHA, b. April 14, 1818; d. unm. Oct. 3, 1826.

5233. iii. ELIZA, b. April 13, 1822; m. James W. Turner, of Dartmouth. She res. there.

5234. iv. MARY, b. March 23, 1828; m. F. C. Ellicott. He d. 1890. She res. in D.

5235. v. ANNE, b. Nov. 30, 1833; m. Thomas Brown, of Halifax. She d.


5238. viii. EDWARD, b. June 23, 1823; m. Mary G. Allen.

5239. ix. MARGARET TIDMARSH, b. March 30, 1825; d. unm. June 3, 1850.

5240. x. MARTHA JANE, b. July 7, 1829; d. unm. July 10, 1897.

5241. xi. WILLIAM, b. June 29, 1830; m. Martha Ann Fisher.

5242. xii. MERIBAH, b. Nov. 11, 1831; d. unm. Dec. 6, 1873.

4630. THOMAS FOSTER (William, Edward, Joseph, Joseph, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Muddy Creek, Pa., Nov. 12, 1772; m., 1795, in Pennsylvania, Elizabeth Thomas, b. Nov. 28, 1774; d. in Bethany, 1856.

Thomas Foster, Sr., was born in Pennsylvania, not far from Philadelphia, Nov. 12, 1772, and was married to Rachel Thomas, of Philadelphia, who was born November, 1774. Thomas Foster, Sr., had two older brothers, Samuel and John, who settled in Pennsylvania. These three brothers moved to Kentucky soon after the Revolutionary war. Thomas, Sr., moved to the vicinity of Cincinnati, O., in 1817, and was engaged in building locks on the canal near that city. Later he moved to Indiana, and in November, 1830, with twelve other families, arrived in the Grand river country of North Missouri, where he died in 1852.

During the greater portion of his manhood lifetime he was in comfortable financial circumstances, always industrious and of good moral character. He was tall and large, very muscular, an athlete and a noted wrestler.

When he sold his farm, which is now in the corporation of Cincinnati, he
received for it nearly all silver, the weight being about one hundred and eighty pounds. This was put into a common grain sack and carried to Indiana on horseback, where he poured it out on the old "punchon" floor, and counted it out in payment of the farm he had bought there. He sold his Indiana farm for $5,000.

His eccentricities are illustrated by the following: In the early days of the new countries in which he lived pie was a luxury not often found on the best tables. A traveler stopped with him over night, and at the supper table put butter on his pie. He was told by the subject of this sketch that pie was good enough without butter. He d. in Bethany, Mo., 1855. Res. Cincinnati, O., and Bethany, Mo.

5243. i. THOMAS, b. Dec. 4, 1817; m. Julia A. Thomas.
5244. ii. DAVID NELSON, b. Sept. 12, 1812; m. Naomi Bunyard.
5246. iv. JOHN, b. Oct. 9, 1804; m. Ellenor Foster.
5247. v. LOUISA, b. 1815.

4631. JAMES FOSTER (John, Edward, Joseph, Joseph, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Millbridge, Me., abt. 1775; m. there — — — —. Res., Millbridge, Me.
5250. i. ELI, b. 1799; m. Hannah Wallace.
5251. ii. SAMUEL, b. — — — —.
5252. iii. ENOS, b. — — — —.
5253. iv. SIMPSON, b. — — — —.
5254. v. ELIZABETH, b. — — — —.
5255. vi. RHODA, b. — — — —; d. — — — —.
4632. BENJAMIN FOSTER (Joseph, Edward, Joseph, Joseph, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Port Medway, N. S., Jan. 14, 1800; m. there November, 1834, Abigail Murray, b. Liverpool, N. S., Feb. 5, 1807. He is a farmer. Res., Port Medway, N. S.

5256. i. WILLIAM W., b. Oct. 22, 1836; m. Patience Cole.

5257. ii. LOUIS, b. 1811. Res., at home; unm.

5258. iii. MARY, b. 1838.


5259. i. ISRAEL COLE, b. May 10, 1828; m. Mary Ann White.

5260. ii. F. W., —.

5261. iii. LYDIA F., —.

5262. iv. SAMUEL THOMAS, —.

4634. WILLIAM FOSTER (Melton, Edward, Joseph, Joseph, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Port Medway, N. S., 1756; m. there Patience Freeman. Res., Port Medway, N. S.

5263. i. JAMES AUGUSTUS, b. July 21, 1822; m. Margaret Ann Telfer.


4639. HON. WILLIAM FOSTER (Lewis, William, Joseph, Joseph, John, Joseph, Thomas), b. Ashfield, Mass., Nov. 26, 1801; m., Springfield, Mass., April 17, 1823, Eliza Ann Hall, b. Hampden, Conn., Dec. 31, 1804, dau. of Ransley and Sally (Mansfield), d. Sept. 28, 1838; m. 2d, Marietta, Ohio, Nov. 27, 1839, Matilda White Foster, dau. of Milton and Sophia (Bannister), b. Sept. 21, 1817; d. Oct. 14, 1842; m. 3d, Nov. 23, 1843, Mary Flagg Miller, b. Jan. 12, 1816, dau. of William and Mary Smith; d. Middlebury, Vt., July 22, 1885. William Foster, the second son of Lewis and Hannah (Porter) Foster, came to Springfield in 1818, or thereabouts; worked generally in the United States Armory till 1834. During the year 1843-4 he was absent in Maryland, returning to Massachusetts. He soon returned to the armory and remained in it till 1864, when he removed to Agawam, having meantime been advanced to the rank of inspector. In 1867, he died in Agawam (Dec. 6). He was a member of the Massachusetts Legislature (House) in 1855, and Alderman from the seventh ward of Springfield, in 1859. He d. Dec. 6, 1867. Res., Agawam, Mass.

5264. i. WILLIAM, b. Springfield, July 24, 1824; m. Carrie M. Bertine.


5267. iv. LEWIS, b. July 8, 1833; m. Mary Hawley.


FRANK HUGH, b. June 18, 1851; m. Eliza C. Grout.


ALBERT DEXTER, b. Springfield, June 4, 1830; d. April 13, 1831.

EMMA MARIN, b. Jan. 2, 1832; d. April 17, 1833.

WILBUR FISK, b. April 13, 1834; m. Elizabeth Nichol.

ALLEN, b. Aug. 21, 1836; d. March 22, 1837.

FRANCES EMILIA, b. July 24, 1839; d. July 22, 1840.

EDWIN DEXTER, b. July 25, 1841; m. Mary A. Pipps.


CHARLES EDWARD, b. Dec. 15, 1858.

ELNATHAN FOSTER (Elisha, Nathaniel, Joseph, Joseph, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Salisbury, N. Y., Nov. 2, 1793; m. Jan. 6, 1821, Elizabeth Tallcott, b. July 6, 1796; d. July 4, 1849. He was a farmer. He was born at Salisbury, N. Y., and received no benefit of school until about eighteen years of age. Attended a school taught by Zephi Brackett one winter, and with persistent application for the next two years became, for the times, fairly well up in reading, writing and arithmetic. He learned the cooper trade; after marriage bought a small tract of land on which he built a house and cooper shop, and entered the fight to make a farm, a living, and raise a family, and became a man that was honored by the community in which he lived. He early united with the M. E. church, of which he remained an honored member till his death. He d. Dec. 16, 1843. Res., Salisbury, N. Y.

AARON S., b. April 1, 1822; m. Hannah Getman.

RUFUS L., b. July 19, 1824; m. ———.

JOSIAH F., b. June 1, 1828; m.; a son, Frank, res. Herkimer, N. Y.


OLIVE S., b. Sept. 4, 1836.


LEWIS, b. Dec. 10, 1831; d. unm.

HARVEY, b. Oct. 2, 1834; d. unm.


AMANDA, b. ——; m. William Tanner. They had one child.


JEMIMA, b. ——; m. Michael Curtis. They had one boy by the name of Jefferson. Curtis died. She then married a man by the name of Carliss. They settled in the state of Iowa about forty years ago. Although Curtis was quite a prominent man and quite wealthy, they had no children.

JAMES, b. ——. He never married; was a sailor.

OSCAR, b. ——; d. young.


WILLIAM L., b. Sept. 17, 1820; m. Jane M. Enos. He d. July 10, 1854. His wife d. soon after and his two daus. both d. young.


GEORGE W., b. Feb. 8, 1829; m. Mary Quick and Hellen Quick.


KEYES FOSTER (Abel W., Bryant, Solomon, Joseph, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Palmer, Mass., Feb. 13, 1800; m. there, Feb. 19, 1824, Philena Shaw, b. 1802; d. Aug. 27, 1883. He was a farmer; lived in Palmer all his life; held various town offices; was Whig, Republican, Congregationalist. He d. Jan. 4, 1877. Res., Palmer, Mass.

CHARLES D., b. July 20, 1826; m. Jane E. Burgess and Martha Johnson.

JOHN FOSTER.

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HARRIET, b. Oct. 30, 1832; m., Nov. 23, 1853, S. Wilson Lawrence. She d. June 29, 1887.


4739. i. IDA GRACE FOSTER (adopted daughter), b. May 29, 1856; m., Nov. 17, 1880, to William R. Milligan. Res., Palmer. He is a retail boot and shoe dealer.


5310. i. WILSON TOLMAN, b. June 4, 1844; d. Aug. 4, 1847.

5311. ii. JOHN HOWE, b. July 2, 1846; d. Feb. 1, 1858.

5312. iii. ELLEN ELIZABETH, b. June 15, 1849; d. Aug. 23, 1851.

5313. iv. HENRY DESIRE, b. Jan. 6, 1852; d. March 4, 1855.

5314. v. HELEN SELINA, b. April 29, 1858.

4744. HON. STEPHEN FOSTER (Stephen, James, James, Chillingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. East Montpelier, Vt., July 12, 1866; m., Sept. 11, 1831, Maria Kimball; d. March 2, 1854; m., 2d, Dec. 11, 1856, Caroline B. Evans, of Providence, R. I. He commenced mercantile business in company with Col. J. Langdon, at Derby Line, in 1825, and they opened at Rock Island in 1830. In 1831 he married Maria, daughter of Asa Kimball, Esq., of Barton, Vt. Colonel Langdon withdrew in 1833 and the business at Rock Island was continued under the firm name of Spalding & Foster until 1844, when Mr. Foster withdrew, and was afterward appointed cashier of the People's Bank at Derby Line. His wife died in 1854. In 1855, he married Carrie, daughter of D. Evans, Esq., of Providence, R. I. He was that year elected mayor of the municipality of Stanstead, and has sustained other offices of responsibility and trust. He has been among the foremost in the support of the ordnances of the Gospel, and in his contributions to benevolent objects, and it is perhaps worthy of note that he was the first dealer in the township that banished the sale of ardent spirits from his business. He early removed to Stanstead, P. Q., and located in business in the village of Rock Island. He was long cashier of the Derby Line National Bank, and in various ways led an active business career. He was a member of the Congregational church. Res., Rock Island, P. Q.

5315. i. OSCAR KING, b. 1835; d. 1836.

5316. ii. WILLIAM STEPHEN, b. June 4, 1837; m. Maria Cheney.

5317. iii. CHARLES H., b. 1839; d. 1840.

5318. iv. OSCAR ALPHONSO, b. 1841; d. 1842.

4745. GEORGE KING FOSTER (Stephen, James, James, Chillingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. East Montpelier, May 21, 1868; m., July 26, 1877, Elvira Cleveland, dau. of Hosmer and Fluvia (Bissell); d. July 1, 1880. He removed to Richmond, P. Q., where he became a successful business man as well as an influential citizen. He was noted for his fund of stories, a natural wit, and general good
companionship—traits which he inherited from his King ancestry. He belonged to the Episcopal church. He d. April 23, 1815. Res., Richmond, P.Q.

5319. i. GEORGE KING, b. Dec. 13, 1843; m. Cynthia E. Cleveland.
5320. ii. NELSON AUGUSTUS, b. March 8, 1846; drowned July 9, 1853.
5321. iii. FREDERICK HERBERT, b. Oct. 9, 1848; unm. Res., Tilton, N. H.

HON. HENRY DEARBORN FOSTER (Stephen, James, James, Chilingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas,) b. East Montpelier, Vt., April 23, 1815; m., Oct. 20, 1836, Sarah G. Basset; d. Feb. 1, 1888. He always resided in his native town and passed most of his life on the old homestead. He was an industrious and thrifty farmer, a worthy and respected citizen. At one time he represented his town in the Legislature at Montpelier. He d. July 27, 1884. Res. East Montpelier, Vermont.

5322. i. JULIA ANN, b. Jan. 15, 1838; m., Dec. 31, 1863, William H. Gladding. He was b. April 8, 1841; is a druggist. Res., s. p. Barre, Vt.
5323. ii. EDWIN HENRY, b. March 12, 1839; m. Fanny M. Clark.
5324. iii. MARY K., b. April 13, 1841; m., March 4, 1861, Austin Templeton. Res., East Montpelier.
5325. iv. STEPHEN, b. 1843; d. 1844.
5326. v. STEPHEN A., b. Jan. 12, 1845; m. Sarah Dallas Holmes.
5327. vi. FRANCES RUBY, b. 1848; d. 1853.
5329. viii. CHARLES WALLACE, b. Aug. 15, 1860; m. Flora Wheeler.

HON. HENRY D. FOSTER.

HON. AUSTIN THEOPHILUS FOSTER (Stephen, James, James, Chilingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas,) b. Sept. 20, 1822, East Montpelier, Vt.; m., Sept. 19, 1848, Aurelia May, dau. of Harris; d. Nov. 9, 1850; m., 2d, Sarah Heard, dau. of Capt. John and Lydia (Gustin) Gilman, of Stanstead, P. Q. In his fifteenth year he left his home and went to work for his brother as clerk at Rock Island. When in his nineteenth year he was admitted to partnership with his father who was an extensive country merchant. From that time until 1881, he was actively engaged in business either at Rock Island or at Derby Line, Vt., where he has always resided. In 1865 he started an extensive boot manufacturing industry which is still continued. In 1872 he was elected president of the Derby Line National Bank. He served in the Legislature of Vermont as representative and later as state senator. He has been a member of the Universalist church for many years and trustee of Goddard Seminary at Barre for years and there his children were educated. Mrs. Foster is the seventh generation from Edward Gilman of Exeter, N. H. Res., Derby Line, Vt.

JOHN GILMAN, b. Nov. 6, 1859; m. Clara S. Merriman.


STEPHEN AUSTIN, b. Dec. 23, 1866; unm. Res., 293 La Salle st., Chicago, Ill., 5222 Lexington ave. Of the firm of Aldrich, Reed, Foster & Allen, 205 La Salle st. Stephen A. Foster, the youngest son of Austin T. Foster, of Derby Line, Vt., graduated at Goddard Seminary at Barre, Vt., in 1883; he entered Tufts College the following fall and at the end of a four years course, received from that institution the degree of A. B. in 1887, taking first rank in his class. He entered the Harvard Law School in the fall of 1888, and was graduated therefrom in 1891, receiving the degree of LL. B., cum laude and A. M. At Tufts College he was a member of a fraternity and of B. K. At Harvard he was a member of the Powwow Law Club, and was one of the editors of the Harvard Law Review. He was admitted to the Suffolk county bar, and practiced his profession in Boston until May, 1896, being associated throughout that period with Mr. John C. Coombs. In May, 1896, he came to Chicago and entered the law firm of Aldrich, Reed, Foster & Allen, which has since dissolved. He is vice-president and treasurer of the West Pullman Land Association of Chicago, especially representing the large eastern holdings of the bonds and stock of this company. He is a member of the University, Harvard and Midlothian Country Clubs of Chicago; is unmarried and resides in Kenwood.


CLARISSA HARLOW, b. April 23, 1835; m. Nathan Childs, of New Bedford. He d. of yellow fever in the south; m., 2d, Alfred Morton, of Fall River, Mass.
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5337. iv. JOHN BUNKER, b. Nov. 12, 1843.

5338. v. JAMES MURRAY, b. March 4, 1843; d. at sea, May 22, 1866.

5339. vi. MARIA KILTON, b. —-; m., September, 1884, Grenville Bacon, of Boston.

5340. vii. WALTER HOWARD, b. June 28, 1856; m. Ella Tilton. Ch.: Maude.


4754. EBENEZER LATHROP FOSTER (Ebenezer L., James, James, Chillingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Rochester, Mass., Dec. 9, 1809; m., Oct. 29, 1833, Nancy Bryant Cushman, of Sandwich, b. July 15, 1817. Their home was in New Bedford, where he was a contractor and builder: was an active worker in the Universalist church. He d. July 9, 1879. Res., New Bedford, Mass.


5344. i. ARABELLA LORING, b. April 11, 1844; d. Nov. 27, 1841.


5346. iii. ISADORA, b. Oct. 17, 1849.

5347. iv. ARTHUR SUMNER, b. Sept. 4, 1853; m. Gertrude E. Almy of New Bradford. He was drowned July 10, 1887. One ch.: Elizabeth Potter, b. July 9, 1876.

4757. HENRY FOSTER (Ebenezer L., James, James, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Rochester, Mass., May 9, 1817; m. Sarah Ann Stertevant, of Marion. She was b. April 5, 1819; d. Aug. 31, 1841; m., 2d. Rebecca Jane Calvert. Was a carpenter and blacksmith. Henry Foster being one of a large family of children, had early in life to look out for himself, and he learned the various trades of blacksmith, carpenter and joiner, ship carpenter and pattern maker. He married young, and soon after the death of his first wife, he went south to Georgia and there engaged in constructing one of the first railroads in Georgia. He married a second time to a descendant of the celebrated Calvert family of Maryland. He passed most of his life in New Bedford, Mass., and Providence, R. I., removing later in life to Hartford, Conn., where he died. He was active and social in his life, and a member of the Universalist church of Hartford, Conn. An ardent Republican, devoted to the cause of his party; outspoken in his opinions and domestic in his habits. He lived to a good old age and died loved and respected by a large circle of friends, leaving one son, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; one son having died some years before. He d. June 5, 1893. Res., Hartford, Conn.

5348. i. HENRY AUSTIN, b. Aug. 31, 1841; m. Sarah Elizabeth Chapman.

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5350. i. WILLIAM MURRAY, b. May 22, 1852; d. Nov. 6, 1857.


5354. v. HENRY SOWLE, b. Oct. 9, 1866.

4765. SETH FOSTER, JR. (Seth, Edward, James, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. near Utica, N.Y., March 31, 1799; m., 1820, Oriskany, N.Y., Fannie Alverson, b. Aug. 30, 1799; d. March 6, 1838; m., 2d, Nancy Gamble, b. March 20, 1813; d. Feb. 8, 1844. Seth Foster, Jr., was born near Utica, N.Y.; died and was buried at Kyserville, Livingston county, N.Y. At the age of seventeen he was apprenticed to the trade of a weaver at Oriskany, N.Y. When twenty years of age, he married Miss Fannie Alverson, of that place, who is buried beside her husband at Kyserville, Livingston county, N.Y. Soon after his marriage he moved to near Tiffin, Ohio, where he located a claim on government land and began clearing a farm, when he cut his foot, through the instep, so severely as to cripple him for life. At the end of five years he returned to New York State, locating at Sonyea, Livingston county, renting a farm of Dr. Fitzhugh, where he remained about five years. In 1830, he removed to Sonyea, and engaged in keeping hotel and a general mercantile store. He failed in the latter enterprise by reason of too liberal credits, and, in 1835, removed to Mount Morris, Livingston county, N.Y. He contracted for and built the bridge across the Genesee river at that place. A year later he removed to the town of Kyserville in the same county, and kept the hotel at that place until 1840, when he removed to the then flourishing town of Danville. Much of the time until his death in 1847, he was a contractor and carried the mail from there to Canandaigua and many other important points. The children by his first wife were, Hannah, Emily, Norman, John, Mary, Ann, Jane, and George.

His second wife was Miss Nancy Gamble, daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth Gamble, of Hilborn, Pa., and is buried at Hilborn Pa. By her he had four children named Lorin, Fannie, Daniel Shays, and Elizabeth. He was an elder in the Methodist church many years, and very highly respected in the community. He d. Feb. 6, 1847. Res., Danville, N.Y.


5356. ii. EMILY, b. Sept. 18, 1823; m., Jan. 23, 1855, John Sawyer; d. March 5, 1898, at Danville, N. Y.

5357. iii. NORMAN, b. Dec. 1, 1825; m., April 1, 1849, Lucinda Reece. P. O., Danville, N. Y.

5358. iv. JOHN, b. Sept. 6, 1827; m., Jan. 28, 1867, Ellen Reynolds. P. O., Knapp's Creek, N. Y.

5359. v. MARY, b. Dec. 2, 1829; d. May 10, 1832.


5362. viii. GEORGE, b. June 1, 1837; m., 1867, Mary Havens. P. O., Danville, N. Y.

5363. ix. LORIN, b. April 8, 1839; unm; d. Dec. 13, 1862. Lorin Foster, the oldest son of Seth Foster, Jr., and Nancy Foster (nee Gamble), was born at Danville, N. Y., April 8, 1839. On the death of his father, February, 1847, the mother with four children removed to what is now Hilborn, Lycoming county, Pa. He attended the district school until he was old enough to work, when he engaged in farming and lumbering. At the age of twenty he took a large contract and employed many men and teams to cut and deliver pine logs for Mr. Leroy Gleason, on Slate Run, Penn. He became a member of the Brown township Baptist church in the winter of 1862-63 and in August, 1862, enlisted in Company A, Fifth Pennsylvania Reserve Volunteers, arriving at Washington, D. C., Sept. 3, 1862, and joined his command at Arlington, Va., on its arrival from the disastrous field of Bull Run. In joining the army, his heart's desire was to see the conversion of his younger brother serving in the same command, and his hopes were realized in a few days after his arrival. He took part in the battles of South Mountain and Antietam, Md., Sept. 14, 16, and 17, 1862, and was killed at the battle of Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 13, 1862; his regiment being engaged at Hamilton's Crossing on the extreme left of the army under the command of Maj.-Gen. George G. Mead, later the commander of the Army of the Potomac. Nothing has ever been known of him since he fell in battle and his earthly remains are lost since entombed beneath the familiar inscription "Unknown." A kind and obedient son to his widowed mother, a loving, patient, and helpful brother, a sincere Christian, and a model soldier; he gave for his loved ones and his countrymen, the greatest possible gift—his life. Held in highest esteem by his neighbors and friends in the church and in the community while living, his memory has been revered by all who knew him. The postoffice of Lorinton, Tioga county, Pa., was so named in honor of him.

5364. x. FANNY, b. May 19, 1841; m., Aug. 28, 1867, Benjamin W. Keith; d. May 6, 1883. Res., Harvey, Ill. He was b. Ossian, N. Y., Aug. 24, 1835. They had four ch., all d. young, except Frederick P., b. Oct. 21, 1866. Res. unm., Harvey, Ill. Is associate editor and business manager of the Tribune-Citizen there.

5365. xi. DANIEL SHAYS, b. Dec. 17, 1842; m. Diantha L. Ashley.


5367. i. SOPHRONIA, b. —.

5368. ii. SARAH, b. —; d. Michigan, in 1832.

5369. iii. HAMMOND, b. —.

5370. iv. ANDREW, b. —; d. Dec. 15, 1855.

4775. ELISHA FOSTER (Tilly, Edward, James, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Dana, Mass.; m. there Fanny —. His will was probated at Worcester, Mass., May 21, 1852, by Thomas Kinmonth Judge. He mentions his wife Fanny and daughter Abigail H. Hovey and May P. Edson and son Franklin. He d. May, 1852. Res., Dana, Mass.

5372. i. ABIGAIL H., b. —; m. — Hovey.

5373. ii. MARY P., b. —; m. — Edson.

5374. iii. FRANKLIN, b. —.

4778. VOLNEY FOSTER (Hopestill, Edward, James, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Antwerp, N. Y., Oct. 20, 1810; m., Nov. 1, 1840, Mariam Torrey, b. Aug. 24, 1822; d. Dec. 3, 1888. Volney Foster was born at the village of Oxbow near Antwerp, Jefferson county, N. Y. He was one of four brothers, all of whom resided with their father on his farm. In 1836 he set out for the great west, and after many vicissitudes, such as encountered the early traveler, arrived in Chicago. He stopped here for some months, meeting and knowing the early pioneers of that city. Fate then directed his steps to Milwaukee, where Solomon Juneau was then the great business man. Mr. Foster entered the employment of Mr. Juneau who was then engaged in building a ship. Subsequently he obtained employment at Madison, Wis., and later went to Aztalan, where he entered a quantity of government land which subsequently became his home, and on these lands his father and one brother made their homes. Here he lived until 1850, when he went to Portage City, Wis., where he engaged in business under the name of Volney Foster and subsequently under the name of Foster & Swift. This business continued until 1861, when he returned with his family to Jefferson, Wis., and settled upon a farm. He held offices of trust in that community and was sought by his friends and neighbors to accept responsibilities in the administration of their affairs. He lived a part of the time in the village of Jefferson and a portion of the time upon his farm near that village. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and was held in high esteem by his brethren. He died and was buried in the cemetery at the village of Jefferson. In his character he was gentle, strong and patient. His presence was alleviation for every distressful condition. He had only friends. He liked men. He was able to maintain his affection for them because he expected little of them. Mr. Foster was interested in the Old Settlers' meetings and contributed frequently to the pleasure and profit of those meetings. On one occasion he gave them a very interesting account of the early vicissitudes of those who settled at Aztalan in their experiences with the Indians which argued greatly of the Indian character and what it might have been under a gentle administration. In closing one of these addresses, referring to these early days, he said, "For our children we have made something better, but their associations are not more pure than were ours when in the wilderness we felt our loneliness and 'looked through nature up to nature's God.'"

Mrs. Marianna Torrey-Foster was born in Columbia county, New York. Was there educated in the Hudson Academy and taught school for some years in that vicinity. In 1834 she moved with her father's family, consisting of her sister Jane E. Torrey, William W. Torrey and Wilson Torrey and her mother Phebe Vondervere Van Sickler Torrey, to Jefferson, Wis., where her father bought what was then known as the Yellow Tavern farm, being a large estate and one that had been for

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many years a land-mark to the emigrant and traveler and was known by the name of "Yellow Tavern" for all those early days. Here Miss Torrey became acquainted with and married Volney Foster in 1846. Two children were born of this union, Volney W. Foster, of Chicago, and Phebe Foster-Fellows, of Jefferson, Wis. Mrs. Foster was of rare intellectual temperament. From the school of her native place she had obtained such education as incited her to continual study and a wonderful understanding of the things that may be learned from books and from observation, and in all the changes of her life and in her varying fortunes she kept a part of her life and character untouched either by adversity or prosperity. Study to her was profitable, as from it she acquired that poise and practical charity that minimized the evils of life and magnified all its good things. She was a source of strength to all who knew her. She was a teacher in the broadest sense of the word through all her life, and from her her children obtained the foundation for the education that they acquired. She died at the home of her son in Evanston and is buried at the village cemetery at Jefferson. He d. 1893. Res., Aztalan, Wis.

5375. i. VOLNEY WILLIAM, b. Feb. 27, 1848; m. Eva Adell Hill.


5379. HARVEY FOSTER (Hopestill, Edward, James, Chillingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Jan. 6, 1813, Antwerp, N. Y.; m. Potsdam, N. Y., Sept. 26, 1841, Rebecca Foster (Colonel Aikins, John, James, etc) (see) Res., Aztalan, Wis.

| 5377. | i. ELLEN D., b. Aug. 23, 1846; m., March 18, 1867, John Curtis, of Greenfield, Vt. Ch.; i. Lester, b. Feb. 27, 1869. |
| 5379. | iii. MYRON, b. Oct. 7, 1855; m. Carrie Nevins. |

4781. LUCIUS FOSTER (Hopestill, Edward, James, Chillingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Nov. 22, 1822; m. at Lake Mills, Wis., July 3, 1850, Margaret Richards, b. May 3, 1831, in Pennsylvania. He was born in Antwerp, N. Y., where he resided until he was seventeen years of age, when in company with his
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father and brother he came west, locating in 1839 on a wild tract of land in Jefferson county, Wisconsin, and in 1849 moved to Dodge county. He was for some time in business at Fox Lake, Wis., and later so engaged at Melrose. He also conducted a hotel there for nine years. Moving to Sparta, Wis., he conducted a store for four years. Later he moved to Eau Claire, and finally located at Marshfield. He was genial and pleasant; was a Democrat, and often elected to public office. He was a man of indefatigable energy and resolute purpose, and though he had many reverses, was one of the substantial citizens of Marshfield.

He d. Aug. 22, 1866. Res., Fox Lake, Wis., Sparta and Marshfield, where he d.

538a. i. CHARLES, b. May 10, 1851; m. Sarah Newton.


Henry Lewis Foster was born in Antwerp Jefferson county, N. Y., Nov. 12, 1813. He attended a country school off and on until he was eighteen, then finished his education in a private academy in Gouverneur, N. Y. He taught school several terms. Was married June 12, 1836, to Lucy Sabin Hyer. After keeping hotel for two years in Carthage they got the western fever and packed up their belongings, and with friends, started for Wisconsin, the then far west. On July 4, 1839, arrived in Milwaukee, then a small town. They came on a steamboat most of the way, there being no railroad west of Buffalo. Leaving Milwaukee with their goods loaded on wagons, which, with horses, they brought with them, and started through the woods, fording rivers and wading through marshes for sixty miles, until they arrived at a small village, on the bank of the Crawfish river, called Aztalan, in Jefferson county. He lived there eight years, some of the time on a farm, where he taught school in winter, and held several offices of trust in the town. He built and kept a Stage House, where the passengers from Milwaukee to the capitol, at Madison, were fed and entertained, and where his two girls were born. Four years the family lived in Deerfield, Dane county, where he was town clerk, assessor and justice of the peace. In 1853 he represented his district in the state legislature, and moved to Madison, where he lived forty years, holding several city offices of trust. He was an honest and upright man, loved and respected by all who knew him, and
died after a lingering illness of many years, aged seventy-nine years. He left one daughter with whom he lived, Mrs. LaFayette Smith, his wife and other daughter having passed away several years previous. He now sleeps in beautiful Forest Hill. He d. Oct. 9, 1894. Res., Madison, Wis.


Washington LaFayette Smith was born Feb. 22, 1836, in Medina county, Ohio. His father, Ruben Smith, was one of the wealthy and influential citizens of Ohio, and was judge of the Circuit which included Medina county. Judge Smith moved with his family to Chicago; thence after a year's stay to Kenosha, in 1848, they came to Madison. Mr. Smith was educated at the State University, completing his course in 1857. A year later he was married to Elma, daughter of H. L. Foster, an ex-member of the legislature of Dane county. Mr. Smith read law in the office of his brother, the late George B. Smith, and was ad-

mited to the bar in 1860. He formed a partnership with Nat. Rollins, which continued until the war with the South broke out, when Mr. Rollins went to the front. He then became associated with the late Judge A. B. Braly. Mr. Smith was active and successful in the practice of law, and won the admiration and respect of colleagues and clients. In 1876 his health failing, Mr. Smith went abroad and traveled extensively in England and Europe. He was a keen and impartial observer, and his published letters from foreign countries were bright, instructive and entertaining. Mr. Smith never fully regained his health. Although still practicing law he devoted much of his time to travel and recreation. In 1890 he traveled through Mexico and California. For more than a year he was forced to give up all out-
door pursuits, and suffered intensely at times, but to the last, when conscious, was the same cheerful and bright LaFayette Smith that all Madisonians knew so well. He never mixed in politics and never held office, but he took a deep interest in affairs of state and nation, and few citizens were more patriotic and loyal. He was an active Unitarian and was buried from that church July 9, 1855; his four sons acting as pall bearers.

53814. ii. FRANCES E., b. —; m., April 9, 1861, James W. Sumner. She d. March 19, 1894, leaving two ch.: Mrs. Ellen S. Goodland, res., Osborn, Kan., and James F. Sumner, of Madison, Wis.

4794. NATHAN FOSTER (Lemuel, Nathan, James, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Orange, Vt., Feb. 13, 1797; m., Dec. 3, 1815, Laura Clapp, dau. of Thaddeus, b. April 13, 1799. He d. in 1875. Res., Stowe, Vt.,

5382. i. LORENZO C., b. Nov. 21, 1816; m. Lucy W. Moody.
5383. ii. ELMINA, b. Oct. 8, 1818.
5384. iii. LYSANDER W., b. April 10, 1821; m. Lucinda A. Barnes.
5385. iv. ROSANNA, b. Sept. 19, 1825.
5387. vi. LEANDER H., b. Sept. 11, 1830.
5388. vii. MARIEETTE C., b. July 8, 1835.


5390. i. CLARISSA, b. 1827.
5391. ii. J. TRAFTON, b. 1830.
5392. iii. N. WALKER, b. 1832.
5393. iv. McGROCH, b. 1835.
5394. v. BETSEY, b. 1836.
5395. vi. HERSCHEL A., b. 1838.
5396. vii. JORDAN, b. 1840; d. 1841.
5397. viii. CLARA A. V., b. 1842; d. 1842.
5398. ix. JORDAN, b. 1845.


5400. ii. NATHAN, JR., b. Feb. 27, 1850; m. Mary F. Kelley.
5401. iii. SAMUEL NOBLE, b. Nov. 19, 1853; m. Laura A. Silver.
5402. iv. WILLIAM DEWEY, b. April 18, 1856; d. Aug. 9, 1889. Son, Oliver J. Kirksville, Mo.
5403. v. SARAH SWARNEY, b. Nov. 1, 1858; d. June 16, 1863.
5404. vi. GRACE OAKES, b. Sept. 6, 1865; d. June 24, 1886.

4811. ADDI MILLER FOSTER (James, Nathan, James, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Montpelier, Vt., Sept. 3, 1811; m., Barre, Vt., Oct. 15, 1837, Lenora Pressey, b. April 2, 1814. He is a lumberman. Res., Barre, Vt.

5405. i. WILLIAM D., b. March 20, 1839; m. Phoebe A. Goodfre.


5406. i. ERASTUS HENRY, b. Sept. 9, 1843; m. Jane M. Maloy and Jane M. Mathews.

4823. GOULD CAMP FOSTER (Samuel, Nathan, James, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Orange, Vt., July 17, 1816; m., July 9, 1837, Sophronia
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5412. vi. CHAUNCEY L., b. —; d. —.

5413. vii. WILLIAM H., b. —; d. —.

5414. viii. GILES W., b. —; d. —.


5417. iii. DELBERT E., b. April 29, 1875. Res., Berkey, O.

4828. DR. ALBERT RANDOLPH FOSTER (Samuel, Nathan, James, Chilingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Otsego, Mich., Jan. 30, 1834; m. there Aug. 27, 1854, Sarah Randall, b. Jan. 5, 1839.

Doctor Albert R. Foster, the youngest child of Doctor Samuel Foster, was born in Otsego, Allegan county, Mich., the first white child born in Otsego. His father died when he was ten years of age. From that time he saved his spare money until Oct. 31, 1849. He was five years, five months and fourteen days saving $33, which amount was his first commencement to sell goods. He sold goods for forty-nine years, and doctoring over thirty years, in connection with the goods business. His mother died Nov. 29, 1852. He has had four children, three are yet living, Edgar, Clarence and Aristeve. Edgar is living in Otsego, and is in the chair factory. Clarence is at Plainwell and in a hotel. Res., Otsego, Mich., 21 W. Allegan St.

5418. i. EDGAR D., b. Oct. 22, 1855; m. Kittle Snyder.


5420. iii. ISADORE, b. Feb. 14, 1860; d. May 5, 1867.


4835. JOHN P. FOSTER (Shadrach, John, James, Chilingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. New York, Nov. 10, 1813; m., Sept. 27, 1837, Minerva Bradley. She d. Jan. 27, 1846; m. 2d, Nov. 4, 1848, Cleora G. Parmelee. Was a shipwright. He removed to the state of Ohio before he was of age, and has visited his home but once in all those years. He was a carpenter by trade, and worked in ship yards, on ships most of his time. He was twice married, and was the father of six children. He died and was buried in Elvria, Loraine county, O. He left a wife and four children to mourn his loss. He died at the age of seventy-six, January, 1888. Res., Elvria, O.

5422. i. DIAMIA, b. Aug. 11, 1838; d. Sept. 7, 1863.


5425. iv. ELLA A., b. Sept. 21, 1849; m. Silas Hecock.


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4530. FRANKLIN FOSTER (Shadrach, John, James, Chillingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. July 31, 1814; m., Jan. 1, 1844, Betsey Swift; d. Sept., 1880. Franklin Foster lived in Pierrepont, on the farm that he with his younger brothers bought and cleared up, and which was one unbroken forest at that time until the fall of 1803, when he removed to Potsdam on the farm where he now lives. Franklin and Betsey (Swift) Foster were the parents of three children, only one of whom lived to be over one year old. His wife died, and his only son, Darwin M., died on the 3d day of January, 1893, thus leaving him alone with his son's wife and three granddaughters, Mabel, b. Sept. 22, 1868, and Clara, b. July 2, 1872. Sisters are both graduates of Potsdam Normal School Grace, the youngest, b. Dec. 3, 1878, is attending that school, who ministers lovingly to his wants and tenderly cares for him in his feeble health and old age. He is in his eighty-first year. Franklin was but twenty-one years of age at the time of his father's death, and when he took the responsibility of caring for and helping to provide for a large family of young and helpless children, though relieving his mother from many cares that would otherwise have fallen to her lot. Mable and Clara Foster are teaching. Res., Potsdam, N. Y.

5431. i. HE HAD three ch., only one married.

5430. ii. DARWIN M., ---; m. ---.

1837. GARDNER FOSTER (Shadrach, John, James, Chillingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. New York, Aug. 10, 1816; m., Dec. 25, 1840, Adaline Irish, dau. of William. He is the father of five children and is still living in Ringold county, Iowa. Res., Ringold county, Iowa.

4532. JUDGE AIKINS FOSTER (Shadrach, John, James, Chillingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. New York, Jan. 24, 1827; m., Oct. 30, 1854, Luettia Lobdell. Soon after his marriage he removed to Colton, St. Lawrence county. He studied law in the law office of Allen & Dost, and was admitted to the bar in 1853. He was elected superintendent of schools in his early years before his marriage. He held the office of postmaster from 1855 to 1859, and twelve hours before his death he was declared elected judge of the Sessions for St. Lawrence county. He was considered one of the best judges of law in St. Lawrence county. He died at his home, Colton. He was an industrious husband and loving brother and son. Was educated at Potsdam Academy. He was not connected with any church, but was orthodox in his views. He had no children, but adopted a niece of his wife, whom he loved with all a father's affection, Mrs. Alberta Foster Saxton, wife of Fred Saxton, of Santa Anna, Cal. He d. Nov. 4, 1891. Res., Colton, N. Y.

5431. i. MRS. ALBERTA FOSTER SAXTON (adopted). Res., Santa Anna, Cal., wife of Fred Saxton.


5432. i. WARREN SKINNER, b. Jan. 3, 1840; m. Sophia Carey Wilks-son.

5433. ii. THOMAS, b. Oct. 2, 1845; m. Jeunie Flood.

4866. PETER HALL FOSTER (Thomas, James, Thomas, Chillingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. South East, N. Y., Sept. 15, 1812; m. there Dec. 5, 1836, Mary S. Weller, b. June 6, 1815; d. April 27, 1856; m., 2d, April 23, 1867, Emma A. Acker, s. p. He d. April 19, 1870. Res., South East, N. Y.


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5436. iii. EMMA LOUISE, b. Sept. 18, 1848; m., Oct. 8, 1874, Samuel Wait. They had three sons, all d. in infancy; William Foster, Frederick and Richard. Res., 144 Lefferts Pl., Brooklyn, N. Y.

5437. iv. CHARLES WELLER, b. May 15, 1844; d. in the army, during the civil war, at Suffolk, Va., Nov. 14, 1862.

4869. AMBROSE FOSTER (Thomas, James, Thomas, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. April 7, 1820; m. Maria Sands, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Ambrose Foster at his death was an old an respected citizen of Evanston, and left a widow and one child, Mrs. David S. Vook. He was for many years in the lumber business in Chicago, but retired in 1866. He moved to Evanston, Ill., in 1868, and always resided there. For eleven years he was the town treasurer; was one of the earliest members of the Presbyterian church and a man of sterling integrity. He d. March 16, 1891. Res., Evanston, Ill.


4873. THOMAS FOSTER (Thomas, James, Thomas, Chillingworth, John Thomas, Thomas), b. Dec. 31, 1830; m., Oct. 6, 1863, Hannah Maria Turner.

Her grandfather fought in the battle of Red Bank against the Hessians in the Revolution. He was in Capt. Joseph Marales' company, Sixth battalion, Philadelphia county, Pennsylvania; Colonel Knox. He was ensign. Res., Chicago, Ill., 215 Forty-eighth St.

5440. i. MARIENNE, b. —; m. George A. Coburn, of Quincy, Ill. He d. She m., 2d, Jan. 1, 1897, Harold Stone.

5441. ii. SADIE, b. —.

5442. iii. MARIE BELLE, b. —; m., Nov. 21, 1893, Albert Lincoln Tucker. One ch. Res., 4533 Oakwood ave.

5443. iv. CORNELIA, b. —.

5444. v. LAURINE, b. —.

5445. vi. IDA, b. —.


5446. i. DANIEL REGNA, b. Sept. 22, 1838; m. Anna E. Steward.


5447. i. WILLIAM PRICE, b. May 15, 1823, d. Oct. 9, 1823.


5449. iii. SAMUEL HICKOX, b. March 1, 1827; m. Adelia Munn.


5451. v. SUSAN HICKOX, b. March 2, 1832; d. July 15, 1884.


5453. vii. MARY JANE, b. May 22, 1837; d. June 12, 1841.


5455. ix. EDMUND PRICE, b. May 8, 1843; d. Aug. 5, 1863, of fatigue and exposure at the first battle of Bull Run.

4851. JAMES H. FOSTER (Edmund, James, Thomas, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. June 9, 1801; m., Aug. 2, 1826, Letitia Hawkhurst. He d. Nov. 8, 1832. Res., South East, N. Y.

5456. i. SARAH M., b. April 10, 1827; m., 1847, George Rogers, and 1856, John S. Wear.
MARY, b. Dec. 29, 1829; m. July 4, 1847, Samuel Cheshire. Ch.: 
1. Edmund Foster, b. Dec. 28, 1848; Flushing, L. I. 
2. Leander Mortimer, b. Nov. 14, 1850; California.

JANE, b. —.

JOSHUA CROSBY FOSTER (James, James, Thomas, Chillingworth, 
John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Nov. 11, 1805; m., Oct. 15, 1829, Laura Roberts, dau. 
of Lemuel and Phoebe (Foster), b. Feb. 22, 1808; d. Oct. 22, 1878. He d. July 2, 
1865. Res., South East, N. Y.

JAMES, b. —; d. —.

ALFRED C., b. —; d. unm., 1898. Alfred C. was unmarried 
and lived on the homestead farm, northwest of Doanesberg, in 
Southeast, upon which Thomas Foster settled when he came 
from Harwich, about 1747.

EDWARD J., b. Aug. 6, 1839; d. April 21, 1847.

WILLIAM HILL FOSTER (Thomas, Seth, Thomas, Chillingworth, 
John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Carmel, N. Y., May 7, 1824; m., Sharon, Conn., Jan. 
2, 1853, Rachel Chapman, b. Sept. 9, 1826.

William Hill Foster, youngest son of Thomas and Betsey Crane Foster, occupies 
the farm of his father and grandfather, near Carmel, Putnam county, N. Y. He is 
a man of gentle nature, quiet and scholarly tastes, and during his long life has been 
the counselor and helper of all in need. He has been since 1861, an elder in the 
Gilead Presbyterian church, and has long occupied a prominent and influential 
position in his church and the ecclesiastical bodies to which it belongs. Res., 
Carmel, N. Y.


BESSIE CRANE, b. Nov. 23, 1863; m., Oct. 14, 1891, George 
Edward Reed. Res., Carmel, N. Y.

JOSIAH FOSTER (John, John, Nathan, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, 
1830; d. Jan. 19, 1897. Will dated Aug. 5, 1844; proved March 12, 1895; wife Caro-

JOSIAH F., b. May 21, 1852; m., Jan. 2, 1874, Lilian L. Maker. 
Res., Brewster.

LYDIA E., b. Oct. 25, 1855.

CARRIE G., b. July 25, 1866; m. J. Emery Eldridge, of B.

HIRAM THATCHER FOSTER (Lemuel, Isaac, Isaac, Chillingworth, 
John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Dorchester, Mass., Jan. 5, 1813; m., Aug. 17, 1837, Mar-
Hiram Thatcher, Sr., b. Dorchester, Mass., married Margaret Cecelia Hodgman, 
South Boston, by Rev. Dr. Capen; baptized by Rev. Dr. John Codman. Master 
blank-book binder. Served in civil war in Company F, Thirtieth Massachusetts 
volunteer infantry, New Orleans, La., and transferred to reserve corps, Washing-
ton, D. C. On guard at theater the night President Lincoln was so foully assassina-
ted. Took up business on return from war at 105 Court street, Boston, and after 
Nov. 9, 1872, great fire, removed to "burnt district," 25 Arch street, and remained 
until his last, and about only, sickness, 1880. Died of cancer after a few weeks' 
sickness. Buried from Methodist church, corner Third and Cambridge streets, East 
Cambridge, Rev. Dr. Whittaker officiating. Buried Forest Hills cemetery. A 
brainless, nervous man; a great reader, and were he alive to-day, would, with his 
retentive memory for dates, etc., be of unbounded help in this matter. Mr. Wil-
liam H. Tyler, a gentleman in the business, and was his constant companion until 
his death, says he was the best and swiftest blank-book binder he ever met, and he 
believed he was without an equal in the city. He d. May 2, 1880. Res., E. Cam-
bridge, Mass., Vine St.

FRANCES EMMA, b. March 16, 1853; m. 1855, William Pitt 

HIRAM THATCHER, b. Dec. 7, 1842; m. Mary A. Dutton.

HENRY, b. Dec. 15, 1844; m. Lucy Ann Sawyer.


4028. THATCHER FOSTER (Isaac, Isaac, Isaac, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. July 6, 1819, Brewster, Mass., m. Louise ——; m., 2d, March 18, 1836, Susan J. Emery. She d. February, 1890. Her will is dated Nov. 25, 1884; proved April 15, 1890. Res., Brewster, Mass.

4031. BENJAMIN FOSTER (Benjamin, Isaac, Isaac, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. —; m. Sophronia ——. His will is dated Jan. 31, 1803; proved May 14, 1877. He d. April 5, 1877. Res., Brewster, Mass.


Freeman Foster, Jr., was born in Harwich (now Brewster). His father was a sea captain. He was member of the militia at Harwich, being aid de camp to Gen. E. D. Winslow in 1828. He was made captain in 1829, when he was sent to Eastham to inspect the regiment. He learned the tanner's trade at Nashua, N. H. He belonged to the band there, and when Lafayette visited this country he was one of the party to escort him over the New Hampshire line to Nashua. He was married at Nashua. He moved to Abington in 1853, where he has been a deacon of the Universalist church for over forty years. He is still enjoying good health and all his faculties, and has recently celebrated his ninety-first birthday by a gathering of his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Res., Abington, Mass.

4071. iii. ABBIE, b. March 12, 1833; unmar. Res., A.


David Foster was apprenticed in Roxbury to Hugh Prentice, a tanner. He, with his brother, Freeman, bought and worked in a tannery at Brewster. In 1833 he moved to Medford and bought a tannery there. Was married in 1833. In 1830 he went to Kennebunkport, Me., and again worked a tannery with his brother, Freeman. In 1836 he removed to Boston, and in partnership with Lemuel Higbee, of Salem, did a good business in wholesale leather. His wife, Cynthia, died, and he married again. He was burnt out in the great fire, in Boston, in November, 1872. Retired from business in 1878, and died in 1897. Like his father, he was a staunch Universalist, and would never go to any other church.

David Foster, Jr., of Boston, appointed administrator of estate of David Foster; died March 3, 1897; next of kin, Mary A. Foster, Boston, widow; David Foster, Boston, son; Ellen F. Sears, Jamaica Plain, daughter; Emma F. Foster, Malden, daughter; Martha L. Lincoln, Farmington, Me., daughter; Mary L. Foster, Boston, daughter; Lenette F. Parmerton, Deering, N. H., daughter. May 20, 1897. Witness, Reginald Foster. Sufi. Prob. Lib. 731, fol. 403.


ELLEN F., b. Nov. 16, 1834; m., May 20, 1860, Capt. Elisha F. Sears. Res., Maple Pl., Jamaica Plain. Ch.: 1. Annie Foster, b. April 14, 1863; m. Elmer E. Hudson, May 9, 1888. Ch.: (a) Elisha S. Hudson, b. Aug. 31, 1893. 2. Susan O. Sears, b. Nov. 2, 1870; d. infancy. 3. Henry Sears, b. April 15, 1874; d. infancy. Captain Elisha was descended from Richard Sears, the Pilgrim (Joseph Hambley, Joseph, Prince, Jonathan, Samuel, Paul, Richard). He was captain of the ship Cape Cod when he was twenty-one. Also captain of the clipper ship Wild Ranger, making long voyages to the East Indies, Australia, etc. He was also in the transport service in the civil war. He carried the famous gun, "Swamp Angel," to Charleston, to retake Fort Sumter. He was born in Brewster, Mass., March 28, 1831, and died at Jamaica Plain (Boston), Mass., April 15, 1897.

MEHITABLE, b. May 13, 1837; d. Nov. 5, 1858.

EMMA FRANCES, b. Dec. 21, 1844. Res., Pleasant St., Malden, Mass. Address, 50 Bromfield St., Boston. She was born at Kennebunkport, Me., but has lived the greater part of her life in Massachusetts, and has for a number of years past been the proprietor of the Eastern Teachers' Agency in Boston.

MARTHA LUCRETIA, b. June 25, 1846; m., Dec. 5, 1867, Charles
LENNETT Elisha, served m., William David, Maria Wallace Chillingsworth, she John, b. June 15, 1584, resided in life insurance business.


ELMER, b. Oct. 25, 1861.


MERCY B., b. Oct. 2, 1863; d. young?

WALLACE F., b. March 3, 1865.

MELISSA G., b. Oct. 11, 1870.


TOWNSEND NEL-SON, b. Aug. 19, 1847; m. Hannah S. Cole.

HON. SIDNEY HERBERT FOSTER (George W., Thomas, Nathaniel, Chillingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Calais, Vt., March 29, 1828; m., in Calais, March 15, 1851, Louise Ruth Dudley, b. June 3, 1828. Sidney Henry Foster
was born at the old Foster homestead, Calais, Vt., March 29, 1838, and has always resided there. He was educated at the common schools and at the Peoples' Academy, Morrisville, Vt. He taught many terms in the district schools, and was regarded as one of the best teachers in Washington county. Mr. Foster owns one of the best farms in Vermont, and has long been well known as an industrious, energetic and progressive farmer. The old homestead and its surroundings, under his intelligent supervision, have been much improved and beautified and are much admired. Mr. Foster went to the war in 1862, as first sergeant of Battery I, First Vermont Heavy Artillery, Eleventh Vermont Volunteers, and was promoted successively to second and first lieutenant. He was a member of the Stowe Post, No. 29, Dept. of Vermont, Grand Army of the Republic, and was its first commander. He is a member of the Society of the Army of the Potomac, and of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. Res. North Calais, Vt.


HERBERT SIDNEY, b. Aug. 8, 1853; m. Laura A. Kent.


ALONZO MERRILL FOSTER (George W., Thomas, Nathaniel, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Calais, Vt., Jan. 30, 1830; m. there, April 20, 1851, Elsie W. Dudley. b. May 23, 1830. Is a farmer and owner of Maple Glen sugar camp at Cabot, Res., Cabot, Vt.

GEORGE LEON, b. Dec. 31, 1866; d. Nov. 29, 1872.


Ponce, Porto Rico.

FRANK H., b. March 2, 1873; unm. E. A. battalion engineers United States army, Manila, Philippine Islands.


MARTIN D., b. Aug. 26, 1866.

JOHN E., b. Feb. 19, 1869.

LANSING, b. July 1, 1867; m. Elizabeth Turnbull.


FRED S., b. Oct. 22, 1862; m. Mary Boyd.


ASA FOSTER (Nathaniel, David, Nathaniel, Chillingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. East Fairfield, Vt., May 23, 1830; m. Sept. 23, 1855, Clarinda L. Tibbets, dau. of Samuel H. and Sallie P. She d. July 4, 1892.

Asa Foster, retired, now living on section 2, Sugar Creek township, is one of the self-made men of Walworth county, and through industry, enterprise and perseverance has steadily worked his way upward from a humble position to one of affluence, as he is widely and favorably known. He was born in East Fairfield, Franklin county, Vt., and lived in the same school district in which President Arthur was born and reared. His father, Nathaniel Foster, was born in Massachusetts, and was of English descent.

During his childhood he removed to the Green Mountain State, and was there, in 1809, united in marriage with Miss Sallie Leach, a lady of Scotch lineage. Thirteen children were born of their union, namely: James, Nelson, Daniel and Susan, all of whom are deceased and were buried in the old family graveyard in Vermont. Orrissa, wife of Henry Wilcox, of North Adams, Mich. Alanson, who is living in Sault Centre, Minn. Susan who died and was laid to rest in the family burying ground. Marcia, wife of Martin Brindle, of Fairfield, Vt. Phoebe, wife of Lyman Newton, who is living on the old homestead in the Green Mountain State. Joy, of Peck’s Station, Walworth county. Asa, of this sketch. And David, who died in the army and was buried in the family cemetery, as was also Ann. The grandfather of our subject was one of the heroes of the Revolution, and the father served in the war of 1812.

Asa Foster acquired his education in the public schools of his native State, and remained at home until 1850, when at the age of twenty, he started westward, traveling to Toledo, Ohio, where he landed with $4 in his pocket and sixteen pounds of clothes in a bag; and on through Indiana and Illinois until he reached Wisconsin, having made the journey of more than a thousand miles on foot. Subsequently he returned to Ohio, where he remained about nineteen months, after which he went back to Vermont, where he remained two years. On the expiration of that period, he again came to the Badger State, locating in Sugar Creek township. He made the journey by way of the great lakes to Chicago, and thence by team to his destina-
tion. Here he purchased forty acres of marsh land, but soon added to it tracts of good prairie land, and for some years he engaged quite extensively in buying and selling real estate. Mr. Foster married Miss Clarinda L. Tibbits, daughter of Samuel H. and Sallie P. Tibbits, who were of English and German descent, respectively. By their union were born five children. The mother of this family died suddenly of heart trouble, and was buried in Mount Pleasant cemetery, in Sugar Creek township. She was a woman of superior ability, possessed of a sunny and cheerful disposition, and her death was mourned not only by her husband and children, but by the entire community. She held membership with the Methodist Episcopal church, and her life was in harmony with her professions. The poor and needy found in her a friend, and her charitable and benevolent spirit prompted her to many acts of kindness.

Throughout his active business career, Mr. Foster followed farming, and was one of the most successful agriculturists of Walworth county. He has recently given to his children land to the value of $12,000, and still retains possession of two hundred and sixty acres. He has a pleasant and attractive home on section 2, where he is now spending his declining years in retirement from active labor, enjoying the rest which he has so truly earned and richly deserves. He, too, is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and has lived an honorable, upright life, well worthy of emulation. He votes with the Republican party, and has served his township as a member of the board of supervisors for several terms. He has also held the office of president of the agricultural society of Walworth county, and is a broad-minded, public-spirited gentleman, warm-hearted and genial in disposition. Res., Sugar Creek, Wis.

5512. i. SARAH E., b. April 20, 1861; m. Charles Nott. Res., LaGrange, Wis.
5513. ii. WILLIAM T., b. Nov. 15, 1863; d. Sept. 12, 1865.
5514. iii. JENNIE, b. Nov. 25, 1869; m. Charles Mosher.
5515. iv. SAMUEL T., b. — ; m., May 24, 1893, Mamie Fountain. Res., Sugar Creek, Wis. A son is William Asa.


5518. iii. GEORGE RILEY, b. Sept. 6, 1847.
5519. iv. ALMA SAMANTHA, b. Sept. 7, 1849.
5520. v. ADELLA CHARLENE, b. Oct. 20, 1853; m. Albert A. Shephard, June, 1871; m., ad, June 18, 1890, Rev. A. R. Nichols.


5521. i. MARY FRANCES, b. Nov. 18, 1844.
5522. ii. MARTHA FANNY, b. Nov. 18, 1844; d. Nov. 19, 1844.
5523. iii. CHARLES WESLEY, b. Aug. 2, 1847; m. Eliza Ann Traver.
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5527. ii. GRACE REED, b. April 6, 1873. Res. at home.

5029. REV. JOHN FOSTER (John, John, John, Thomas, Joseph, Thomas, Thomas), b. Tewksbury, Mass., Oct. 28, 1781; m. Dunstable, Feb. 13, 1804, Sarah Blodgett, b. Feb. 16, 1753; d. in Jay, Me., Nov. 30, 1836; m. 2d, Rhoda Willard, b. New Sharon, Me., Dec. 15, 1799; d. March 12, 1864. He settled in Milton, Me.; occupation, merchant. Later he moved to Jay, Me., and engaged in farming, and was a Free-Will Baptist preacher. In his advanced age he went to reside with his youngest son in Minneapolis, Minn., where he spent his last days. He d. Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 20, 1870. Res., Milton and Jay, Me.

5528. i. JOHN B., b. Dec. 3, 1804; d. April 21, 1807.

5529. ii. EZRA B., b. June 17, 1806; m. and d. Nov. 1, 1873, in Monticello, Me. A son, Nelson, resides Auburn, Me.

5530. iii. JOHN B., b. April 21, 1808; m. A son, Sylvanus, resides New Auburn, O.

5531. iv. CYRUS, b. Sept. 23, 1810; m. and d. Aug., 1863, in Jay, Me.

5532. v. JOSIAH W., b. June 20, 1812; m. Louise Farrington and Deborah Towle.

5533. vi. SARAH, b. Feb. 5, 1815; m. Pease. She d. Jan. 27, 1838, in Milton. Son, Gus Pease, Manchester, N. H.

5534. vii. SAMUEL H., b. July 2, 1817; m. Derby Bean.

5535. viii. WILLIAM B., b. May 6, 1820; d. Feb. 29, 1822, Freedom, Me.


5537. x. ORIN, b. June 5, 1839; m. Abbie A. Lathrop.


5539. i. MARY HASKELL, b. ——.

5540. ii. ABIGAIL HOWARD, b. ——.

5541. iii. EBEN BREWER, b. May 2, 1803; m. Lucy P. Stevens.

5037. SAMUEL HEATH FOSTER (William, John, Samuel, Samuel, Hopestill, Hopestill, Richard, Thomas), b. Deer Isle, Me., 1787; m. there 1811, Mary Howard, b. 1792; d. June 1, 1832.

Samuel Heath Foster was born on Deer Isle in 1787, and, like his father, was a blacksmith and farmer, and was an excellent man. Charles S. was his youngest son. He d. March 19, 1843. Res., Deer Isle, Me.

5542. i. CHARLES S. H., b. April 3, 1832; m. Annie S. Ware.

5543. ii. MARY E., b. 1812; m. Sawyer. Res., Deer Isle.

5544. iii. WILLIAM H., b. ——; m. ——.


5546. i. EDWIN HUNTER, b. May 16, 1875.

5547. ii. RUTH MORTON, b. July 14, 1878.

LOUIS FREDERICK FOSTER (James, John H., Hopestill, Hopestill, James, Hopestill, Richard, Thomas), b. Massachusetts, Sept. 19, 1861; m., Boston, Sept. 30, 1890, Leona R. Stockman, b. Aug. 16, 1862.

L. F. Foster, the subject of this article, was born in Auburndale, Mass., being a son of Elizabeth T. and James Foster, mention of whom is made elsewhere. He attended the public schools in that town, and later removed to Boston, Mass. Not being content with life in the east he longed for one of excitement. When hardly out of his teens he went west, visiting nearly all the southwestern States and territories. In the early eighties he became prominent as a western celebrity. His fame as a rifle and revolver expert being known throughout that country. He gave many exhibitions, which received widespread attention from press and public. Later he returned to the States and met with continued success. Mr. Foster’s shooting with a Winchester repeating rifle, .44-calibre is indeed marvelous. He hits most any object thrown into the air, coins, marbles, lead pencils, small nails, matches, etc. With the cowboys ever reliable friend, the Colts .44-calibre Frontier six-shooter,
he is equally proficient; shooting with great accuracy in all conceivable positions. He was conceded by all to be the best all-round marksman of the cowboy type in the northwest. In all his exhibitions Mr. Foster used a solid bullet and not shot as is made use of by so-called experts. He has in his possession many letters from prominent western marshals and sheriffs, speaking of his abilities and highly recommending him for a field man. His courage has been shown on many occasions. Some fifteen years ago Mr. Foster conceived the idea of giving exhibitions of cowboy rough and fancy riding, and they at once sprang into public favor. His reckless riding on the back of a running horse, in seemingly an impossible position, once seen, never forgotten. He has many imitators, but few, if any, superiors. He rode, by special request, before the members of the Rough Riding Club, of New York whose members comprise some of the leading society people in that city. His exhibition was highly commended. Mr. Foster married Leona R., only daughter of E. B. and Hannah B. Stockman, residents of Roxbury, Mass. (part of Boston). On Sept. 16, 1893, the famous rush occurred during the opening of the Cherokee strip, in Oklahoma Territory, Mr. Foster was an active participant. Mounted on a broncho (horse) he made the run from the Chiloco Indian reservation, just south of the Kansas border. He received a claim, besides directing others to desirable locations. The excitement incident to the opening, dying out, he again returned to the east. He is frequently called upon by those having vicious saddle horses to handle, and invariably succeeds in taming them. His cowboy methods of "broncho busting" coming into play. At the present writing he is not actively engaged in public life, but in the near future will again entertain the public with his many attainments, having many flattering offers from prominent show people. Mr. Foster expects to exhibit at the Paris exposition in 1900. His permanent address is in care of New York Clipper, New York. Address, Cowboy Rough Rider.

Res., Brookline, Mass., Freeman St.

5550. i. L. ROSSMOND, b. Nov. 6, 1896.

5070. COL. THEODORE S. FOSTER (Samuel E., Richard, Jonathan, Jonathan, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas), b. Brattleboro, Vt., June 16, 1827; m., Fitchburg, Mass., Feb. 13, 1855, Mary E. Brooks, b. Dec. 18, 1836. Theodore S. Foster was born in Brattleboro, Vt., in 1827. He was the son of Samuel E. Foster, born in Fitzwilliam, N. H., son of Richard Foster, born in Mason, N. H., son of Jonathan Foster. When he was twenty-one he left Brattleboro, and made a trip around the world, arriving in California in 1850, where he remained two years. Leaving there he settled down in Fitchburg, Mass., where he married in 1855, Mary E. Brooks, the daughter of Abner and Mary K. Brooks, by whom he had five children. Three of these are now living, Clara M., the wife of Rev. W. H. Burbank, now living in Homer, N. J.; Charles W., residing in Watertown, and employed as an engineer on the Fitchburg railroad, and Bessie S., residing in Watertown, Mass. At the breaking out of the Rebellion, in 1861, he was commissioned captain, and went to the front in command of a Fitchburg company, known as Company D, Twenty-first regiment, Massachusetts volunteer infantry, Ninth lieutenant-colonel of the same regiment. At the battle of Roanoke he was severely wounded, and in December, 1862, he was honorably discharged on account of wounds received in the service. For the last thirty years he has held the position of inspector of customs in the Boston
Custom House. He is a member of the Massachusetts Commandary of the Loyal Legion.

Res., Watertown, Mass., 26 Green St.


5553. iii. THEODORE R., b. April 1, 1865; d. April 15, 1897.


For many years he resided in Athol, Mass., and was engineer on the Fitchburg railroad; later was assistant master mechanic of that road. He is now superintendent of the Fall Brook railway company. He is quite a mechanical genius, and has taken out a number of patents on engines and machinery. Res., Cornning, N. Y., 130 East Third St.

5555. i. WILLIAM ADDISON FOSTER, b. June 18, 1860; d. Aug. 6, 1861.

5556. ii. ADA ANTIST, b. Sept. 29, 1885.

5557. iii. MARY WRIGHT, b. June 1, 1888.

5558. iv. GEORGE STEPHEN DOWLEY, b. Jan. 15, 1897. P. O. address of all, Cornning, N. Y., 130 East Third St.


5559. i. WINFRED C., b. Feb. 16, 1870; m. Ida B. Shattuck.


Rev. Eden Burroughs Foster, D. D., was the son of Richard (who was the son of Richard, who was the son of Hezekiah), and Irene (Burroughs) Foster, of Hanover, N. H.

Richard Foster was a man of energy and character. Living on a bleak New Hampshire farm and contending with serious lameness, he yet gave his large family of children a superior education. He had eleven children, ten of them sons, two of whom died in infancy. Of the remaining sons, seven graduated from Dartmouth College, six becoming clergymen and one entering the profession of the law. The only daughter also received a liberal education and became a teacher. Of these sons three were officers in the army during the war of the Rebellion, viz., Charles, Daniel and Baxter. Charles and Daniel were killed in battle. The mother of Eden B. Foster was the daughter of Rev. Eden Burroughs, D. D., a graduate of Yale College, and for forty years a trustee of Dartmouth College, while serving as pastor of the Congregational church at Hanover Centre. She was a remarkable woman, so fond of reading the books which her sons brought home to her from the college library, that she was said to have read the library through. Eden B. Foster was born May 26, 1813. In 1831, when eighteen, he entered Kimball Union Academy, at Meriden, N. H. After a year and a half of preparatory study, he entered Dartmouth College, in the fall of 1832. In consequence of an attack of typhoid fever, he was obliged to stay out of college for some time, thus falling back a year, so that he did not graduate till 1837. He then taught in Pembroke Academy till the next
spring, subsequently accepting the position of principal of an academy in Concord, N. H. In 1838 he went to Andover Theological Seminary, entering the class of 1841, but remained there only till the middle of January, 1840, or about a year and a half. At that time he again broke down in health, and was obliged to return home. Shortly after he accepted a position as instructor at Pembroke Academy, where he had formerly taught. August 11, 1840, he married Catharine, daughter of Deacon Oramel and Eunice (Hough) Pinneo, of Hanover, N. H. Deacon Pinneo was of Huguenot stock, his ancestor in the fifth generation being Jacques Pineau, of Lyons, France, who, escaping after the Revelation of the edicts of Nantes, settled in Lebanon Crank, now Columbia, Conn. His grandfather was Capt. James Pinneo, an officer in the Revolutionary war. In June, 1841, Mr. Foster began to labor in the gospel ministry at Henniker, N. H., and was ordained and installed pastor of the Congregational church in that place Aug. 18, 1841. After five years and a half of steady work, greatly worn out with the duties of his position, he felt obliged to seek a new field of labor, and accordingly resigned his pastorate at Henniker, and was dismissed Jan. 7, 1847. He began work in Pelham, N. H., June, 1847, and was installed there June 21, 1848. He was dismissed from this pastorate Jan. 15, 1853, to accept a call to the John Street Congregational church, Lowell, Mass. He was installed over the church, in Lowell, Feb. 3, 1853, and was dismissed on account of ill health and need of rest, July 23, 1861. He received the title of Doctor of Divinity from Williams College in August, 1861. He was installed pastor of the First Congregational church of West Springfield, Massachusetts, October 10, 1861. He was dismissed from the pastorate April 17, 1866, that he might resume the charge of the church he had left in Lowell, Mass. Accordingly on May 16, 1866, he was installed a second time pastor of the John Street church, Lowell, Mass. He resigned from this charge completely broken in health, in November, 1878, but by his kind and appreciative church was constituted their pastor emeritus, and remained among them in this connection without active pastoral duties until his death. He died, aged sixty-eight years and eleven months.

Dr. Foster struggled his life long with disease and pain. The seeds of his ill health were implanted in a naturally vigorous system by sickness and insufficient nourishment during his college days, when battling with poverty and constantly striving by overwork to compensate for the imperfect preparation with which he was obliged to enter college. He had much more than ordinary ability in the pulpit and was in constant demand outside his own parish for public occasions of all sorts. He delivered addresses on education and kindred themes before a dozen or more different educational institutions, among them Dartmouth, Amherst, Williams and Middlebury Colleges. He gave addresses at teachers' institutes in all parts of Massachusetts, choosing as his themes, "John Milton," "The Dull Scholar," "Reading," and the like. He gave at least a dozen addresses on temperance. He was repeatedly asked to address agricultural fairs. He gave a number of sermons at the anniversary of benevolent societies on foreign and home missions, work among the seamen and kindred themes. During the war of the Rebellion and the long antislavery agitation, which preceded it, he held pronounced though not extreme views, and repeatedly gave addresses on prominent public occasions on the questions and events of the day. He thus preached six sermons on the war, a sermon on Charles Sumner, a sermon before the Butler rifles, of Lowell, all of which were published, and many more of a similar character. At least thirty of his sermons and
addresses were published. Some twenty newspaper articles, written by him, appeared in the Congregationalist, and other papers.

A biographical sketch of Dr. Foster, together with selections from his writings, edited by his son, was published shortly after his death, under the title of "Four Pastorates; Glimpses of the Life and writings of Rev. Eden B. Foster, D. D." He d. April 11, 1882. Res., Lowell, Mass.

5502. i. ADDISON PINNEO, b. Sept. 25, 1841; m. Harriet Day.

5503. ii. EMILY EDGERTON, b. Aug. 10, 1843; d. unm., Dec. 25, 1865. A young lady of remarkable charm of person, mind and character.

5504. iii. CHARLES ALFRED DEWEY, b. April 18, 1849; d. Sept. 17, 1850.

5505. iv. EDWARD PAYSON, b. Jan. 11, 1851; d. Aug. 6, 1852.


5507. vi. ELLEN BURROUGHs, b. June 8, 1856; Res., 1402 Binney St., Washington, D. C., with her mother.

5508. REV. WILLIAM COWPER FOSTER (Richard, Richard, Hezekiah, Jonathan, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas), b. July 8, 1815, Hanover, N. H.; m. May 14, 1845, Mary Ann Elliot, b. June 23, 1821; d. June 12, 1857; m. 20, Sept. 28, 1858, Almira G. Elliot, dau. of Clark and Almira.

He graduated at Dartmouth College in 1841; studied theology at Union Seminary, New York City; ordained pastor at Cuyahoga Falls, O., Oct. 13, 1847; dismissed May 27, 1849; settled over Shawmut church, Boston, Oct. 25, 1849; dismissed Jan. 16, 1852; installed at Central church, Lawrence, Jan. 16, 1852; dismissed Feb. 17, 1859; settled at North Becket, Mass., 1860; dismissed Nov. 15, 1863. From 1863 to 1869 he was an evangelist of Hampden county, Massachusetts. In 1857 and 1858 he supplied a pulpit in Chicago, and from 1869 to 1872 he preached at Percival, Iowa. Labored as an Evangelist a number of years; lost his eyesight, retired and lived at Middletown, Conn. He was a good preacher, and his labors as an Evangelist were considered very successful. He d. Nov. 1, 1897. Res., 240 Court St., Middletown, Conn.


5511. iii. FRANCES CHAPIN, b. July 18, 1855; d. at Wilbraham, Sept. 22, 1864.


5513. v. ANNIE FRANCES, b. at Wilbraham, Oct. 24, 1864.

5514. vi. WILLIE ELLIOT, b. at Wilbraham, Jan. 18, 1867. He is a doctor. Res., Glen Cove, N. Y.

5515. vii. CHARLES JESUP, b. in Massachusetts, March 15, 1869; m. Doilly Myrtle Morgan, in Sumner, Ill., Feb. 14, 1893.


5508.4. REV. DANIEL FOSTER (Richard, Richard, Hezekiah, Jonathan, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas), b. Dec. 10, 1816; m. May 21, 1850, Dora Taylor Swift, b. March 8, 1826, dau. of Joseph P. and Priscilla. Graduated at Dartmouth College, 1841; licensed as a Congregational minister; ordained 1849 as a Methodist, and later, was a Unitarian missionary in Kansas; was chaplain of the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 1859. He went in 1862 as a chaplain of the Thirty-third regiment, Massachusetts volunteers in the civil war; was made
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chaplains of a company in the thirty-seventh regiment of colored troops, and in that rank lost his life at Chapin's Bluff, Va. He was for many years before the war prominent as an anti-slavery man; preached at Huntington, Mass. and Concord, Mass. He d. in civil war, Sept. 30, 1864. Res., Concord, Mass.

5586. i. ALICE, b. April 24, 1851; d. Aug. 27, 1853.

5577. ii. CHARLES, b. Feb. 25, 1855, in Cambridge, Mass. He was an M. D. d. unm., July 1, 1880.


5086. MAJOR CHARLES FOSTER (Richard, Richard, Hezekiah, Jonathan, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas), b. Dec. 26, 1819; m., Nov. 20, 1833, Mary E. Baxter; d. Feb. 5, 1854; m., 2d, Sept. 26, 18—, Eleanor Hart, dau. of Nathan and Amelia (Van Oslin), b. March 12, 1832. Graduated at Dartmouth College, 1840; studied law and began practice in 1849, at Washington, Iowa; removed to Le Claire; was elected to the senate of Iowa in 1857; enlisted April 21, 1861, in the civil war; promoted to the rank of captain in the Eleventh regiment Iowa volunteers, Oct. 1, 1861, and to that of major, Sept. 1, 1862; was wounded at Atlanta, Ga., July 26, 1864, while on duty as adjutant, and died in consequence, at Cincinnati while on his way home. He was a true patriot and sacrificed his life for his country. He was the author of a work on the resources of California. He d. (was killed in the war), Aug. 21, 1864. Res., Cincinnati, O.


5581. i. IRENE BURROUGHS, b. June 6, 1860; m. E. Durfee. Res., Davenport, Iowa.


Reverend Davis Foster, D. D., was born in Hanover Centre, N. H., Oct. 26, 1822, of Richard and Irene Burroughs Foster. He inherited from his mother, who was said to have read all the books in the Dartmouth College library, and who was a daughter of one of its first trustees, a love for learning. He and some of his brothers got a scanty preparation, and then in the homely phrase "worked their way" through Dartmouth College. He graduated in 1849, with high standing, being a commencement speaker and a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. Of two offers for positions as teacher, he, with characteristic sense of humor and common sense, chose the better spelled epistle. After three years as principal of the Bucksport (Me.) Academy, he married one of his pupils, the niece of the author of the well-spelled letter. His three years were regarded as highly successful by the people of the town, also by himself, for to his wife, Harriet Louisa Darling, he has always attributed most of his success and happiness in life. He married her March 20, 1856, after his graduation from Andover Theological Seminary: Nov. 1, 1855, he was ordained and installed as pastor of the Congregational church, West Newbury, Mass., where he remained for twelve years, and won such a place in the hearts of his people that they sought in vain to retain him, and many of them, years after, wished to have him and thus his eldest son returned to them. After several weeks' supply he was installed pastor of the North Congregational church, in Winchendon, Mass., December, 1867, where he still (September, 1858), remains as acting pastor. Over all the country roads, among the hilltowns of northern Worcester county, on the streets and in town meetings, as well as in his pulpit, his white head and shoulders bowed by life-long service of his father and his brethren, receives the quick New England love and reverence of the little children, and of their parents and grandparents, for he has served three generations. His serious face hides from no one who knew him his humor and love of fun. "Mr. Foster's Stories" are proverbial and gave him with one wee lassie the name of "the funny minister." His wide reading and love of anecdote have made his five minute children sermons drive home many a truth to both old and young. The little ones feel he belongs to them, and he always greets them. He loves to tell the story of one little tot, who, as he passed by her, said to her companion, "He goes to my church." Not a minister now remains in the conference who was there when he came, thirty-one years ago, and he has ordained so many men and been called to the country about, to marry and bury so often, and helped by his kind heart and sound sense to settle so many difficulties in the neighboring churches, that a fellow minister remarked: "Men
may come, and men may go, but Dr. Foster goes on forever," and he is jocosely referred to as "the Bishop of the Worcester North." He served as chaplain three months under the Christian commission in the civil war. In 1885 he received the degree of D. D. from Dartmouth College. Three children have been born to him.


Henry Richard Foster, eldest son of Rev. Davis and Harriet Louisa Foster, born at West Newbury, Mass., June 28, 1859; graduated from the high school in Winchendon, Mass., and in 1877 from Cushing Academy, Ashburnham, Mass., of whose alumni association he was made the first president. Entering Dartmouth College, in the class of '81, he was obliged to drop back a year on account of a severe attack of pleurisy, which left him susceptible to the attack of consumption, which, ten years later, caused his death. Re-entering in the class of '82, he was the constant love of his class, for his sunny social temperament, ready wit and ability. From boyhood he had been an indefatigable reader, and sometimes went by the name of "Encyclopedia." He stood high in his class in spite of ill health, and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and a commencement speaker, but was a wide and careful reader and never a bit of a dig, and was a leader in the greatest variety of college enterprises. His room in Reed Hall, was a rendezvous for all sorts of men. One of his humorous friends sent him a note with a list of titles which indicate the range of his college activity. "'Sane' Foster, president of the class, president of the Y. M. C. A., secretary of the Athletic Association, editor of the 'Dartmouth,'" etc.

He graduated from the Hartford Theological Seminary in 1885, where he was one of a merry coterie, unlike the traditional "Theologe," and here, as in college and his pastorate, showed a Christianity which made him and his belief beloved and respected. The winter of 1885-6 he spent in Home Missionary work in Florida. In September, 1886, his friends, with heavy hearts, saw him in Winchendon ordained by his father, uncle and cousin to Home Missionary work, in Walla Walla, Washington Territory. At once, on his arrival there, he entered on his work in the Congregational church, and in six months the increase in membership was more than in any previous six years. In Whitman College he was beloved by the pupils, and in the city he was one of the chief movers in starting a Y. M. C. A. Enthusiastic in his work, and improperly cared for, he caught a cold, but was too devoted in a stormy Sunday evening to absent himself from a special religious service, which he felt the other pastors might be absent from on account of the weather, and he forced himself, saddled with bronchial pneumonia and nervous prostration, and ordered by his physician to leave in twenty-four hours for Southern California.

His church and the regiment of which he had been elected chaplain preferred not to accept his resignation, hoping for his recovery. But the soothing climate and the loving care of father, mother, sister and brother could only delay the end and make the last days less painful. His sweet human interests were varied and keen to the last, and he died as cheerfully as he had lived.

HERBERT DARLING, b. June 22, 1863; m. Lillian D. Smith.

HANNAH DARLING, b. Oct. 21, 1873; unm. Res., W.

REV. ROSWELL FOSTER (Richard, Richard, Hezekiah, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas), b. June 30, 1824; m. Esther Lewis, She d.; m., 2d, Mary La Fore. She resides Springfield, Mass. He graduated at Dartmouth College, 1849; studied theology at Andover, graduating in 1853; ordained pastor of the Second Congregational, church at Waltham, Mass., 1856; dismissed 1856; installed at West Hampton, Mass., 1856; dismissed 1858; the same year settled over Congregational church, at Pittsfield, Mass.; dismissed 1861; was stated
supply for several years at Chicopee; removed to Iowa, where he died. Had no pastoral charge. He was an estimable man, attractive and sympathetic and made friends wherever he went. He d. 1892. Res., Iowa.

5585. i. EDWARD, b. —. Res., West Springfield, Mass.


Rev. Richard Baxter Foster, D. D., was born on a farm near Dartmouth, N. H., in 1826. He was graduated from Dartmouth College with the class of 1845. He came west the same year to Jacksonville, Ill. In 1856 he went with John Brown to Kansas and spent the summer campaigning against the border ruffians. He was at the taking of Titus' Fort, where the Free Soilers first fired a cannon shot. In 1852 he enlisted in the First Nebraska regiment. He was afterward transferred to the Sixty-third colored infantry, United States volunteers, in which regiment he was first lieutenant, most of the time acting adjutant. He had command of the rear guard at the battle of Palmetto Ranch, May 25, 1865—the last battle of the war where cannon were used. When the regiment was mustered out, the Sixty-third and Sixty-fifth United States colored infantry raised $5,000 for the establishment of a school for Freedmen, which fund was placed absolutely in Lieutenant Foster's hands. With this amount, together with $2,000, afterward received from Freedman's Bureau, through Gen. O. O. Howard, he established Lincoln Institute, at Jefferson City, Mo. This is now a thriving State Normal School for training colored teachers. In 1872 resigned the principalship of Lincoln Institute and entered the ministry as pastor of the Congregational church at Osborne City, in western Kansas. He remained here ten years, and was instrumental in organizing many churches of that order in northwestern Kansas. In 1882 he took charge of the Congregational church, in Red Cliff, Col., where he remained three years. He then returned to Kansas and served at Milford and Cheney. In 1890 he went to Oklahoma and organized a church at Stillwater, which he served four years. His next pastorate was at Perkins two years, from which place he was called to Oklahoma, where he now is (1895).

Rev. R. B. Foster was made a Doctor of Divinity by Howard University, Washington, D. C., in 1891. He is yet vigorous, although in his seventy-second year. Besides his regular pastoral duties he teaches in Theological Department of Kingfisher College, Oklahoma. Res. Osborne, Kans., and Okarche, Okla.

5586. i. WALTER E., b. Sept. 7, 1852; unm. Res., Bagg's, Wyo. He attended Kansas State University two years and Oberlin College, Ohio, one year. Is now a market gardener in Bagg's, Wyo.

5587. ii. FESTUS, b. May 30, 1856; m. Lillie Howe.

5588. iii. RICHARD, b. July 15, 1858; m. Alla M. Barnes.


5591. vi. CHARLES SIDNEY, b. Sept. 27, 1865; unm. Res., Washington, D. C., 2403 Sixth St., N. W.

Charles Sidney Foster received a common school education. In 1890 he came to Washington, D. C., and has been engaged in real estate ever since. He graduated from the Howard University Dental College in 1898.

5592. vii. GUY, b. July 18, 1867; m. Minnie L. Foote.

5593. viii. EDWIN ORRIN, b. Feb. 26, 1869; d. Nov. 28, 1875.

5594. ix. ALICE, b. March 26, 1872; d. Nov. 3, 1875.

5595. x. GRACE, b. March 26, 1872. Res., Okarche, Okla. She was educated at Washburn College, Topeka, Kans., State Normal School, at Emporia; taught school at Perkins, Oklo., two years; and is now teaching at Okarche, Oklo.

5596. xi. EUNICE, b. Oct. 4, 1874. Res., Okarche, Oklo. Is a physician. She was educated at Topeka, Kans.; graduated from preparatory course of Washburn College; graduated from Medical College of Howard University in 1896; now practicing medicine in Okarche, Kans.
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B. W. Foster was a teacher in Columbia, N. C.; had five children, only two living, Mrs. J. A. Hunt, West Springfield, Mass.; Mrs. M. L. Pike lives in Utah—don't know where; widow; married again; know nothing of her. He d. Plymouth, N. C., Nov. 26, 1867. Res., Plymouth, N. C.


5103. CHARLES EDWARD FOSTER (Amos, Richard, Hezekiah, Jonathan, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas), b. Putney, Vt., Sept. 25, 1858; d., Mendota, Ill., Jan. 11, 1872, Hannah M. Black, b. Feb. 20, 1840. He is a traveling salesman. He is now entirely disabled from all occupation by gradual paralysis, the result of his three and a half years' service in Fourteenth New Hampshire veteran volunteer infantry. Res., Erie, Pa., 227 W. Seventh St.


5599. i. HERBERT GEORGE, b. May 3, 1867; d. June 9, 1890.


5601. iii. LUVIA TERESA, b. June 16, 1872.

5602. iv. ANGIE LYDIA, b. June 7, 1877.

5112. JOSEPH FOSTER (Joseph, Asa, Joseph, John, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas), b. Birmingham, Iowa, Jan. 21, 1831; m. in 1861, Jane Wickersham. She d. 1899.

The whereabouts of their son Joseph and his family is unknown. Shortly after the war he and his family went west, into Colorado, or some other western State. Later, in the 70's they started back to Illinois overland. They were in Hannibal, Mo., at William D. Foster's, but after leaving there on their way east, nothing has ever been heard of them. At one time they resided in Corydon, Ind. Res., Colorado, and Corydon, Harrison county, Ind.

5603. i. JOHN, b. —.

5604. ii. ELMER, b. —.

5605. iii. ISAAC, b. —.


5606. i. BERTHA CAMERON, b. 1867.

5607. ii. MARTHA ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 2, 1871.

5608. iii. WILLIAM DUNHAM, b. Sept. 17, 1872.

5609. iv. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, b. April 28, 1875.

5610. v. LENA MAY, b. Oct. 27, 1877.

5611. vi. FLORA ALICE, b. July 30, 1880.

5612. vii. HATTIE EVER, b. Feb. 11, 1885.

5613. viii. HENRY HOWARD, b. June 30, 1887.


Judah Henry Foster was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania; moved with his parents and brothers to Iowa in 18 —; located on a farm in Van Buren county,
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Iowa, near the town of Birmingham. He married Harriet Elizabeth Sharon, fourth daughter of Rev. James Sharon, Scott Presbyterian minister. He was a man of fine appearance, more than ordinary command of language, a good penman, and a good general business education, acquired largely by experience in business. In 1864, 5 or 6 he moved with his family to Bloomfield, Davis county, Iowa, at which place he and his brothers-in-law, L. C. Cook and S. D. Evans, erected and operated a flour mill a number of years. In 1872, 3 and 4 he was engaged in the grain business in Bloomfield, and lost all his money by reason of a break in price of certain grain he had bought and was holding for what he figured would be a big advance. In 1875, in company with an Englishman, John Everett, he went to Ellsworth, Kans., and built a flouring mill. He left Ellsworth in 1886; lived in Scott City, Kans., a few years; later went to Oklahoma City, where he was engaged in grain, feed and coal business, up to time of his death. He was buried in the cemetery at Ellsworth, Kansas, by the side of his wife. He d. April 27, 1896. Res., Bingham, Iowa, and Oklahoma City, Okla.

5612. i. FRANK SHARON, b. Nov. 12, 1862; m. Mollie E. Sherriff.


5616. v. HERBERT EMMER, b. Nov. 5, 1871; m. Maggie Bruce.

5117. DR. WILLIAM DAVIS FOSTER.[Joseph, Asa, Joseph,'John, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas], b. Birmingham, Iowa, Sept. 7, 1841; m. Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 16, 1879. Mrs. Christie K. Farwell; b. Sept. 19, 1844. He is one of the most eminent members of the medical profession and successful practitioners of Kansas City. Is a son of Judge Joseph and Elizabeth (Kummel) Foster. His father was a native of Vermont, and during the war of 1812, as a member of the American army, fought in the second encounter with England. His wife, Elizabeth, was born in Perry County, Pennsylvania, and was of German lineage. They were married on the 5th of April, 1830, and in 1837 emigrated to Iowa, which was then a territory. He died in Birmingham, Van Buren County of that State, Nov. 11, 1855.

He was a prominent man, possessing superior intelligence and ability. A college graduate, he was familiar with six or seven languages, possessed broad general information and ripe scholarship. For many years he was county judge of Van Buren County, Iowa, and throughout his life was a stalwart advocate of Democracy.

There were only three white families living in Van Buren County when he took up his residence there in 1837, and his nearest neighbor was six miles away. The Indians, however, were very numerous, and the wild and undeveloped land was unmarked by any trace of civilization.

Judge Foster took an active part in the work of up-building and progress, and his name is enrolled among the pioneers of the Hawk-eye State. His wife long survived him, finally passing away in Marion County, Missouri, in 1888, at the age of 94 years.

The family numbered six sons: Joseph, born Jan. 21, 1831; Hiram I., born Aug. 2, 1832; Judah II., born July 14, 1834; Benjamin U., born Feb. 8, 1837; James, who was born Aug. 24, 1839, died on the 24th of Dec. following; and William Davis, M. D., of this sketch.

The doctor acquired his literary education in the public schools and academy of Birmingham, Iowa, and fitted himself for the practice of medicine, which he determined to make his life work. He entered the office of the late Doctor David Prince, the distinguished surgeon of Jacksonville, Ill. He began his studies in 1857; but circumstances prevented his following a continuous course. He, however, made the best of his opportunities, and in the winter of 1866, attended medical lectures in the University of Pennsylvania.
In the early spring of the following year the country became involved in civil war, and with the blood of revolutionary fathers flowing in his veins, Dr. Foster, with patriotic ardor, entered the army, and, in aiding the cause of his country, he made rapid progress in his studies under the able guidance of Dr. Ellery P. Smith, surgeon of the Seventh Cavalry, Volunteers of Missouri; at the same time gaining an experience of incalculable benefit to him. With the opening of the campaign in 1863, he was commissioned surgeon of that regiment, thus serving until the close of the war. During the active operations of the forces in Missouri, Arkansas and Louisiana, Dr. Foster was engaged with various boards of operating surgeons, among other duties being the examination of applicants for discharge on surgeon's certificate; for transfer to the invalid corps; for leave of absence and for furloughs on surgeon's certificate of disability.

After the battle of Lone Jack, Missouri, on the 16th of August, 1862, he assisted in the organization of the hospital at Lexington, and after the battle of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, Dec. 7, 1862, he aided in the organization of the hospitals at Fayetteville in that State.

He was present at the capture of Little Rock, and, during the military occupancy of that city, was in the hospital service there. The bloodless battles of the war were often as arduous and dangerous as those that took place on the field, and the part which the army surgeons performed in the service was more lastingly beneficial to the country than that of him who carried a rifle in the ranks. His labors have not as often been made the theme of story and song, but they are none the less worthy the gratitude of the nation.

When the war was over, Dr. Foster located in Hannibal, Mo., where he entered into partnership as a practitioner with Dr. George B. Birch, now deceased. During his residence there, the question of homeopathy came prominently before him. He began research and investigation along that line, and becoming convinced of its superiority, began practice as an advocate of the new school of medicine.

By reason of his active temperament, industry and aggressive spirit, he speedily built up a large and lucrative practice, and in 1869, he was graduated at the Homeopathic Medical College of Missouri, in St. Louis.

In 1881, Dr. Foster became a resident of Kansas City, and soon was recognized as one of the most skilled and prominent surgeons of the western part of the State. He was called to the chair of surgery in the Kansas City Homeopathic Medical College in 1889, and is still filling that position; while at the annual election in 1894, he was elected dean of the faculty. The phenomenal growth of this institution is largely due to his energy, influence and perseverance.

He keeps himself thoroughly abreast with the times, is an advocate of all advanced surgical methods, and is an enthusiast on the subject of asepsis and antisepsis. He has an extensive private practice, and visits all parts of the country in consultation and for operations.

Dr. Foster is a valued member of various medical organizations, and is recognized as authority on matters pertaining to his profession. He is a senior member of the American Institute of Homeopathy, having joined in 1867, and belongs to the Missouri Institute of Homeopathy; is a member of the Kansas City Homeopathic Medical Society; a member of the International Homeopathic Medical Congress at Basel, Switzerland, in 1886, and is chief surgeon of the Kansas City, Osceola and Southern Railway.
In 1878, Dr. Foster married Mrs. Christie K. Farwell, a native of Yonkers, New York. Socially he is connected with Albert Pike Masonic Lodge, Kansas City; belongs to the Loyal Legion of Missouri; is a member of the International Association of Railway Surgeons, and has membership in various other benevolent and fraternal organizations.

His success in life is a sample of the power of patient purpose, steadfastly adhered to. In his character he combines the qualities of mind and heart that render him deservedly popular and secure him the warm friendship of all who enjoy his acquaintance. Res., s. p., Kansas City, Mo., 420 W. 11th St.


5617. i. LYMAN J., b. July 18, 1861.


5619. iii. SYLVIA, b. July 29, 1865; d. March 15, 1866.


5623. vii. BENJAMIN R., b. June 19, 1876.


5625. ix. ELIZA (adopted).

5126. WILLIAM FRANKLIN FOSTER (Lyman, Asa, Joseph, John, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas), b. Stockholm, N. Y., July 20, 1833; m. in Potsdam, N. Y., Adaline Bolic, b. May 10, 1832; d. Aug. 13, 1873; m. 2d, —. Res., No. Stockholm, N. Y.

5626. i. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, b. April 4, 1854; d. Oct. 28, 1867.


5632. ii. HENRIETTA, b. June 11, 1860; m., April 26, 1876, Thomas D. Wage. Res., Granton, Wis. 4 girls. He was born April 26, 1852. Is a farmer. Ch.: 1. Alta Stella Wage, Town of Grant, Clark Co., Wis., June 25, 1878. 2. Jennie Foster Wage, Town of Grant, Clark Co., Wis., Oct. 7, 1882. 3. Dora Blaine Wage, Town of
Grant, Clark Co., Wis., April 10, 1885. 4. Gladys Irene Wage, Town of Grant, Clark Co., Wis., Nov. 3, 1886. Alta Wage died May 20, 1881.

JAMES ASA FOSTER (John P., Asa, Joseph, John, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas), b. Stockholm, N. Y., Nov. 27, 1829; m. in N. Y. May 4, 1871, Electa A. Marsh. From "Representative Men of Michigan."—"Foster, James A., manufacturer of artificial limbs, Detroit, was born in St. Lawrence County, New York. His father was born in the town of Barnard, Vermont, but emigrated to New York in the pioneer days of St. Lawrence County, purchased a small farm and erected a saw-mill. James Foster's boyhood life had little to make it memorable. He attended district school, helped on the farm and about the mill; and his leisure hours were spent in constructing dams across creeks, building water-wheels, miniature mills, etc. His father early remarked the boy's skill and ingenuity, and, unlike many fathers, encouraged them; as soon as he was old enough gave him every opportunity to learn the trade of mill-wright. Just before James A. Foster was twenty-one years of age his father died, leaving six younger children, who needed care and protection. The mill was old and about worn out, and the estate in debt for nearly all it was worth. The creditors, however, extended the time of payment and gave Mr. Foster a chance to see what he could do. The mill was rebuilt, the farm put in order and the young man began to push business. He engaged in lumbering; took contracts to build barns, houses, and mills; and was rapidly acquiring a large and lucrative business. But these flattering prospects he was compelled to relinquish. A year before his father's death he had become lame from a white swelling in the knee; and after about five years of hard work his lameness increased to such a degree that he was obliged to give up business, sell out, place himself entirely under medical treatment, and devote his whole time and attention to trying to save his limb. From 1855 to 1860 he was in the hands of the doctors most of the time and finally, despairing of ever being cured, he permitted them to amputate his leg. Now came the turning point in his life. There were manufacturers of crude artificial limbs in those days; and getting off his bed, he cast around to replace his lost limb with the next best thing to flesh and bone. He visited the most prominent manufacturing establishments where they were made; and, after examining the principles on which they were constructed, came to the conclusion that an article might be made lighter and at the same time less complicated and more durable. The result was that he returned home without purchasing, and soon commenced to construct a limb on an entirely new principle, which was subsequently patented under the name of 'Foster's Patent Union Limb.' The principle and construction of the joints were very different from those then in use; but the work lacked the finish and artistic beauty that an experienced manufacturer would give to it. To acquire this skill, he then served an apprenticeship with one of the best manufacturers of that day. After learning all that could be learned there, he visited other manufacturers to see if something more could not be gained from them. He arrived at Detroit in November, 1864, with tools, patterns, and a small stock of material for manufacturing. With no influence but his skill, no friend but a stout heart, but having faith that real merit would soon make his goods known, he opened a small manufactory; and from this beginning, he came to be the leading manufacturer of the country if not the world. He prospered from the start. Patents were granted him for his inventions and in 1867 the demand for limbs warranted the establishment of another manufactory at Cincinnati, Ohio; and in 1869 one at Philadelphia, Pa. In July, 1875, one was started at Chicago, Ill., and in 1877 another at St. Louis, Mo. To-day the sales exceed those of any other three manufactories in America. In April, 1869, he exhibited specimens of his work to a board of medical examiners appointed by the surgeon-general of the United States Army at Washington, which were highly recommended by them, the highest authority of the United States army. He was authorized by the surgeon-general to furnish limbs to disabled soldiers and thousands of the crippled boys in blue were benefited by his invention. Mr. Foster stood at the head both of manufacturers and inventors of artificial limbs. That necessity is the mother of invention is illustrated by his experience. His business affairs and the location of his offices at those large centers, are now so arranged that persons in want of artificial limbs can reach the factories, with very little expense, and have the limbs properly adjusted to each particular case. Soldiers are furnished at the expense of the United States government with free transportation to and from any one of these factories. Mr. Foster has succeeded beyond his most sanguine expectations; and the great secret of his suc-
cess lies in the care which is bestowed in the manufacture of his goods. His aim is to turn out the very best, and his patients scattered from ocean to ocean are his warmest friends and well-wishers. At the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia there were ten exhibitors of artificial limbs from the United States and two from abroad. Mr. Foster received a medal and diploma. He educated his younger brothers and sisters, and gave them a home and a father's protection until they were able to care for themselves. He cared for and supported his widowed mother until her death, which occurred May 31, 1877. Mr. Foster married at the place of his family's residence in New York May 4, 1871. Electa Marsh of that place. He received but a limited education; had a hard battle with misfortune; and only his stern determination and iron will could have elevated him to the position he now occupies as the leading manufacturer of artificial limbs in the world. Res., Detroit, Mich., 460 Congress St.

5145. DR. LENORA FOSTER (John, John, Joseph, John, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, b. in Vermont, July 29, 1815; m. Marcia Stone, who d. s. p. Sept. 21, 1873; m. 2d, June 4, 1876, Mary Cromer who d. s. p. Feb. 20, 1878; m. 3d, Harriet Little who is now living in Otsego. He was a graduate of Middlebury, Vt. College. He d. Oct. 2, 1893. Res., Otsego, Mich.


5147. COL. JOHN ARMSTRONG FOSTER (Joel, John, Joseph, John, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas), b. in New York State; m. Louise ——. Was in the civil war. He d. in N. Y. City. Res., New York, N. Y., 441 Park Ave.


5179. FRANK BENJAMIN FOSTER (Jonathan, Moses, Jonathan, John, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas), b. New Salem, Mass., April 25, 1845; m. Westfield, July 31, 1866, Eugenia M. Field, b. July 5, 1845. At the age of two years his father moved to Greenwich, Mass., where he lived until he became eighteen years of age, and attended the public schools. Wishing to learn some mechanical business, he secured employment in a factory, where parts of a piano were made, in the town of Westfield, Mass. After becoming skilled in the business, was promoted to the management of the plant. Owing to depression in business, in 1869, he moved to Riverside, Mass., and engaged in mechanical mill work, continuing until 1890. On account of poor health he retired from the business. Since 1892 the town has complimented him by successively electing him to the office of chairman of selectmen. Is an Oddfellow, a liberal Republican and is interested in temperance. Was married to Eugenie M. Field of Westfield, Mass. The children comprise three sons and two daughters living, one son died. Res., Riverside, Gill, Mass., Franklin County.


5640. vi. EUGENIA M., b. Oct. 9, 1877; m. Sept. 23, 1897, Howard A. Stillwell.

5181. HON. JAMES HERVEY FOSTER (Asahel, B., Moses, Jonathan, John, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas), b. Ware, Mass., Aug. 3, 1827; m. in Green Lake, Wis., Lucy Jane Lathrop, b. Feb. 8, 1826.

Hon. James H. Foster was born in the town of Ware, Hampshire County, Mass. His ancestors have been among the prominent and respected men of Massachusetts. His grandfather's grandfather was one of the original proprietors of Ware, Mass. His grandmother on his mother's side was a sister of Gen. William Eaton, who was a prominent officer in the Revolutionary war. He added to a good common school education a part of a college course in the Ripon College, of Ripon, Wis. He came with his parents to the town of Nepeuskun, Winnebago County, Wis., on the 17th day of September, 1846, and settled on the farm where he now resides. Wisconsin was then a territory, and Mr. Foster was one of
the pioneers of the locality where they settled. He was the first postmaster in all the region, having been appointed in 1850. The name of the postoffice is Koro. Under his roof it was continuously held by some member of his family for thirty-nine years. His public career began at the early age of nineteen, when, on the 4th day of July, 1847, he delivered a Fourth of July oration to the people of his own town. In that same year he organized a debating club and temperance society in the school district where he resided, and drafted the papers of their organization. As soon as

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he was eligible, the people of his town elected him to the responsible position of superintendent of schools, an office which he creditably filled for many years. In the fall of 1858 he was elected register of deeds of the county of Winnebago, and was re-elected in the fall of 1860. In the fall of 1868 he was elected to the assembly to represent his district and re-elected in 1869 by a large majority. During the fall of 1870, after a hotly-contested campaign, he was elected to the State senate, to represent Winnebago County, over Charles A. Weisbrod, Democrat, one of the most
popular and able men of his party in the county. He was one of the ten presidential electors of the State of Wisconsin in 1876, that memorable campaign between Rutherford B. Hayes and Samuel J. Tilden. He held the responsible position of deputy railroad commissioner of the State of Wisconsin for nearly sixteen years, embodying into finished shape the elaborate forms and concise statements, which have no superior in any of the States. Mr. Foster, by birth, precept and example, is a temperance man. The temperance society that he organized at Koro, in 1847, was the first in that part of the State, and it played no small part in moulding the sentiment of the community, whose altar fires burn brightly to the present day. The same principles that promoted him to organize that "first society" have kept him constantly and vigorously at work on the side of temperance and the moral and religious reforms of the day and age. He has stood for many years in the front rank as a lecturer, organizer and worker in this and kindred reforms. He has opposed making temperance a political issue, seeing success rather in social organizations, personal influence and individual effort. He is held in high esteem by the friends of temperance, and has occupied many positions of influence in their organizations. He was elected to the position of Grand Worthy Counsellor of the Independent Order of Good Templars, in the grand lodge sessions, at Madison, in September, 1874; was re-elected at Oshkosh, in 1875, and again, in Milwaukee, in 1876. In 1877 he became Grand Worthy Chief Templar, in which position he served until the September session, at which time he declined a renomination. Mr. Foster is one man in a thousand, firmly wedded to principle, strong in his convictions, and an untiring worker. He aims not to grow old faster than the forces of the currents and the tides carry him, and is still active in the reform and political fields. He attended the Republican State convention, at Milwaukee, on Aug. 17, 1858, and presented to the convention the successful candidate for the position of Attorney General of the State of Wisconsin. Res., Koro, Wis.

5641. i. AVIS FLORETTE, b. Aug. 29, 1840; m. M. H. Goucher, May 1, 1872, at Koro, Wis. He d. at Milwaukee, Sept. 12, 1882. She m., 2d, Frank H. Baker, of Chicago, Ill., Nov. 16, 1893. Res., 206 Forty-sixth St., Chicago. Mr. Baker was born in Mt. Morris, Ogle County, Ill., in 1854; his parents going there from Maryland. He was educated at the public schools there and at the Polo Academy. In 1873 he came to Chicago and was employed in the Central National Bank. He is now in the banking business, the firm being Dickey & Baker, on LaSalle St., Chicago.

5642. ii. MARY FRANCES, b. at Koro, Wis., March 20, 1851; m. George Foster Whidden, of Chicago, Ill., September, 1874. Res., 226 Elmwood Ave., Oak Park, Cook County, Ill.

5643. iii. JENNIE MARIA, b. Dec. 19, 1857, at Koro, Wis.; m. at Koro, Wis., July 2, 1879, George Silver. He d. at Koro, July 16, 1880. She m., 2d, Fred J. Eddy, in 1886. She d. at 315 So. Franklin Ave., Austin, Cook County, Ill., Sept. 22, 1897.

5187. GEORGE D. FOSTER (Nathan, Robert, Robert, Samuel, John, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Cazenovia, N. Y., Oct. 27, 1812; m. there, Feb. 20, 1839, Emerancy Bixby Thurston, dau. of Elisha and Clinena (Guild). b. Dec. 21, 1812; d. Jan. 25, 1879. She m., 2d, July 23, 1861, Walter Palmer, son of Vose and Sally (Chapin). He was a merchant at West Winfield, and in April, 1850, went to California for his health; returned and died the next year. He d. in Butler, N. Y., June 26, 1851. Res., West Winfield, N. Y.

5644. i. GEORGE THURSTON, b. April 3, 1840; unm. Res., Clifton Springs, N. Y.

In 1854 he went to Lyons, Wayne County, New York, to live with an uncle, Elijah Guild Thurston, a merchant; had two winter terms at the Lyons Union School. Mr. Thurston died in 1857, and he was employed by his successor in the dry goods business until 1861, when he enlisted at Albany, N. Y., in the Forty-fourth New York infantry (Ellsworth Avengers); was in the army of the Potomac with General McClellan, at the siege of Yorktown, battle of Hanover Court House and the Seven Days fighting before Richmond; was wounded twice at Gaines' Mill; was in the second battle of Bull Run. Honoblly discharged at Washington, Nov. 30, 1862, on account of wound and other disabilities. Re-enlisted at Auburn, N. Y., September, 1864 in the Ninety-
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8th New York infantry; was with the regiment until the close of the war. Was sergeant-major of the regiment; was brevetted lieutenant by Gov. R. E. Fenton, of New York. Was in the wholesale millinery business at Detroit, Mich., about nine years. Home at present, Clifton Springs, Ontario County, N. Y.


5646. iii. CLIMENA GUILD, b. Oct. 31, 1845; d. Oct. 11, 1846.


5647. i. ETHEL MAY, b. July 15, 1881.


5649. iii. FRANK LESLY, b. March 17, 1884.
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Hon. George Eulas Foster, B. A., D. C. L., Ottawa, minister of Marine and Fisheries of the Dominion of Canada, M. P. for Kings, New Brunswick, was born in Carleton County, New Brunswick, on Sept. 3, 1847. His father, John Foster, was a descendant of a United Empire loyalist, who settled in New Brunswick, in 1783. His mother, Margaret Haney, was descended on her father's side from German stock. George, the future statesman, received his primary education in the common and superior schools of his native county, and in September, 1865, entered the University of New Brunswick, at the head of the matriculating class, and was easily the winner of the Kings County scholarship in the same University. He also took during his first year the Douglas gold medal for an English essay, in a competition open to all classes, and won the compound achromatic microscope as a first prize for natural science. His strong points at College were mathematics and classics, with a strong liking for English literature and history. He graduated, B. A., in 1865; taught Grammar School at Grand Falls, N. B.; became superior of the school at Fredricton Junction and in the Baptist Seminary at Fredericton; one year at each. He became principal of the Ladies' High School at Fredericton in 1870, and was appointed professor of classics and history in the University of New Brunswick in 1871. He spent the years 1872 and 1873 at Edinburgh, Scotland, and Heidelberg, Germany, prosecuting his studies and took at Edinburgh the medal, one first, and three other prizes. Returning to New Brunswick he assumed the duties of his chair in the University at the end of 1873, and occupied the same until Jan. 1, 1879, when he resigned. Acadia College, N. S., conferred upon him the title of D. C. L. in 1885. He was examiner in grammar and English at the Provincial Normal Schools, Fredericton, from 1874 to 1879.

Early in life—in the thirteenth year of his age—Mr. Foster identified himself with the order of the Sons of Temperance, and later with the British Templars, the United Temperance Association, the Dominion Alliance, and the International Temperance Association. He filled the office of Grand Worthy Patriarch in the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of New Brunswick; Most Worthy Grand Templar of the British Templars of Canada; National Chief of the United Temperance Association; vice-president and president of the Executive of the Dominion Alliance of Canada, and president for four years of the International Temperance Association. During Professor Foster's occupancy of the University chair, he frequently delivered lectures and addresses upon temperance topics, and upon his resignation engaged in an extensive lecturing tour, delivering addresses on the total abstinence and prohibition questions in all the provinces of Canada and most of the eastern and western States of the United States. He likewise edited several temperance papers. He has been identified for many years with the Young Men's Christian Association of Fredericton, and was a member of the executive of the International Sabbath School Committee. After a lecturing tour of remarkable success Professor Foster resolved to try what fortune had in store for him in the political sphere, though considering how wide and how brilliant his achievements had been we may be sure he had no misgivings in taking the contemplated step. In looking about him for a constituency, naturally that one nearest his heart, the country wherein he first drew breath, suggested itself, and to Kings he went, though it was represented by that stalwart politician, Major James Donville. The friends of Mr. Donville considered the act of Professor Foster as one that could properly be described only by the
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phase "cheeky," but what they thought made no difference to the young candidate. He proceeded with his canvass, addressing the people everywhere upon the leading topics of the day. Against such eloquence as Professor Foster brought into the field Major Donville was powerless. But apart from his ability as a debater, the people of Kings County put the highest estimate upon the integrity and character of the young candidate, and they accordingly elected in June, 1882, to represent them in the House of Commons, at Ottawa. His election was voided, but he was again elected in November of the same year, and still continues to represent Kings County, at Ottawa. On December 10, 1885, he was sworn in a member of the Privy Council, and invested with the portfolio of marine and fisheries. Professor Foster has traveled in all the Provinces of Canada and through the greater portion of the United States, and has also visited England, Scotland, France, Germany and Switzerland. In religion he belongs to the Free Baptist denomination, and for many years has been and is still a prominent member of its conference. He was president of the Union Baptist Educational Society in 1853.

The Hon. George Eulas Foster is a Liberal-Conservative in politics, and a full believer in the future greatness of Canada. He favors a civil service system, which shall, so far as consistent with the peculiar circumstances of our country, conform to the system in operation in Great Britain, a moderate protective tariff, such as shall maintain our markets for our own manufacturers, and at the same time not conduce to the formation of monopolies, a wise tried economy in the administration of the finances of the country and an enlightened progressive and comprehensive policy. He is one of the foremost speakers in the country, if force and clearness of statement, fluency and adherence to logic can entitle him to that place. He is a man of great energy and of boundless nervous force. A literary grace pervades his style, but his speeches are never florid or beyond the bounds of good taste in this regard. There is a singular earnestness in his manner, and nearly every speech that he delivers resolves itself into a series of propositions, one consequent upon the other. As we have said, he is a speaker of much force and sometimes his eloquence rises to the height of passion. Res., s. p., Ottawa, Canada.

5650. i. JAMES WILFORD, b. March 25, 1883.
5651. ii. ANNIE WINEFRED, b. Sept. 12, 1886.

5208. JAMES WILMOT FOSTER (Seth, Seth, Seth, Thomas, John, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Collina, N. B., June 19, 1852; m., Long Creek, N. B., Nov. 27, 1879, Lucinda M. Vincent, b. April 1, 1857. He is a contractor and builder. Res., Sussex, N. B.
5652. i. OLA MAY, b. June 11, 1882.
5653. ii. GEORGIA LIA, b. Sept. 10, 1883.
5654. iii. FLORENCE NELLAS, b. March 19, 1885; d. May 17, 1888.
5655. iv. KATIE CLARE, b. April 1, 1898.


The subject of this sketch finished his education at Warren and Newcastle Academies, at seventeen years of age, and soon left his home, went to Bangor, and there spent three years in the clothing store of Thomas Furber, the first store of its kind in the city. Mr. Foster's father having lands in Illinois, the family concluded to go to the great west. The father, two sons and two daughters left Thomaston early in September, 1835, stopping two weeks in New York, where were two sons, Robert N. and Benjamin Emerson. They pursued their journey by way of Philadelphia, Pittsburg and the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, arriving at Jacksonville, Oct. 24, 1835. The family, except the subject of our sketch, soon moved to Rushville, Ill., he finding employment in the store of Horn, Babb & Spence, at Beards town.

Henry T. Foster has been a farmer, a manufacturer of flour, a merchant, pork buyer and packer, and large dealer in grain, and altogether for more than forty years a prominent citizen of the place, interesting himself in every enterprise calculated to build up the town or benefit the community. In 1868 he was elected mayor of the town and subsequently re-elected several times to that office. He
was a member of, and trustee and deacon of, the Congregational church, a man of liberal Christian character, and much esteemed by all. In politics he was formerly a Whig, of the Henry Clay school, and in 1856 one of the few advocates in this section of Free Soil. He was a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln, an admirer of the man, and an enthusiastic one for his election to the presidency. Mr. Lincoln appointed Mr. Foster postmaster at Beardstown in 1861, which office he held more than six years, then yielding up the office for nonsupport of Andrew Johnson. He d. April 27, 1894. Res., Beardstown, Ill.

5656. iii. ROBERT HARRY, b. March 31, 1848; m. Emma Ruth Logan. 1851.

5657. iii. EDWIN C., b. Dec. 7, 1841; m. Isabel Dale.


Robert Nesbit Foster was born Christmas Eve, 1800. He finally moved to New York City, where he was for many years an importing merchant of Gold street. He died at his home, at Bloomfield, N. J., in 1847. He d. Aug. 30, 1847. Res., Thomaston, Me., New York, N. Y., and Bloomfield, N. J.


5660. iii. MARIA, b. June 14, 1828; m., Oct. 6, 1841, Charles M. Davis, of Bloomfield.


5662. i. BENJAMIN EMERSON, b. July 22, 1825; d. July 9, 1875.

5663. v. MARTHA JANE, b. Aug. 16, 1832.

5664. vi. SARAH HELEN, b. Dec. 30, 1834.

5665. vii. THEODORE, d. in infancy.


He was brought up as a clerk; kept store in Dartmouth for nearly thirteen years; since then has been an agent; has held several offices in Dartmouth; has been secretary of the Dartmouth Electric Light company for six years. Lived in Peterboro, Ontario, for three years. Has had three narrow escapes of life. First, when about seven years old, from an arrow which pierced his forehead, and came very near the temple. Second, when about eight years old, on the occasion of the arrival of the Royal William steamer from Quebec (the first steamer ever in Halifax harbor), by being knocked overboard accidentally, and picked up just in time. Third, from the ferry accident, in 1890, July 11th, when the boat (Annex 2), from New York, arrived for the ferry. His youngest daughter, Bessie, was drowned at that time, and he was very near it. Was laid up for three weeks after it with congestion of the lungs. He is now in very good health for his age. Res., Dartmouth, N. S.

5667. i. AMY, b. Aug. 11, 1851; still living; unm.

5668. ii. ELVIRA S., b. Oct. 24, 1857; lived four and a half years.

5669. iii. FRANCES MAY, b. Oct. 24, 1863; m. Peter McNabkuhn, of Lawrence ton. Res., Dartmouth. Have five ch. living—oldest eleven and a half years.

5670. iv. ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 20, 1866; drowned July 11, 1890. 2541.

WILLIAM FOSTER (William, Edward, Edward, Joseph, Joseph, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Halifax, N. S., June 29, 1830; m., in Sing Sing, N. Y., June 8, 1853, Martha Ann Fisher.

He left Nova Scotia in 1853, and has resided in the United States ever since, the greater portion of the intervening time in New York. He is now trying Southern California as a place of residence. He has a rock crystal seal, handed down from his great-grandfather's time, showing the coat of arms of the family; viz.: On a field "argent," chevron "vert," between three bugles or hunting horns "noir" stringed gules. Hill quartering: on a field azure three leopard heads, or,—motto or legend, "So fractus fortes." He has also in some old books, of over one
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hundred years back, a fac-simile of the coat of arms described, lacking the motto or legend.

Besant's novel, entitled, "Dorothy Foster," no doubt refers to the same family, as in the copy of that novel the coat of arms and legend, as nam'd herein, are those given. Res., Glendord, Cal.

5671. i. HELEN, b. May 8, 1864; m., June 8, 1892. Foster Elliot. Res., G.


Thomas Foster, Jr., was born in Ohio, near Cincinnati, Dec. 4, 1817, the youngest of six children. Was married June 16, 1836, to Julia A. Thomas, whose parents formerly lived near Ashville, N. C. In the early part of his life he drove one of his father's four-horse teams in building the canal locks in Ohio, and afterward was a stage driver for many years. His was one of the thirteen families that settled in north Missouri, Grand river country, in 1840, and besides farm work became quite a trapper, hunter and Indian trader. Later he became a merchant at Bethany, Mo. In 1850 he went overland to California, and died there in 1852. He was a stage driver there, from Coloma to some other point, and prospered financially. He d. in California in 1852. Res., Marshall, Clark County, Ill.

5673. i. ELIZABETH, b. May 1, 1832; d. 1848.

5674. ii. DAVID N., b. June 3, 1845; m. Malinda C. Noah.


5244. DAVID NELSON FOSTER (Thomas, William, Edward, Joseph, Joseph, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. in Ohio, Sept. 12, 1812; m. in Rush County, Indiana, Naomi Bunyard, b. April 23, 1814. He was a farmer and stock buyer. He d. on the plains, June, 1839. Res., Rush County, Indiana.

5677. i. ALBERT W., b. Nov. 7, 1834; m., June 9, 1861, Mrs. Mary Howard, of Coffee, Mo.; d. June 20, 1898.

5678. ii. AMOS M., b. May 30, 1837; m. Hester A. Prindle.

5679. iii. RACHEL, b. ——; m., Oct. 14, 1858.

5680. iv. GEORGE W., b. Nov. 10, 1842.

5681. v. MARTHA A., b. Nov. 26, 1844; d. 1875.

5682. vi. AMLIRA, b. May 24, 1847.


5684. i. THOMAS, b. July 2, 1826; m. Catharine J. Smith.

5685. ii. SAMUEL, b. Oct. 28, 1834; m. Jane Smith.


5687. iv. ELENOR, b. Aug. 25, 1831; m. —— Good. She d.

5688. v. RACHEL, b. 1840; m. —— Hathsawy. She d.

5689. vi. ELIZABETH, b. Aug. 10, 1824.

5690. vii. WILLIAM, b. April 6, 1829.


5691. i. LEWIS, b. July, 1814; m. Mary Upton Wallace.

5692. ii. HENRY S., b. April 30, 1822; m. Ann Sloan.

5693. iii. ELL, b. ——; m. ——.

5694. iv. WARREN, b. 1815; m. Abigail Brown.

5695. v. JAMES, b. ——.
5696. vi. WILLIAM G., b. April 25, 1820; m. Catharine C. Ray.
5697. vii. JOHN, b. ——; d. 1808. viii. LYDIA, b. ——; d.


5258. i. SUSAN B., b. Sept. 17, 1868; m., Aug. 29, 1886; now Mrs. Wallace Eason. Res. 100 Mt. Pleasant Ave., E. Gloucester, Mass.
5259. ii. DEZIAH C., b. Dec. 25, 1869; unm.; same address.

5259. CAPT. ISRAEL COLE FOSTER (Samuel F., Joseph, Edward, Joseph, Joseph, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Port Medway, N. S., May 10, 1825; m. there, Nov. 20, 1850, Mary Ann White, b. 1830; d. October, 1861. He is a master mariner. Res., Port Medway, N. S.

5263. JAMES AUGUSTUS FOSTER (William, Melton, Edward, Joseph, Joseph, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Port Medway, N. S., July 21, 1822; m. in Calendonia, N. S., Feb. 20, 1841, Margaret Ann Telfer, b. Nov. 20, 1829. He is a carpenter. Res., Port Medway, N. S.


5266. ii. PELL WILLIAM, b. April 26, 1862; m. Annie Lester Williams.


5268. i. WILLIAM ZEBINA, b. May 2, 1861.


5269. i. JAMES W., b. Sept. 4, 1860; m.

5271. REV. FRANK HUGH FOSTER (William, Lewis, William, Joseph, Joseph, John, Joseph, Thomas), b. Springfield, Mass., June 18, 1851; m. there, Aug. 20, 1877, Eliza Charlotte Grout, b. April 20, 1851. Fitted for college in the High School of Springfield, and graduated (A. B.) from Harvard College in 1873, from Andover Theological Seminary in 1877, and from University of Lapzy (Ph. D.) in 1882. Was assistant professor of Mathematics, United States Naval Academy, 1873-74; pastor of Congregational church, North Reading, Mass., 1877-79; professor of Philosophy, Middlebury College, Vt., 1852-84; professor of Church History, Oberlin (O.) Theological Seminary, 1883-92, and of Systematic Theology, Pacific Seminary, Oakland, Cal., 1892, and published a translation of Grotius' "Defence"

5715. i. FREDERICK MONTAGUE, b. July 26, 1878; Oakland, Cal.

5716. ii. HAROLD PARK, b. March 28, 1884; d. Sept. 27, 1884.

5717. iii. ROSE KATHARINE, b. June 29, 1891; Oakland, Cal.


5718. i. MATTIE BRADFORD, b. July 1, 1867; m. Chauncey Charles Foster, Oct. 19, 1892. P. O. address, Nashville, Tenn.

5719. ii. GERTRUDE, b. May 3, 1869; d. Sept. 7, 1870.


5720. i. CHILD, b. May 5, 1865.

5285. AARON STILES FOSTER (Elathan, Elisha, Nathaniel, Joseph, Joseph, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Salisbury, N. Y., April 1, 1822; m. there, Jan. 22, 1844, Hannah Getman, b. July 25, 1825; d. Nov. 11, 1885.

Received a common school training from the age of four years to nine years, and occasionally a winter term. Did his best to improve the limited advantages afforded in a new country; was promoted to the office of District school-teacher in 1839. Followed teaching some little time in connection with his apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, as well as millwright business. Went west—as it was then called—in 1843; came back to Herkimer County, New York; married; worked at his trade; has done considerable contract work; in 1855 moved to Stratford, Fulton County; engaged in lumber business in connection with other contract work. Held offices of trust in Fulton County. In 1879 took a contract to build what has since been the A. Dolge Lumber Mill. Before it was completed engaged permanently with Mr. Dolge as millwright and machinist. On May 1, 1882 met with an accident which has disabled him permanently. Since that time, when able, has had the care of men engaged in building and in architectural work. Res., Dolgeville, N. Y.

5721. i. WILLIAM HENRY, b. April 26, 1845; m. —— ——.


5723. iii. CARLTON O., b. May 23, 1852; m. Susan Brill, Dec. 6, 1882. P. O., Lyons Falls, N. Y.


5725. v. MAY A., b. June 25, 1858. P. O., Little Falls, N. Y.


5726. i. HARRIET, b. ——; m. —— Mayer. Res., Salisbury, N. Y.

5305. GEORGE W. FOSTER (Asaph, Abraham, Joseph, Joseph, Joseph, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Middleville, N. Y., Feb. 8, 1829; m. Mary Quick; d. May 13, 1875; m., 2d, Sept. 11, 1876, Hellen E. Quick, b. 1814. He was a farmer. He d. May 28, 1887. Res., Middleville, N. Y.

5727. i. MARY, b. Nov. 2, 1857.

5728. ii. GEORGE W., b. Aug. 16, 1853.


5729. i. FRANK K., b. Dec. 19, 1854; m. Lucretia E. Ladd.

5730. ii. CHARLES D., b. July 22, 1853; d. September, 1873.

- 5319. GEORGE KING FOSTER (George K., Stephen, James, James, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Dec. 13, 1843; m., June 26, 1873, Cynthia Elvira Cleveland (his cousin), dau. of George N. and Mary A. (Lynch). Res., Richmond, P. Q., and Burlington, Vt.

5731. i. GEORGE FREDERIC, b. Nov. 5, 1881.

5323. EDWIN HENRY FOSTER (Henry D., Stephen, James, James, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. March 12, 1839, East Montpelier, Vt.; m., March 21, 1864, Fanny M. Clark, dau. of Theophilus, b. July 18, 1844. He was a farmer and resided on the homestead. He d. June 12, 1895. Res., East Montpelier, Vt.

5732. i. CARRIE EVANS, b. April 7, 1867; m., Dec. 18, 1890, Merton L. Tower. Res., Barre, Vt.


5734. iii. MARY TEMPLETON, b. Sept. 11, 1873. Res., E. M.

5735. iv. EMMA JULIA, b. Nov. 27, 1875. Res., E. M.


5739. iii. JULIA ANN, b. Nov. 27, 1876. Res., E. M.

5740. iv. KATE HOLMES, b. May 16, 1881. Res., E. M.

5741. v. FRANK STEPHEN, b. May 11, 1885. Res., E. M.

5742. vi. WILLIAM AUSTIN, b. March 14, 1886. Res., E. M.


5743. i. CHILD, b. June, 1888.


Col. John Gilman Foster, eldest son of Austin T. Foster, born in Derby Line, Vt., March 9, 1859. He received the degree of A. B. from Tufts College in 1880. He was admitted to the Orleans County, Vermont, bar in 1882, and began practice at Derby Line. He was married in St. Louis, June 9, 1886, to Clara Sunshine, daughter of Judge Lee Merriman, of Washington, D. C., and has three children, Katherine Reed, Austin Theophilus and Stephen Merriman. He was for some years director of the National Bank of Derby Line, and afterward became a director of the Eastern Townships Bank of Quebec, Canada. He has been quite active in the politics of his native State, having served on the Republican State Committee, and on the staff of its governor. He is at present Consul General of the United States at Halifax, N. S. His permanent residence remaining at Derby Line, Vt. Res., Derby Line, Vt.

5744. i. KATHERINE REED, b. Nov. 23, 1888.

5745. ii. AUSTIN THEOPHILUS, b. Sept. 24, 1892.

5746. iii. STEPHEN MERRIMAN, b. Sept. 25, 1894.

5348. HENRY AUSTIN FOSTER (Henry, Ebenezer L., James, James, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Marion, Mass., Aug. 31, 1841; m., Hartford, Conn., Jan. 6, 1864, Sarah Elizabeth Chapman, b. Feb. 26, 1840. He is a clerk.
Henry Austin Foster was born in Sippican (now Marion), Mass. Motherless from birth, he was under the care of his paternal grandmother, in New Bedford, Mass., until about the age of six, when his father, Henry Foster, having married again, took him to Newport, R. I., into his own care.

Inclined to change and adventure he engaged in several occupations, until the time of the civil war, when, in 1861, he enlisted in Boston, Mass., in the service of the United States, and for three years followed the fortunes of war, being in the Peninsular campaign with Gen. George B. McClellan, including the Seven Days' Fight and the second Bull Run, Virginia, from which field he was borne to a hospital and there discharged. After regaining his health he filled various government positions in different portions of the country, south and west. Having married during this time, one daughter and four grandchildren, together with his family, are now living in the city of Brooklyn, N. Y. There he has been identified more or less with the Grand Army of the Republic. Like his father, he is Republican in his politics, having been the fifth one to step forward at the organization of the original band of "wide awakes," at Hartford, Conn., during the first Lincoln campaign. During many years Mr. Foster has scanned the public press for items, and possesses a large and varied collection of clippings, probably not equaled by any other collection in the country. To this he devotes all his leisure time. Res., Brooklyn, N. Y., 102 Elton St.


DR. DANIEL SHAY'S FOSTER (Seth, Seth, Edward, James, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Dansville, N. Y., Dec. 17, 1842; m., Mansfield, Pa., Jan. 1, 1866. Diantha Louise Ashley, b. Sept. 28, 1841.

On his father's side he is a direct descendant and namesake of Gen. Daniel Shay's, a distinguished officer of the Revolutionary war, and afterward known as the leader of the "Shay's Rebellion" against taxation in Massachusetts. On his mother's side he is the grandson of the late Andrew Gamble, one of the pioneer settlers of Lycoming County. He is also related to the late Judge James Gamble, and Hon. John A. Gamble, also the late George Tome, of Lycoming; Hon. Benjamin Tome, of Tiffin, O., and Hon. Jacob Tome, the wealthy banker of Port Deposit, Md.

Young Foster was left an orphan when but four years old. His mother, a brother and two sisters removed from Western New York to Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, in 1847. In July, 1861, being eighteen years of age, he enlisted in Company A, Fifth Regiment Pennsylvania Reserves, commanded by Capt. H. C. Ulman, of Jersey Shore, and served in that capacity until he was wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 13, 1862. His brother was killed in the same engagement.

It is told of him that, in this battle, on the left under General Meade, and when at the railroad in front of the rebel batteries, his cap having been shot from his head, and his gun shattered by a fragment of shell, he sprang to the front, as the line wavered, and shouting, "Forward, boys," inspired them by his example as he pressed forward almost to the mouth of the enemy's guns, where his company held its ground until outflanked by the enemy breaking through the regiment on their right, when the remnant of the company was obliged to run the gauntlet of a heavy cross fire, and it was here that he was wounded through the hip, an ounce ball passing entirely through his body. It lodged in his clothing, and is still preserved as a valued memento of the war. The company lost in this engagement nineteen killed and wounded of the twenty-nine that went into the fight.

For the conspicuous bravery shown on that occasion the commander of his company sent him a promotion at once, but he was never able to return to duty. Remaining in the hospital six months he was discharged on account of his wound, from the effects of which he can never fully recover.

As soon as he had sufficiently recovered, he entered the employ of the government as an agent of the Quartermaster's Department in Alexandria, Va., and rendered valuable service superintending the supply of stores to the army at City Point and other places. After the war he was offered an appointment in the Treasury Department, and left school to accept the place.

Immediately on reaching Washington he began the study of medicine, attending lectures mornings and evenings. During the winter months, besides his daily duty of seven hours, he spent four hours in the lecture room daily, besides attend-
ing weekly two clinical lectures, three recitations, and doing the necessary work of the dissecting room. Graduating from the Georgetown Medical College in 1869, he at once opened an office and practiced with success for three years, when he was obliged on account of ill health, caused mainly by his wound, to give up the practice of medicine.

His wife is the youngest daughter of the late Forest Ashley, of Mainsburg, Tioga County, Pa., where he has held his legal residence since he was old enough to vote. During his stay in Washington, he has built a handsome residence on Iowa Circle.

In politics he is Republican. He is a frequent contributor to the political press, and is a ready speaker. He has always contributed liberally of his means in every campaign, and has not often failed to travel three hundred miles to deposit his vote at election. In matters of government he is well equipped, and his large experience in financial affairs eminently qualifies him for the most responsible trust.

In religion he is a Baptist. When only twenty-five years of age he was chosen deacon in one of the largest churches of that denomination in the city of Washington; an honor usually conferred upon older members. It is said of him and his wife that, during his studies, when there seemed to be no time for anything else, they were always at the Thursday evening prayer meeting. They are both active laborers in all church and charitable work; and many a soldier or soldier's widow, mother or other heir, will long remember the assistance he has given them in the settlement of their pension or bounty claims.

Incidents.—Some days before the battle of Fredericksburg, he was sent to guard a farm house and was not relieved when the regiment moved, but when the artillery opened he told the farmer he must guard his own property as he had something else to do, and marching his squad to the front he found the regiment under fire guarding the pontoon bridge, and crawled to them amid the cheers of the regiment, and participated in the rush of the advance to the other side only a few minutes later.

At second Bull Run his company was detailed to carry off the wounded after capturing the field lost by General King's division the evening before, and while engaged in this duty, the regiment—except his company—was advanced to the outer picket, and he at once applied for the privilege of accompanying the regiment, and taking an advanced post remained until surrounded by the enemy's pickets. After a race for life through a laurel thicket amid a shower of bullets, he reached General Reynolds as he and General McDowell were watching the attack on Pope's right, and explaining to them that a full corps of the enemy's troops were then forming to attack their immediate front (this was the first information of Longstreet's advance on the left), he fell into line and joined in a double quick to reinforce the right, but returned as rapidly to find the enemy in possession of the ground they had just left, and had captured one of our batteries beside. Had his report received the consideration it deserved, the break that occurred in the left of the line and which, later, was only stayed by the terrific charge of the entire division of the Pennsylvania Reserves, would have been averted.

Being a private soldier he was always found defending the rank and file. One wintry morning, near Aquia Creek, Va., there had been issued to the regiment a supply of "hard tack," which was decidedly fat with black bugs, and one of the fattest happened to fall into his hands. With becoming propriety he asked the captain's permission to "have other crackers issued to the entire regiment," and then with a supply in hand he proceeded to the colonel's tent, and the regiment had new crackers in less than thirty minutes. Res., Washington, D. C., 19 Iowa Circle.
VOLNEY WILLIAM FOSTER, ESQ.


5748½. iii. ETHEL ELIZABETH, b. July 8, 1873, at Cherry Flats, Tioga County, Pa. P. O. address, 19 Iowa Circle, Washington, D. C.; unm.

5775. VOLNEY WILLIAM FOSTER (Volney, Hopestill, Edward, James, Chillingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Aztalan, Wis., Feb. 27, 1848; m. Brockport, N. Y., Aug. 9, 1876, Eva Adelle Hill, d. of Ezra Northrup and Cornelia Ann (Whitney) Hill, b. Holly, N. Y., Jan. 30, 1852; d. Oct. 18, 1877.

Volney W. Foster was born in Aztalan, Wis., in 1848. While an infant he moved with his parents to Portage City, Wis., where his boyhood was spent. He attended the excellent schools of that city and acquired there the foundation of the education which he has received.

When he was thirteen years of age his father removed from Portage City to a farm in Jefferson County, near the village of Jefferson. Here he engaged with his father in the routine life of a farmer, and during this time his education was continued under the instruction of his mother. Later he attended the Academy at Jefferson, and was one year old at Milton College, where he delivered the salutatory oration of the Orophilian Society. He then engaged in school-teaching, his last charge being the graded school of the village of Jefferson.

He was then employed in mercantile business in Jefferson by several of the firms there. Later he went to Manitowoc, Wis., in the employment of Jarvis E. Platt, of that place, and later became a member of the firm of Platt, Grey & Foster. This firm was engaged in merchandising at Manitowoc. In 1872 he came to Chicago and was engaged as cashier for a lumber firm. In the winter of 1874 he purchased a lumber yard at Chatham, Ontario, where he resided for five years, finally returning to Chicago and making his residence at Evanston, where he now lives. While residing at Chatham, Mr. Foster was married to Eva Adelle Hill, daughter of Ezra Northrup Hill, of Brockport, Monroe County, N. Y. In 1879 Mr. Foster entered into partnership with W. D. Hitchcock, of Chicago, under the firm name of Hitchcock & Foster, dealers in lumber, railway ties, etc. They were owners of a mill at the head of Lake Huron. He continued in this business until 1891, when he withdrew from the firm, and has since given his attention to the management of the Western Paving and Supply Company, and other enterprises in which he is interested.

In 1887 he became active in the promotion of the construction of the Sheridan road, his plan being to accomplish the building of a free pleasure driveway from Chicago to Milwaukee. He was assisted in this work by many helpful and generous friends to the enterprise, and the larger part of this road is now built and improved from the city of Chicago to the city of Waukegan, and legislation is now under consideration by the Wisconsin legislature that is expected to make certain the completion of the balance of the road within a very short time. Mr. Foster became the president of the Sheridan Road Association in 1887, which office he has held continuously from the organization to this date. Mr. Foster appreciates that the value of a man’s life is not measured by his bank account, but by his usefulness to the community in which he resides. He is the treasurer and supporter of the Back-Lot Studies Society, which has a home in a park in the rear of his residence at Evanston.

The Back-Lot Studies Society was organized in February, 1891, the outgrowth of a suggestion of Mr. Foster. Its purpose is to give, yearly, a series of talks by business and professional men upon practical subjects to a company of young men ranging in age from sixteen to twenty-five years. Great pains are taken to have these addresses of such a nature as to aid these young men in the choice of a life-work as well as to give a general fund of information. The membership is limited to sixty-five—this being all that the meeting-place will accommodate—chosen for the most part from the students of the high school and the academy of Northwestern University; these members are selected on the basis of general ability to profit by the work of the Society which requires close attention and an intelligent interest on their part. In short, it is to give instruction and not merely amusement. No formal constitution and by-laws are used, every means being used to keep the meetings and transactions of the Society as simple as possible. The two points of punctuality and regularity in attendance are vigorously insisted upon, however, and the absence of a member from two consecutive meetings justifies a notice from the
secretary that if absent from the next meeting the name will be dropped from the roll of the Society. There are no dues, the expense being met solely by Mr. Foster. The meetings are held once a fortnight, as a rule in the "Shelter," a building located upon a small park in the rear of Mr. Foster's residence and locally known as the "Back-Lot." Hence the name of the Society. Public lectures are given from time to time in what is known as the "Back-Lot Lecture Course." These are held in the churches of the city which are placed at the disposal of the Society. From the very first, the general public has manifested an appreciation of the need for which the Society was organized and has responded to any request that has been made upon it. Public men in Evanston and Chicago of most intimate con-

HOME OF THE BACK-LOT STUDIES SOCIETY.
[Rear of Volney W. Foster's residence, Evanston, Ill.]

nection with both business and professional affairs, have freely offered their influence, time, and knowledge, in furthering the work. Besides the regular evening talks, through the co-operation of different gentlemen, excursions to points of general interest have been successfully carried out.
It is the feeling of the founder as well as the present officers that the idea should not be confined to Evanston in its practical workings. It would seem to fill a great demand in towns and cities of five hundred to five thousand people, in the fact that the young men are brought into direct contact with successful men in all lines of business at an age when the hard struggle of making a decision of life's work is at hand. Each town possesses a number of men capable and willing to talk on the
different lines in which their own lives have been cast. It is to be hoped that the Evanston Back-Lot Society is but a forerunner of other "Back-Lot" organizations. If further information is desired, any communications may be addressed to the Secretary of the Society at Evanston, or copies of the prospectus may be obtained from the same person and suggestions to those contemplating organizing such societies will be gladly given.

Mr. Foster is eminently of a genial nature, a member of several clubs, is a Democrat from principle, is a member of the Union League, is a man of influence in the councils of the Democratic party. His election as chairman of the committee of transportation in the Columbian Exposition publicly acknowledged his knowledge of men and the best means of handling them through system and order. Mr. Foster is one of the most modest of the men whose lives are given in this volume; one who has been identified with the movements for the betterment of the city and who deservedly stands high in the estimation of his fellow-citizens of Chicago, Evanston and wherever known. It was through his interest in historical and genealogical matters that the writer compiled this genealogy of the Foster family. Res., Evanston, Ill.
5749. i. ALBERT VOLNEY, b. Aug. 18, 1877. A student at Harvard College (1899).


5379. MYRON FOSTER (Harvey, Hopestill, Edward, James, Chillingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Aztlán, Wis., Oct. 7, 1855; m. there, Dec. 2, 1876, Carrie Nevins, b. there. Res., Jefferson, Wis.

5751. i. GERTIE, b. Nov. 23, 1884.

5752. ii. HARRY, b. Feb. 22, 1892.

5380. CHARLES FOSTER (Lucius, Hopestill, Edward, James, Chillingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Wisconsin, May 10, 1854; m. Sarah Newton, of Eau Claire, Wis. He is a hotel proprietor. Res., Marshfield, Wis.

5382. LORENZO C. FOSTER (Nathan, Lemuel, Nathan, James, Chillingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Orange, Vt., Nov. 24, 1816; m., May 28, 1838,
FOSTER GENEALOGY.


5754. ii. LUCINDA B., b. March 27, 1852; m., Dec. 10, 1868, Josiah G. White. He was son of Ira V. and Emily J. Ch.: 1. Carlotta Aurora, b. March 22, 1870.

5755. iii. ELLEN E., b. Jan. 14, 1854; m. Feb. 10, 1875.

5756. iv. LEANDER P., b. April 19, 1866; d. Aug. 27, 1877.

5757. v. NED L., b. April 17, 1858; m. Feb. 26, 1886.

5757 1/2. vi. CHARLES, b. June 3, 1847; d. Dec. 5, 1848.


5757 1/2. viii. CARROLL, b. July 26, 1850; d. Sept. 15, 1852.


5758. i. SARAH THERESIA, b. Nov. 11, 1876.

5759. ii. NATHAN, b. March 24, 1879.

5760. iii. ELA NELIZABETH, b. Dec. 25, 1880.

5761. iv. HARRIET MANSUR, b. Jan. 6, 1884.

5762. v. JOSEPH HENRY, b. ——; d., ae three months.


5763. i. CHARLES SAMUEL, b. Dec. 8, 1883; d. Aug. 29, 1884.


5765. iii. MAY LILIAN, b. Aug. 20, 1888.

5766. iv. GRACE ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 21, 1890.

5767. v. LAUR SILVER, b. Dec. 23, 1896.

5405. WILLIAM D. FOSTER (Addi M., James, Nathan, James, Chillingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Barre, Vt., March 26, 1839; m. Taunton, Mass., Dec. 6, 1866, Phoebe A. Godfrey, b. Dec. 22, 1839. He owns a stock and poultry farm and is a lumberman. Res., Woodstock, Vt.


5770. i. ERNEST F., b. Dec. 9, 1866.

5770 1/2. ii. GRACIE, b. March 17, 1875; d. Jan. 11, 1880.

5770 1/2. iii. HARRY, b. Aug. 30, 1881; d. May 16, 1887.

5770 1/2. iv. FLOYD, b. Aug. 31, 1885; d. March, 1886.


5432. WARREN SKINNER FOSTER (David C., Thomas, James, Thomas, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Jan. 3, 1840; m. there, Oct. 9, 1866, Sophia Cary Wilkinson, dau. of George, b. May 31, 1846. He is a dealer in coal and lumber. Res., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

5772. i. DAVID CROSBY, b. June 7, 1879; m. Mary VanGiesen.

5773. ii. CARY, b. Sept. 20, 1875. Res., P.

5433. THOMAS FOSTER (David C., Thomas, James, Thomas, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; m., Oct. 6, 1868, Jennie Flood, b. Aug. 18, 1851. She d. Res., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

5774. i. THOMAS, b. July 8, 1875.

5775. ii. HELEN LOUISE, b. Feb. 16, 1882.

5776. iii. HARRY ELBERT, b. May 24, 1885.

5777. iv. J. ARTHUR, b. Sept. 8, 1887.


5778. i. WILLIAM HENRY, b. Aug. 1, 1872.

5779. ii. JENNIE LOUISE, b. Sept. 14, 1873.


5449. SAMUEL HICKOX FOSTER (Reuben H., Edmund, Edmund, James, Thomas, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. March 1, 1827; m., Oct. 17, 1855, Adelia Munn. She d. May 8, 1873. Res., South East, N. Y.

5780. i. SARAH MUNN, b. Sept. 18, 1858.


5782. iii. EDMUND ALFRED, b. Dec. 26, 1862; m., April, 1886, Addie Bereman.

5783. iv. FRANCIS BARTON, b. Aug. 13, 1867; m., June 20, 1892, Beatrice Nejar.


He attended Brimmer School, Master Bates; bookbinder with father, Hiram T., Sr.; carpenter few years with uncle, Andrew Hodgman, Roxbury. On the death of his father, Hiram took the shop, 25 Arch St., Boston, and in addition to much other work, become a bookbinder for Rockwell & Churchill, city printers, doing all documents and minutes and Masonic pamphlet work. At the age of eighteen years he enlisted in Capt. Isaac Fuller's (Danver's light infantry) Company C, Seventeenth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, as musician; re-enlisted in the field for three years more; discharged July, 1865, by reason of war ending (general orders). He has a record of not losing a march, skirmish or fight from start to finish. All were shoemakers, except Hiram and Henry; they being the only Cambridge boys, too. He never regretted joining Company C, under Capt. Isaac Fuller, a rough, honest soul, brave as a lion. Hiram was one of a few to volunteer to go outside of breastworks at Little Washington, N. C., and bring in body of one of the company shot the day before through the lungs. It was accomplished under fire amid the cheers, etc., of on-lookers. Here Henry Foster was picked out to beat "tattoo" in three different places, and three different styles, so as to deceive the "rebs" in thinking we were of many regiments, instead of a few hundred men. It was inky dark and to not get twisted and run wrong was something well nigh impossible. It must have been pretty fair, as the "rebs" were "Johnnied," and we got off safely.
next morning, but none too soon, as it fairly rained lead over their heads as they went up the river on a double-ender, steel coated steamer. He di April 17, 1890. Res., Chelsea, Mass., s. p., 24 Grove St.

5470. HENRY FOSTER (Hiram T., Lemuel, Isaac, Isaac, Chillingsworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Boston, Mass., Dec. 15, 1844; m., Feb. 21, 1866, Lucy Ann Sawyer, b. June 25, 1846. He attended Hawkes’ School, S. Boston, Otis and Putnam Schools, E. Cambridge. Bookbinder before the war, and printer and bookbinder after. Enlisted in Company C, Seventeenth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, 1861, as musician; re-enlisted in the field, Newbern, N. C., for three years’ more (or sooner shot), or ending of war. Acted as principal musician; served as chief signalizer under Dr. William Upton, of New York, at Newbern, N. C.; headquarters at his beautiful hospital; on his patent, or new mode of signaling by sound, until he was interfered with by some one on the Potomac, when he with three others from the Seventeenth, Eighth and Forty-fifth Massachusetts regiments, were sent back to their respective regiments, much to their regret and to the general officers in and about our department. Nothing,—money, men, horses, etc.—would induce this proud but rich doctor (serving without pay and head of Newbern City Hospital) to divulge his secret or carry on the work, having been twice interfered with before, by whom he does not know, but he has always understood it was published in the Scientific American at that time. In 1864 he was sent to regimental hospital in ambulance—diarrhea, dysentery, bloody flux—winding up, with typhoid fever. Soon after received a furlough for thirty days. Returned in time to start with regiment on longest march, from Newport, N. C., to meet General Sherman. At fight before Kinston, place called Wysis Forks, had battle under General Schofield, against Generals Bragg, Stuart and Stokes, Bragg commanding, March 9th, roth and 11th. Wounded last day in front of breastworks. Pretty much of blank for months to him afterward. With the exceptions of malaria, pain along and around bottom of spine, steeled up stomach, hips out of gear, hard work to stand or walk any distance, constant pain—he is in pretty fair condition. Nobody would take him for more than forty-eight or fifty, though born in 1844. After war played drum and flute in orchestra and band. Gave solos on drum, Music Hall, Tremont Temple. Lexington, Somerville, Chelsea, Roxbury, also in Masonic Temple, North Carolina. Have given up about all now. Belong to P. Stearns Davis Post 57, East Cambridge, Mass. Res., Somerville, Mass., 23 Park St.

5785. i. LILLIAN MUNROE, b. Jan. 11, 1867. She is bookkeeper for the Elias Howe Co.

5786. ii. EDWARD THATCHER, b. May 16, 1869; d. May 3, 1890. He was a student. Took his preliminaries at Harvard College. Was an athlete. A strain of the kidneys terminated fatally. Fine Greek and Latin scholar. A beautiful Christian. He died on Cedar St., West Somerville, Mass., and was buried at Exeter, N. H.

5787. iii. FLORENCE CECILIA, b. Feb. 3, 1874. She is a nurse. Res., at home.


5788. i. GEORGE ELBRIDGE, b. at Bedford, Mass., July 28, 1880.


5790. i. FREDERICK SNOW, b. Oct. 23, 1894.


5781. i. MARY H., b. April 29, 1883.

5782. ii. CHARLOTTE W., b. July 4, 1889.

5783. iii. GEORGE W., b. Jan. 27, 1890.


5785. ii. SALLY C., b. April 14, 1855. Res., E. B.

5786. iii. JOSEPH EUGENE, b. June 6, 1856; d. Feb. 18, 1857.


5788. l. HERBERT F., b. Sept. 5, 1859; m. Florence C. Cahoon.


5490. FREEMAN FOSTER, 3d (Freeman, Freeman, David, Isaac, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Brewster, Mass., July 29, 1835; m., Quincy, March 10, 1858, Lucinda Jane Wellman, b. Sept. 19, 1833. Freeman Foster, 3d, went to reside in Abington, in 1853. He was married to Lucinda Jane Wellman. He was a member of the Abington brass band. May 16, 1861, he enlisted for one year at the Charlestown Navy Yard, as musician, with the Chelsea band, on board the United States steam frigate Mississippi. Was in active duty at the battle of New Orleans, and the taking of forts Jackson and St. Phillip. He was discharged in July, 1862. In 1863 he was drafted for the army, but sent a substitute. In 1866 he moved with his family to Winona, Minn., where for two years he was engaged in the boot and shoe business. In 1869 he entered the same business in Boston, manufacturing ladies' fine boots, under the name of the Kimbball Manufacturing Company. He belonged to the Masonic order; was a member of the McPherson Post, G. A. R., at Abington, also the Knights of Honor. He moved to Wollaston in 1874, where he died in 1888, where his widow and two daughters still live. He d. April 25, 1888. Res., Wollaston, Mass.


5792. iii. FRANK STEFTON, b. Feb. 7, 1870; d. Dec. 15, 1871.


5794. i. HATTIE ALMIRA, b. July 25, 1870. She was m., March 23, 1892. —— Schieg.


5796. iii. TOWNSEND NELSON, b. Sept. 1, 1874; m. May, 1895. Res., Chillicothe, Mo.

5797. iv. FRANKLIN DODD, b. June 16, 1886.

5798 v. ROYAL LOUIS, b. Feb. 22, 1892; d. Aug. 4, 1892. All of South McAlester, Ind. Terr.

5509-3. CAPT. HERBERT SIDNEY FOSTER (Sidney H., George W., Thomas, Nathaniel, Chillingworth, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Calais, Vt., Aug. 8, 1854; m. Montpelier, Feb. 28, 1884, Laura A. Kent, b. March 2, 1853. Herbert Sidney Foster was born in Calais, Vt.; was educated at the common schools, Green Mountain Central Institute, afterward known as Goddard Seminary, Barre, Vt., and the United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y. He passed one winter with his father, Lieut. S. H. Foster, First Vermont Heavy Artillery, at Fort Stevens, D. C., defenses of Washington, during the civil war, and was a messenger in the House of Representatives, legislature of Vermont, sessions of 1867-8-9, and in the Constitutional Convention of 1870. Was appointed a cadet at the United States Military Academy, July 1, 1872, from the First Congressional district of
Vermont; graduated June 15, 1876, and was appointed second lieutenant Twentieth United States infantry, in which regiment he has since served; promoted first lieutenant June 4, 1881, and captain April 20, 1891; served at forts A. Lincoln and Pembina, Dakota Territory; Fort Buford, North Dakota; Fort Assinaboine, Montana; Forts Brown, Elliott and Corpus Christi, Texas; Fort Supply, Indian Territory; Forts Dodge and Leavenworth, Kansas, and in the siege and capture of Santiago de Cuba, Spanish-American war. Was professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College, Burlington, Vt., 1890 to 1893, and commander of the Vermont division Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., 1891 to 1892. Is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, and of the military order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. Is now in the Philippine Islands with his regiment. Res., North Calais, Vt.

5798-2. i. FOREST KENT, b. Jan. 25, 1866.
5798-3. ii. SIDNEY HERBERT, b. June 27, 1890.
5798-4. iii. LOUISE EVANGELINE, b. Sept. 30, 1891.


5799. i. GEORGE, b. Feb. 22, 1859.
5800. ii. MARY, b. June 9, 1896.


5801. i. JESSIE, b. March 27, 1886.
5803. iii. NORMAN, b. Oct. 19, 1891.
5804. iv. ALBERT, b. Sept. 26, 1895.
5805. v. GRACE, b. Feb. 6, 1898.


5806. i. WESLEY CHARLES, b. Jan. 16, 1877.
5807. ii. MARY ESTELLA, b. Dec. 30, 1878.
5808. iii. WILLIAM IRVING, b. Jan. 9, 1882.
5809. iv. CLARA LOUISE, b. Dec 29, 1885.
5810. v. GEORGE HENRY, b. July 14, 1882.


58104. i. JOHN NELSON, b. Nov. 11, 1853; m., Sept. 10, 1856, Lucy Ann Linscott, b. Sept. 24, 1833; d. Feb. 20, 1896. Res., Auburn, Me. A shoe manufacturer and merchant. Ch.: i. Frederick Lincoln Foster, b. Oct. 31, 1881, at Jay, Me. P. O. address, 470 Court street, Auburn, Me. m. Lizzie A. Tucker, Sept. 26, 1891, at Hud-
son, Wis.  2. Herman Howard Foster, b. March 19, 1865, at
Wilton, Me.; m. Allice C. Libby, Nov. 29, 1883, at Auburn, Me.
P. O., Mount Vernon, Me.

5532. JOSIAH W. FOSTER (John, John, John, John, Thomas, Joseph,
Thomas, Thomas), b. Wilton, Me., June 20, 1812; m., Jan. 1, 1835, Louise Farring-
ton, b. July 17, 1813; d. April 2, 1844; m., 2d, Dec. 30, 1846, Deborah Towle, b.
April 6, 1818. She d. Jan. 17, 1890. He was a farmer and always resided in Chesterville.

5811. i. HENRY M., b. Feb. 19, 1836; m. Rebecca T. Weymouth.
5812. ii. HERBERT V., b. Dec. 2, 1859; m. Amanda A. Bowlcy.
Oakland, Me.
5814. iv. EMMA LOUISE, b. April 29, 1854; d. April 1, 1881.

5534. SAMUEL HUTCHINGS FOSTER (John, John, John, John, Thomas,
Joseph, Thomas, Thomas), b. Wilton, Me., July 2, 1817; m. Chesterville, Me., April
17, 1837, Dersey Bean, b. Aug. 10, 1818; d. May 17, 1888. He was a farmer. He d.

5815. i. LAUREN, b. ---. Res., 2420 Garfield avenue, s. e., Minneapolis,
Minn.
5816. ii. MASON BEAN, b. Nov. 13, 1848; m. Rebecca E. Keene.
5817. iii. ARTHUR, b. ---. Res., Ames, Iowa.
5818. iv. LENDELL S., b. April 6, 1855; m. Lottie J. Wilkins.
5819. v. HOMER, b. Feb. 26, 1855; m. Susan Cole.
5820. vi. BENTON, b. ---; unm; killed by the Indians, New Ulm, Minn.,
1862.

5821. vii. ELLIE MAELLA, b. Aug. 23, 1803; m., June 11, 1822, Lorenzo
Ch.: 1. Archie Lester, b March 21, 1883.
5822. ix. LIZZIE SELINA, b. July 18, 1850; m., June 11, 1870, Frank War-
Ch.: 1. Mabel Veldora, b. at Forest Grove, Washington County, Ore.,
March 8, 1871; m., Jan. 29, 1886, Andrew D. Williams; address, Palouse City, Whitman County, Wash.
5823. vii. MARTHA JANE, b. ---; m. McNutt; d. Cornelins, Ore., Oct.
15, 1850. A son Elmer, res. Forest Grove, Ore.
5824. x. RUTH ANNA, b. ---; m. ---. Clark. Res., Riverside, Cal.
5825. xi. FLORA, b. ---.

5837. ORRIN FOSTER (John, John, John, John, Thomas, Joseph, Thomas,
Thomas), b. Jay, Me., June 5, 1839; m., Chesterville, Me., May 17, 1863, Abbie
A. Lathrop, b. Sept. 21, 1845. Res., Minneapolis, Minn., 703 Fourth street, s. e.
5826. i. MYRTIE A., b. June 16, 1865.
5827. ii. JEANNETTE O., b. Aug. 29, 1883.
5828. iii. HAROLD D., b. Sept. 11, 1886.

5541. EBEN BREWER FOSTER (John, Samuel, John, Samuel, Samuel
Hopestill, Hopestill, Richard, Thomas), b. Deer Isle, Me., May 2, 1803; m., Brooksville,
It might be mentioned as to the father that for many years he was the publisher of
the Boston Daily Courier, in partnership with Joseph T. Buckingham, who was

5829. i. MRS. PRESCOTT C. BRIDGHAM (nee Lucy Ann Foster),
Newtonville, Mass.
5830. ii. SARAH HALP b. Dec. 20, 1858.
5831. iii. EDWARD WEBSTER, b. June 12, 1834; m. Virginia W.
Champion.
5832. iv. JOHN STEVENS, b. ---.
5833. v. EBEN BREWER, JR., b. ---; d. March 5, 1896.
5834. vi. WILLIAM HARRISON, d. Oct. 17, 1858.
5835. vii. CHARLES HASKELL, b. ---.
5836. viii. MARY ELIZABETH SCHENCK (nee Mary Elizabeth Foster),
Newtonville, Mass.
FOSTER GENEALOGY.

5542. CHARLES S. H. FOSTER (Samuel H., William, John, Samuel, Samuel, Hopestill, Hopestill, Richard, Thomas), b. Deer Isle, Me., April 3, 1832; m., Roxbury, Mass., Dec. 5, 1864, Annie S. Ware, b. Nov. 29, 1838; d. March 24, 1880. He followed the seas for some years; later was a farmer and carpenter. Charles S. H. Foster, son of Samuel H. and Mary Foster (nee Howard), and grandson of William Foster, was born at Deer Isle, Me. Most of his life has been spent on the briny deep, but when a young man he worked as a carpenter for several years in Boston. He was married in Boston to Annie S. Ware, formerly of Deer Isle, Me., and had one son and one daughter—Summer S. and Nellie H. Foster, both of whom are living in Boston. His wife d. at Deer Isle, Me., March 24, 1880. He is still living there and taking care of a sister, Mrs. Mary E. Sawyer, nearly ninety years of age. Res., Deer Isle, Me.


5838. ii. SUMNER S., b. May 3, 1866; m. S. Lizzie Spear.

5544. WILLIAM H. FOSTER (Samuel H., William, John, Samuel, Samuel, Hopestill, Hopestill, Richard, Thomas), b. Deer Isle, Me.; m. William H. Foster, the only brother of Charles S. Foster, and several years older, lived all his life at Deer Isle, Me., and d. there in 1895. He has three sons, George S., Admiral H. and Judson L., all residing in Boston. He only had two sisters, one who is still living, Mrs. Mary E. Sawyer, and the other was Mrs. Sarah Smith, who died in Boston several years ago. He d. 1895. Res., Deer Isle, Me.

5839. i. GEORGE S., b. —

5840. ii. ADMIRAL H., b. — 5841. iii. JUDSON T., b. —


5562. REV. ADDISON PIN-NEO FOSTER, D. D. (Eden B., Richard, Richard, Hezekiah, Jonathan, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas), b. Henniker, N. H., Sept. 25, 1841; m., Aug. 5, 1866, Harriette Day, dau. of Sherebiah Butts and Harriette (Sampson) Day, of West Springfield, Mass., b. June 9, 1849; d. Aug. 1, 1896. He was the son of Rev. Eden Burroughs Foster, D. D., and Catherine (Pinneo) Foster, of Lowell, Mass. He was born in Henniker, N. H., Sept. 25, 1841. He was fitted for college at the high school in Lowell and at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., graduating at this latter institution in the summer of 1869. Entering Williams College the same year, he graduated from this institution in 1863. After two years of study in the class of 1866, at Princeton Theological Seminary, he took his third year of theological study at Andover Theological Seminary, graduating there in the summer of 1866. While at Princeton he served for three months in the Christian Commission during the war of the rebellion, following the army in Grant's campaign in Virginia from the Rappahannock to Petersburg. Addison P. Foster was ordained and installed pastor of the Appleton Street (now Eliot) Congregational church, in Lowell, Mass., Oct. 3, 1866, his father being pas-
tor of another church in the same city at the time. The strain of a city pastorate, however, proved too great, and, in Oct., 1868, greatly broken in health, he obtained release and was dismissed. For two years subsequently his health did not permit him to take a pastorate, but during this time he supplied temporarily, for a month or more at a time, the First Congregational church, Washington, D. C., the First Congregational church, Baltimore, Md.; the Vine street Congregational church, Cincinnati, O.; the First Congregational church, Dubuque, Iowa, and the First Congregational church, Chicago, Ill., March 20, 1871, with health completely restored, he was installed pastor of the Trinitarian Congregational church, Malden, Mass., Sept. 30, 1872. He was dismissed from this charge to accept a call to the Winnisimet (now First Congregational) church, Chelsea, Mass. He was installed pastor of this church Oct. 3, 1872, and dismissed April 30, 1877. He was installed May 23, 1877, pastor of the First Congregational or Tabernacle church, of Jersey City, N. J., and after nine years of service here, was dismissed April 1, 1886, to accept a call to the Immanuel Congregational church of Roxbury, Boston, Mass. He was installed pastor of this church May 4, 1886, and dismissed, after seven years in this pastorate, March 31, 1893. In the summer of 1886, he received the honorary title of Doctor of Divinity from his Alma Mater, Williams College. April 1, 1893, he became secretary for New England of the American Sunday School Union, with his office in Boston. This position he now holds. For twenty years he has been a regular correspondent of the Chicago Advance, the western organ of the Congregationalists, writing at first from New York and subsequently from Boston. Some of the time he has been the "eastern editor" of the Advance. His published writings have been principally a number of magazine articles and sermons together with a variety of newspaper articles. A little pamphlet from his pen entitled "A Bird's Eye View of Christianity," has been printed by the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society. It was designed to show in compact form the theological views commonly held among Congregationalists. He has been a regular contributor for twenty years and more to the annual volume prepared by the Monday Club (an organization of Boston ministers), and entitled, "Sermons on the International Sunday School Lessons by the Monday Club." For a year he prepared in connection with the Blakeslee Sunday School Lessons, a series of essays or homilies on the sayings of our Lord which were printed as syndicate articles simultaneously in a number of religious papers. He has also prepared a memorial volume concerning his father, Rev. Eden B. Foster, D. D., and this volume was published under the auspices of the John street Congregational church of Lowell, Mass.

Will.—Harriette D. Foster, of Boston; husband, Addison P. Foster; daughter, Marion Foster; daughter, Mabel Grace Foster; sons, Harold D. Foster and Winthrop D. Foster, dated July 9, 1891. Lib. 717, Fol. 59; prob. Sept. 3, 1896. Lib. 710, Fol. 315.

Petition for administrator.—Harriette D. Foster died Aug. 1, 1896, next of kin, Addison P. Foster, husband; Mabel Grace Foster, daughter; Marion Foster, Harold D. Foster, Winthrop D. Foster, all minor children. Suff. Prob. Lib. 710, Fol. 315.


5542. i. MABEL GRACE, b. Sept. 28, 1869, in Boston, Mass.


5544. iii. MARION, b. June 20, 1877, in Jersey City, N. J.

5545. iv. HAROLD DAY, b. Feb. 12, 1879, in Jersey City, N. J.

5546. v. WINTHROP DAVENPORT, b. Dec. 28, 1880, in Jersey City, N. J.

All unmarried; all residing with their father at Auburndale, Mass.

5553. PROF. HERBERT DARLING FOSTER (Davis, Richard, Richard, Hezekiah, Jonathan, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas), b. West Newbury, Mass., June 22, 1863; m., at Hope street church, Liverpool, England, July 7, 1897, Lilian Darling Smith, b. April 17, 1865, dau. of Charles and Isabelle Stanley (Cook). Herbert Darling Foster, the second son of Rev. Davis and Hannah Foster, was born at West Newbury, Mass. In 1881 he graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy; and in 1884 from Dartmouth College taking final honors cum laude in Greek and was a commencement speaker and member of the Phi Beta Kappa society. From 1885 to 1891 he was instructor at Worcester Academy, Worcester, Mass., from 1885 to 1888 in English, and from 1888 to 1891 in history, organizing the latter department; 1891 to 1893 he held a Morgan Fellowship in the graduate school of Harvard University, studying history and taking his A. M. in 1892. In 1895 he was elected as professor of history in Dartmouth College to organize the
department and was given one year's leave of absence which was spent in study in England and Germany and European travel. Since 1894 he has been at Dartmouth. Res., s. p., Hanover, N. H.

5587. REV. FESTUS FOSTER (Richard B., Richard, Richard, Hezekiah, Jonathan, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas), b. Tabor, Iowa, May 31, 1850; m., Topeka, Kansas, June 7, 1883, Lillie Howe, b. Sagerstown, Pa., Aug. 19, 1863. Rev. Festus Foster was born at Tabor, Iowa, in 1850. In 1874 his father was pastor of a missionary church in Western Kansas and unable to assist his sons in their education. Nevertheless, Festus and his younger brother, Richard, with only $10 each, started to go to Washburne College, Topeka, two hundred miles distant. The boys walked one hundred and twenty miles of the distance and arrived at college with half their funds left. They worked their way as best they could, unaided for two years at Topeka and then for five years at the State University at Lawrence, Kan., where Festus was graduated at the head of the classical department of his class in 1882. He then worked one year for the American Sunday School Union as county missionary for Lake County, Illinois. In 1883 he was called to the pastorate of the Congregational church in Leadville, Colo., where he served one year. He then returned to Kansas, and served the churches at Sedgwick City, Kiowa, Wichita, Mount Hope and Haven. In 1893 he went to Oklahoma and served at Enid, and at Waukomis. He studied theology one year at Yale, 1886-1887. Res., Waukomis, Okla.

5847. i. CAROL HOWE, b. May 20, 1884.
5848. ii. PAUL FREDERICK, b. March 25, 1889.
5849. iii. RALPH BAXTER, b. March 24, 1891.
5850. iv. DOROTHY DEAN, b. Feb. 6, 1890.


5851. i. MABEL EUNICE, b. April 17, 1886.
5852. ii. RICHARD BARNES, b. November 16, 1888.
5853. iii. RAYMOND EDEN, b. June 18, 1890.
5854. iv. ROY JOHN, b. November 4, 1892.


5855. i. LUCY, b. Sept. 5, 1892.
5857. iii. MARGURETTE, b. May 26, 1897.

5592. REV. GUY FOSTER (Richard B., Richard, Richard, Hezekiah, Jonathan, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas), b. Jefferson City, Mo., July 18, 1867; m., Stillwater, Okla., March 17, 1892, Minnie L. Foote, b. Oct. 22, 1871. Guy Foster was born in Jefferson City, Mo., as a home missionary when he was five years old. He lived and worked on his father's farm until he was seventeen years old. He was "born again" when he was about ten years old. He was graduated from Washburn College in 1891 when he was twenty-three years old. He entered missionary work in Oklahoma immediately after graduating. He spent one year in the Divinity school in the University of Chicago. He was ordained to the Christian ministry September, 1893. Since that time he has held pastorates in Wisconsin, Colorado and Idaho. Four daughters have been born to him. He is yet young, happy and strong, with the best wife and babies in the land. Res., Challis, Ida.
FRANK SHARON FOSTER (Judah H., Asa, Joseph, John, Jonathan, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas), b. Birmingham, Iowa, November 12, 1802; m., Ellsworth, Kansas, June 8, 1802, Mollie Belle Sherriff, b. November 23, 1806. Frank Sharon Foster is the oldest child of Judah Henry and Harriet Elizabeth (Sharon) Foster. Some time in the latter part of the sixties his parents moved from the place of his birth, Birmingham, Van Buren County, Iowa, to Bloomfield, Davis County, Iowa. Here he grew up and attended school and college one year. In March, 1876, he came to Ellsworth County, Kansas, with his mother, brothers and sisters, joining his father who had located there the year prior. In 1877 he went into the Ellsworth Reporter office and commenced the printing business; in September, 1879, he entered the Kansas State University, Lawrence, Kan., and with exception of one year and six months attended continuously until the spring of 1885, at which time he was graduated from the Latin scientific course. During the time he was out of his class at the University, he worked in the spring and summer of 1880 in his father's mill at Ellsworth, and in summer of 1882 and up to January of 1883 as foreman of the Leavenworth Daily News and foreman of the Ottumwa (Iowa) Daily Democrat. In October, 1883, he purchased the Ellsworth News, a Republican paper, changed its name to the Ellsworth Messenger and made it a Democratic paper. George Collett was associated with him in the newspaper business until November, 1894, at which time Frank Foster became sole manager and editor. He was elected county clerk in the fall of 1892, took his office Jan. 3, 1893, and served two years. Nov. 15, 1894, he was appointed city clerk, and has been successively re-appointed and re-elected to such office, having been elected under the new law in the spring of 1897 and again in the spring of 1898. He is a staunch Democrat, and, although not particularly active in politics, yet has often attended the State conventions of his party, and was, in 1896, offered the nomination by his party for Congress of the sixth Kansas district.

He was united in marriage to Mollie B. Sherriff, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Sherriff of Ellsworth, Kan. Mrs. Frank Foster is American born, but her parents were born in Scotland. The Fosters, the Sharons, and the Sherriffs are Presbyterians. Res. Ellsworth, Kan.


Soon after attaining his majority R. H. Foster entered into mercantile pursuits on his own account at Beardstown, and continued in business there until about 1876. Then he moved to Minneapolis, Minn., and continued in merchandise business there for several years, but owing to ill health, caused by too close confinement to business, he closed out the business about 1890, and a year and a half later took up the business of commercial traveler in the agricultural implement line, and is still engaged in that capacity. Res., Minneapolis, Minn., 1220 Chicago Ave.


When he was about eight years old his father moved to the town where he engaged in mercantile pursuits, which in those days included trading in all kinds of farmers' products. A few years later he again moved onto a farm that he traded for, but still continued in business in town so that a good portion of his early life was spent on a farm. But before he was fifteen years old he was actively assisting his father in any enterprise that he was engaged in. In those early days the opportunities for education were limited, so that what he acquired has mostly been picked up along
the road while engaged in the business affairs of life. He was associated with his
father in all his business enterprises, as long as he was actively engaged in business,
except in 1864, when he was in the Union army, a sergeant in Company G, One
Hundred and Forty-fifth Illinois Infantry. Included with their other business was
the sale of agricultural implements, a knowledge of that branch secured a position
with Deere & Company for him in 1888, which he has continued to hold up to this
time, having removed from Beards town to Waterloo in 1890 to take charge of
their business in northeastern Iowa. In politics he has always been a Republican,
and cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln at his second election as
President. He had the pleasure and honor of knowing Mr. Lincoln personally. Res.,
Waterloo, Iowa, 726 W. Fourth St.

5864. i. CHARLES PARKER, b. Dec. 6, 1875.
5865. ii. HENRY DALE, b. Feb. 12, 1878.
5866. iii. EDWIN EMERSON, b. June 30, 1879.

5874. DAVID N. FOSTER (Thomas, Thomas, William, Edward, Joseph,
John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Coffeysburg, Mo., Sept. 10, 1845; m., Bethany,

5868. i. W. R. FOSTER, b. Oct. 6, 1866.
5870. iii. EDWARD HOMER, b. Oct. 13, 1871.
5871. iv. JOHN W., b. Jan. 21, 1874; d. Dec. 11, 1874.
5872. v. MAMIE, b. Nov. 12, 1875.
5873. vi. ROSE E., b. Sept. 15, 1879.
5874. vii. ADIE C., b. Feb. 25, 1881.
5875. viii. RHODA A., b. March 7, 1884.

5876. CAPT. WILLIAM T. FOSTER (Thomas, Thomas, William, Edward,
Joseph, Joseph, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Marshall, Ill., Jan. 17, 1840; m.,
Bethany, Mo., Dec. 24, 1865, Nannie A. Bryant, b. May 27, 1849.

W. T. Foster was born in Clark County, Ill. Went, in 1853, with his mother,
from Missouri to Illinois, where he worked on a farm in summer and attended
school in winter. Graduated in the common schools in 1857; returned to Missouri;
taught school and attended Edinburg College; enlisted in the Union volunteer army
in 1861; served four years. Was private, corporal, sergeant, lieutenant and captain.
After the war became newspaper editor, and did editorial work on country newspa-
pers; then on Leavenworth Times, Burlington Hawk-Eye, Creston (Iowa) Gazette,
Omaha Republican and St. Joseph Herald. Having studied astronomy at school, he be-
gan the study of planetary meteorology many years ago, and began lecturing on this
subject in 1876. In 1880 began publishing weather forecast in the newspapers. This
business grew rapidly, and in 1891 required all his time. At this time his weather bul-
etins are extensively published from Manitoba to Texas, and Maine to California.
The basis of his calculations is that the sun, moon and planets, through magnetism,
control all weather changes. He claims that his calculations are about perfected and that he will soon be ready to place before
the world the greatest, most wonderful and most useful of modern discoveries.

5876. i. LORENA M., b. Oct. 28, 1866; m., April 21, 1892, T. J. Wyatt;

5877. ii. GILLY JOAN, b. Sept. 11, 1865; m., Aug. 20, 1890, W. H. West-
2. Bessie E., b. May 2, 1898.
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5878. iii. LULU E., b. Aug. 1, 1871; m. April 16, 1891. Address, St. Joseph.


5884. ii. THEODORE N., b. Sept. 8, 1865.

5885. iii. JOHN A., b. June 6, 1867.

5886. iii. LENORA I., b. May 30, 1869.

5887. iv. ONA ALMA, b. Oct. 25, 1871.

5888. v. LEWIS C., b. May 30, 1874.


5891. viii. LAURA N., b. Nov. 24, 1880.

5892. ix. OMER C., b. July 15, 1884.

5868. THOMAS FOSTER (John, Thomas, William, Edward, Joseph, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Cincinnati, O., July 2, 1826; m. Davis County, Missouri, Dec. 7, 1848, Catharine Jane Smith. He is a farmer. Res., Bethany, Mo.

5893. i. JOSHAU, b. May 27, 1850, Thomas, Mo.; m. Mary Jane Edwards.

5894. ii. J. L., b. March 11, 1855, Bethany, Mo.

5895. iii. MARTHA, b. Aug. 24, 1857, Thomas, Mo.

5896. iv. THOMAS GREEN, b. Sept. 10, 1862, Thomas, Mo.

5897. v. WILLIAM MONROE, b. June 20, 1866, Thomas, Mo.


5898. i. SARAH J., b. Feb. 19, 1856, Bethany, Mo.

5899. ii. THOMAS J., b. Oct. 11, 1861, Bethany, Mo.

5900. iii. GEORGE W., b. July 10, 1867, Bethany, Mo.

5901. iv. ELLEN A., b. July 17, 1871, Bethany, Mo.

5902. v. SAMUEL R., b. Nov. 1, 1873, Bethany, Mo.


5903. i. GEORGE W., b. Sept. 24, 1839; m. Susan M. Hilton.

5904. ii. ALBION W., b. ——.

5905. iii. LUCY H., b. ——.

5906. iv. EUGENIE, b. ——; d. Savannah, Ga., in 1891.

5907. v. AUGUSTUS V., b. ——.

5908. vi. EDGAR D., b. ——.


5910. viii. ALICE R., b. ——.


5911. i. HENRIETTA, b. ——; m. —— Sawyer. Res., M.

5912. ii. ANNIE E., b. ——; m. Conklin. Res., M.

5904. WARREN FOSTER (Eli, James, John, Edward, Joseph, Joseph, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Millbridge, Me., 1805; m. there, 1826, Abigail Brown. He was a ship master. Res., Millbridge, Me.

5913. i. JOSEPH, b. 1823; d. ——.

5914. ii. FRED'K, b. 1825; d. ——.
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5812. HERBERT VICTOR FOSTER (Josiah W., John, John, John, John, Thomas, Joseph, Thomas, Thomas), b. Chesterville, Me., Dec. 2, 1859; m. there, Jan. 6, 1881, Amanda A. Bowley, b. Nov. 8, 1864. He is a tanner by trade. Res., Canton, Me.

5816. MASON BEAN FOSTER (Samuel H., John, John, John, John, Thomas, Joseph, Thomas, Thomas), b. Chesterville, Franklin County, Me., Nov. 13, 1848; m., March 10, 1860, Rebecca J. Keene, b. June 24, 1846. He is an agriculturalist. Res., Mankato, Minn.

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5955. i ROYAL J., b. Nov. 14, 1880.
5956. ii LORA MAE, b. Nov. 22, 1883.

5819. HOMER FOSTER (Samuel H., John, John, John, John, Thomas, Joseph, Thomas, Thomas), b. Chesterville, Me., Feb. 26, 1835; m. Cleveland, Ohio, April 12, 1866, Susan Cole, b. Aug. 1, 1842. He was commission merchant. He d. Nov. 3, 1890. Res., Cleveland, Ohio, and Chicago, Ill.

5957. i ALVIN PENDLETON, b. Jan. 28, 1865; m. Willma Emerson.


5832. SUMNER SEWARD FOSTER (Charles S., Samuel H., William, John, Samuel, Samuel, Hopestill, Hopestill, Richard, Thomas), b. Deer Isle, Me., May 3, 1866; m., Boston, Nov. 18, 1891, S. Lizzie Spear, b. Feb. 11, 1867. Sumner S. Foster spent most of his boyhood days at Deer Isle, Me., attending school which was from sixteen to twenty weeks a year; the rest of the time he would spend fishing and farming. When he was but twelve years old and his sister Nellie but eight, his mother died and they were left alone the greater part of the time for several years, his father, like most of his relatives, following the sea for a living. Although his advantages for an education were limited yet he tried very hard to secure one. The only term of high school he attended was four miles from his home and the only way to get there was to walk, and three miles of the distance was through a very thick forest. When but eighteen years of age, he passed an examination to teach in the common schools of the State of Maine. He taught one winter and had pupils older than himself. After his school closed, he came to Boston and secured a position without any assistance whatever as an assistant bookkeeper in a large manufacturing house. A few years later he was in the office of a large tea and coffee house. Among the members of the firm was the late Hon. S. B. Allen, law partner of Hon. ex-Governor, now Secretary of the Navy, Long. Also his brother, Hon. F. A. Allen, ex-mayor of Cambridge, Mass. Here he met his future wife Miss Sarah Lizzie Spear, niece of Hon. Thomas T. Temple, register of deeds for Suffolk County, who was cashier there. After a few years there he was compelled by his health to seek outside employment and after passing a successful United States civil service examination he was appointed a letter-carrier for the city of Boston, the late General Corse being postmaster at the time. He later served under Hon. Thomas N. Hart, ex-mayor of Boston. Jan. 18, 1893, he was appointed a police officer for the city of Boston and was assigned to the Dorchester district police division No. 11, which position he now holds. Res., Dorchester, Mass., Oak avenue.

5960. i FREDERICK S., b. Aug. 26, 1892.
5961. ii. HOWARD G., b. July 6, 1894.
5962. iii. WALTER S., b. Sept. 29, 1897; d. Jan. 5, 1898.

5971. viii. CHARLES HARRISON, b. May 10, 1892.
5973. x. NOLA ALICE, b. July 9, 1897.

5903. GEORGE WARREN FOSTER (Lewis, Eli, James, John, Edward, Joseph, John, Thomas, Thomas), b. Millbridge, Me., April 28, 1846; m., Columbia, Me., May 31, 1873, Phebe Parker Leighton, b. June 20, 1849. He is a shipmaster. Res., Millbridge, Me.
5976. i. MARY, b. May 1, 1874; unm Res., Millbridge, Me.
5977. ii. MARGARET DYER, b. May 1, 1880; unm Res., Millbridge, Me.

5978. i. HOMER EMERSON, b. March 17, 1891; d. Dec. 29, 1897.
5979. ii & iii. TWIN BABES, b. Dec. 3, 1892; d. Dec. 4, 1892.
5980. iv. NETA MINERVA, b. March 14, 1894.
5982. vi. RAYMOND ALEXANDER (twin), b. Dec. 25, 1890.
THE SALEM BRANCH OF FOSTERS.

5083. JOHN FOSTER, SENIOR, was born in England, in 1626; m. in Salem, Mass., probably in 1649, Martha Tompkins, dau. of Ralph and Katharine (Aborn). She was b. abt. 1630.

His birth is determined by a deposition recorded in the Essex Land Grants, vol. iii, p. 99. He resided in Salem. He was the owner of considerable property in the North Fields, though, curiously enough, the Land Grants of Salem and the Record of Deeds of Essex County show no lands of which he was the grantee, but by deeds given by him we learn that he was possessed of upland, swamp and salt marsh on the north side of the North Field, which formerly belonged to Thomas Scudder, Sen.—Essex Deeds iv, p. 79; also thirty acres “near unto Ipswich river,” within the limits of Salem, formerly granted him by the town—Essex Deeds, iii, p. 56; also salt marshes at Royal Side, and at the East Cove in the North Field—Essex Deeds, ix, p. 36.

Preceding the settlement at Naumkeag (Salem), in 1628, the north shore of Cape Cod Bay had been for a long time the rendezvous of English fishermen.

Roger Conant came over with a company, including John Foster, Christopher Foster and others, who landed first at Weymouth, but soon after he removed to the north shore. In 1628 a grant was obtained from the council at Plymouth, in Devon, which, March 19, 1627/8, conveyed the soil extending three miles to the northward of Merrimack River, and three miles southward of Charles River, and in length within the prescribed breadth from the Atlantic Ocean to the South Sea.

Capt. John Endicott arrived on Sept. 6, 1628, accompanied by one hundred adventurers.

First mention found of John Foster on town records, Salem (11, Essex, 185), 1657. He was paid $5 for work on the bridge.

"The land of John Foster—two acres and a half, first given to John Taylor, bounded on the east side with land of William Weedon, on the west with land of Nicholas Bryan, on the north with the sea, south with the land of Mr. Glover."

Essex Deeds, vol. iii, p. 187: John Foster to Nathaniel Putnam. Thirty acres of land, "formerly granted to me by the town of Salem, to be laid out within the limits of Salem, near to Ipswich river." Dated April 14, 1660.

Essex Deeds, vol. iii, folio 99: The deposition of John Foster, Sr., aged about fifty-two years, saith that being with Aron Read, a little before he died, when Samuel Eborne asked him whether Joseph Small and he did not go forth as two brothers, he answered yea, yea. Samuel Eborne asked him again whether there were at any time any private grudge between Joseph Small and himself, or whether the said Joseph did not shoot him willfully or not, he answered with great affection, oh no, no, no, which were some of the last words he spoke. Taken upon oath 11: 9: 70. Signed Wm. Hathorne, assistant.

John Tompkins, Jr., ae. twenty-five; Samuel Eborne, ae. fifty-eight; Robert Pease, ae. forty-one; Martha Foster, ae. about forty-three; each deposed in same manner. Evidently a case "he did not know that it was loaded."

Essex Deeds, vol. iv, p. 155: Be it known, etc., that I, John Foster, Sr., of Salem, sc., for divers good causes, especially the natural affection and fatherly care and love to my son John Foster, a parcel of upland, swamp and salt marsh, north side of the north field, having the land of Thomas Robins on the west, down to the river, that is, on the north side of said field. Martha, wife of John, Sr., yields her dower. Dated April 18, 1672.

Essex Deeds, vol. iv, pp. 610-11-12: John Foster, Sr., husbandman, of Salem, to my son, Samuel, three acres in North Field, on north neck, as by some so called,
part of land bought of Thomas Scudder, bounded by lands of my son John, upon
the western side by Thomas Robbins. Witnesses: John Waters, John Foster,
John Foster, Martha Foster, Richd Croad. March 25, 1673.

Essex Deeds, vol. viii, pp. 18, 191. John Foster, of Salem, husbandman, eldest
son and heir of John Foster, deceased, late senior, for £12, paid by Martha Foster,
widow, and David Foster, husbandman, both of Salem, quit claim two-thirds of an
acre of salt marsh at the great cove, in the north field, to said Martha, David,
Samnel, Joseph, Jonathan and Ebenezer, excepting ec. (in accordance with my said
father's will, bearing date Nov. 16, 1687).

The last will and testament of John Foster, Sr., of Salem; dated Nov. 16, 1687;
probated at Boston, March 14, 1688:

I, John Foster Senior, of Salem, etc.,—make this my last will and Testament,
I give unto my eldest son John Foster ye land where he now dwelleth which formerly
I gave him I give him forty shillings to be paid by my Executor within seven years
after my decease. Unto my son Samuel the piece of land which lies before his
doors containing about an acre and a half bounded with a path on one side and a
swamp on ye other and (John?) Waters and said Samnel's land on ye other two sides.

Unto David Foster my son, all that my homestead viz: my dwelling house and
about five acre of land more or less. Unto my other three sons, viz: Joseph, Jon-
athan and Ebenezer all ye rest of my land in ye north field and marshes and meadow
in ye same with ye marsh at Royal side after my wife's decease or after her mar-
rriage provided they pay unto their three sisters Mary Elizabeth and Martha four
pounds in pay apiece in five years after they come to enjoy the above sd. land
which is to be equally divided both as to quantity and quality, all wares excepting
ye third of ye two pieces of marsh at ye great cove given my son by his Grand-
father which I hereby confirm. To my said three daughters twenty shillings
apiece. To my wife all my movables and stock and what shall remain att her
decease shall be equally divided among the children. I appoint my wife and son
David Executors.

In presence of us
Steph Sewall
James Seymonds [who made oath at Ipswich March 14, 1687-8.
Steven Small
Inventory of the estate of John Foster, Sen'r late deceased.
Taken Jan'y 19, 1687-8 by Isaac Cooke and Steven Small.
Amount, 156: 18: 0. Debts due said estate, 12: 11: 2.
This inventory exhibited by Martha Foster ye widow of ye said John Foster
and David Foster his some Executors of his Will ye 4th day of April 1688. Suffolk
County file No. 1625.

Essex Deeds, vol. viii, p. 715: Indenture, Richard Adams, of Salem, yeoman,
and Martha Foster, relict widow of John, lately deceased, Nov. 16, 1688, in consid-
eration of a covenant and contract of marriage, etc., gives her his whole estate, real,
personal, etc., providing, if she shall have issue by him, his estate shall revert to
his offspring, otherwise to her children.

The will of John Foster was dated Nov. 16, 1687, and proved in the court at
Ipswich, March 14, 1688, and on file in the Boston Probate Court—Wills to p. 266,
file 1625. By it he confirms to his son, John, "the land where he now dwelleth,
which formerly I gave him." To son Samuel, he gives "the piece of land wch Lyes
before his Doore." To son David his dwelling-house and about five acres of land.
To his sons Joseph, Jonathan and Ebenezer, "all the rest of my lands in the North
fields and marshes and meadow in the same, with the marsh at Royal Side, after
my wife's decease or after her marriage, provided they pay unto their three sisters,
Mary, Elizabeth and Martha, four pounds in pay, a part in five years after they
come to enjoy the said land. It is to be divided equally by Indifferent men, both
as to quantity and quality, always excepting the third of the two pieces of marsh at
the Great Cove, given to my son John by his grandfather, which I hereby con-
firm." He gives also to his three daughters twenty shillings apiece in current pay,
to be paid by his executors in seven years after his decease. "To his wife is given
all the "moveables" and stock, to be divided equally among the children at her
death, and his wife and son David are appointed executors. The inventory of his
estate disclosed a value of £135: 18: 1, of which £53 was in land, £79: 8 in live stock,
and £4: 4 in household and personal effects. (Suffolk Probate, vi, 145.) His wife
survived him and may have married for her second husband Richard Adams, who
by an instrument dated Nov. 16, 1688, conveyed land to "Martha, relict of John
Foster, deceased, my intended wife."

Historical Collections, Essex Institute, vol. ii, p. 55: Summons to witnesses vs. Geo. Jacobs, Sr. . . . We command you to warn and give notice unto . . . Corporal John Foster . . . that they and every of them be and appear forthwith at the court of Oven and Gerwiner, etc.

Dated Salem (Aug. 4, 1692.)

Stephen Sewell, Clerk.

Thomas Eaborne was living in Salem in 1642, at which time he was an old man, according to the record. He had been made freeman May 14, 1634, and by trade was a tanner. Feb. 20, 1636, it is recorded in the Land Grants of Salem that "Thomas Eaborne may have three acres next to Ensign davenport tenn acre lott laid out without warrant." In 1642, "ould Thomas Eaborne" was 'presented for wronging the country by insufficient tanning. His answer was acceptable, but he was admonished and is only to pay ye witness ½." It is not proved that he was the father of Katharine, but no reasonable doubt of the fact exists.

He d. in March, 1688. Res. Salem, Mass.

5984. i. MARY, b. March 29, 1649-50; m. Dec. 31, 1672, Hugh Jones, as his second wife. In 1695-6 she was a widow.

5985. ii. SAMUEL, b. March 7, 1651-2. Husbandman; lived in Salem. He m., May 14, 1676, Sarah Stuard, perhaps sister of his brother John's wife; m., 2d, Margaret ___.

5986. iii. JOHN, b. June 3, 1655; d. 1714. His will was dated Jan. 30, 1706-7, and proved in July, 1714. He lived in Salem. He m., March 18, 1672, Mary Stuard; she d. about 1690, and he m., 2d, July 12, 1692, Mary (Cowes), widow of John Pomeroy. She was received into the First Church of Salem, June 1, 1707, "by letter from Chebacco."

5987. iv. BENJAMIN, b. July 3, 1658; not mentioned in his father's will.

5988. v. JONATHAN, b. Dec. 20, 1660; d. March 28, 1662.

5989. vi. JONATHAN, b. Nov. 22, 1662; d. Nov. 6, 1667.

5990. vii. JOSEPH, b. in 1664; bapt. in July, 1667. Lived in Salem until about 1704, when he removed to Dorchester. He m., Nov. 21, 1683, Anna, dau. of Henry and Mary (Southwick?) Trask, who was b. April 14, 1654. She was the widow of Robert Wilson.

5991. viii. DAVID, b. Oct. 16, 1665; d. in 1748. His will was dated May 10, 1743, and proved Oct. 24, 1748. He lived in Salem. He m., Jan. 13, 1680-7, Hannah, dau. of Anthony and Elizabeth Buxton, who was b. in Salem, Jan. 27, 1665. He m., 2d, in December, 1732, Elizabeth Herbut. (Pub. Nov. 13, 1732.)

5992. ix. ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 22, 1667.

5993. x. JONATHAN, b. June 12, 1670. He was a cordwainer, and was living in Boston in 1725.

5994. xi. HANNAH, b. July 21, 1672; not mentioned in her father's will. Admitted to church Jan. 30, 1703.

5995. xii. MARTHA, b. September, 1674; m., Oct. 25, 1698, John Derrick.

5996. xiii. EBENEZER, b. Aug. 5, 1677; m. Anna Wilkins.

5997. 1. SAMUEL (John), b. March 7, 1652, Salem; m., May 14, 1766, at Salem, to Sarah Stuard. He was bapt. March 7, 1652, at First Church, Salem; m., 2d, Margaret ____. Issue b. there:

5998. ii. JOHN, b. Nov. 30, 1678; m. Margaret Jacobs.

5999. iii. SAMUEL, b. July 26, 1680; m. Sarah Roberts.

6000. iv. ANNA, b. July 26, 1683; m., March 8, 1714. John Osmand, of Beverly.

6001. v. SARAH, b. Oct. 9, 1685; m. (?) Toleration Harris. He was b. June 10, 1658; d. April, 1676. She d. 1766. Many of the best families in Rhode Island were descended from this pair (they had ten children): 1. Anne, b. Dec. 31, 1709; m. Col. Christopher Harris, of Nicholas and Ann Harris. 2. William, b. July 2, 1711. 3. Joseph, b. June 15, 1713; m. Susanna Bates. Their son, Elisha, b. June 29, 1744; m., 1768, Freelove Dyer. Their son, Joseph, b. June 15, 1770; m., 1790, Catherine Green. Their son, Elisha, b. Sept. 9, 1791, was a manufacturer and governor of Rhode Island; d., Coventry, R. I., Feb. 1, 1861. 4. Andrew, b. Nov.
FOSTER GENEALOGY.

18, 1715. 5. Mary, b. Dec. 18, 1715; m. Obadiah Brown (see Chad Brown Memorial). 6. Sarah, b. June 9, 1722; m. —— Kilton. 7. John, b. Aug. 19, 1724; d. young; 8. John (twins), b. Sept. 7, 1726; m. Elizabeth Bennet. 9. Phebe (twin), b. Sept. 7, 1726; m. Philip Arnold. 10. Lydia, b. ——; m. Capt. George Jackson. The Harrises and Browns intermarried here, and when the “Chad Brown Memorial” was published this Sarah Foster was hunted for high and low. Mr. Austin evidently could not find Toleration's wife when he published his Rhode Island dictionary. “Some time ago I had access to some old family papers (Harris) and found two letters from a John Foster, of Attleborough, R. I., addressed to Toleration Harris, but they gave me no clue to Sarah’s parentage. The letters were dated May 6, 1734, and May 25, 1734, and they related to money, which John Foster owed to Toleration Harris.”

6002. vi. JOSEPH, b. March 11, 1687; m. Mrs. Rebecca (Wallis) Groves.
6003. vii. BENJAMIN, b. March 21, 1689.
6005. ix. MARY, b. Nov. 8, 1695.
6006. x. MARGARET, b. Feb. 3, 1697.
6007. xi. JONATHAN, b. 1699.
6008. xii. BARTHOLOMEW, b. Feb. 23, 1701-2.
6008½. xiii. WILLIAM, b. Aug. 18, 1703.
6008¾. xiv. MARGERY, b. Feb. 4, 1705.
6008½. xv. LYDIA, b. Aug. 24, 1709.
6008½. xvi. HANNAH, b. April 7, 1712.
6008¾. xvii. TIMOTHY, b. Aug. 13, 1714.

☐ 5986. HON. JOHN FOSTER (John), b. 1617; bapt. Salem, Mass., June 3, 1655; m. there, March 18, 1672, Mary Stuard; d. 1690; m., 2d, July 12, 1692, Mrs. Mary (Howes) Pomeroy. John, the father, was like his sire, an active, energetic and influential man. He was Moderator at town meetings, Justice of the Peace, Representative 1723-25-31 32-35-39. Jonathan Belcher, Esq., Governor, and 1743 William Shirley, Esq., Governor, in addition to his trade of blacksmith.

Essex Deeds, March 8, 1704. The deposition of John Foster, ae. about fifty-nine years . . . testify and say that they well know, and have for about forty years last, been well acquainted with the piece of land . . . in north field, in Salem, bounded . . . the marsh meadow and thatch bank of the deponent, John Foster, etc.

John Foster will, proved, allowed, Salem, deceased:

In the name of God, Amen, I John Foster Senor, of Salem in the County of Essex in New England, husbandman, being in good health and of fair mind and memory, calling to mind the uncertainty of my life being stricken in years and for the settlement of my small estate which God hath given me, make this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time made. First I command my soul to God who gave it and my body to a decent burial at the discretion my Executors hereafter named and after my debts and funeral charges are paid I dispose as followeth

I give unto my eldest son five pounds in money in one year after my decease to be paid in that time in such money as passeth from man to man at the time of payment.

Item I give to my loving wife Mary and my son Benjamin all my personal estate for the payment of my debts and funeral charges and the bringing up of my small children and do constitute and appoint my wife Mary and my son Benjamin my Executors of this my last will and Testament.

Item I give to my aforesaid wife Mary and my son Benjamin, my Executors all my housing and lands either in Salem or elsewhere quietly to possess and enjoy the same for the better enabling them to bring (up) my small children and support of my wife during her natural life or widowhood and in case of absolute necessity, and not otherwise as the major part of my executors that are hereafter named and may be surviving shall judge is necessitious and give under their hands a signification thereof in such case I hereby empower my said Executors to make sale of any part of my lands or my Real estate for the end aforesaid What of my real

* Adeline H. Sears, 183 Butler Ave., Providence, R. I.
† These last five children sent by correspondent in Salem, from the Perley records.
estate may remain at the intermarriage of my widow or at her death I give and bequeath unto all my children equally to be divided amongst them to them and their heirs forever.

Lastly, I nominate and appoint my good friends and neighbors John Gardner, Cornet John Holton and Mr. Nathaniel Love all of Salem to be overseers of this my last will and Testament entitling them to accept the same.

In Witness and in confirmation that this is my last will and Testament I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 30th day of January, 1707.

Signed sealed and delivered.

Signed John Foster (seal)

In presence of Samuel Shippen, Susanna Sewell, Steph Sewell.

Essex ss Salem July 1 1714 before the Hon John Appleton Esq, Judge of the probate of Wills etc ... upon which this will is proved, approved and allowed.

Sworn attest Dan Rogers Reg'r

The executors therein named appeared and accepted said trust and exhibited the following inventory:

To house and barn and land adjoining .................................. 100.00
To 2 ten acre lots and one of salt marsh .................................. 110.00
To his invest in Royal side ...................................................... 25.00
To 6 Cows 2 yearlings 20l to 20 sheep 7l horse 3l/2 fowls 5s. .......... 30.50
To 3 feather beds and all furniture belonging ............................. 20.00
To pewter 31s. to 2 pots 2 tramels pair tongs fire shovel frying pan, 
spitt brass kittle warming pan and skillet ................................ 2.10
To Jars earthen ware 10s. looking glass 6s. chest and tables 40s. ... 2.16
To 9 Chairs 12s. husbandry tools etc, 52s. ................................. 5.40
To Gun and cutlash 20s. to 18 yrs. new cloth 27s. ....................... 2.70
To 4 yrs. of cloth 12s. wooden ware 5s. to yarn and wool 40s. ....... 2.17
To Provisions 5l to weaving 10l ............................................. 15.00
To Cash .................................................. 22.50

Samuel Foster, Stephen Jewell, Prizers.

Sworn etc attest Dan Rogers Reg'r


Essex 33: To John Foster of Attleboro in the County of Bristol, Gent.

Whereas, your father, late of Salem in the County of Essex, sc.

Administration, de bonis non—will annexed. Ipswich 31 Dec 1742.

Daniel Appleton, Reg'r

Thomas Berry, Judge

Inventory 1 Jan 1742 sworn Jan. 3.

To 26 acres of Land at Royal Side at 85s. per acre ..................... 110.10
To Bendly lot at the head of the great cove 20 acres at 76, 10 per ... 130.00
To 5/4 acre of marsh on the east side of the cove 50s. ................. 2.10
To half an acre of marsh on west side of the great cove .............. 5.00
To the homestead 8 acres including house and barn .................... 75.00
To 3 common rights at 50s. Pr ............................................. 12.00

Sum total ................................................... £336

Essex Deeds, vol. 84, p. 144: John Foster, of Attleboro, blacksmith, and Margaret, his wife, and John and Mary Harrod, of Boston, for £150, bills of credit by Anna Foster, of Boston, spinster, 3/6 of a twenty acre lot in the north field of Salem, which our honored father, John Foster, deceased, formerly bought of Samuel Beadle. Also 3/6 of a salt marsh at the great cove. 14 Jan., 1741.

Vol. 86, p. 92: Same as the above, except that it includes Ruth Very, of Mendon, and John Guild, of Wrentham, attorney for his children. 19 Oct., 1743.

Essex Deeds, vol. 61, p. 128: To all Christian people to whom these Presents shall come greeting, sc.

Whereas the Selectmen of the town of Salem on the first day of Feb. 1677 for certain considerations did let and set to lease unto John Greene, John Leach, John Batchelder and John Tompkins, Jr., all of Salem. All the said towns, commons, on Royal side excepting forty-four acres, to hold for the term of one thousand years and one day, and afterwards, viz.: on the 29th day of the eleventh month 1678-9 the then present selectmen of said town for certain considerations did also let and set to lease unto George Jacobs, sen'r John Tompkins, Jr., John Waters, John Foster, Samuel Foster Lieut, Richard Leach, John Leach, John Green, John Batchelder, Joseph Batchelder and Abraham Warren the forty-four acres of land excepted in the former lease to hold for the term of nine hundred and ninety-nine years. Whereas also the said John Tompkins by his deed dated the 17th of Feb.
1695-6 conveyed to John Waters John Foster and Geo Jacobs three fourths parts of his fourth of the first mentioned leased lands by force whereof the said John Foster became seiz'd of one fourth of a fourth of the lands contained in the first lease and being by the second lease entitled to one eleventh part of the forty-four acres reserved in the first lease by his last will and Testament devised the same to Mary his wife during her life and after her deceased to his children to be equally divided among and whereas the said Mary Foster with others petitioned the town of Salem for allowance to purchase a certain parcel of said lands whereupon the said town at their annual meeting on the 27th of March last appointed the Selectmen and School Committee or the major part of them a Committee to manage that affair, authorized them to make final and ample release of the same to the petitioners.

Now know ye that we . . . (names of committee, etc) . . . for and in consideration of £65, 10s paid by John Foster of Attleboro, Gent and Joseph Very of Salem, Shoreman, do etc. Quit-claim one 16th of the lands first mentioned and one eleventh of the forty-four acres in the second lease.

In witness whereof sc. Dated 2 Jan'y. 1732.


6009. i. ANNA, b. April 30, 1677. Will dated April 12, 1746; proved Sept. 14, 1753. Anna Foster, spinster, of Boston, to my eldest brother, John Foster, of Attleboro, cousins Benjamin and James Simonds, Jr., of Salem; Sarah Pickering, Anna Skerry, Esther Giles, sister Mary Harrod, brother-in-law John Harrod, and his son Benjamin Harrod. (Suffolk, No. 10551.)


6011. iii. MARY, b. Sept. 12, 1675, Salem; m. John Harrod, of Boston.

6012. iii. SARAH, b. Nov. 27, 1678, Salem; int. of m. Feb. 3, 1710, to John Symonds.

6013. iv. JOHN, b. Nov. 15, 1680; m. Margaret Ware.

6014. v. JONATHAN, b. June 14, 1683, Salem.

6015. vi. EBENEZER, b. Feb. 22, 1685, Salem.

6016. vii. BENJAMIN, b. March 11, 1687, Salem.

6017. viii. MERCY, b. July 15, 1689, Salem; m., June 21, 1711, at Wrentham, to John Guild (John, John).

6018. ix. JAMES, b. April 12, 1693, Salem; m. Margaret Pratt.


6020. xi. PATIENCE, b. Dec. 20, 1696. 1741 Patience Foster, singlewoman, of Salem, for £105 conveys to brother John Foster, blacksmith, of Attleboro, interest in estate of her father, John Foster, late deceased, of Salem (Essex, Ixxxii, 61), Oct. 19, 1743, John and Mary Harrod, of Boston; John Guild, of Wrentham, and Ruth Very, of Mendon, convey for £150 to Anna Foster, of Boston, spinster, land in north fields, Salem, received from estate of our honored father, John Foster, late deceased, of Salem (Essex, Ixxxvi, 92).

6021. xii. NATHAN, b. July 5, 1702; m. Margaret ——.


6022. i. RUTH, b. Oct. 18, 1684.

6023. ii. JOHN, b. abt. 1687; m. Margery Card.


6024. i. DAVID, b. March 19, 1688-9; int. of m., Aug. 23, 1712, to Eliza Foster, both of Salem, dau. of Caleb and Elizabeth. (See.)

6025. ii. JONATHAN, b. Jan. 10 1690-1; m. Priscilla Proctor.

6026. iii. SAMUEL, b. Dec. 24, 1692; m. Sarah Small and Mehitable Waters.

6027. iv. HANNAH, b. Dec. 3, 1694; m., April 13, 1727, Daniel Shaw.

6028. v. ELIZABETH, b. Dec. 27, 1696; m. Dec. 6, 1721, Samuel Bell.

6029. vi. JOSEPH, b. Feb. 1, 1692-3; m. and d. 1776.
5996. EBENEZER FOSTER (John), b. Salem, Mass., Aug. 5, 1677; m., Dec. 19, 1700, Anna Wilkins, dau. of Benjamin and Priscilla (Baxter), b. Oct. 31, 1681. The will of Ebenezer Foster was dated March 23, 1717-8 and devised his property to his wife "during her widowhood, and if she see cause to marry, then one-third part during her natural life of all the estate, real and personal."—Essex Probate, vol. 313, p. 316. She married, second, Isaac Wilkins, of Salem, and in accordance with the terms of the will, which directed that she make division to the children, "as she sees fit," she "being willing to advance her children which she had by her late former husband, Ebenezer Foster," sold for a consideration of £250 to her eldest son, Jonathan, then of age and living in Boston, eighteen and a half acres of land in the north field, "for the advancement of the said Jonathan and his brethren and sisters." This was done March 25, 1725—Essex Deeds 45-37. He lived in the middle precinct, now South Danvers.

Benjamin Wilkins, b. —; m., June 3, 1677, Priscilla, dau. of Daniel and Elizabeth Baxter, of Salem. She was b. in June, 1662, and was baptized as an adult Feb. 16, 1699, at Salem village, now North Parish, Danvers. The will of Benjamin Wilkins was dated July 15, 1715, and is of record in Essex Probate Court, vol. 311, p. 314.


5995. JOHN FOSTER (Samuel, John), b. Salem, Mass., Nov. 30, 1678; m., Nov. 30, 1699, by Rev. Joseph Green, Margaret Jacobs, dau. of George and Rebecca (Frost). John, the father, and wife Margaret were members of the first church at Chebacco (now Essex) and his decease in 1703 is noted in their records; will proved 17 Oct. 1763. Margaret, the mother, died prior to December 20, 1758, the date of his will in which she is not mentioned. Whoever, while studying the early history of his family, finds them located in or near Salem, is led to query what part, if any, of his ancestors had in that terrible fallacy, witchcraft. John Foster, born 1678, son of Samuel Foster, and Sarah (Steward) married Margaret Jacobs; her father, George Jacobs, born in Danvers, was arrested May 10, 1692; tried and condemned with four others Aug. 5. and were executed Aug. 19. The mother, Rebecca, and daughter, Margaret, were imprisoned on same charge.


5999. SAMUEL FOSTER (Samuel, John), b. Salem, Mass., July 26, 1680; m., in Lynn, in 1701, Sarah Roberts, dau. of Abraham and Sarah. He was from Andover. He died at an "advanced age" according to his will made in the month in which he died. He resided in the westerly part of Reading near the Wilmington line and was the owner of much land.
Samuel Foster's will.—In the Name of God Amen: I Samuel Foster of Reading in the County of Middlesex and Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Yeoman being of an advanced age but yet of a sound and disposing mind & memory knowing that it is appointed unto all once to die. Do make and ordain this my last Will and testament: principally and first of all I Commend my precious & Immortal Soul into the hands of my Great Redeemer and my Body I commit to the dust to be decently Buried at the discretion of my two Sons, Jonathan & Benjamin Foster: Nothing doubting but I shall receive the same again at the General Resurrection; and as Touching that Worldly and Temporal Estate it hath pleased Almighty God to Bestow upon and bless me with in this life I do give and dispose that of in the Following manner viz.

Impressiss My Will is that all my just Debts and funeral Charges be paid out of my quick stock or out door Moveables by my Executor hereafter to be Named and the Remaining part of my quick stock and out door moveble Estate I do give the one half to my two sons, Jonathan & Benjamin Foster and the other half to the Children of my son Abraham Foster to be Equally Divided amongst them.

Item my will is and I do give to my sons Samuel Foster Jonathan Foster Benjamin Foster three quarters of my wareing appurll of every sort and the other quarter I Give to the Children of my son Abraham Foster deceased to be Equally divided amongst them or those that Represent them.

Item My Will is and I do Give to my Son Jonathan Foster And his Heirs forever the Southward part of my homestead with the Buildings their on Bounded Eastwardly by a Town Road leading to Hundred acors so called so Running on Said Road Northwardly to a Stony's? [swamp?] and stones near sd Road at the Eastwardly side With the letters I F and on the Northwardly side with the letters B F thence turning a littell more Southwardly to a poplar Tree marked which is the North Westwardly of said land at Stephen Westons land: also I give to my son Jonathan a piece of meadow and upland lying in Hundred acors so called Known by the name of Fitches lott the south end bounds is a chroched maple tree marked from thence Eastwardly to a white oak tree marked it being a streacht line by sd trees to Nichols line to a peace of meadow called Samli Weston's meadow: also I give to my son Jonathan the Southwardly part of a lot of meadow and upland Commonly called Fitches lott the Northeast corner is a Ceder stake marked with the letters S. W. and E N then running Southwardly to a stake on the west side of the meadow: also I give to my son Jonathan a wood lott that was formerly Browns lott lying on the East side of the Road leading to the Deredant?] so called: furthermore I give to my said son Jonathan one-half of a lott lying in the Great Cedar Swamp also I give to my said son Jonathan my half of a saw mill which I have in partnership with my Grandson Abraham Foster all of which peace of lands and buildings I do hereby give to my sd son Jonathan his Heirs forever be doing paying and performing all and whatsoever I shall and have in this my will ordered him to pay do & perform.

Item I do also give to my son Jonathan Foster one bond of twenty pounds lawful money which I tuck of my son Jonathan Boutil.

Item My will is and I do hereby give to my son Benjamin Foster and his Heirs forever the Northward part of my homestead Bounded Eastwardly partly by land of Nathan Parker and partly by a Town Road leading from Hundred acors to Reading meeting house and so down sd Road to a Stump and Stones at the Eastwardly side of a hill then turning Westwardly to a Red oak tree marked on the North side with the letters B. F: and on the South side with the letters E. F then turning a littell more Southwardly to a poplar tree marked which is the South west Corner of said lands at Stephen Westons land: also I give to my said son Benjamin a lot lying upon the Great Island?] formerly Stephen Westons Bounded by land of Jonathan Foster and so a streacht line to a stomp?] at the South East Corner and Westwardly to a Cedar stake marked S: W. 1 N: and so Westwardly to another stake on the Westwardly side of the meadow. Also my will is and I do give my said son Benjamin a peace of upland Called Brown lott and meadow called Samuel Westons meadow and swamp called Hogmans swamp Bounded at a crotched maple tree marked Eastwardly near the Northwardly Corner thence Eastwardly to a white oak tree marked and so a streacht line by sd trees to Nichols line to a peace of meadow called Samuel Westons meadow said land lyeth on the West side of the Road leading to the Deredant: as also the one half of a lott lying in the Great Cedar Swamp: all which pieces of land I give to my said son Benjamin Foster and his Heirs forever provided he pay the sums do and perform what I shall in this my will ordered him to pay and perform.
Item My Will is and I do hereby give to my Grandson Abraham Foster eldest son of my son Abraham Foster deceased; and his Heirs forever about fifty acres of meadow and upland lying at a place Known be the name of Eatons plain adjoining to the said Abrahams homestead: also I give to my said Grandson Abraham about four acres of meadow lying upon Hundred acre River so called: Known by the Name of Eatons meadow bounded upon a peace of meadow that was lately Fitches meadow. All which peace and Tracts of land I give to my said Grandson Abraham Foster and his Heirs forever he doing performing and paying all and whatsoever sums of money I shall in this my last Will and Testament will and order him to pay and perform.

Item I give to my Grandchildren: Children of my son Ebenezer Foster deceased the sum of Twenty pounds lawful money to be paid by my Executor hereafter named in three years after my decease: which said sum shall be equally divided amongst said Grand Children.

Item I do Hereby Will unto and give to my Grandchildren of my Daughter Sarah Parker deceased the sum of Fifty and three pounds Six shillings and Eight pence lawful money: which sum of fifty three pounds six shillings and eight pence I do hereby will and order to be paid to said Grand Children by my Executor hereafter named the one half to be paid in one year after my decease and the other half in two years next after my decease which sums shall be equally divided amongst said Grand Children or those that shall legally represent them.

Item My will is and I do order that my Books be equally divided amongst my children.

Item I give to my Daughter Elizabeth Bouteill the one half of all my indoor moveables (excepting in the Celler and my Corn Chists) to be hers at my decease.

Item I Give to my Grandchildren: Children of my daughter Sarah Porter deceased the one half of all my indoor moveables (excepting as above excepted) to be theirs at my decease.

Item I give to my Grandchildren: Children of my son Abraham Foster the one half of my bonds and notes or whatsoever else which I have not disposed of in this my will to be equally divided amongst them or those that shall legally represent them: and the other half of my sd bonds notes and whatsoever else I have not herein disposed of I give to my sons Jonathan & Benjamin to be equally divided between them.

Furthermore my will is and I do hereby order my son Jonathan Foster to pay to my Grandchildren Children of my sd son Abraham deceased or those that legally represent them the sum of Nineteen pounds Six shillings and Eight pence in Lawfull money the one half to be paid in one full year next after my decease the other half in two years next after my decease to be equally divided amongst them or Those that shall then legally represent them.

Item Also my will is and I do hereby order my son Benjamin Foster to pay to my Grandchildren Children of my said son Abraham Foster deceased the sum of Thirty pounds Lawfull money the one half to be paid in one year next after my decease and the other half of said sum to be paid in two years next after my decease which said sum shall be equally divided amongst my said Grandchildren or those that shall legally represent them.

Item also my will is and I do hereby order my Grand Son Abraham Foster to pay to each of his Brothers and sisters: namely David, Edmund, Susannah and Elizabeth, children of my son Abraham Foster deceased to each of the four said children the sum of Sixteen pounds thirteen shillings and four pence Lawfull money the one half to each at the End of one year after my Decease and the other half at the end of two years after my decease and in case that one or more of said children should die before said time of payment without Lawfull Issue then their part of said payment to be devided between sd Abraham and the surviving children.

The reason why I do give my son Samuel Foster no more in this my will is because I have given him his full part and portion out of my Estate already in my life time Furthermore I do here by ordain Constitute and appoint my Dutifulson Jonathan Foster to be sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament utterly revoking all other or Former Wills or Testaments ordaining this and this only to be my last Will and Testament in Testimony whereof I do hereunto set my hand and Seal this Sixth day of February Seventeen Hundred and Sixty two in the Second? year of his Majestys Reign George the third &c.

Samuel X Foster
mark
Signed Sealed Pronounced and Declared by the said Samuel Foster to be his Last Will and Testament in presence of us
Joshua Nichols
Richard Nichols
Samuel Bancroft Jr.  
Prob. February 22, 1762.

6047. 1. ABRAHAM, b. 1703; m. Susanna Hartshorne.
6048. ii. SAMUEL, b. 1702; m. Ruth Snow.
6049. iii. EBENEZER, b. ——; m. Deborah Roberts.
6050. iv. JONATHAN, b. Jan. 19, 1712; m. Dorothy Merrow.
6051. v. BENJAMIN, b. Jan. 16, 1715; m. Elizabeth Proctor.
6052. vi. SARAH, b. ——; m. 1726, Benjamin Parker, son of John, Jr., and Elizabeth.  
Res., in West Parish and Reading.

"How blest is he who crowns, in shades like these,
A youth of labor with an age of ease."

Ex-Governor Boutwell was born in Brookline, Jan. 28, 1818, on the Clyde Park estate, now the property of the Country Club. That year was a notable year for future Massachusetts governors, marking, as it did, the birth of George S. Boutwell, governor 1851-53; Henry J. Gardner, 1855-58; John A. Andrew, the "war governor;" William Claflin, 1869-72; Alexander H. Rice, 1870-73, Thomas Talbot, 1875-80, and B. F. Butler, 1882-83. All are dead now excepting ex-Governors Boutwell and Claflin.

At two years of age, young Boutwell was taken by his father, Sewall Boutwell, to Lunenburg, near Fitchburg, Mass., where the latter took a farm. The son, as he grew up, helped his father on the farm, until he was thirteen years of age, and then accepted a clerkship in a country store at Groton Centre, where he remained for twenty years as clerk and partner. By a course of hard study he made up for a limited early education, and fitted himself for the legal profession. In politics he was a Democrat; and he was so popular that in 1842, though in a Whig district, he was elected to the State Legislature by a handsome majority. He was but twenty-four years of age, but he took the lead at once, and became the foremost man in his party in the House. In 1849 he was nominated for governor by the Democrats. He was renominated in 1850, and again in 1851, and he was elected on his third nomination. Though his opponents termed him a "country trader," Harvard College vindicated him by conferring on him the degree of LL. D. He was renominated and re-elected governor by an increased majority. In 1855 this young man, who had obtained his education by the light of a tallow candle, after business hours, in a country store, was appointed
secretary of the State board of education, to succeed Horace Mann and Barnas Sears. He held this position for six years, and won the admiration of the best scholars in the country.

In 1856 Governor Boutwell zealously supported General Fremont for the presidency, and in 1860, voted for the nomination of Abraham Lincoln in the Chicago convention. He was a member of the Peace Congress, which met in Washington in 1861. In June, 1862, President Lincoln appointed him a member of the commission to adjust the claims against the government arising out of the operations of General Fremont in Missouri. He was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1862, re-elected in 1864, 1866 and 1868. He spoke for the impeachment of Andrew Johnson, being the chairman of the committee to draft the articles of impeachment, and he was one of the board of managers to conduct the proceedings. He was also a member of the committee of fifteen that reported the fourteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and he himself drafted and reported the fifteenth amendment, and conducted the debate in the House. General Grant offered the position of secretary of the interior in his first cabinet to Governor Boutwell, but he declined it, preferring to remain in Congress. Whereupon the President tendered him the position of secretary of the treasury, which was also declined. President Grant, however, sent his nomination to the Senate, and upon its being confirmed, Governor Boutwell resigned his seat in Congress and accepted the position. He early drafted a bill for the funding of the public debt, and upon his recommendation in his annual report, Congress passed the bill, and it became a law in July, 1870. Upon Henry Wilson becoming vice-president of the United States in 1870, Governor Boutwell was elected to succeed him in the United States Senate, resigning his post of secretary of the treasury, and took his seat in the Senate in March, 1873. In 1877 President Hayes appointed him a commissioner to revise the statutes of the United States, and in 1880 he was made consul for the United States before the French and American claims commission. Upon the death of Secretary of the Treasury C. P. Folger, in 1884, President Arthur tendered the position to Mr. Boutwell, but he declined the honor, preferring to continue the practice of law in Washington, where he was actively engaged. His career has, like Henry Wilson's, been pointed to as the result of great industry, integrity and ability, without adventitious aids, and both were examples of self-made, self-reared and self-instructed men who reached high positions from humble beginnings.—Boston Transcript.

(b) Abigail. (c) Elizabeth. (d) Sarah. (e) Mary. (f) Susan- niah. (g) Laomi. (h) Beulah. (i) Hannah. (j) Sewall.

6002. JOSEPH FOSTER (Samuel, John), b. Salem, Mass., March 11, 1687; m. Sept. 4, 1708, Mrs. Rebecca (Walts) Groves, wid. of John and dau. of Nathaniel Walts and Margery Walts. Jan. 18, 1710, Joseph Foster, an adult, ch. on profession March 7, 1729, Andrew Balch and Elizabeth and Bethial Balch for £91 deed to Joseph Foster, of Beverly, fisherman; house, barn and one and one-fourth acre and also a well standing on the north side of the country road on the back side of the house with privilege to pass and repass thereto; east, land formerly Richard Ober; southeast, the salt sea; west, by a small pond on Stony Beach; North, the county road. Witness, John Ober, Peter Ober. Dec. 10, 1723, Joseph Foster, of Beverly, and wife, Rebecca for £30 deed to Joshua Woodbury, of Beverly, yeoman. all rights in our father John Walts estates of land in Falmouth, Casco Bay, one-ninth part.


6054. i. JOSEPH, b. Aug. 15, 1709; m. Hannah Patch and Hannah Morgan.


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6052. iv. JOSIAH, b. Nov. 8, 1715; m. —.-
6053. v. SAMUEL, b. Aug. 20, 1717; m. Mary Thorndike and Martha Bisson.
6054. vi. MARY, b. Aug. 1, 1719; m. April 13, 1742, Ezra Chapman.
6055. vii. BENJAMIN, b. Aug. 2, 1721; m. Abigail Herrick.
6056. viii. SARAH, bapt. Sept. 22, 1723; d. young.
6057. ix. JONATHAN, b. June 18, 1729; m. Mary Lovett.

6058. MAJOR JOHN FOSTER (John, John), b. Salem, Mass., Nov. 15, 1680; m. at Roxbury, Mass., Dec. 4, 1704, Margaret Ware, dau. of Robert; d. Nov. 4, 1761; buried at South Attleboro. "The history of Attleboro, Mass.," says John Foster, Esq., "appears from the records to have been a useful public man in his day, though but few facts of his life are known to the author. He was chosen moderator of town meetings for a long succession of years; was a surveyor of lands; an active justice of the peace, and for several years a representative of the town, etc.

Bristol County Probate, vol. 16, p. 464: In the name of God, Amen. I, John Foster of Attleboro in the County of Bristol in the providence of Mass Bay in New England being of sound mind and memory for which I bless God, and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make this my last will and Testament and principally and first of all I recommend my soul into the hands of God who gave it hoping through the merits of Christ my Redeemer to receive the free pardon of all my sins and to inherit eternal life and as touching such worldly state wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give and dispose of it in the following manner and form:

I give unto my beloved wife Margaret all my movable and personal estate of what kind soever and debts owing to me to be at her disposal except what money is due to me from my son Michael which I have in this will otherwise disposed of.

Item: I give to my eldest son John Foster and to his heirs forever one quarter of a share in the undivided lands in Attleboro as an addition to what I have formerly given him by Deed which is to be his full portion of my estate.

Item: I give to the heirs of my son Ebenezer Foster, deceased, one quarter of a share in the undivided lands in Attleboro and to their heirs forever as an addition to what I gave my said son in his lifetime by deed and is to be their full portion out of my estate.

Item: I give to my son Benjamin Foster and to his heirs the sum ten pounds lawful money to be paid by my Executor hereafter named within two years after my decease and is in addition to what I have formerly given him by deed and is to be his full portion out of my estate.

Item: I give to my son Jonathan .. one quarter share of undivided lands. To son Timothy one quarter share to son Nathan one quarter share and eight pounds in money; to daughter Margaret, wife of Israel Whitaker, three pounds; to daughter Sarah fifty-five pounds and a lot of land in Attleboro two acres and twenty-five rods, to daughter Mary wife of Benjamin Walcut, three pounds I give to my son Michael Foster .. on consideration of his paying all my lawful debts and funeral charges and the Legacys which I have in this will given to my children .. all of my lands in Attleboro, not before given away in this will with all my lands in Cumberland in the Colony of Rhode Island and all my lands and rights in the Narragansett Township number four lying partly in a place called Quabbin:— constitutes Michael Executor, and of a bond and note for £255, which he owes to the estate instructs the executor to pay from it the legacy of £55 to his sister Sarah and releases the balance.

Annuls all former Wills.

Signed John Foster. (Seal).

Witness Benjamin Ide,—Josephine Holmes.—Ichabod Ward. Proved 12 Jan. 1760 Administration 12 Apr 1760 at Norton
John, the father, deceased, Dec. 24, 1759. Buried at South Attleboro. (Tombstone standing.)

Inventory, Jan. 23, 1760:

Imprims: To his money: 2.15.0
To Apparel his best coat and Jacket: 1.12.0
To a pair of leather breeches 12s. and his hat 12s. 4 caps 2s. 1. 6.0
To a light color coat and Jacket and great coat: 12.0
To 2 striped Jacket 6s. and pair of woosted stockings 2s. 8.0
To 3 pair of yarn stockings ¾ shirts.......................... 13.0
To a Dueroy coat Jacket 6 and 2 wiggs and box 9s.................. 15.0
his books: and old great Bible 6s. other old books 10s. to........... 16.0
a providence Law Book 6s........................................... 6.0
To the best bed under bed bolster and 2 pillows and 2 flaning shirts
15s. and blankets and coverlet 15s. and cord 9s. sheets 15s. and
blankets and coverlet 15s. bedsted and cord 9s.......................... 6. 3.0
The 2d Bed under bed bolster and Pillows 3 to 2 flaning sheets 7s.,
and blankets and coverlet 8s. bedsted and cord 7-6-.......................... 4. 2.6
1 Bear Barrel 15. Etc

Bristol Probate; vol. 17, p. 546: In the name of God, Amen and 25 of Jan.
anno domino one thousand and seven and sixty. I Margaret Foster of Attleboro, in
the County of Bristol and the Providence of the Mass Bay in New England, widow
being weak of body but of a sound disposing mind and memory for which I
bless God calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing that it is appointed for
all men to die I do make this my last will and Testament. First of all I recommend
my soul to the hands of God that gave it and my body to be decently buried at
the discretion of my Executors hereafter named and as touching my worldly estate
wherewith it has pleased God to bless me... to my son John five shillings in
lawful money. To the heirs of my son Ebenezer deceased five shillings to sons
Benjamin Jonathan, Timothy and Nathan five shillings each, and to daughter
Sarah, Kitchen table and household goods, constitutes son Michael Executive, gives
him the family bible, law books, sc. and makes her daughters Margaret and Mary
residuary legatees.

Margaret Foster

Witnesses
Ebenezer Lane.
James Jilson, Jr.
Joseph Carpenter.

This inventory is long, made up mostly of small items, and includes a "Gould
neck-lace 2. 9s. and Grate Bible 6s."

6064. i. JOHN, b. March 4, 1706, Dorchester; m. Hannah Lovett.
6065. ii. ROBERT, b. Oct. 29, 1707, Dorchester; d. before 1709.
6066. iii. EBENEZER, b. Aug. 20, 1709, Dorchester; m., Sept. 17, 1730,
Desire Cushman (Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, Robert) of Wren-
tham and Attleboro, 1747, Ebenezer Foster, blacksmith of Attle-
boro, and Desire his wife, convey land at Attleboro (Bristol
xxii. 317).
6067. iii½. ROBERT, b. Dorchester, Aug. 20, 1709.
6068. iv. MARGARET, b. March 7, 1712; m., Jan. 7, Israel Whitaker, of
Nov. 2, 1735. 4. Abigail, b. July 2, 1741. 5. Pegge, b. Oct. 30,
6070. v. BENJAMIN, b. April 17, 1714.
6070. vi. JONATHAN, b. June 8, 1715; m. Anna ——.
6071. vii. SARAH, b. April 18, 1718; unm. in 1754 when her father made
his will.
6072. viii. TIMOTHY, b. May 14, 1720; m. Sibbel Freeman.
6074. x. ESTHER, b. in 1723; d. same day.
6076. xii. MICHAEL, b. July 18, 1727.
6077. xiii. MARY, b. Nov. 19, 1729; m. Benjamin Walcutt.

6078. JAMES FOSTER (John, John), b. Salem, Mass., April 12, 1693; m.,
May 15, 1719, Margaret Pratt, dau. of John and Margaret (Maverick).
She m., 2d, Feb. 2, 1724, Capt. Samuel Endicott, son of Samuel and Hannah (Felton).
Captain Endicott was born Aug. 30, 1687; he was great-grandson of Governor Endicott, who
died aE. seventy-seven. Captain Endicott's first wife was Anne Endicott, his
cousin, b. 1693, dau. of Dr. John Endicott. Margaret's children by Endicott were:
1. Margaret, b. December, 1724; m. June, 1743, Herbert Clark. 2. Hannah, b.
December, 1724; m. September, 1769, Francis Nourse. 3. Ann, b. November,
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1727; m. December, 1761, Thomas Andrew. 4. Elias, b. December, 1729; m. Eunice Andrew; five ch. 5. Joseph, b. February, 1731; m. Miss Putnam and Sarah Hathorne. 6. Lydia, b. 1734; m. Peter Putnam. 7. Ruth, b. 1739; m. Joseph Dale. She d. 1828.


6023 JOHN FOSTER (Joseph, John), b. Salem, Mass., b. abt. 1687; m. by Rouse Helm, assistant June 11, 1724, Margery Card, dau. of Job and Martha (Acres) Card. She was b. Block Island, Feb. 19, 1701. We find recorded in the land evidence of the town of Westerly, vol. 1, a deed of one hundred acres of land, sold by John Hall to "John Foster, of Salem," in the government of Massachusetts Bay, in New England." This deed is dated Feb. 22, 1709. In the same book of records we find a deed from the colonial commissioners, of 300 acres, dated May 22, 1710, to Edward Larkin, John Collins, David Lewis, Robart Buffum, John Foster and John Richmond. This was called the "Larkin Purchase," and the boundaries of this purchase are given in the list of sales of vacant lands, given in vol. 3, of the Rhode Island Historical collection. In this last deed, John Foster is called of Westerly. The land referred to in the deed was, in 1712, divided between the several purchasers. We are convinced that it was the same John who was mentioned in both these deeds, and that he was also the John who married Margery Card in 1724. A few years ago, the old house in which he lived, and died, occupied by Gideon Foster, son and executor of John Foster, who married in 1724 and died in 1766, was torn down, and in the attic was found a small hair trunk, full of papers. None of the Foster descendants being present, and no one taking any interest in them these papers were scattered to the winds and most of them were lost. A few days later, however, there was picked up three of these. One of them proved to be a copy of a plat of the "Larkin Purchase" showing how the land was divided. This copy of the original plat has upon the face of it the following: "The above Drafft is a copy of an Original Drafft in the Possession of John Foster, Carefully Coppyed and Examined May the 22d 1758, by me Simeon Perry Surveyor, Which Original Drafft was made by Daniel Brown Surveyor, and Ascertained in the following words." 

"This is a Drafft of a parcel of land lying on the West Side of the wood River belonging to Edward Larkin, Robart Buffum, John Foster, John Collins, David Lewis, and John Richmond Drawn by me Daniel Brown Surveyor." "June 9 1712." On the back of this map was the following endorsement:

"Kings County, June 8. Then Simeon Perry Esquire made oath that the within drafft is a true copy of the original drafft as near as he could copy it, that is in John Foster's hands." Before me Edward Wells Jun. Justice Peace."

The declarations on the face of this paper are, I know, in the hand writing of Simeon Perry, with which I am familiar.

The discovery of this plat among the papers of John Foster, who married Margery Card in 1724, and who died in 1766, seems to prove his identity with John of Salem, who came to Westerly in 1709, and united with others in the Larkin purchase in 1710.
The other papers, found at the same time, as the one of which I have spoken, had reference to family matters of later date.

John Foster must have been twenty-one or more years of age in 1709, as he took the deed in his own name at that time. So he must have been thirty-six years old when he married, in 1724. There is a tradition in the family that their ancestor came from Salem to Rhode Island when a young man with his widowed mother. The fact that he had a mother who lived with him may account for his not marrying very young, as many men did at that time. There were other Fosters in and near Westerly at this early date, but what relation any of them were to John, we do not know. John's youngest son (who was, at his birth, named Job, and who was later, after the death of his brother John, called by that name) married Elizabeth Foster. Whose daughter she was we do not know, but perhaps she may have been a sister of Jonathan, Jr., of Westerly, who married Ann Lawton in 1753. John Foster and his wife, Elizabeth, having no children of their own, adopted Lawton Foster, who is said to have been a relative of Elizabeth, but is not supposed to have been related to John. Now the only Lawton Foster of whom we find any record, was born in Stonington, Conn., May 2, 1767. Then we find that "Lawton Foster, son of Jonathan, late of Stonington, deceased, married Susannah Tefft, of Richmond, R. I., Nov. 4, 1792. The exact date of the death of John Foster is not known. His will was dated May 18, 1763, and was proved Oct. 20, 1766. His wife died between October, 1761, and February, 1754.

John Foster lived in that part of Westerly which was afterward the town of Richmond. He owned much land and gave to his sons in his will many acres. He was a farmer and also conducted a sawmill. In the land evidence of both Westerly and Richmond we find recorded many deeds of land to John Foster, but no evidence that he ever sold any, except two deeds to his son Card, and one to Caleb Foster.

Westerly, R. I., formerly contained what are now four towns, namely, Westerly, Charlestown, Hopkinton and Richmond, so all the earliest records of people who lived in these towns are to be found in the Westerly books.

John Foster's will is dated May 18, 1763, and was proved Oct. 20, 1766. In it there is nothing to show when or where he was born. He gives much land to each of his three sons, Card, Gideon and John, and a small gift of money is given to his daughter, Hannah Dake, and one of his grandsons, Joshua Dake.

He d. in 1766. Res., Westerly, R. I.

Children all born in Westerly, R. I.,

6076. i. CARD, b. Apr. 17, 1725; m. Sarah Mumford, Aug. 4, 1750.
6077. ii. MARY, b. Apr. 20, 1726. No further record.
6078. iii. JOHN, b. Sept. 10, 1727; d. March, 1751, unm.
6079. iv. HANNAH, b. May 19, 1729; m. Dr. John Dake, b. Feb. 26, 1746-7. Children born in Hopkinton, R. I.: 1. Joshua, b. June 18, 1747. 2. Christopher, b. Aug. 21, 1749. 3. John, b. Aug. 17, 1752. 4. Joseph, b. Nov. 27, 1753. 5. Benjamin, b. Nov. 27, 1755. 6. Hannah, b. Dec. 16, 1755. 7. Foster, b. Aug. 23, 1757. 8. Mary, b. May 27, 1759. We have no further records of this family. They are supposed to have moved to New York State. Hannah (Foster) Dake and her son Joshua were mentioned in the will of her father, dated May 16, 1763.

6080. v. CHRISTOPHER, b. July 5, 1731. No further record.
6081. vi. GIDEON, b. Sept. 11, 1734; m. 1st, Judith Mumford, Oct. 12, 1758; m., 2d, Sarah Allen, March 3, 1765.
6082. vii. JOB, b. Feb. 20, 1746; m. Elizabeth Foster, date not known. (It appears that his name was changed to John after the death of his elder brother of that name.)


6083. i. ELIZABETH, b. 1714; d. unm. abt. 1798.
6084. ii. CALEB, b. 1716; m. Abigail Gould.

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6026. SAMUEL FOSTER (David, John), b. Salem, Dec. 24, 1692; m., Feb. 16, 1720, Sarah Small, dau. of Capt. Stephen and Hannah (Sibley); m., 2d, Oct. 26, 1738, Mehitable Waters, dau. of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (King). Res., Salem, Mass.

6033. DEACON BENJAMIN FOSTER (Ebenezer, John), b. Salem, Mass., May 12, 1708; m. prob. in Danvers, Mehitable Steward, b. Feb. 1, 1701; m., 2d, Dec. 3, 1761, Mrs. Sarah Whitney, of Littleton. Until a short time ago nothing was known of the ancestry of Deacon Benjamin and nothing was known of him prior to his appearance in Lunenburg in 1735. In the Middlesex Registry of Deeds at East Cambridge he is described as "formerly of Salem." Res., Danvers and Leominster, Mass.

6085. i. BENJAMIN, b. Jan. 20, 1729; m. Lucy Stiles.

6086. ii. STEPHEN, b. Jan. 21, 1731; m. Mary Rice.

6087. iii. JOSEPH, b. March 24, 1732; m. Sarah Jones and Rebecca Walker.

6088. iv. ABIGAIL, b. March 13, 1735.

6089. v. ELIZABETH, b. Feb. 21, 1736; m., Oct. 22, 1757, Joseph Davis of L.

6090. vi. NATHAN, b. June 7, 1741; d. Nov. 10, 1755.

6091. vii. JAMES, b. April 19, 1743; d. Feb. 3, 1757.

6092. viii. DOROTHY, b. May 5, 1739; m., March 4, 1756, Dr. Jacob Peabody, both of Leominster, b. Feb. 18, 1713. Dorothy was his second wife. He was an eminent physician, and a man of literature and science. Res., Topsfield and Leominster. He d. 1758.


6094. x. MEHITABLE, b. March 15, 1747.

6095. xi. SARAH, b. March 7, 1751.

6096. EBENEZER FOSTER (Ebenezer, John), b. Salem, Mass., Aug. 23, 1710; m., Dec. 11, 1731, Lydia Felton, dau. of Skelton and Hepsibah (Sheldon), bapt. Dec. 28, 1712. She d. Salem abt. 1763. She married for a second husband, April 24, 1779, Stephen Lincoln, of Oakham. He lived in Salem in that part of the town known as the "Middle Precinct" now South Danvers, having lands also in North Fields. The house of Ebenezer Foster was struck and shattered by lightning July 11, 1734, and a horse and two oxen standing near by were killed. In April, 1744, his father-in-law bought of James Wright, of Rutland, 150 acres of land in that town and removed thither, and as the same time Ebenezer Foster sold his home- stead April 3, in the Middle Parish of Salem (Essex Deeds, 85, 186.) and went also to Rutland, where, with his wife, he appears the following year on the records. (Worcester Deeds, 27, 134.) Feb. 9, 1647-8 he bought lands of Jonas Clark, of Boston, "lying on the Pine Plain in the settling part thereof," being lot No. 25 of the proprietor's records, and subsequently purchased other lands in Rutland. He was a weaver as well as a farmer. There is no record of the death of Ebenezer Foster in Rutland, and he may have returned to Salem. His wife Lydia died, and was a widow when received into the Salem church, April 23, 1770. Administration on her estate was granted to John Walton, Feb. 6, 1793.

Skelton Felton, b. about 1680; married May 29, 1712, Hepsibah, daughter of William and Rebecca (Scarlet) Sheldon of Salem. She was an adult when baptized, May 12, 1706. Skelton Felton lived in Salem about sixty-five years. In April, 1744, he bought of James and Patience Wright of Rutland 150 acres of land in that town. He moved to Rutland, with his son Joseph, and died there in 1749, aged nearly seventy years. His will was dated Jan. 5, 1745, and proved in May, 1749.


6096. i. EBENEZER, b. 1733; m., Dec. 1, 1757, Hannah Parlin.

6097. ii. LYDIA, b. —; m., May 22, 1755, Jonathan Ballard, of Rutland.

6098. iii. SKELTON, b. -----; m. (pub), October, 1766, Hannah Hinds, of Rutland.

6099. iv. SAMUEL, b. -----; m. (pub.), December, 1786, Patty Williams, of Oakham.

6100. v. BENJAMIN, b. ---.

6101. vi. DEBORAH, b. ---.

6102. vii. JOHN, b. abt. 1752; m. Sarah Hairs.


6045. CAPT. JOHN FOSTER (John, Samuel, John), b. Salem, Mass., in 1713; m., April 26, 1733, Mary Norton, dau. of George; d. —; m., 2d, July 9, 1752, Mary Neal, dau. of Joseph and Eunice (Pickering), b. 1730. After his death she m., Sept. 25, 1760, Rev. John Cleveland, b. Canterbury, Conn., April 11, 1722. She d. Topsfield, Mass., April 10, 1810. He was son of Josiah and Abigail Cleveland; entered Yale College; did not graduate, but was given a degree. Was a chaplain in a regiment at the battle of Ticonderoga, in 1759; in 1775 was captain of a regiment at Cambridge; was pastor of a church in Ipswich. His wife was buried at Chebacco. He d. 1767. Res., Manchester, Mass.

6103. i. JOSEPH, b. —; m. Hannah Pickering Cleveland.


6047. CAPT. ABRAHAM FOSTER (Samuel, Samuel, John), b. Reading, Mass., 1703; m., 1733, Susanna Hartshorne, dau. of Thomas and Susanna, b. 1710. She d. 1759. He served as a soldier from Reading in the French and Indian wars, from 1745 to 1759. He resided in the northwest part of the west parish of Reading, on the late Nehemiah Bancroft place, on Grove St. Middlesex Prob. says: "Abraham, 1753; Reading; letter date April 16, 1753; exhibited or examined, March 21, 1761; wife, Susanna; children, Abraham, Daniel, David, Edmund, Susanna and Elizabeth; all minors, except Abraham; and of Reading."

Susanna, 1759: Reading; wife of Abraham; inventory of estate, 1759; ex. March 31, 1760, by Abraham, her son and administrator.


6104. i. SUSANNA, b. 1734.

6105. ii. ABRAHAM, b. 1735; m. Rebecca Goodwin.

6106. iii. DANIEL, b. 1740; d. young.

6107. iv. SARAH, b. 1743; d. in infancy.

6108. v. DAVID, b. 1745. Was a soldier in Revolutionary war.

6109. vi. EDMUND, b. April 18, 1752; m. Phebe Lawrence.

6110. vii. ELIZABETH, b. —.


6111. i. SAMUEL, b. March 1, 1725; m. Judith Knowlton.

6112. ii. SUSANNAH, b. March 7, 1729; d. Aug. 28, 1742.

6113. iii. RUTH, b. Sept. 22, 1732; d. Sept. 13, 1742.

6114. iv. MARY, b. April 11, 1735; d. Sept. 4, 1742.

6115. v. ANN, b. June 25, 1737.

6116. vi. JONATHAN, b. May 24, 1742.

6049. EBENEZER FOSTER (Samuel, Samuel, John), b. Salem, Mass., —; m. in 1731, Deborah Roberts, dau. of Giles and Deborah, b. 1711. She d. in 1753. Ebenezer, of Wilmington; letter date May 22, 1749; ex. July 17, 1749; children, Ebenezer and Samuel; guar. bond date March 23, 1762; Sarah; guar. bond date Dec. 3, 1755.

Deborah Foster's Will:—In the name of God Amen the 2nd day of May 1753 I Deborah Foster of Wilmington In ye County of Middlesex and province of ye Massachusetts bay in New England Spinster being weak and sick of body but of composed mind and perfect memory thanks be to God theirfor Calling to mind ye mortality of my body knowing that it is appointed for all once to Dy do there fore make this my last will & Testament [viz] to say principally & first of all I Give & Recommend my Sole into the hands of God who gave it hoping through the merits of my Saviour ye Lord Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon of all my Sins & to inherit Everlasting life and as to my body I recommend it to the Earth to be Decently buried at the Discretion of my Executor nothing Douting but that I shall
Receive the Same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly goods and Estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give and Dispose of in the following manner and form and First

Item my will is that all my Just Debts and funeral Charges be well and truly paid in Convenient time after my Decease by my Executor after mentioned.

Item I Give all my Land Lying in Wilmington to my two Sons Ebenezer and Samuel and my will is that my Daughter Sarah shall Have an Equal Share with my Sons (in the land) the Household Goods shall be one part of Her Share; out of the Estate:

and Finally I appoint, and Constute my trusty Friend Jabez Temple my Executor of this my Last will and Testament utterly Revoking all other and former wills by me made and Rattifying and Confirming this as my last will

In Testimony hereof I have Hereunto set my Hand and Seal the Day and Date above written:

her

Deborah X Foster mark

Published Pronounced & Declared In Presents of us as her Last will and testa-

ment

He d. in 1749. Res., Wilmington, Mass.

6115. ii. EBENEZER, b. Dec. 26, 1732; d. young.

6119. iii. GILES, b. May 9, 1736; d. Aug. 31, 1742.

6120. iv. EBENEZER, b. April 10, 1743; m. Mary Jones.

6121. v. SAMUEL, b. July 14, 1746; m. Judith —-.

6122. vi. SARAH, b. abt. 1748.

6050. JONATHAN FOSTER (Samuel, Samuel, John), b. Reading, Mass., Jan. 9, 1712; m., 1733, Dorothy Morrow, dau. of John and Ann. b. 1712; m., 2d, —-, Abigail —-. He lived in the west parish, near Ebenezer Emerson’s place. The house in which he resided was built by one Stimpson, a fiddler, who came near being captured one night by the Indians, while sitting on a log fiddling. Samuel Foster, his father, succeeded Stimpson, and Jonathan succeeded his father. He was a soldier in the French and Indian wars of 1745-59. He died in 1775, and was buried on the day of the battle at Concord. The Middlesex Probate records say: "Jon-

athan, 1770; Reading; letter date Feb. 27, 1776; executorship granted April 29, 1807, to wife, Abigail.” He d. April 10, 1775. Res., Reading, Mass.

6123. i. ANN, b. 1735; m., 1758, John Goodwin.

6124. ii. JONATHAN, b. May 18, 1737; m. Sarah Townsend.

6125. iii. DOLLY, b. 1738; m., 1760, Kaham Bancroft, of Worcester.

6126. iv. SARAH, b. 1742; d. 1742.

6127. v. SARAH, b. 1744.

6128. vi. SAMUEL, b. 1743; m. Judith Foster and Elizabeth Boyden.

6129. vii. DAVID, b. 1745; m. Betsey Minott.

6130. viii. ABRAHAM, b. —-; m. —-.

6051. LIEUT. BENJAMIN FOSTER (Samuel, Samuel, John), b. Reading, Mass., Jan. 16, 1715; m. Elizabeth Proctor. He resided on Grove St., near the Wilmington line. The first house was built in 1760, and he built the present house soon after. His son, Samuel, succeeded to the homestead after his father’s death. Ben-

jamin Foster was First Lieutenant under Capt. John Wright, in the Old French war, on the eastern frontier. Papers dated Dec. 13, 1754.

Benjamin Foster’s Will:—In the Name and Fear of God, Amen the Twenty sixth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven Hundred and Ninety one I Benjamin Foster of Reading in the County of Middlesex and Common-

wealth of Massachusetts Gentleman, Being weak in body but of sound mind and memory thanks be given to God therefor calling to mind the mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, Do make & ordain this my Last will and testament That is to say Principally and first of all I Give and Recommend my Soul into the Hands of God that Gave it and my Body I Recom-

mend to the Earth to be Buried in decent Christian Burial at the Discretion of my Executor Hereafter Named, and as Touching such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this Life I Give and Dispose of the same in the following manner and form after my Just Debts and funeral charges are paid.

Imprimis: I Give and bequeath to Elizabeth my Dearly beloved wife all the priviledges Contained in a Lease Given to me by my son Samuel Foster and also
the Interest of fifty pounds of Lawful money yearly and Every year During her natural life to be paid by my son James and also the use of all indore movables during her natural life and what shall Remain of them at her Decease to be Equally divided between my two sons James and Samuel.

Item I Give to Eldest son James five pounds to be paid by my Executor hereafter Named.

Item I Give to my son William five shillings.

Item I Give to my son Benjamin five shillings.

Item I Give to my Daughter Elizabeth Johnson five shillings.

Item I Give to my Daughter Judith Foster five shillings.

Item I Give to my Daughter Mehitabel Taylor five shillings.

Item I Give to my Daughter Martha Gould five shillings.

Item I Give and bequeath all my Estate both Real and personal that shall remain not disposed of at my Decease to two sons James and Samuel that is to say for James to have one third and Samuel to have two thirds of the same. Finally I do ConSTITUTE and Appoint my son James Foster to be Sole Executor to this my last will and Testament and I do hereby utterly Disallow & Revoke all former wills & Testaments by me willed & bequeathed Ratifying and Confirming this to be my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Benjamin Foster

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced by the said Benjamin Foster as his last will and Testament in presents of us the subscribers, Caleb Eames Jrn, Jesse Foster, Timothy Walker

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6131. i. JAMES, b. April 30, 1742; m. Elizabeth Flint.

6132. ii. ELIZABETH, b. 1744; m. --- Johnson.

6133. iii. JUDITH, b. 1746; m. her cousin, Samuel Foster, Jr. (see).

6134. iv. WILLIAM, b. 1749; m. Ann Butters.

6135. v. SAMUEL, b. ---; m. Mary Eames.

6136. vi. BENJAMIN, b. ---; m. Jemima Eaton.

6137. vii. MEHITABLE, b. ---; m., 1774, Amos Taylor. Two ch.

6138. viii. MARTHA, b. ---; m., 1778, John Gould, of Wilmington. Two ch.


Joseph Foster and Hannah, dau, of Robert and Mary (Thorndike) Morgan, pub. Oct. 17, 1736. Joseph Foster and his son last coming from Virginia, March, 1755. Hannah Foster died Dec. 15, 1811, aged ninety-eight years. Feb. 3, 1756, widow Hannah Foster's tax abated 9s. 6d. of her late husband's land and some of his personal estate on the rates of 1754, he being lost at sea. May 3, 1753, John Patch, weaver and warper, Priscilla deeds to Joseph Foster, Jr., fisherman, dwelling house, barn and one acre upland northwest and northeast country road, southwest and southeast by land formerly his father's, Benjamin Patch. Witness, Robert Woodberry, Ebenezer Cleave.

6139. i. SUSANNAH, b. Aug. 21, 1732; bapt. Dec. 7, 1735; m., April 25, 1754, Zachariah Stone.


6142. iv. JOSEPH, b. June 4, 1740; m. Elizabeth Hilton.


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6146. viii. JEREMIAH, b. April 21, 1750; m. Anna Lovett.

6058. SAMUEL FOSTER (Joseph, Samuel, John), b. Beverly, Massachusetts, Aug. 20, 1717; m., Aug. 31, 1741, Mary Thorndike. She d. 1757; m., 2d, Nov. 28, 1758, Martha Bisson. Samuel Foster and Mary, dau. of Paul and Mary (Batchelder) Thorndike (born Feb. 13, 1714-15), m., Aug. 31, 1741, by Rev. Joseph Champney. Samuel Foster's first wife died about Jan. 29, 1757. 1800, Josiah Foster, yeoman and wife Rachel; Joshua Foster, mariner and wife Sarah; Samuel Foster, trader and wife Luna; Samuel Butman, mariner and wife Molly; Jona Pride Ober, mariner and wife Lydia; Daniel Haskell, mariner and wife Nabby; Issachar Ober Foster, mariner and wife Mary of Dracut; Robert Ellinwood, Robert Ellinwood, Jr., Martha and Susannah Ellinwood, his children: Paul Foster and wife Martha, of Salem, N. H.; David Jennison and wife Molly, of Windham, N. H.; Henry Downs and wife Abigail, of Windham, N. H., all release to Lydia, widow of Josiah Thissell all right in certain lands set to the heirs of Israel Foster, deceased, from the estate of Samuel Foster, bounded by the country way and Patcher Beach, and 1775, Samuel Foster's will probated; dated May 5, 1773, wife Martha. Ch.: Mary Ellinwood, Lydia Foster, Samuel, Paul, Josiah, Joshua, Israel. Witness Anthony Wood, Ebenezer Beckford, Elizabeth Woodbery. He d. 1775. Res., Beverly, Mass.

6148. i. SAMUEL, bapt. May 30, 1742; d. young.
6150. iii. SAMUEL, b. March 4, 1745; m. Mary Ober.
6151. iv. LYDIA, b. March 23, 1749; m., Sept. 2, 1773, Josiah Thissell. She was a widow in 1800.
6152. v. PAUL, b. July 14, 1750; m. Martha Trask.
6153. vi. JOSHUA, b. May 28, 1753; m. Sarah Ober.
6154. vii. ISRAEL, b. Aug. 23, 1755; m. and d. before 1800.
6155. viii. JOSIAH, b. Dec. 29, 1759; m. Rachel Lovett.

6156. i. BENJAMIN, b. July 16, 1745.
6157. ii. ABIGAIL, b. June 7, 1747; bapt. June 11, 1747; m., Feb. 21, 1771, Daniel Watts; m., 2d, March 27, 1781, John Turkin.
6158. iii. ELIZABETH, b. May 6, 1749; bapt. May 7, 1749; m., Aug. 28, 1770, Alexander Carrico.
6159. iv. JOSEPH, b. Aug. 6, 1755.
6159.5. v. ANDREW, b. July 12, 1751; m. Sarah Thissell and Bethiah Knowlton of Ipswich.

6161. i. MARY, b. March 28, 1753; m., April 15, 1771, Benjamin Ober, Jr. She d. Feb. 19, 1802.
6163. iii. JONATHAN, b. Dec. 17, 1758.

6164. i. THERE were eight children in all.
6165. vi. JOHN, b. —; m. —.
6166. vii. WILLIAM, b. 1742; m. Lydia Flagg and Mrs. Mary French.
6167. viii. SILAS, b. 1747; m. Elizabeth —, and Tamma Town.

6066. EBENEZER FOSTER (John, John, John), b. Dorchester, Mass., Aug. 20, 1709; m., Sept. 17, 1730, Desire Cushman, dau. of Samuel and Fear (Corser), b. September, 1710. Ebenezer, like his father, was a blacksmith. In the Probate
records at Valley Falls, R. I., is found: 'Mayor John Foster, father of Ebenezer Foster, appeared before the court regarding the appointment of an administrator upon the estate of said Ebenezer, deceased, June 18, 1749, and widow Desire Foster and Benjamin Day, of Attleboro, Mass., were appointed. Copied by town Clerk. Ebenezer died at Cumberland, R. I. Issue recorded at Attleboro.' Desire m., 2d, John Allen. She d., ae. over one hundred years. He d. June 18, 1749. Res., Attleboro, Mass., and Cumberland, R. I.

6168. i. HULDAH, b. Sept. 21, 1731; m. Cleeever Meathorn.

6169. ii. MERCY, b. June 19, 1733; d. June 20, 1733.


The life work of few men illustrate more graphically a series of struggles and triumphs than does that of Judge Amos Gould, of Owosso. An honored and successful counselor, a faithful and industrious practitioner, he has ever maintained that reputa-
tion for fidelity to duty which is the general characteristic of the American lawyer. Amos Gould was born Dec. 3, 1808, at Aurelius, N. Y., near Auburn. He was the son of Ebenezer Gould and wife Polly Simmons; grandson of Capt. Ebenezer Gould and wife Rhoda Robbins, of Granville, N. Y. Amos prepared for college at Auburn and also at the Aurora Academy, Cayuga County; in 1827 he entered the sophomore class at Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y. He also entered at this time the office of William H. Seward as a student of law. Later he became associated with Theodore Spencer, son of Chief Justice Spencer, of New York, and received as clerk a compensation which materially aided him in his early struggles. His admission to the bar of the supreme court and the court of chancery of New York occurred in the fall of 1832. He soon opened an office, and at once found himself in rivalry with the leading talent of Western New York, including Judge F. J. Jewett, of Skaneateles, James R. Lawrence, Judge B. D. Noxon, of Syracuse, and other noted lawyers. In 1843 he concluded to move to Owosso, Mich., where his parents were at this time residing. Two years later he resumed the practice of his profession in Shiawassee and adjoining counties and engaged actively in its duties until 1865, when he gave up his practice to his brother Col. Ebenezer Gould. While in practice in New York, Mr. Gould was appointed master in chancery by his friend William H. Seward, then governor of the State, and later made by Chancellor Walworth injunction master for the seventh judicial circuit, the courts having been held at Auburn, N. Y. These offices he held till his removal to Michigan. In the fall of 1844 he was elected probate judge for Shiawassee County, and in 1852 to the Senate of Michigan. He was also prosecuting attorney of Shiawassee County and was supervisor of the township of Owosso from 1844 to 1850. The State election of 1855 found him a candidate of the Democratic party for the office of attorney-general, but when circumstances arising from the late war witnessed the withdrawal of many of the strongest supporters of the party, Mr. Gould was among them. He has since affiliated with the Republican party, but has ever made principle a stronger motive than party in the casting of his ballot. He organized, in 1865, the First National Bank of Owosso, and has been since that time its president, owning a majority of the stock. He is also engaged in the superintendence of his large farm of twelve hundred acres and the management of extensive land and lumber speculations. He is an earnest member of the First Congregational church of Owosso and was one of its early founders. Mr. Gould's spacious residence is filled with genial
members of a happy family circle. His wife, to whom he was united in 1841, was Miss Louisa Peck, of Saratoga Springs, N. Y. They are the well-beloved parents of five grown sons and daughters whose delight it is to comfort their declining years. Mr. Gould died at Owosso, Mich., May 14, 1882. As a lawyer, Mr. Gould was particularly distinguished for his steady industry and persistent faithfulness to his clients and above all for a clearness of conception and forcible definiteness of statement of the merits of his case, which gave him a wide reputation as one of the foremost chancery lawyers of Michigan. Ch.: (a) Mary Frances Gould, b. Sept. 12, 1842, Auburn, N. Y.; m., in 1864, Morris Osburn. (b) Stafford Amos Gould, b. August, 1847; d. June 20, 1859. (c) Lena Maria Gould, b. Sept. 11, 1848; m. Charles Y. Osburn, Dec. 5, 1877. She d. July 30, 1881. (d) Jeannie Louise Gould, b. 1854; m. Eugene Ralph Hutchins, Oct. 10, 1876, attorney-at-law. Res., 10 Astor street, Chicago, Ill. Ch. i. Frederick Eugene Hutchins, b. April 24, 1878. ii. Ralph Gould Hutchins, b. Jan. 20, 1880. iii. Carleton B. Hutchins, b. Oct. 1, 1884. (e) Frederick Harvey Gould, b. Oct. 11, 1857; m. Josephine Fletcher, 1883. (f) Lawrence Peck Gould, b. May 1, 1861; m. Etta Hill. He d. July 16, 1877. All these children except Mary were born at Owosso, Mich. The second wife of Lawrence Gould was Cora Richards, of Owosso. Louisa Peck Gould was born in Columbia, Herkimer County, N. Y.; lived at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., from 1826, to 1841, when she married Hon. Amos Gould, of Auburn, N. Y. In 1843, she removed with her husband to Owosso, Mich., where she has since resided, a widow for the last sixteen years. She is seventy-nine years of age, but is much interested in the idea of having a genealogy of the Foster family.
shows that the wife was identical with Jemima Foster, b. 1741, dau. of Ebenezer and Desire (Cushman) Foster. Benjamin and Jemima (Foster) Taylor had four children, three sons and one daughter. 1. James, 2. Augustus (Kempfendel or Campenfield). 3. Justus William, 4. Elizabeth. 2. Augustus C., b. at Peekskill, went with his father's family to Franklin, Mass., returned to Peekskill at the age of sixteen and became a farmer; m. — Lent. They buried three children, and both died at Peekskill. 3. Justus William Taylor, the youngest son, was a sea captain in West Indies trade; died of yellow fever on return from a voyage; buried at Cortlandville; wife, — Peace. Their son, William, took the name of his mother's second husband, Capt. John Skiddy, and was well known as Capt. William Skiddy. 4. Elizabeth, dau. of Benjamin and Jemima (Foster) Taylor; m. — Miller. They settled in Western New York. A daughter, born previous to this marriage, Susan, m. Capt. Richard Wells, of Charleston, S. C. Captain Wells and wife died at Brooklyn, N. Y., leaving six children—one son and five daughters. 1. James Taylor, oldest son of Benjamin and Jemima (Foster) Taylor, was born at Peekskill, 1764; went with the family to Massachusetts, where he was apprenticed to blacksmith trade at Franklin, Mass.; m. there, abt. 1785, Salome Partridge, daughter of Lieutenant Amos and Melatiah (Ellis) Partridge. James Taylor served in the Revolutionary army from Franklin, 1781. His uncle (mother's brother), Bartholomew Foster (son of Ebenezer Foster), wife Mary, served in the army at Cambridge from Wrentham; was detailed upon Arnold's Canada expedition and died on the way to Quebec, October, 1775. James Taylor had fourteen children most of whom lived and left descendants. Benjamin Taylor, husband of Jemima (Foster) Taylor, is buried in the Methodist cemetery at Fishkill, N. Y., where he died 1832, ae. 96. Perhaps a search of that cemetery might show date of death of his wife, Jemima Foster.

6175. viii. SAMUEL, b. June 14, 1743; m. Leah Avery.
6176. ix. DESIRE b. June 10, 1745; d. August 17,45.
6177. x. DESIRE, b. Aug. 12, 1746; m. Nathaniel Metcalf; m. 2d, March 25, 1778, Major Abigail Draper, of Dedham.
6178. xi. BARTHOLOMEW, b. September, 1748; d. November, 1748.
6179. xii. BARTHOLOMEW, b. September, 1749; m. Mary — . He was killed in the siege of Quebec in 1776. Administrator on estate of Bartholomew, late of Wrentham, cordwainer, deceased, intes granted to Mary Foster, widow of Wrentham. Nov. 25, 1776. Surr. Prob. Lib. 75, fol. 350; Lib. 76, fol. 176-7; Lib. 77, fol. 45-6.


6180. i. ANNA, b. 1737; m. — Pendleton. She d. in 1819.

6182. iii. MOLLIE, b. 1742; m. —— Berry. She d. in 1830.

6183. iv. JONATHAN, b. 1745; m. Sarah ——.

6184. v. GEORGE, b. 1755; m. F. ——.

6185. vi. CATHERINE, b. 1749; d. April 22, 1826.

6072. CAPT. TIMOTHY FOSTER (John, John, John), b. May 14, 1720, Attleboro, Mass.; m. Sibiller Freeman, b. Oct. 29, 1723; d. Dec. 8, 1813. Hearing of the offers of the Plymouth company to several settlers, Timothy Foster came to the Kennebec in 1764; he met one, Scott, a hunter, at Cobbosse (Gardiner) who had a cabin on the shore of Cobbosse Consta Great Pond, where he caught fish and fur prior to any settlement. Liking the place, he bought it, and the next year brought his family, a wife and ten children, and here, the next year, his eleventh child was born. This spot is now nearly on a level with the water owing to the dam at the "Outlet." Mr. Foster paid Scott thirty dollars for his improvements; but, failing to take a proper receipt, he was about two years after sued by Scott's creditors, put in jail about six months, and subjected to other expenses.

"Settlements in Maine were confined to the coast or the navigable waters, but Foster plunged boldly into the wilderness to found a home for himself and family. He was then forty-five years of age, robust, energetic and fearless, traits which he has transmitted in large measure to his descendants. His wife, three years his junior, was a fit helpmeet. It is related of her that prior to 1768, when the nearest mill was at Cobbosse, it was necessary to go to the mill; husband and sons were busy, and she volunteered. Some one set her across the lake and returned to work. It was then six long miles through the forest with no guide but 'spotted trees,' and whether the water was low, the stores dull, too many gists, or she was so interested in the gossip of the place, does not appear, but when she arrived at the shore on her return, it was so dark she could not find the horn that was kept to call the boatman to take her back, and was obliged to wait until daylight."

"The family have had a marked influence on the town and its institutions; they proved just the material necessary in the founding of a new settlement; bold, ener-
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getic, no hardship too great to be surmounted, fearless of danger when necessary to achieve their object. Of their personal appearance I cannot speak from actual knowledge, but if we may be allowed to judge from his descendants, we should describe them as being rather below the average in stature, of light complexion, approaching to sandy, very muscular, of great physical endurance, and remarkably quick and active in all their movements." I have known many of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the old pioneers and do not recall a single instance in which these traits, more or less, do not appear.

We know that the Plymouth proprietors made great exertions to get settlers on the Maine lands, giving them away on certain conditions. In the Plymouth company records we find the following: "June 11, 1766, lot No. 8 was granted to Timothy Foster, one mile long and one hundred poles wide containing two hundred acres." The conditions of said grant were "that said Timothy Foster build an house not less than twenty feet square and seven feet stud clear and bring to, fit for tillage five acres of land within three years from the date thereof, and actually live on said premises himself during said term, or in case of his death that his heirs or some person under them shall dwell on said premises during said term, and that he or they or some person under him or them, shall dwell thereupon for seven years after the expiration of said three years; reserving to this property all mines and minerals whatsoever within the hereby granted premises with liberty of digging and carrying off the same." Boston, June 11, 1766.

James Bowdoin. z Benjamin Hallowell,
John Hancock.
Sylvester Gardiner.

Pond Town Plantation was incorporated by the name of Winthrop, May 26, 1771; a town-meeting was held May 20, 1771, at which Timothy Foster was chosen one to the selectmen, which office he held three years; he also served several years on the fish committee to visit Dr. Gardiner to petition for a fishway in or around the dam at Cobbose; this dam was a great annoyance to the settlers as it prevented the fish up into the ponds and brooks. A great part of their subsistence came from these fish. He seems to have been a leader in town affairs as his name occurs often on the records. The first time he is designated as captain is at the meeting in March, 1771, when he was chosen captain of the militia company. This was the last time its officers were chosen by the town. He built the first frame house in the town in 1769, the site of which is still discernable; and in 1855 the house itself was a part of a grandson's some distance away where it had been moved (it may be still standing), a little to the south of the house his grandson, Nathan, built in 1826-7.

Mr. Foster came to his death by an accident, being at work in the woods near where the Friends' meeting-house now stands. A limb from a falling tree struck him, fracturing his skull, rendering him unconscious. This was on Thursday, April 1, 1785. Stewart, his son, and two of the neighbors, Daniel Allen and Joseph Rice, went to Brunswick on snow shoes with a hand sled for a surgeon; it is not known why so large a force went, but it is supposed they went prepared to draw him through on the sled. The surgeon did not come but sent a trephine with instructions how to raise the bone, but "they returned to find he had died on the Satur-

His estate was probated without delay, the inventory being returned June 13, 1785; amount, £265, 18s. 10p.; his widow Sibler, appointed administratrix; division of real estate, June 2, 1782, as follows, down to widow, remainder to Timothy, David, Stewart, Stephen, Micajah Dudley (husband of Susan), Ephraim Stevens (husband of Sybil—Sibler); the others dead or supposed to be.

With the exception of David and Oliver, who must have died young, soon after came to Winthrop all the sons, seven in number; served in the Revolution; four of them went privateering and never were heard from.

Billy, spoken of as "Captain Billy of the Revolution," was captain of the militia in 1776; had been ensign in 1775; Eliphalet, first corporal, Thomas and John. Years after, when all the family were dead but one, the youngest, a young French-
man, came, claiming to be a son of one of the missing men (John, I think). The people who remembered the original Fosters, said that he resembled them. As there was no one to really take hold of the matter of identifying him nothing was done and he went away. He was without doubt what he represented himself to be "for so many of the privateers cruising off the coast of England were captured and thrown into English prisons and when exchanged, going to France, it would not be strange if, while recovering from the hardships and starvation to which they had been subjected during their long confinement, they should form attach-

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ments that should bind them to France and then make that country their home." Billy had lot No. 7 granted him on the same condition as his father, April 12, 1769.

Timothy Foster, late of Winthrop; Sibella Foster, widow. Administratrix; inventory by Josiah French, Benjamin Brainard and Benjamin Fairbanks, all of Winthrop, June 13, 1785; £65, 18s. op. (V. 31 to 32); division of real estate by John Page, Josiah French and Benjamin White, all of Winthrop, June 2, 1786; dower to widow, remainder to Timothy Foster, David Foster, Stevert Foster, Stephen Foster, Macajah Dudley and Ephraim Stevens (V. 34).


6186. i. TIMOTHY, b. March 21, 1745; m. Abigail Allen.

6187. ii. BELA, b. Sept. 24, 1747. Captain Bela (recorded, doubtless erroneously, "Billy") was a bold, brave, and energetic man. He entered on the lot next south of his father's; was probably never married. At the age of twenty-eight years he was also of the nineteen who responded to the call to arms in the eight months service. March 11, 1776, he was chosen captain of the militia company; Sept. 9, 1779, the town "voted that the selectmen provided grain and beef for the men in service with Captain Foster." No later date indicates that he was living—probably he never returned. He had done other services in the meantime; was constable with taxes committed to him to collect but which were, on account of his absence, April, 1778, committed to his father. His estate was probated Aug. 4, 1785; amount £624.15.1. Note: Bela Robbins enlisted from Winthrop. There was difficulty in procuring his pension as his name could not be found on the rolls. The discrepancy was found in that Billy, familiar for William and Bela had become badly mixed. He received 300 silver dollars and his pension.

6188. iii. ELIPHALET, b. July 27, 1749. He served in the Revolutionary war and d. prior to March, 1784. Eliphalet Foster entered on a lot north of his father's. He, too, went to Cambridge on the Lexington alarm and later performed other service; was chosen corporal at the first organization of the town militia, ensign in 1778, and in 1780 held a lieutenant's commission. The latest date at which he is recorded is April, 1780, when he was chosen moderator. It is believed that he enlisted as a privateer and was not heard from after. Administration on his estate March, 1784; amount, £20.17.6. No record or evidence of marriage. Eliphalet Foster, late of Winthrop, David Foster, of Winthrop, administrator, March 14, 1786 (111, 74) William Lewis, of Pownalborough and Jonathan How, of a place called Pocasset, sureties. Inventory by Josiah French, Stephen Pullen and Benjamin Fairbanks, all of Winthrop, March 27, 1784, £323.17.6 (iv. 13.)

6189. iv. SUSAN, b. April 15, 1751; m. Micajah Dudley. Susan Foster, fifth child and oldest daughter of Captain Timothy, was born in Attleboro. She married Micajah Dudley, then a resident of the north part of the town now included in Readfield. He was born Bentwood, N. H., Sept. 27, 1751, son of Samuel. I find no record of him in town later than 1778, and it is probable he then left town or soon after. Have no record or date of death, but he must have been living in April, 1785, as his name appears in the list of heirs of the estate of his wife's father. Prior and during the Revolution, there was a large family of Dudleys in the north part of the town of Winthrop, the descendants of some of them are now living in Winthrop and claim to have descended from Governor Dudley, one of the early colonial governors of Maine. Three of this family served in the Revolution. Ch.: 1. John, b. Nov. 5, 1775. 2. Samuel, b. Feb. 22, 1777. 3. Susanna, b. Dec. 18, 1779; m. Ephraim Jones. They were the parents of Sybil Jones who married Eli Jones, of China, Me. Both were very celebrated as preachers and missionaries of the Society of Friends. In 1854, Eli Jones was in the Legislature working for the cause of temperance. In 1865, Sybil Jones, in obedience to a direct call, went to Washington to work among the soldiers in
the hospitals. In 1867, they were both liberated by the China monthly meeting and Vassalboro quarterly meeting to work in England, France and the Holy Land, founding a mission at Ramallah near Jerusalem. She d. in 1879. He d. in China, Me., Feb. 4, 1890. 4. Durham Mary, b. Sept. 30, 1780. 5. Sybil, b. March 16, 1782. 6. Thankful, b. March 31, 1784. 7. Micajah, b. Oct. 26, 1786. 8. Lydia, b. Oct. 22, 1788. 9. William, b. July 5, 1790. 10. Austrus, b. April 30, 1792. 11. David, b. April 15, 1795; was a preacher among Friends awhile at Baileyville (East Winthrop) and died in Kansas. William m., 1819, Sarah Davis, of Lewiston, Me., b. 1797; d. 1830. He d. 1860 in China, Me., where his son Edward C. Dudley now lives. P. O. Palmero, Me. The oldest son of William is Hon. David Dudley, Newstock County.

6190. v. DAVID, b. May 26, 1753; m. Melicent Howe.
6191. vi. THOMAS, b. May 23, 1755. He was in the Revolutionary war and is thought to have died in service. Thomas Foster was another of that nineteen who marched to Cambridge. It is not now known what, if any, army service he performed, but it is known that he later enlisted on a privateer and was lost at sea.

6192. vii. STEPHEN, b. April 8, 1757; m. Jerusha Wadsworth.
6193. viii. JOHN, b. April 20, 1759. Was in the Revolutionary war and died about 1780. John Foster was yet another of the nineteen who marched to Cambridge, and later enlisted on a privateer which was lost at sea with no tidings of vessel or crew. No record of a marriage.

6194. ix. OLIVER, b. March 5, 1761; d. young.
6195. x. SIBLER, b. April 27, 1763; m. Ephraim Stephens. He was a son of Joseph Senior and was born June 29, 1758. Res., Winthrop, Me. Ch.: 1. Hannah, b. Jan. 6, 1783; m. Moses Wadsworth 1x. Daniel, b. 1799. 2x. Ephraim, b. 1801; m. Sarah Bailey. 3x. Thomas, b. 1803. 4x. Peleg, b. 1805; m. Emily Stone. 5x. Anna Foster, b. 1807; m. Nathaniel Weber, Detroit, Mich. 6x. Eunice, b. 1808; m. William Farr. 7x. Miriam, b. 1811; m. Andrew Pinkham. 8x. Moses Stevens, b. 1810; m. Margaret Knox. 9x. Joshua, b. 1817; m. —-, Monmouth, Illinois. 10x. Sybil, b. 1819; d. 1843. 11x. Nathan, b. 1823; d. 1824. 12x. John, b. 1824; d. 1826. Moses Steven Wadsworth m. and lived in Gardiner, Maine; d. 1873; was first in the Mexican war; was three years in the civil war in Ninth Maine Infantry, then in Veteran Corps; d. 1875. Four children, all live in Gardiner: (a) Charles Osgood Wadsworth has been city clerk for twenty-one years and city librarian for twenty years. (b) Fred A. (c) Margaret Elizabeth (Mrs. E. C. H. Smith). (d) Helen Elhna. 2. Thomas, b. May 29, 1784; m. Anna Foster, his cousin. 3. Aaron, b. Feb. 26, 1786; m. Ruth Delano. 4. Ephraim, b. March 17, 1788. 5. Eliphalet, b. April 11, 1790. 6. Sybil, b. March 15, 1792. 7. Joshua, b. March 21, 1794. 8. Anna, b. Jan. 20, 1796. Mr. Stevens was one of the nineteen men who shouldered his musket and went at the Lexington alarm and served all through the war; was at the battle of Long Island (old Fort Green). Sibler Foster, later called Sybil, eldest child of Captain Timothy, married Ephraim Stevens, son of Joseph who came to Winthrop with his large family in 1769. Stevens settled in Winthrop and remained there until about 1824 when, with most of his family, he emigrated to Ohio, where he died in 1837. His son, Thomas, married Anna, dau. of David Foster and at about the same time his father went west, he removed to Phillips and there remained until her death. Some of her descendants are now living in Winthrop.

6196. xi. STEPHEN, b. Feb. 28, 1766; m. Sally Streeter and Mrs. Diadema Johnson.
6197. xii. WILLIAM, b. William Foster, late of Winthrop; Timothy Foster, of Winthrop, administrator, Aug. 4. 1785 (111, 15); Joseph Rice, of Winthrop, and Daniel Allen, of Wales, sureties. Inventory by
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Josiah French, Stephen Pullen and Nathaniel Fairbanks, all of Winthrop, Aug. 11, 1785, 2:654.15.9.1. (111, 64). (Probate.)


6198. i. ELIZABETH, b. May 3, 1765; m. Samuel Bradlee, of Boston. She d. Sept. 15, 1848. Their children were: 1. Agnes Bradlee, b. Dec. 21, 1787; d. Aug. 26, 1789. 2. Elisa Bradlee, b. March 10, 1789; d. Dec. 6, 1801.


6200. iii. THOMAS, b. April 28, 1770; m. Persis S. Davison and Betsey Davison.

6201. iv. NATHAN, b. July 21, 1772; m. Hannah Trow.

6202. v. JOHN, b. July 28, 1775; m. Martha Trow.

6203. vi. JOSEPH, b. Feb. 19, 1777; m. Sarah Hilton.

6204. ii. HANNAH W., b. March 11, 1780; d. Sept. 20, 1851.

6205. viii. HANNAH, b. March 3, 1782; d. Aug. 27, 1873.

6206. ix. JAMES, b. Sept. 23, 1784; m. Sarah Proctor.

6076. CARD FOSTER (John, Joseph, John), b. April 17, 1725; m. Sarah Mumford, dau. of John and Judith (Dow) Mumford, of Exeter, R. I., Aug. 4, 1750. They were married by Friends' ceremony. The Mumfords were Friends, and we suppose that Card Foster became a member of that society near this time. Many of his descendants are still Friends. Card Foster died in 1768. His wife died before her husband. Ch. all born in Richmond, R. I.

6203x. i. MARTHA, b. Aug. 7, 1754. She d. unm., May 17, 1780.

6204x. ii. JUDITH, b. June 11, 1752; d. 1776.

6205. iii. JOHN, b. Aug. 13, 1755; m. Ruth Hoxsie, April 4, 1776.


6206x. i. MARY, b. ——; m. Nathaniel Palmer, Oct. 31, 1782.

6207. ii. CHRISTOPHER, b. April 18, 1765; d. unm., April 27, 1846.


6208. i. ROBERT, b. March 11, 1741; m. Mary Proctor, Sarah Page and Lucy Gavett.

6209. ii. JOHN, b. 1743; d. at sea, unm.

6210. iii. DEBORAH, b. 1745; m., Jan. 1, 1765, George Tucker.

6211. iv. ABIGAIL, b. 1747; m., Dec. 7, 1767, Capt. William Osborn, shipmaster. One of their children was Abigail, b. 1770; m., August, 1798, James Buffington, who d. in New York ae. sixty-seven. Res., Salem, Mass. They had among other children, Abigail, b. Nov. 26, 1806; m., June 8, 1830, William Frye Nichols, b. April 4, 1801; d. Oct. 29, 1880. She d. Oct. 6, 1833. William Frye Nichols was born in Salem, Mass., April 4, 1801. He was one of fourteen (the eldest) children born in a large house on Boston street, situated at the foot of Gallow's Hill, on which the Salem witches were hung. His wife's (Abigail Buffington) ancestor, John Proctor, was the first witch hung. His mother was a direct descendant of Cassandra and Lawrence Southwick, who were dragged at the tail of a cart through Boston on account of their religion. One of the first Buffingtons (Thomas Buffington) married Sarah Southwick. William Frye an uncle of her father's and for whom he was named, had nineteen children. Her mother being a Christian when her father married her, and he being a Quaker, father was read out of the society, as it was called. He was a man of remarkable memory, often being able to recite the sermon after his return from church; and he was always
quoting poetry. Always pleasant and cheerful, he was respected and loved by every one who knew him. He died after an hour's illness of heart failure. Ch.: 1. Sarah, d. when seven years old. 2. William Ichabod d. when four years old. 3. James B. Nichols; res., 4 Brown street, Salem, Mass. 4. Mrs. S. A. Kingman; res., 24 Church street, Salem, Mass. 5. Mrs. W. C. Hodges; res., 39 West Twenty-fifth street, New York, N. Y.

Adjutant-General Dalton.—A man more thoroughly adapted by nature and experience for the position he occupies than Adjutant-General Dalton can hardly be found. He is a veteran soldier, and was identified with the troops of the State before, during, and since the war of the Rebellion, as well as during the present war—which is so generally looked upon as destined to soon be known as the “late.” Samuel Dalton was born in Salem, Mass., June 25, 1840. His parents were Joseph H. and Mary F. Dalton. Patriotic spirit is rife in his family; his father, now living at the age of eighty-two, served during the civil war as lieutenant-colonel of the Fortieth Massachusetts Infantry Volunteers, and his brother, J. Frank Dalton, not only served in the navy, but was subsequently commissioner of the Second Corps of Cadets of Salem. General Dalton's early education was obtained in the private and public schools of Salem, and he graduated from the high school in 1856. After this, he entered the business establishment of his father and learned something of the leather trade. Subsequently he was a clerk in the house of Gove Brothers, Boston, and still later he was salesman for E. B. Hull & Company. At an early age he became interested in military affairs, and in 1858, only two years after leaving the high school, enlisted in the Salem Cadets. When the war broke out he was a member of the organization. In 1861, he was found enlisting in the Fourteenth Massachusetts Volunteers, afterward the First Massachusetts Heavy Artillery. Soon after enlisting, he was appointed sergeant; on Feb. 15, 1862, he was made second lieutenant; on Jan. 7, of the same year, was promoted to the first lieutenancy, in which grade he was mustered out, after serving the full term of three years. Returning to Boston he entered the business world as one of the firm of Nichols & Dalton. His interest in military matters was by no means dead, however. In 1866, he re-enlisted in the Salem Cadets as captain of his old company. In May, 1874, he was made major of the corps, and in March, 1877, lieutenant-colonel. His ability was known throughout the State, and his appointment in 1881 as inspector of ordnance showed that Governor Long recognized his ability. In January, 1883, he was appointed to his present position by Governor Butler, and Governor Robinson advanced him to the rank of major-general. In addition to performing the duties of adjutant-general, he has been furthermore inspector-general, quartermaster-general and paymaster-general. Under his direction the State militia steadily increased in numbers and efficiency, the result of his work to these ends having been fully proven in the present crisis. In 1863 he was married to Hannah Frost, daughter of William Frye, and Abigail Buffington Nichols. At that time the First Heavy Artillery were stationed in the forts around Washington on the Virginia side of the Potomac. His wife returned with him to the seat of war, and remained until they were ordered to the front in May, 1864. His family consists of one daughter and a son. General Dalton's grandmother was named "Driver," a sister of the Mr. Driver who christened our flag "Old Glory."
6212.  v. DESIRE, b. 1749; m., December, 1773, Samuel Tucker, son of Andrew.


6214.  vii. DAVID, b. 1752; d. unm., Oct. 18, 1790.

6215.  viii. HANNAH, b. 1754; d. unm., 1790.

6216.  ix. SARAH, b. 1756; m. Edward Tucker, brother of Samuel.

6217.  x. DANIEL, b. 1757; m. Hannah Tucker.

6218.  xi. EBENEZER, b. 1759; d. Nov. 2, 1773.

6219.  xii. JONATHAN, b. 1763; m. Res., Boston; was a blacksmith.

6220.  xiii. AMOS, b. 1765; m. Sarah Archer.


6087.  JOSEPH FOSTER (Benjamin, Ebenezer, John), b. Lunenburg, Mass., March 24, 1732; m., July 20, 1759, Sarah Jones, dau. of William and Sarah (Locke), b. March 25, 1735. She d. July 22, 1787; m., 2d, Mrs. Rebecca (Walker) Phelps. She d. in Marlboro. He d. Marlboro, Dec. 11, 1804. As Mr. Foster was in the Revolutionary war nearly seven years and his son James for a shorter period, and both counted as from Fitzwilliam, it is presumed that the family went to Fitzwilliam before 1776. In 1788-9 he was taxed on land 16, residence 9; removed to Marlboro abt. 1793. Removed to Sullivan, N. H., at which place they both died. From the records of Lunenburg, I find that he was the son of Benjamin and Mehitable Foster and was b. March 24, 1732-3. Res., Lunenburg, Mass., Marlboro and Fitzwilliam, N. H.


6222.  ii. Enoch, b. Aug. 21, 1762; m. Rebecca French.

6223.  iii. JAMES, b. April 21, 1764; m. Hannah Stetson.

6224.  iv. BENJAMIN, b. in 1766; m. Sarah Nichols.

6225.  v. STEPHEN, b. Dec. 11, 1768; m. Lydia Nichols and Lois Stratton.

6226.  vi. SARAH, b. Oct. 19, 1770; m. — Weatherbee and had Abel, Stephen, Amos and Sally.

6227.  vii. MARY, b. —; m. Enos Jones.

6096.  LIEUT. EBENEZER FOSTER (Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John), b. Salem, Mass., 1733; pub. in Rutland, Oct. 21, 1757; m., Dec. 1, 1757, Hannah Parlin, of Concord. b. Jan. 21, 1740; d. Feb. 28, 1808. Ebenezer Foster, born probably in the Middle Precinct of Salem, now South Danvers, removed with his father's family, in 1744, to Rutland. In the French and Indian war of 1754-63, Massachusetts sent a number of military expeditions, one of them in the spring of 1755, against Crown Point. In this expedition Ebenezer Foster served as a soldier under Col. John Murray. He married Hannah, daughter of Joseph and Abigail (Stratton) Parlin of Concord. March 25, 1756, he purchased of Sheers Beery of Rutland, a tract of one hundred acres of land lying in Rutland West Wing, now Oakham, being part of lot No. 8. The West Wing had been laid out previous to its settlement, by the proprietors of Rutland, into lots of two hundred and fifty acres each. When the town of Oakham was incorporated June 11, 1762, Ebenezer Foster was living there and was a prominent man in the local history of the town, having held most of the offices within its gift. He was one of the minute-men who sprang to arms at the Lexington alarm, in April, 1775, and marched with the company of his fellow cit-
zens toward the scene of the encounter, but arrived too late to be of service in the fight. It is recorded on the Oakham records that he received £22 pay in English money for three months' service in the army in guarding British prisoners in Rutland, in 1779. He was an officer in the militia, and his title of lieutenant is engraved on his tombstone. His will was dated March 9, 1808, and proved April 9, 1811, does not mention his wife; mentions children Joseph, Alpheus, Zadock, Ebenezer, William, Benjamin and Spencer, and daughters Lydia Lincoln, wife of Stephen, and Polly Foster. He died in the seventy-ninth year of his age. His wife died 1808, and their gravestones stand in the old church-yard in Oakham.

The old Foster home built at Oakham about 1760, is still standing at Oakham, a good, old-fashioned, New England structure—one large chimney in the center, eight large rooms, fire-places in every room; a very large old elm stands in front, convenient out-buildings around it; now owned and occupied by a descendant and always has been in the family. Mrs. Clark, wife of ex-Congressman Clark, of Elizabeth, Ind., sent us a nice picture of the old house. We had it put into a nice frame. Her grandmother was a Foster named Hannah, dau. of Ebenezer, Jr.

Lientenant Ebenezer and his son Ebenezer were both residents of Rutland, Mass., about 1750-60; were both signers of petition to have Oakham set off from Rutland about 1754. Many of their descendants reside in and about there for the next hundred years, in fact, some are there now. He d. March 19, 1811, Res., Rutland Oakham, Mass.

6228. i. HANNAH, b. Aug. 28, 1758; d. March 9, 1760.

6230. iii. JOSEPH, b. March 25, 1762; m. Rebecca Gage.
6231. iv. ALPHEUS, b. May 23, 1764; m. Bathsheba Reed.
6232. v. ZADOCK, b. Feb. 1, 1767; m. Sally Porter.
6233. vi. EBENEZER, b. Aug. 12, 1769; m. Miriam Ruggles.
6234. vii. HANNAH, b. May 18, 1772; d. infancy.
6235. viii. WILLIAM, b. May 8, 1774; m. Betsey Nichols.
6236. ix. BENJAMIN, b. Aug. 14, 1776; m. Mrs. Deborah Fits and Mrs. Lydia Long.
6237. x. SPENCER, b. May 25, 1781; m. Sally Upton.
6238. xi. MOLLY, b. Jan. 4, 1779; d. March 21, 1839 in Oakham.
6239. xii. ISABELLA, b. 1784; d. young.
SKELTON FOSTER (Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John), b. Salem, Mass., m. pub., October 1766, Hannah Hinds, of Rutland; m., 2d, Marjorie Boyden. The Rutland, Mass., town records say Skelton Foster, a married man, was baptized April 26, 1767. In 1786 Rutland was divided into school districts and the farm of Skelton Foster was placed in district number seven with thirty-six other families. In 1810, with his family, he was taxed in school district No. 1, in West Dummerston. He was taxed in Dummerston in 1801. Res., Oakham and Rutland, Mass., and West Dummerston, Vt.

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SUSAN, d. 1803; b. 1758, was taxed in Northfield, Mass., and Rutland, and in Rutland district, and in Rutland, and in Foster district. She married John H., and they had one child, Polly, b. 1771.

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6267. viii. HARRIET, b. —; m. Lorraine Shumway, of Belchertown.


6105. ABRAHAM FOSTER (Abraham, Samuel, Samuel, John), b. Reading, 1735; m., 1758, Rebecca Goodwin. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Abraham, of Reading, letter date April 3, 1792; ex., Dec. 7, 1793; wife, Rebecca; ch.: Abraham, Lucy Bancroft, Rebecca Sweetser. He d. in 1792. Res., Reading, Mass.

6265-2. i. ABRAHAM, b. abt. 1760; m. Sarah. —.
6266-2. ii. LUCY, b. —; m. Bancroft.
6267-2. iii. REBECCA, b. —; m. Sweetser. —

6109. REV. EDMUND FOSTER (Abraham, Samuel, Samuel, John), b. Reading, Mass., April 18, 1752; m., in Lincoln, Oct. 30, 1783. Phebe Lawrence, b. 1762. She d. in 1813. He was born in Reading, fitted for college, and was graduated at Yale in the class of 1778 and later was graduated at Harvard College in 1784. He was ordained to the ministry in 1781 and was pastor of the church at Littleton, Mass., for forty-five years. During this time he was, in 1813 and 1814, a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives; in 1815, a member of the State Senate and of the Constitutional Convention in 1820. He had two brothers, an uncle and a cousin in the Revolutionary war. He himself participated in the fight at Concord, and he has been referred to as the "Fighting Parson." An account of him is found in Ezra Ripley's "A History of the Fight at Concord on the 19th of April, 1775." —second edition. Mention is made of Mr. Foster's participation in this fight in Bancroft's History of the United States, Hudson's History of Lexington, and Eaton's History of Reading, Mass. Edmund, Littleton, will date Dec. 11, 1824; prob. June 6, 1829; wife, Joanna; ch.: Edmund, Sophia Dustin, Love Whitcomb, John, Abel, Sarah, Sukey. [Middlesex Prob.] He d. in 1826. Res., Littleton, Mass.

6268. i. EDMUND, b. Sept. 9, 1784; m. Sarah Brown.
6269. ii. SOPHIA, b. —; m. — Dustin.
6270. iii. WILLIAM LAWRENCE, b. —. He was first lieutenant in the war of 1812.
6271. iv. CHARLES, b. —. He was a second lieutenant in the war of 1812.
6272. v. SUSAN, b. —. Sophia Dustin Hill (nee Newell). Her daughter resides Haverhill, Mass. Mrs. Sophia Hill is mentioned in the history of Universalist women, entitled, if I am not mistaken, "Women Workin'," as having given material aid to the soldiers in the time of the civil war.
6274. vi. HARRISON, b. —.
6276. viii. JOHN, b. June, 1796; m. Sophia Willard.
6277. ix. SARAH, b. —; m. White. Two daughters, Sarah and Phebe reside Littleton.
6278. x. ABEL LAWRENCE, b. Sept. 17, 1802; m. Abigail M. Hopkins.

6111. SAMUEL FOSTER (Samuel, Samuel, Samuel, John), b. Ashford, Conn., March 1, 1725; m. there, June 24, 1747, Judith Knowlton. Res., Ashford, Conn.

6279. i. ABRAHAM. b. May 2, 1748; m. Methiah Oulds.
6280. ii. RUTH, b. March 1, 1750.
6281. iii. HANNAH, b. Nov. 8, 1751.
6282. iv. JUDAH, b. Nov. 14, 1753.

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6121. SAMUEL FOSTER (Ebenezer, Samuel, Samuel, John), b. Wilmington, Mass., July 14, 1740; m. Judith ——, b. 1746; d. Oct. 6, 1802. Samuel of Wilmington; letter date Sept. 21, 1808; ex., Nov. 8, 1808; no widow; ch.: Edmund, Judith Richardson, Sally, Lydia, Nancy. Nehemiah, given as heirs. [Middlesex Prob.]
6238. i. SAMUEL, b. Feb. 29, 1768; m. Anne Breed and Susannah Hyde.
6240. ii. JUDITH, b. Aug. 4, 1769; m., Nov. 26, 1789, Loammie Richardson, of Woburn.
6285. iii. EBENEZER, b. April 27, 1771; d. Nov. 13, 1798.
6286. iv. JESSE, b. April 2, 1773; m. Zerviah Emerson.
6287. v. ELIZABETH, b. May 30, 1776; d. prob. before 1808.
6288. vi. SALLY, b. July 17, 1778.
6289. vii. LOAMMIE, b. April 30, 1780; d. prob. before 1808.
6290. viii. LYDIA, b. Sept. 2, 1781.
6291. ix. EDMUND, b. April 10, 1783; m. Patience ——.
6292. x. NEHEMIAH, b. Jan. 15, 1785.
6293. xi. NANCY, b. Nov. 2, 1787.

6294. i. SARAH, b. 1762.
6295. ii. DANIEL, b. April 8, 1767; m. Polly Chandler.
6296. iii. AARON, b. May 29, 1769; m. Mehitable Nichols and Theodore Page.
6297. iv. DAVIS, b. 1771; m. Anny Holt and Mrs. Nancy Russell.
6298. v. JONATHAN, b. 1774.
6299. vi. JOHN, b. 1773. 6301. vii. ALICE, b. 1781.
6300. vii. DOLLY, b. 1776. 6302. ix. ANNA, b. 1784.

6128. SAMUEL FOSTER (Jonathan, Samuel, Samuel, John), b. Reading, Mass., 1743; m., 1767, Judith Foster (his cousin), b. 1746, dau. of Benjamin; m., 2d, Elizabeth Boyd. He located in the west part of Gardner. Res., Reading and Gardner, Mass.
6303. i. JESSE, b. Sept. 16, 1781.
6304. ii. ASENETH, b. Jan. 15, 1783.
6305. iii. SAMUEL, b. ——; m. Mary Payson and Mary Pearsons.
6306. iv. JONAH, b. Sept. 17, 1786. 6309. vii. PETER, b. ——.
6307. v. RUFUS, b. Oct. 6, 1789. 6310. viii. ELIZABETH, b. ——.
6308. vi. DOLLY, b. ——; m. ——. French.

6129. DAVID FOSTER (Jonathan, Samuel, Samuel, John), b. Reading, Mass., 1745; m. Betsey Minot, of Westford. He moved from Reading to Gardner and was an early settler there. He located on the north side of Crystal Lake, on what is now known as the Stevens place. He was in the Revolutionary war for nine months, and was one of the last men who fled from the enemy at the battle of Bunker Hill and assisted in carrying Gen. Joseph Warren from the battlefield on that day. He d. 1815. Res., Gardner, Mass.
6311. i. BETSEY, b. March 2, 1781; d. December, 1783.
6312. ii. SUSANNA, b. Jan. 11, 1783; m. Ebenezer Jackson, of G.
6313. iii. DAVID, b. Feb. 17, 1787; d. April 2, 1787.
6314. iv. DAVID, b. Feb. 20, 1789.

6316. i. REBECCA, b. ——; m. Sweetzer, of Reading.
6317. ii. BRIDGET, b. ——; m. Smyrna Glazier. He was son of John, b. May 5, 1767, in Shrewsbury, Mass. He d. in 1867, ae. ninety-four. He was one of the most prominent men in Gardner for fifty

6318. iii. THERE WERE four other ch.

6319. i. AARON, b. Oct. 19, 1775; m. Hannah Brown.
6319½. ii. BETSEY, b. March 17, 1776; d. April 6, 1777.
6319½. iii. POLLY, b. June 17, 1769; m. —— Sheldon, of Danvers, and d. Dec. 5, 1827, 5 ch.

6320½. v. NATHAN, b. June 4, 1781; d. unm., September, 1852.


6325. i. ANNA, b. Dec. 11, 1773; m., Nov. 19, 1793, Samuel Sprague Upham, b. Sept. 12, 1777, son of Amos and Ann Knight. She d. Dec. 6, 1856. He d. Dec. 30, 1859.

6326. iv. WILLIAM, b. June 21, 1783.
6326. v. NATHANIEL SPARROWHAWK, b. Nov. 10, 1786.
6326. viii. RUTH, b. May 6, 1792. 6328. ix. DESIRE, b. Nov. 23, 1796.

6335. SAMUEL FOSTER (Benjamin, Samuel, Samuel, John), b. Reading, Mass., ——; m. Mary Eames. He resided on Grove St., near the Wilmington line, in the house built by his father about 1760. At his death it was sold to Henry Eames.

Samuel Foster's Will.—In the Name of God Amen, this fifth Day of June in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred and ninty Eight. I Samuel Foster of Reading in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Freemen, being in a Poor State of health but of Sound mind and memory Caking to mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed to all men once to Die, 47
do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament, first of all I give and Recommend my Soul to God who gave it and my Body to the Earth to be buried in a Christian decent manner at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named my Estate be Paid by my Executrix hereafter named.

Item I give to my Well Beloved Wife Mary the use and improvement of all My Estate both Real and Personal until my oldest son Samuel shall arrive to age of Twenty one years and if my said son Samuel should not live to that age then my will is that my said wife have the Improvement of my said Estate until my son Caleb arrive to the age of Twenty one years, this I give to my said Wife to enable her to take care of and Provide for my Children during that time, and in Case what shall be due to me shall not be sufficient to discharge what I have ordered my Executrix to Pay then I hereby authorize her to make sale of so much of my Real or Personal Estate which she shall think best as will be nesessary for that Purpose, and further my will is that when my son Samuel arrive to Twenty one years of age or in case of his Death when my son Caleb arrive to Twenty one years of age then my wife have one third of all my Estate both Real and Personal also I give to my said wife one half of my Household furniture.

Item I give to my son Samuel one third of my Estate both Real and Personal that is not disposed of in this my last Will and Testament. I also give to my said son Samuel my best sute of Clothes and my fire arms, the above I give to him and to his Heirs and Assigns if he should live to Twenty one years of Age—my meaning is that my said son Samuel should have one third of the two thirds of my Estate and at the Decease of my wife one third of her third.

Item I give to son Caleb my watch ——

Item My Will is and hereby order that the remaining Part of my Estate not Disposed of in this my will be equally divided between my five youngest Children viz: Caleb, Pattey? Oliver Elbridge and Emery and further my will is that if my son Samuel should not live to Twenty one years of age and my son Caleb should live to that age that then my said son Caleb should have what I have given to my son Samuel Except my best Sute of Clothes and fire arms and the remainder be divided between my four youngest Children above named.

Finally I hereby nominate and appoint my well beloved wife Mary Foster to be the Executrix of this my last will and Testament Revoking all other or former will by me made. Ratifying this to be my last Will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal the Day and year above written.

Samuel X Foster

Signed sealed Published and Declared by the said Samuel Foster to be his last will and testament in witness of us James Bancroft, Rebecca Foster, Loueria?]

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Probated September 18 1798

Children of Samuel, Reading: Olive, Elbridge, Emery; guardian, paper date, Nov. 9, 1805; Caleb, guardian. date Dec. 6, 1802; Mary, guardian, date Nov. 6, 1805.


6329. i. SAMUEL, b. ——

6330. ii. CALEB, b. 1788; m. M. Nancy Eaton.

6331. iii. PATTY, b. ——.

6332. iv. OLIVE, b. ——.

6333. v. ELBRIDGE, b. ——; m. Deborah Cotton.

6334. vi. EMERY, b. ——.


6335. i. TIMOTHY, b. 1782; m. Eunice Jenkins.

6336. ii. BENJAMIN, b. 1780; m. Hepsiabah Beard.

6337. iii. LYDIA, b. ——; m., Feb. 1, 1797, Jonathan Kendall, of Wilmington.


6339. i. ELIZABETH, b. Feb. 5, 1766; bapt. March 9, 1766.
CORP. JEREMIAH FOSTER (Joseph, Joseph, Samuel, John), b. Beverly, Mass., April 21, 1750; m., Aug. 30, 1770, Anna Lovett, dau. of Josiah and Anna (Woodbury), b. Oct. 6, 1752. 'Jeremiah Foster appears with rank of Corporal on muster roll of Capt. Joseph Rea's Company. Enlisted July 25, 1776; served three months and three days; roll dated at Beverly; ordered to serve at the lines at Beverly, July 20, 1776.'—Sea-Coast Defence Muster Rolls, vol., xxxvi, p. 212, State Archives.

The battle of Trenton, in 1776, during the Revolutionary war, was unquestionably the turning point in favor of Washington and his army. Captain Foster was at that time a sergeant of the Beverly Company, and assisted in rowing Washington's boat across the ice-clad Delaware. He manned the muffled oars and breasted the icy currents that were between defeat and victory. In a recent paper before the Beverly Historical Society, Hon. Robert S. Rantoul, of Salem, said:

"It seems that from December, 1775, until July, 1776, there was at Paul's Head, in Beverly (since called Hospital Point and Mackerel Cove), a camp of instruction for mustering and training of a sort of sailor-soldiers. In the beginning it was the Twenty-first Provincial Regiment of Militia, and had existed for a considerable time before being ordered into camp at Beverly, and after New Year's, 1776, it was the Fourteenth Continental Regiment of the line; but always it was Glover's Regiment until its organizer and commander, Col. John Glover, of Marblehead, won his brigadier's commission a year later. And from this circumstance and the fact that it was so largely recruited from our sister sea-port of Marblehead, and the fact that Marblehead was then the next town in importance to Boston, it has often been called, not with entire justice to the town of Beverly, the Marblehead Regiment. It had Capt. Moses Brown's Beverly Company in it; officered from Beverly, and made up wholly of Beverly men, with half a dozen exceptions. And in this brigade, which Glover commanded at the critical moment at White Plains, in October, 1776, was also another company of sixty men, commanded by Capt. Jeremiah Putnam, in which served the father of Lydia Lovett, Capt. Isaac Rea, of Beverly. What sort of soldiers these hardy sons of Neptune were likely to make, would be easy for an Essex County man to conjecture. Men, who had, from birth, been almost cradled in the deep, who had been trained to stand by their messmates through every peril and stress of weather, and to obey orders, and never give up the ship, and who had passed there, one might say, in the grim view of sudden death, would find themselves undisturbed in the face of danger, be it on land or water. What other section can show three important sea-ports, the cradle of the foreign commerce of the country, clustered together so closely as Beverly, Salem and Marblehead? No other section could show better fighting blood, and their blood was up; not only roused..."
by the raid at the North Bridge, in Salem, and the other retreat, through Marblehead, and the raid at Lexington and Concord, and the attack on Bunker Hill, and the wanton burning of Charlestown, but also, and earlier than these, by the flaunting in their faces of the meteor-flag of England, from the masthead of the warships of the country that claimed their loyalty and allegiance, sent here to blockade these ports and prey upon the war-time enterprise, and crush out their right as Englishmen.

So Glover's Regiment had been recruited for the neighboring seaboard, and it had in it material as rare and as exceptionally valuable as any corps on the continent. Glover was Salem born, of an ancient Salem family, dating back to 1660. The regiment had been made up as soon as affairs began to look threatening, and Glover seemed to have been the first man thought of to command it. It had a uniform more picturesque than others. It was unique and half marine. The men were provided with a roundabout blue jacket and trousers of the same, all decked out with leather buttons in profusion. The colonel wore it in a more elaborate mode, and when the command first reached camp, at Cambridge, and encountered a Virginia rifle corps bedecked in the southern half Indian trapping of the backwoodsmen and huntsmen of Braddock's day, there was instantly no little banter between the fishermen and the riflemen, and all Washington's personal powers and address was called into play to end it without bloodshed.

'The regiment had marched off to Cambridge, ten companies strong. June 22, 1775, just after Bunker Hill, and we have at the Institute the drumsticks used on that occasion. This was before Washington arrived, so they reported to General Ward. A month earlier Dr. Story's journal says: 'Drums and fies go about the town, fishermen entering the Continental army.' But that was not the first outburst of Marblehead patriotism. 'February 26th,' says the same journal, in detailing Leslie's Retreat, 'as they returned through the town, they passed the Marblehead Regiment, all hands to quarters.' And again, May 30th, 'Alarm Glover, with the regiment, turn out, himself with a short jacket on—alarm false.' General Washington's first order, on assuming command of the army, at Cambridge, dated on July 3d, the very day of his arrival, was addressed to Colonel Glover's Regiment, and from that day on, from first to last, they had his confidence. So early had it found its place in the lines closing about Boston. They seem to have mustered at this time an effective total of four hundred and five officers and men, about three hundred of them well armed and equipped. But before the end of the year 1775, the regiment was ordered to Beverly, seemingly for two reasons—one was that Beverly Harbor was one of the threatened points and needed defense,—the other was that the army was in desperate straits for ammunition, which could only be supplied by capture; and Washington had reasoned upon improving a way and putting in operation all the resources of letters of marque and private armed cruisers. It was of course the Glover Regiment which was looked to for this service. Stationed at Beverly Cove, on the fine tract between Neptune St. and Ocean, with its main guard at Tucks Point, and a barrack about where the Queen Hotel Park is now projected—another outpost at the old fort, on Woodbury's point, and a third at a ship moored at Bartlett's wharf. They were to challenge and bring to every boat or vessel going or coming to or from the British man-of-war lying at anchor in the harbor before the town—to fire if need be and bring every suspicious craft ashore and send on an express to the commanding officer of the regiment. Such were the regimental orders for Jan. 15, 1776, and Captain Brown's order-book has another entry for March 2d, which shows that they wanted no play-soldiers in this serious business. It reads that strolling or loitering on the part of the guard will not be excused, as it may be attended with fatal consequences, while the enemy is so near. Naval operations were pushed forward with vigor. Broughton received at Beverly, on September 2d, before Congress had acted, the first commission issued by Washington, for the command of an armed vessel, and fitted out, soon put to sea in the schooner Hannah, of Beverly. The next commission was issued to the famous Manly. September 3d, and favorable legislation by Congress followed in October.

'The Franklin, the Lynch and the Hancock followed, and the Beverly camp was the scene of wild excitement, until the regiment marched off to New York, July 20, 1776. These armed vessels were commanded by officers of the Glover Regiment. They were manned by men out of these officers' companies, and Colonel Glover was all the while winning by his unique and inestimable service, such a degree of confidence from the commander-in-chief as secured him the selection, at the end of the next year, to guard and deliver, at Cambridge, the British general and staff, six members of Parliament and six thousand, five hundred prisoners, surrendered by Burgoyne, at Saratoga, and later a position on the court martial, which
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tried and condemned Andre, and singled him out for officer of the day, when the British spy paid the penalty of his imprudence. Captain Brown's Company left Beverly, August 28th, with the regiment, and by slow stages, which are detailed in the orderly book, 'now deposited with the Beverly Historical Society,' reached New York in good order. A fortnight later Washington found himself under the perilous necessity of evacuating New York. It was a critical moment. Things were going against us, and the situation was so critical that a little more disaster would probably have closed the struggle. Washington knew what stuff the Glover Regiment was made of, and he staked the whole success of the desperate movement on its loyalty, intrepidity and seamanship. Every man capable of service in the regiment was detailed to maneuver the flat-boats, sail-boats, row-boats and transports, of which Hudson river had been quietly equipped. Historians vie with each other in applauding the manner in which the delicate and trying movement was accomplished. The modest record of Captain Brown's orderly book is this: 'Aug. 29, '76. Retreated from Long Island. Fourteenth Regiment assisted all night.'

"In this operation the safety of the army was secured, and, moreover, such was its secrecy, dispatch and skill, that between seven o'clock at night of August 28th, and six in the morning of August 29th, not only the whole Continental army of nine thousand men was extricated from a hopeless position, but all the field artillery, baggage, commissary trains, supplies and ammunition, and last of all, five hundred sick and wounded men, were safely placed beyond reach of the enemy. This, under cover of a fog, but with the serious discouragement of shifting and unfavorable winds, so that the most effective seamanship was called into requisition. In less than an hour after the lines were finally abandoned, and Washington, who lingered until the last, and with him the covering party, had retired, the fog lifted, like the lifting of a curtain in the scenic drama, and disclosed to British eyes the extent of their discomfiture. The river passage is a mile wide. This providential escape from a greatly superior force gave the cause of Liberty another chance for life. Before winter the battle of White Plains had occurred. Then Howe had planned to risk the decisive battle of the war, and here the Glover Regiment won new laurels, and had the fortune to encounter Leslie, now a General whose early affair of the Salem bridge had brought him to the attention of our neighborhood. It was in this action at White Plains, at the end of October that the strong British and Hessian lines retired before earthworks which had been hastily thrown up from the growing corn that stood in the fields. The roots, with the earth clinging to them being toward the enemy, a breastwork which looked impregnable. Leslie led one of the attacks on these cornstalk defences, and it was here that the father of our honored guest of to-day saw his first service. I wish we had time to read a list of his company and some of his orderly books. Their gallantry and spirit called forth the praise of Washington in general orders. But if Washington had extricated himself with the ingenuity of despair from the fatal trap in which he found himself, at Brooklyn Heights, in August, he succeeded before the new year in inveighing his opponent in a snare from which there was no escape. The affair of Trenton was disgraceful to the vigilance of his opponent, and resulted in a disastrous surrender. It was in transporting the entire army of the country across the Delaware, and surprising Trenton on Christmas night, that the men of this section achieved their most picturesque, if not their most important, triumph. They had the honor later to take part first in the Saratoga and then in the Rhode Island campaigns.

"At the close of the campaign of 1776, the turning point in our destiny was at hand. Fortune had not favored our arms of late, and doubt of the nation's ability to sustain itself much longer in so unequaled a contest were creeping into minds, the most ardent in the patriotic emotions. The details of this master stroke of Washington are too familiar for recital. He stole a march upon Howe, encamped at Newton, and caught him napping. After Washington had matured his plan, his great doubt was as to being able to cross the Delaware in such weather. This doubt he dwelt upon at his last council of war on December 24th. But Glover, with his faith in his men, which had grown with every day's campaigning, replied, 'You need not be afraid about that, General, my boys will manage it.'

"Art has done its best to perpetuate this scene. History and poetry have striven one with the other to do justice to this inestimable service, but it is for us, their descendants, here in the homes of the participants, to read it in their own noblest records of that achievement, and to feel their own blood quicken in our veins as we recall their doings. Let me read again from Captain Brown's orderly book, 'De-
November 25th. Marched to Browne's ferry; crossed ferry about ten o'clock; took nine hundred and eighty-two prisoners,' and he gives a list of the twenty-two men of his company, who went with him, as though he felt that their place in history was secure. The invading force of British and Hessians had kept Christmas not wisely but too well. They had lost their artillery in the surprise and were sorrowed, and nothing remained to them but submission. The boat in which Washington crossed was commanded by Capt. William Blakler, of Marblehead. General Knox was chief of artillery at Trenton, and in describing these operations years after to the legislature of Massachusetts, he said: 'Sir: I wish the members of this body had stood on the banks of the Delaware river, in 1776, on that bitter night when the Commander-in-Chief had drawn up his little army to cross it, and had seen the powerful current bearing the floating masses of ice, which threatened destruction to whomsoever ventured upon its bosom, threatened to defeat the enterprise. I wish they could have heard that distinguished warrior demand, "who will lead us on?" and seen the men of Marblehead stand forward to lead the army along the perilous path to unfading glories and honors, in the achievements of Trenton. There, sir, went the fishermen of Marblehead, alike at home upon land or water, alike ardent, patriotic and unflinching whenever they unfurled the flag of the country. The attack was made simultaneously in two columns, about seven o'clock in the morning, in a violent storm, which had prevailed throughout the night. The cold was intense, several men of the regiment were frozen to death. The river was choked with floating ice. They had marched nine miles before crossing the river, through snow tinged with the blood of their swollen and ill-shod feet, and in many cases their guns and ammunition were ruined by the sleet, so that the use of the bayonet was their sole resource. The artillery crossed at 3 A.M., and the line of march was resumed at 4 A.M. Glover's brigade had the advance. The surprise was complete, and the whole Hessian wing of the British force surrendered and were marched in triumph through the streets of Philadelphia. Cornwallis postponed his proposed trip to England, and Washington was made for six months a military director and supreme arbitrator of the destinies of America.'

"If any action of the war was entitled to the claim that it turned the tide of fortune in our favor, it was this. What those townsmen of our neighborhood endured here and on other fields, in order that the rest of us might have a country, would require hours and not minutes to recall. Not least they are entitled to the poor reward that we keep their memory green."

At the close of Mr. Rantoul's remarks the hymn, "The Commonwealth of Massachusetts," written by John J. Loud, was sung.

A rare feature of the occasion was the presence of Mrs. Lydia Rea Lovett, a "real" daughter, eighty-nine years of age, whose father, Isaac Rea, and grandfather, Joseph Rea, served in the Revolution. The certificate of honorary membership from the general society, Daughters of the Revolution, was presented to Mrs. Lovett by Miss Sarah E. Hunt, of Salem, the State regent. Miss Annie Foster Lovett gave an interesting account of the life and service of Isaac Rea. A double quartette sang patriotic hymns, the large audience joining in the chorus of the "Hymn to the Commonwealth" and the "Star Spangled Banner."

The following named men were the ones who, under command of Capt. Moses Brown, went from Beverly with Col. John Glover's Regiment: Moses Brown, Captain; Samuel Foster, Sergeant; William Bowles, Sergeant; Samuel Cressy, Sergeant; Israel Green, Corporal. Privates: Nathan Ober, Mihail Woodberry, Luke Woodberry, Ahner Stone, John Derby, Herbert Standley, John Biles, Jacob Poland, Daniel Carleton, William Gage, Jona Gage, William Kimball, Joseph Hall, Elisha Webber, Jona Foster, Silas Palmer, Joseph Foster, Barth Smith.

Sergt. Samuel Foster was the son of Samuel and Mary (Thornrike) Foster. Jonathan Foster, Jr., was the son of Jona and Mary (Lovett) Foster. Joseph Foster, 2d, was probably the son of Benjamin and Abigail (Herrick) Foster.

Capt. Samuel Foster was commissioned a commander of the Privateer Fish Hawk, Nov. 30, 1779, on the petition of Josiah Batchelder and others of Beverly. A second commission was granted Captain Foster as commander of the same vessel May 2, 1781, a captain. Samuel Foster was also commissioned commander of the Penguin (privateer), May 7, 1782, on the petition of John Baker and others, of Salem."—Revolutionary Privateers.

6342. i. ANNA, b. May 8, 1777; m., April 6, 1803, Moses Hall, of Salem, N. H.

6343. ii. PATTY, b. May 4, 1779.

6344. iii. MARTHA, b. March 29, 1781.


6346. v. JAMES LOVETT, b. Feb. 13, 1796.

6347. vi. EZEKIEL, b. May 8, 1795; Jane —— and Prudence Kelley.


6348. i. JOSHUA, b. Sept. 20, 1783; m. Hebsibah Pride.

6349. ii. PATSY, b. Sept. 20, 1783; m. Sept. 11, 1803, Henry West. She d. June 27, 1843.

6351. iii. HEZEKIAH, b. Jan. 29, 1786; m. Betsey West.

6352. iv. ABIGAIL, b. 1787; d. Sept. 22, 1791.

6353. v. JUDITH, b. Oct. 16, 1793; m. Joseph L. Foster. She d. April 1, 1854.

6354. vi. JONATHAN, b. Nov. 26, 1791; d. February, 1817, at Point Petre on board schooner "Adventure."

6355. vii. ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 22, 1793; m., Dec. 31, 1818, Azor Dodge.

6357. viii. MARY b. Aug. 9, 1796; m., Jan. 11, 1821, John Prince (Polly Foster); d. June 15, 1852.

6358. ix. JOHN OBÉAR, b. Aug. 10, 1799; m. Hannah Foster and Mrs. Louisa (Woodbury) James.


6359. i. RACHEL, b. July 2, 1785; m., Dec. 26, 1809, Ebenezer Lovett.

6360. ii. ISRAEL, b. Feb. 10, 1787; m. Sally Lovett.

6361. iii. JOSEPH LOVETT, b. Aug. 1, 1788; m. Judith Foster.

6362. iv. ANNA, b. Feb. 11, 1790.

6363. v. RUTH, b. Oct. 12, 1791; m., Jan. 26, 1812, Oliver Peabody, of Salem.

6364. vi. JOSIAH, b. Oct. 25, 1793; m. Mary Foster.

6365. vii. SAMUEL, b. Sept. 13, 1795.

6366. viii. TWINS, b. 1797; d. Sept. 1, 1797.


6368. x. BENJAMIN L., b. Sept. 22, 1807; m. Sarah Patterson.


6369. i. ABIGAIL, b. Sept. 1, 1774; d. Sept. 19, 1775.


6370. v. NABBY, b. ——; d. March 12, 1812.
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6371. i. SILAS, b. Oct. 24, 1802. 6373. iii. ADAH, b. May 5, 1808.
6372. ii. JONAS, b. Feb. 29, 1804.

6374. i. MARY, b. Oct. 20, 1785.
6375. ii. SUSANNA, b. March 24, 1787.
6376. iii. SILAS, b. April 13, 1789.
6377. iv. KATHERINE, b. Jan. 24, 1792; m. Nov. 26, 1812, Pliney Hall, of Croydon, N. H.
6378. v. HUGH, b. April 15, 1793; m. Rectina Peeks.
6379. vi. LUKE, b. Nov. 25, 1794.
6380. vii. BENONI, b. April 30, 1796; m. Huldah — .

He evidently left home at an early age; married and settled for a time at Rumbouts (now perhaps called Fishkill). Here he was married, in 1764, and here two years later, Ebenezer, his son was born. In 1768 he was at “Little Nine Partners, amene,” at Rhinebeck, N. Y., in 1772; Wrentham, Mass., in 1775; Cumberland, R. I., in 1778, and at Winthrop, Me., in 1780. He was a carpenter by trade, but like many mechanics of the early days, owned and worked a farm in connection with his trade. In 1781 he was chosen by the town one of a committee to build a meeting-house for the use of the town, and the same year a member of the Committee of Inspection and Safety—a Revolutionary committee, chosen in the several towns within the commonwealth, at the request of the town of Boston, and each year thereafter was usually chosen to some town office until 1790, when he had the misfortune to so injure his leg by the falling of a staging on which he was at work, that amputation was considered necessary. It was taken off at the knee, the operation being performed by Dr. Obadiah Williams, a surgeon of the Revolution, then a resident at Hollowell. Notwithstanding this disability he continued to serve the town in such offices as Surveyor of Lumber. Sealer of Brick, Moulds, etc., so long as he remained in town. In 1803 he moved to New Sharon; took up wild land, converted it to a farm, at the same time working at his trade as occasion offered, and duties to the farm would permit. His wife died in 1809, and was there buried. Not long after the death of his wife he disposed of his farm and went to Livermore (now E. Livermore), and passed the remainder of his days with his daughter, Desire Fuller.
Samuel was a Revolutionary soldier, corporal in Capt. David Dexter’s Company, Col. Israel Angell’s battalion, State of Rhode Island; in service of United States August, November and December, 1778, January and February, 1779. Certif. Charles P. Bennett, Secretary of State of Rhode Island.
He d. 1825. Res., Wrenthop, New Sharon and East Livermore, Me.
6383. i. EBENEZER, b. Sept. 25, 1766; m. Aseneth Orne, Ruth Wolcott and Almira Orne.
6384. ii. RICHARD, b. May 31, 1768; m. Clarissa Barton.

*This name is also written Every and as she was born in Fishkill, N. Y., it may be possible that she was of Dutch extraction.

6386. iv.


6387. v.


6388. vi.

JOHN WILDE, b. Dec. 19, 1778. John W. left home to work, and never was heard from after he reached Portland, Me.

6389. vii.

BLIPHALET, b. Oct. 20, 1780; m. Chloe Everett.

6390. viii.

WILLIAM, b. Oct. 6, 1782; m. Rosanna Everett.

6391. ix.

BENJAMIN, b. June 17, 1784; m. Lavinia Hillman.

6392. x.

MICHAEL, b. April 5, 1786; d. unm., April 2, 1809, in Winthrop.

6393. xi.

ASENATH, b. July 18, 1792; d. Winthrop, July 18, 1817.


6184. GEORGE FOSTER (Jonathan, John, John, John), b. Watch Hill, R. I., 1755; m. there F—— —— ; d. Aug. 30, —, ae. eighty-one. He d. October, 1837. Res., Westerly, R. I.

6185. ENSIGN TIMOTHY FOSTER (Timothy, John, John, John), b. Winthrop, Me., March 21, 1745; m., Aug. 20, 1771, Abigail Allen. His wife was dau. of Edmund Allen, of Hollowell. Went to Winthrop with his father; being then twenty years of age, and as early as 1769 entered on lot five, bordering on the lake, and about a mile south of his father's. He was one of the nineteen men in Winthrop, who, on the call for men by the Provincial Congress, marched to Cambridge, Mass., going all the way on foot, and offered his services. In 1779 he served for three months and probably later. He d. Aug. 1, 1825. Res., Winthrop, Me.
6394. i. OTIS, b. May 8, 1773; m. Lucy Norris.

6395. ii. DANIEL, b. June 3, 1775; m. Betsey Cole.

6396. iii. ELIZABETH, b. Aug. 29, 1777; m. (pub.), Dec. 31, 1795, Isaac Perkins, of Farmington, Me. Ch.: i. Isaac, Jr. 2. Timothy. 3. Jonathan. 4. Abigail. 5. Mary. Mr. Perkins was a soldier of war of 1812-14, and a deacon of the Free Will Baptist church. The sons went west and died there. The daughters lived and died in Farmington.

6397. iv. MOLLY, b. Feb. 24, 1783; m. in 1812, in Winthrop, second wife of Jacob Nelson, b. 1773, in Byfield, Mass., son of David Nelson and descendant from Lord Nelson. Jacob Nelson d. Sept. 16, 1857, in Farmington, Me. He was a farmer and lived in Winthrop until 1835, when he moved to Wayne. The house was burned and the records lost. Molly Foster Nelson d. November, 1857, in Winthrop, Ch. b. in Winthrop: 1. Mary Almira, b. June 6, 1813; m., May 12, 1840, in Pensacola, Florida, Thomas J. Gardiner, b. 1813, in East Greenwich, R. I. He d., in Providence, October, 1857, aet. seventy-two. She d., in Providence, March 8, 1894. Six children, of whom one lives, Thomas J. Gardiner, b. in 1848, resides in Providence, R. I. 2. Sarah Elizabeth, b. Aug. 3, 1815; m. in Pensacola, Florida, Capt. William Webb, b. in Isle of Wight. No children survived. She d. in Pensacola. 3. William Henry, b. July 14, 1818; m., in North Bridgewater, Mass., Julia Roberts, of Wayne, Me.; lived in New Orleans; had three daughters; one died in infancy. He d. in New Orleans in 1870. 4. Martha Jane, b. March 2, 1822; m., May, 1842, Cyrus B. Swift, of Wayne, son of Alfred and Betsey (Bartlett) Swift, who was a soldier of the war of 1812-14. He d. Sept. 18, 1869, in Wayne, Ch.: (a) Maria Cora, b. 1845; d. 1852. (b) Maria Cora, b. 1854; d. 1859. (c) Willie Nelson, b. 1856, in Wayne; d. 1883, in Massachusetts. Martha J. Nelson, Swift m., 2d, April 21, 1873, John Moulton, of Moultonville (Ossipee), N. H., son of Simeon and Lydia (Pease). Simeon was a soldier in the Revolution. John Moulton died in April, 1883, and Mrs. M., went to Providence, R. I., where she lives in the "Home for Aged Women," and is very proud of her lineal descent from Lord Nelson.

6398. v. HANNAH, b. Nov. 17, 1786; m., Feb. 26, 1809, Capt. Dennis Fairbanks, of Winthrop and Presque Isle, Me. (Benjamin, Joseph, Joseph, Joseph, Jonathan), b. April 16, 1790. Early in life he engaged in business in Holliswell and Boston. He was a millwright by trade; also a merchant and lumberman. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and acted as a spy in the American army. Later he organized the Monmouth artillery. In 1829 he made an exploring tour through the wilderness of Aroostook County, and the following year sent his men with three bateaux of supplies up the Penobscot river and across the country to the Aroostook river; his objective point being what is now the town of Presque Isle. He was the first settler, and began at once to clear land, erect buildings and lay out plans for a village. Preparations for lumbering were commenced, mills built, stores opened and a flourishing settlement was soon springing up out of the forest. He was for many years one of the prominent men of Upper Aroostook, and possessed great business talent, but his energy sometimes led him beyond that prudence and sagacity so essential to long-continued prosperity. He was a Representative in the State Legislature in 1843. During the time that Gov. Enoch Lincoln's body lay in state at Augusta, in 1829, he commanded the Guard of Honor, which did military duty. He d. in New Brunswick, Nov. 3, 1857, She d. Jan. 20, 1876. Ch.: 1. Drusilla Zelinda, b. March 6, 1810; m., April 22, 1827, Major Thomas Jefferson Hobart, who was b. in Bath, Me., Feb. 6, 1805, and d. in Rockford, Ill., May 27, 1879. He was the son of Dudley and Sophin (Dearborn) Hobart, and was brought up in the family of his grandfather, General Dearborn; like him, he was a
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6190. DAVID FOSTER (Timothy, John, John, John), b. Attleboro, Mass., March 26, 1753, m. in Winthrop, Jan. 13, 1783, Melicent How(e), dau. of Ichabod and Sarah —, b. April 25, 1762.

David Foster was thirteen years old when his father took his family into the wilds of the province of Maine, and was the only one of the eight sons who grew to manhood who did not go into the Revolution. Why he did not go is unknown to us. It may be that his father preferred his services above the others on the farm. It may be that even then he showed himself to be the good farmer which he was. The early settlers gave too much of their time to the cutting of timber and lumbering, and too little to tilling the land, so that when the war came and the supplies were delayed in reaching them they nearly starved. In 1776 the vessel was very late, and it is related of David that he went to the brook one morning and found a sucker, then to the field and dug from the hill some of the potato seed that had been planted, carefully removing the sprouts. He found the sucker soft and the potatoes watery, but they sustained life. It was not until three brothers, Whitten, came from New Hampshire, felled the timber, returned, then came the next year, buried and planted without plowing, that they knew how to raise crops in a new country.

In April, 1789, he was chosen to serve on the Fish Committee, to visit Dr. Gardiner, at Cobbose (Gardiner). But as late as 1806 no fish came into the ponds and streams, and the "Representative to the General Court was instructed to oppose leaving Cobbose Centre stream exempt from the laws of the commonwealth."

He was particularly interested in everything to advance the agricultural and horticultural interests of the country. He was early taught to bud and graft trees by Dr. Vaughan, of Hallowell, who furnished him wax and cuttings. He had an orchard into which had been set by Major Elijah Wood, in 1777, the first grafts ever brought to town, High Top Sweet and Rhode Island Greening.

He was one of the incorporators of the Winthrop Agricultural Society (the parent of all the agricultural societies of the State); was elected one of the Trustees on its organization, in 1818, and continued active in its management until his death. He married Melicent, dau. of Ichabod How(e) [he dropped the 'e' on coming to Maine], who was a man of marked ability, a leader in town affairs during the stormy days of the Revolution. He was also the first delegate to the Provincial Congress, at Cambridge, in February, 1775. "The town paid Mr. How £5, 6s. 8d. lawful money for his services going to the Provincial Congress and bringing back the town's stock of ammunition." He was also on the Committee of Correspondence to meet the other towns in the neighborhood "to consult for the good and safety of this eastern country." The same year he was elected selectman,
serving seven years; June 19, 1777, was a delegate to the General Court. He raised the first apples in the town, and his daughter, Melicent, used to count them every morning, from her window, to see that none had disappeared in the night. He made the first cider, pounding them in a sap trough, and squeezing them in a cheese press. Through his daughter he has transmitted his administrative, mathematical and horticultural abilities in a marked degree. He and his wife were Quakers. Mrs. Foster’s father, Mr. How, was of marked ability; the leader in town matters during the stirring days of the Revolution, and possessed of great executive ability.


6399. i. ANNA, b. Dec. 11, 1783; m., June 10, 1810, Thomas Stephens (cousins). Had ten ch. He was b. May 20, 1784. Res., W. Ch.: 1. Deborah, b. April 9, 1811; m. Luther Austin, of Peru, Me.; d. Jan. 20, 1887. 2. Alonzo, b. Aug. 15, 1812; m.; went to Wisconsin and d. 1877. 3. Lorenzo, b. April 12, 1815; m.; went to Wisconsin and d. Jan. 8, 1888. 4. Levi, b. March 5, 1816; m. (see Chandler). 5. Priscilla, b. Sept. 3, 1817; m. Charles Allen. She d. Sept. 14, 1866, 8 p. 6. Thomas, b. July 10, 1819; d. unm. in 1859. 7. Barlow, b. March 25, 1821; m. Elnora White, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Has five daughters. Mrs. S. resides Clarissa. 8. Albert, b. Nov. 11, 1822; m. Laura Chandler, of Monmouth, Me. He d. May 17, 1898. Mr. Stevens d. April 29, 1863. She d. Aug. 12, 1868, in Brooklyn. Thomas Stevens lived at Phillips, Me., until all the children were grown and away, then went to Middleton Point, N. J., to be near his sons; was a farmer and peddled oilcloths for the Baileys, of Winthrop. The sons, Levi, Barlow and Albert, went to New York as agents in store on Reade St.; over twenty years were trusted employees of C. M. Bailey. Albert came to Readfield about twenty years ago, then to Winthrop, where his family now are. Has ch.: (a) Clinton C. Stevens; a lawyer. (b) Sidney; studying law. (c) Effie; Mrs. Smith. He m. Laura, dau. of Tituson and Tryphena Chandler, Jan. 8, 1867. 9. Clarissa, b. Jan. 18, 1828; m. Samuel Bailey. No ch. She d. May 2, 1872. 10. Mary Augusta, b. April 5, 1828; m. James Horn; lives at Bramford, Conn. Has ch.

6400. ii. ICHABOD, b. June 9, 1785; m. Deborah Fairbanks and Mary Luce.

6401. iii. PRESTON, b. April 30, 1788; d. young, unm.

6402. iv. CLARISSA, b. Aug. 6, 1790; m., June 11, 1811, Levi Chandler, son of John, Jr., and Hannah (Sreeter) Chandler. He was b. Nov. 14, 1787; d. Nov. 7, 1857. She d. Oct. 2, 1873. Had five ch.: 1. Lavina, b. —; d. unm., 1885. —; 2. Albert, b. —; m. —; Eunice Craig. Ch.: (a) Willard; lives in Monmouth, Me. (b) Clementine, m. —; Frost; lives in Augusta. (c) Elenora, m. John Manson. 3. Harrison, b. Sept. 22, 1822; m., Jan. 17, 1850, Susan Holmes, dau. of Isaac and Kathie (Thomas). Ch.: (a) Clara, b. Jan. 3, 1858; m., May 30, 1886; Herbert Riddle, Burlington, Vt.; d. April 17, 1891. One daughter: (a) Alice, b. 1861. 4. Ann, b. May 24, 1825; m., Jan. 21, 1848, her cousin, Levi Stevens. Ch.: (a) Helen Iowa, b. May 12, 1849. (b) Gussie, b. July 15, 1855; m. Will Hayward. (c) Jessica, b. March 24, 1851; d. Jan. 21, 1860. Mr. Stevens is living in Winthrop with his daughter, Mrs. Hayward, and has resided there for the past twenty years. 5. Nancy, b. April 9, 1831; m. Almus Munnell. Ch.: (a) Emma, m. Archibald Walker, New Hampshire. (b) Mary, m. George Caldwell, Winthrop; one son. m., 2d, Charles Libby, who d. —. She d. Nov. 6, 1898.

6403. v. LAVINA, b. July 8, 1792; d. Nov. 5, 1792.

6404. vi. FREEMAN, b. Dec. 30, 1793; m. Lydia White.


6406. viii. NATHAN, b. March 2, 1795; m. Hannah Fairbanks.

6407. ix. JOHN WINTHROP, b. Feb. 12, 1800; d. unm.

6408. x. ALBERT GALATIN, b. Oct. 24, 1808, in Winthrop, Me.; went to Boston in 1838; stayed two years, as a salesman in a dry goods
house; then to New Orleans, highly recommended to a mercantile firm where he stayed a year. In 1841 he went to Texas; he lived in Fayette County with old Miss Lyons, near where Schulemburg now is. In 1842 he settled a little place called Foster Creek, in the same county; from there he went to Lava County, where he spent his life. He was an indefatigable reader, being especially partial to histories, both ancient and modern. He had a good library, which was always free to his friends. I have not got all the records yet of this family, but he m. July 6, 1816, Eléméline Chamberlin, b. July 20, 1829, dau. of Capt. Thomas and Mahala (Smith) Chamberlin. There have been ten children, and I have only the birth of youngest, Thomas Peter Foster, b. Jan. 6, 1873.

Albert Galatian Foster d. Nov. 9, 1884. Mrs. Foster m. in 1896-7, W. M. Radburn.

6409. i. WADSWORTH, b. Jan. 7, 1788; m. Lucinda Snell, Abigail Kizer and Lucy Hayward.

6410. ii. OLIVER, b. Aug. 29, 1789; m. Nov. 30, 1815, Lydia Perkins.

6411. iii. SIBYL, b. July 21, 1791; m. June 22, 1817, Benjamin Robbins. Benjamin Robbins was son of Asa and Olive (Hill) Robbins of Walpole and Winthrop, who was a Revolutionary soldier; was at Ticonderoga under General Schuyler. Benjamin was born on the farm his father bought of the first settler, Timothy Foster; a part of lot No. 216; died May 20, 1789, lying on the hill near the Narrows Lake. He served in Capt. Asa Fairbank's Company, in Col. John Storrs' Regiment of Militia, stationed at Wiscasset, in war of 1812-14. He settled in Phillips, Me.; was one of selectmen in 1817; returned to Winthrop, or to home farm, "Robbinsdale." He was b. in Winthrop, Me., Aug. 2, 1789; m. June 22, 1817, Sibby C. Foster. He d. in Winthrop, March 9, 1869. Sibby C. Foster, daughter of Stewart and Jerusha Wadsworth Foster, was b. in Winthrop, July 21, 1791, and d. March 21, 1865. Ch.: i. Rev. Benjamin Franklin Robbins was a Universalist minister, b. in Phillips, Oct. 9, 1818; m., Oct. 30, 1844, Mary L. Chandler, of Winthrop, b. Dec. 4, 1822, in Waldoboro. He d. Aug. 15, 1852, in Augusta, Me. She d. Aug. 12, 1865, in Winthrop, ae. forty-three years. Ch. (a) Ellery Franklin, b. March 14, 1848; d. Oct. 10, 1849. (b) Frederic Enos Chandler, b. July 23, 1851, in Winthrop; m. Lizzie A. Rogers, of Richmond, Me. He is Superintendent of Schools at Deering and Westbrook. Ch.: i. Harry. ii. Floyd. Res. Woodford's, Me. 2. Cyrus Stuart

6412. iv. MÖSES, b. Nov. 10, 1793; m. Temperance Davis.


6414. vi. ISAAC N., b. April 22, 1798; m., Jan. 25, 1821, Lois Hoyt.

6415. vii. STEWART, JR., b. June 7, 1800; m. Mary Ames.

6416. viii. CHARLES, b. Aug. 29, 1802; d. in New Orleans, La.

6417. ix. FRANKLIN, b. Sept. 6, 1804; m. Abbie Delano and Margaret Kimball Lord.

6418. x. POLLY CHENEY, b. July 13, 1808; m., Jan. 21, 1860, Abial Longfellow, of Kings Mills, Whitefield, Me.—his third wife. She d. Jan. 21, 1881. He d. 188—.

6196. STEPHEN FOSTER (Timothy, John, John, John), b. Feb. 28, 1766, Winthrop, Me.; m. there, Sally Streeter; m., 2d, Diadema (Haten) Johnson. He was the first white child born in Winthrop.

Stephen Foster, of Winthrop, minor, son of Timothy Foster, late of Winthrop, deceased, chose Jonathan Whiting, of Winthrop, to be his guardian, May 3, 1786. (iii, 256.)

Of Stephen the town record of Winthrop quaintly states: "The first Christian child born in this plantation." He did service in the Revolutionary army at a very early age; was a pensioner and the only native born of Winthrop to serve in the field in that memorable struggle, which fact is perpetuated upon his gravestone. He was ostensibly a farmer, but devoted a large part of his time to hunting and trapping, in which he was expert and was best known far and near as "Hunter Foster."

The date of decease of his wife, Sally, or that of his second wife, Diadema Johnson, has not been ascertained. Timothy Foster and Sybil (Freeman) gave
nine sons to establish the Independence of these United States and to defend its flag; four of them never returned to their hearthstone.

He lived in Leeds all his married life, above the later years of his life, and became quite eccentric; was a hunter and trapper, therefore the accident of his death is the more singular. He was on his way to Augusta to collect his pension, when meeting his old friend, Zodiac Bishop, he stopped to chat. Seeing a bush by the roadside, Bishop asked what it was. "Bring some here and I will tell you," Bishop brought it and called it dogwood. "Oh, no; this is not dogwood; in proof of which I will eat some." He continued on his way, but after a time began to feel sick; when he went to his old friend, Enos Fairbank's (his uncle), in Winthrop, where he was soon taken violently ill, and died a few days after, April 2, 1842. A few years ago a stone was erected to his memory; in addition to the above quotation, was "A Soldier of the Revolution," the only native-born one from this town. He d. April 2, 1842. Res., Winthrop and Leeds, Me.

6419. i. STEPHEN, b. — ; m. —. Went to Aroostook.
6420. ii. JOHN, b. in 1786; m. Priscilla Gilbert.
6421. iii. TIMOTHY, b. Dec. 3, 1787; m. Nancy Morse.
6422. iv. ABIGAIL, b. in 1800; m., Jan. 11, 1818, Lewis Jennings.


6423. v. HANNAH CHANDLER, b. Jan. 8, 1804; m., Nov. 14, 1831, Daniel Irish, of Leeds, and Charles Crumlett. Res., Turner, Me. Daniel Irish was b. Jan 30, 1806, in Buckfield, Me., son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Teague) Irish. He was a stonemason in his early years, later was a farmer; spent the most of his mature life in Turner, going there in 1858. He and his wife were strong friends of the temperance cause. They kept for some time the "Travelers' Home." Turner Village, where intoxicating liquors never entered. Mrs. Irish was a smart business woman and shrewd calculator, managing all the business affairs of the hotel. She d. Sept. 27, 1888. He d. Sept. 20, 1895. Ch.: 1. Timothy Foster, b. in Leeds; d. June 3, 1890, in Turner. 2. Alonzo A., b. in Leeds; d. Aug. 5, 1835. 3. Rosilla M., d. at nine months. 4. Roxannah A., b. July 4, 1838, in Turner. 5. Tuilea Victoria, b. June 2, 1846, in Livermore. 6. Orrin D. O. Irish, b. June 13, 1850, in Leeds. She joined the Methodist church at the age of twelve; was a member of the lodge of Good Templars; was connected with the Juvenile Templars and a member of the W. C. T. U. She was a public speaker of note on temperance topics, and at the age of eighty-five visited her native village, attended a temperance meeting and made an able and eloquent address, which electrified the audience and carried conviction to many hearts. There are many who will never forget her able address against the King of Alcohol. 4. Roxannah A. Irish, b. July 4, 1838, in Turner; m. Oct. 1, 1854, in Turner, Orrin D. Davis, b. Oct. 11, 1822, in Leeds, son of Joshua and Lucy (Dunham) Davis. He d. Feb. 10, 1895, in Lewiston. Was a carpenter and cabinet- maker in last years. Mrs. Davis lives at 22 Main St., Lewiston,


THOMAS FOSTER (Thomas, Nathan, John, John), b. Boston, Mass., April 28, 1770; m. there, June 30, 1801, Persis S. Davidson, b. Nov. 19, 1776; d. Feb. 23, 1803; m. 2d, June 1, 1803, Betsey Davidson, b. Aug. 11, 1780; d. March 8, 1859. Will: Thomas Foster of Boston—house and furniture to wife, Betsey Foster; Abigail W. Foster $100; remainder of property to be divided between Edwin Wilson Foster, Francis Alfred Foster, Mary Dillaway Rogers, Charles Gustavus Foster, Franklin Henry Foster. Dated June 14, 1850; Prob. Nov. 18, 1850. Lib. 148, fol. 220-1.


Executor's account—Money paid George H. Whitman, guardian of Abigail W. Foster; E. W. Foster, F. A. Foster, M. D. Rogers, C. G. Foster, F. H. Foster, each one-fifth of balance, Nov. 20, 1851. Lib. 150, fol. 31.


FRANCIS ALFRED, b. June 15, 1814; m. Clarissa H. Akerman.

ABIGAIL PECK WARNER, b. Aug. 31, 1816; m., Nov. 28, 1877.

CHARLES GUSTAVUS, b. Nov. 6, 1818; m. Elizabeth W. Akerman.

6437. i. GEORGE F., b. —; d. in Ohio. Was a doctor.
6438. ii. NATHAN, b. —.

6439. i. ELIZA, b. —; m. Eben Tucker, of Cambridge, Mass.
6440. ii. MARTHA, b. —; m. James H. Thayer, of Cambridge, Mass.
6441. iii. THOMAS P., b. Dec. 25, 1809; m. Lydia A. Clough, of Boston, Mass.; m. 2d, Louisa V. Whittmore, of Baltimore.
6442. iv. WARNER W., b. —; m. Mary Colson, of Boston.

6443. i. JAMES, b. May 19, 1806; d. Sept. 1, 1840.
6443 1/2. iii. SARAH E. BRADLEY, b. April 20, 1812; m. William Dow, of Augusta, Me.
6445 1/2. iv. MARY H., b. March 18, 1814; m. George Calender, of Cambridge, Mass.
6445 1/2. v. THOMAS, b. Feb. 4, 1816; d. Sept. 30, 1819.
6444. vi. BOWEN SMITH, b. March 4, 1818.
6444 1/2. vii. NATHAN, b. July 24, 1820; d. July 26, 1820.
6445. ix. JOHN, b. August, 1824.
6446. x. JOSEPH, b. June 23, 1819; m. Sarah K. Holman and Loira Wheelwright.

6205. JOHN FOSTER (Card, John, Joseph, John), b. Aug. 13, 1755; m. Ruth Hoxsie, dau. of Stephen and Elizabeth (Kenyon) Hoxsie, b. April 4, 1776.
When Card Foster died his son and heir, John, was about thirteen years of age and his sister, Martha, was seventeen. A man who lived near Wakefield, in South Kingston, was appointed John’s guardian. His name is not known. He took John to live with him at Wakefield, where the boy was very homesick and anxious to be with his sister, who had remained at Richmond in the family of Stephen Hoxsie. When John reached his fourteenth birthday, and was permitted by law to choose his guardian, he choose Stephen Hoxsie, and went back to Richmond. John was very much attached to his sister, and, when in the year 1776 he married Ruth Hoxsie, the daughter of his guardian, Martha went to live with her brother and his wife, and continued to do so until her death, which occurred May 17, 1780, in her twenty ninth year. John lived on what was called the “home-stead farm” which had belonged to his father in the town of Richmond. John Foster died in Charlestown, R. I., Sept. 27, 1825. His widow died at the same place, Aug. 9, 1830. Children all born in Richmond, R. I.
ETHAN, b. Aug. 15, 1779; m. Temperance Bragg, March 12, 1801, and Mary Wilbur.

OTHNIEL, b. June 13, 1782; m. Eunice Browning, Nov. 10, 1803.


JOHN, b. Feb. 13, 1793; d. Nov. 7, 1863; unm.


Inventories mentions Hannah Foster. Feb. 8, 1841. Lib. 139, fol. 80.


JAMES EDWARD, b. ——; merchant.

SAMUEL BRADLEE, b. ——; merchant.

CAPT. ROBERT FOSTER (Caleb, David, David, David, John), b. Salem, Mass., March 11, 1741; m. Sept. 18, 1765, Mary Proctor, dau. of Thorndike and Abigail (Wilson), b. ——; d. March 25, 1778; m. 2d, Sept. 16, 1779, Sarah Page, dau. of Colonel Jere and Sarah (Andrews), and widow of Tarrant Putnam. She d. Aug. 23, 1802. He m. 3d, Dec. 1, 1808, Lucy Gavett, dau. of John, Jr., and Lucy (Creesy) and widow of Daniel Woodman. He d. August, 1814. The Provincial Congress in defiance of Gov. Thomas Gage, met at Salem in October, 1774, and appointed a committee of preparation and safety. This committee Nov. 17, 1774, gave a commission of engineer to Capt. Daniel Mason to collect and prepare arms in preparation for the impending struggle. Capt. Robert Foster was a blacksmith, his shop being located at the (now) corner of North and Franklin streets with his dwelling house upon the same lot, a few feet north, and near to the north-erly end of the north bridge in Salem, the structure at that time being six hundred and thirty-six feet in length, spanning an inlet from the harbor known as the North river. Mason secretly got together seventeen pieces of artillery, mostly three-pounders, and in February, 1775, committed them to Foster to be mounted and put in usable condition and enjoined concealing them in his store-house or cellar. Mason had in his employ a Britisher as chemist and mechanician who received his wages on Saturday, Feb. 25, bided himself to Boston, and revealed what he knew. Colonel Leslie, with a regiment of troops from the fort, were placed on board a-
port and conveyed to Marblehead, where sheltered by trees and rocks they were not discovered and on Sunday, while the people were at their churches, the soldiers were disembarked with loaded muskets and fixed bayonets and marched to Salem; they halted near the "town house" and conferred with a Tory; then resumed their way to the bridge, to discover as they approached that the draw was raised and all boats scuttled. The north portion of the causeway and the draw was a proprietary, not a highway. Leslie was so informed, as with his men he occupied the southerly side. A parley ensued lasting an hour and a half, during which time the guns were removed a short distance away. The colloquy ended in a compromise, Leslie agreeing that if permitted to cross with his forces they would not go more than thirty rods beyond. They crossed, recrossed, returned to the Marblehead and embarked for Boston. Thus it appears that Capt. Robert Foster was the principal, if not the hero, of Leslie's defeat at North bridge in Salem. Time has wrought radical changes upon the scene of that Sunday desecration—the inlet has been filled on either side until only a creek remains, but that is yet crossed by a bridge with a draw—the shop long ago disappeared, but the house remains with its historic cellar, although the building has been raised several feet and improvements (?) made; it is still occupied by a lineal descendant of its original owner. Capt. Robert Foster who obtained his title in command of militia, and was commissioned lieutenant in a company of volunteers from Salem in the Rhode Island expedition of 1778. He was received into Essex lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, March 14, 1799, and was its first worshipful master. He died August, 1814 (gravestone erroneously inscribed October), and was buried at Salem. Res., Salem, Mass.


1. Thomas Driver Dalton, born Oct. 5, 1812, died in 1862 or 4. m., 1st, Sarah Newell, of Marblehead, Mass. (date not given); she died in Boston in 1853. She was the wife of Robert Osborne, a nephew of Robert Foster, who in 1775 had a quantity of cannon belonging to the Provincial Congress stored in the cellar of his house, which he was informed while in church Feb. 26, 1775, would be seized by three hundred British soldiers then coming to Salem by the way of the Marblehead. He instantly ran out of the church, shouting at the door, "the British are coming!" started home on a run, ordering at the same time that the bridge should be raised to stop the British crossing over into Salem. He is said to have had a high, shrill voice and for that reason his order was heard two miles, where some minute men under Colonel Timothy Pickering were stationed, who hastened to impede the soldiers under Colonel Leslie. This delay gave Mr. Foster time to remove the cannon to a piece of woods in North Salem, near General Devereux's homestead. Then the bridge was lowered, the British allowed to march into Salem as far as Mason street, then returning the way they came, reached Boston without the cannon. This account of Colonel Leslie's retreat was voluntarily furnished the compiler by the grandson of Robert Foster and differs a little from another account to be found in the above. If Colonel Leslie had succeeded in this, the Revolutionary war would have commenced in Salem instead of Lexington. The children of Thomas Driver Dalton and Sarah (Newell) were: (a) Rebecca Dalton, b. abt. 1834; d. in 1863; m. — Hall, of Boston. (b) Joseph Henry Dalton, b. abt. 1835. 2. Joseph Allen Dalton, b. Jan. 6, 1814; m., Nov. 29, 1833, Mary Fairfield, dau. of Samuel and Esther Frye Fairfield, b. March 22, 1814; d. July 21, 1887. John Derby, son of Samuel (Samuel) Roger and Ann Williams Derby, b. in Salem, Mass., May 28, 1770; d. March 4, 1834; a tailor; m., Aug. 24, 1794, Elizabeth Putnam, dau. of Tarrant and Sarah (Page) Putnam, b. in Danvers, Mass., Aug. 19, 1770; d. Nov. 17, 1842. Her mother, m., 2d (as his second wife) Col. Robert Foster, of Salem, Mass., who thus became her stepfather. The captain somewhat distinguished himself in 1775 by secreting from the British the cannon loaned
to the Provincial Congress, which were piled up on the wharf at North Salem just as they were landed from merchant ships. They were owned by several persons, one of whom was Richard Derby, of this same Derby family. Salem was connected with North Salem by a drawbridge which must be crossed to enter either place. Sunday afternoon, Feb. 26, 1775, three hundred British soldiers under Colonel Leslie, landed at Marblehead from Boston and marched through the town on their way to North Salem to seize these cannon. In some way Capt. Robert Foster learned that they were coming and for what; so to gain time to hide the cannon in his cellar, he ran to the drawbridge and ordered it to be raised, and then ran to the North church near by, and putting his head in at the door, shouted, "the British are coming!" The people rushed out instantly, even to the minister in his robes, seized the cannon, and dragged them out of sight. Leslie and his men arrived at the bridge, found it raised, demanded of Richard Derby that he exert himself to have the cannon surrendered, who replied, "find them if you can; take them if you can; they will never be surrendered." On top of the drawbridge some of the bravest men had climbed, who continually called to the soldiers to return the way they came. Rev. Thomas Barnard, yet in his robes, as he came from church to assist, also addressed them, suggesting that they compromise, "saving their honor, and his people their guns." To this Leslie agreed if the bridge should be lowered and he allowed to lead his men thirty rods beyond; then he would countermarch and leave the town. The bridge was accordingly lowered. The cannon now being out of sight the British marched into Salem as far as Mason street, turned and marched back, going to Marblehead, the way they had come, and so on to Boston, but without cannon. A flag staff was raised to mark the spot where these brave and determined people stood that eventful Sabbath day, who, but for the caution of Colonel Leslie, would have left but few to return to Boston. This account was rendered the compiler by one of the grandsons of Capt. Robert Foster, whose aid he acknowledges with many thanks. John Derby, in 1821, was elected a member of the convention to amend the state constitution. For several years he was a representative from Salem to the General Court.

Capt. Robert Foster's military record is as follows: Captain First regiment Essex County Massachusetts militia, June 6, 1776; second lieutenant Captain Samuel Flagg's volunteer company, Salem, July 25, 1778; quartermaster under Col. John Allen at Machias, Me., July 4, 1777 to Nov. 5, 1780.


6457. i. BENJAMIN, b. Jan. 25, 1703; m. Barbara Phillips.
6459. iii. STEPHEN, b. Feb. 5, 1796; m. Sophia Briggs.
6461. v. Enoch, b. May 16, 1799; m. Eliza Gates.
6462. vi. ASA, b. ——; nothing further known.
6463. vii. ALVAH, b. Dec. 26, 1803; m. Cynthia Fifield.
6465. ix. MARY, b. May 2, 1807; d. Feb. 23, 1857; m. Abel Merriam.
6466. x. JEREMIAH, b. Feb. 28, 1810; m. Sarah Carpenter.
622. JAMES FOSTER (Joseph, Benjamin, Ebenezer, John), b. Lunenburg, Mass., April 24, 1764; m. Hannah Stetson. She d. July 27, 1845. James Foster was born in Lunenburg, Mass. He died in Winchester, N. H., ae. sixty-five. His wife, Hannah Stetson, of Winchester, dau. of Job Stetson and Hannah Munroe; the latter in descent from Dea. William Munroe, of Woburn, and the former, who came hither from Hanover, Mass., was in direct descent from Cornet Robert Stetson, the first emigrant at Scituate, Mass. James Foster was a Revolutionary pensioner. He enlisted as a young drummer and as he was in the battles of Ticonderoga and Bennington, in the year 1777, he could then have been but thirteen years of age. He remained in the war till its close at Yorktown, and was in a score or more of engagements. He was a man of small stature, but active and energetic. His brothers, however, were generally large men, and of commanding stature; this to be said especially of his brother Enoch who was strikingly commanding in appearance. James Foster was known among his neighbors by the sobriquet of "Forty-foot Foster;" some said it was in contra-distinction to his height, others that it was from some remarkable feat he once performed. He was noted as a man of remarkable activity and endurance, and was famous the country around for his long journeys on snow shoes in winter. He made nothing of calling on his friends in neighboring towns, over hill and dale, on his snow shoes in winter, and frequently has made long journeys thus to visit his daughter, Rebecca, who lived far to the north, near the Canada line, at Enosburgh, Vt. He met his death by accident, being dragged to death for several miles by one of his horses running away while one of his own feet was caught in the same chains which he had looped up for a stirrup. He d. Dec. 16, 1829. Res., Fitzwilliam and Winchester, N. H.

6467. i. JOB, b. Aug. 9, 1786; m. Hannah Packard.

6468. ii. REBECCA, b. Feb. 9, 1788; m. in Enosburgh, Vt., Stevens Lawrence, b. April 6, 1790, in Newbury, N. H.; d. Sept. 4, 1876; was a farmer. She d. April 6, 1876. Ch.: 1. Hannah S. Lawrence, d. 2. Sanford S. Lawrence, d. 3. Lucinda F. Lawrence, Enosburgh, Vt. 4. Stevens Lawrence, St. Albans, Vt. 5. Austin F. Lawrence, d. 6. Susan Lawrence, b. Sept. 11, 1824; m. Hiram Stebbins, b. April 6, 1823. Res., Mass. 7. Betsey M. Lawrence, d. 8. Dennis S. Lawrence, Spa. Wis. 9. John Lawrence, Enosburgh Falls, Vt. 10. Almon Lawrence, d.

6469. iii. DANIEL, b. Feb. 7, 1790.

6470. iv. SUSAN, b. April 7, 1792.

6471. v. HANNAH, b. Sept. 21, 1794.

6472. vi. LUCINDA, b. May 12, 1797.

6473. vii. SARAH, b. April 6, 1799.


6475. ix. JAMES, b. Aug. 5, 1804.


6476. i. REUBEN, b. Jan. 13, 1802; m. Almira Bingham.

6478. iii. SALLY, b. May 8, 1787; m. Feb. 16, 1806, William Heywood.

6479. iv. BENJAMIN, b. June 14, 1789; m. Martha Robbins.

6480. v. RHODA, b. April 12, 1791; m. Oct. 29, 1809, William Washburn.

6477. vi. EREBEKAH, b. Feb. 10, 1793; m., Feb. 10, 1815, Enoch Carter.


FOSTER GENEALOGY.

1858; d. April 21, 1875. (b) Rosannah, b. March 28, 1867; d. Oct. 23, 1877.


6225. STEPHEN FOSTER (Joseph, Benjamin, Ebenezer, John), b. Dec. 11, 1768, Lunenburg, Mass., m. in Stoddard, N. H.; Feb. 5, 1797, Lydia Nichols, b. Shirley, Mass., Dec. 20, 1777; d. April 10, 1833; m., 2d, 1834, Lois Stratton. Steven Foster was born in Lunenburg, Mass.; d. in Sullivan, N. H., where he lived most of his life, ae., eighty-seven. The following notice appeared at the time of his death in a local paper: "Stephen Foster was born in Lunenburg, Mass., Dec. 11, 1768, son of Joseph Foster and grandson of Deacon Benjamin Foster, and on his maternal side he was grandson to William Jones, of Lunenburg, whose wife was Sarah Locke (she the third) and he (Steven) the fifth generation in lineal descent from the celebrated Deacon William Locke, of Woburn. On or about the year 1784 he removed from Lunenburg with his father, Joseph, to Fitzwilliam, N. H., but finally removed to Sullivan, N. H., where he died as above reported. Joseph, about this time, went to live with his son, Enoch, in Roxbury, N. H. Steven removed to Sullivan in March, 1799, and purchased the farm upon which he remained the rest of his life." Lydia Nichols was daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Boynton) Nichols, of Shirley, Mass.


6434. i. STEVEN, b. Sept. 20, 1798; m. Nancy Briggs.


6436. iii. EPHRAIM, b. Nov. 16, 1802; m. Sybil Mason and Mary Ann Wright.

6437. iv. JOSEPH, b. Feb. 27, 1805; m. Susanna Stratton and Harriet E. Snow.


6439. vi. HOSEA, b. Aug. 12, 1809; m. Nancy Richardson.

6440. vii. MEHITABLE, b. May 2, 1813; m., Aug. 3, 1840, Rev. D. P. French. Rev. David Patten French was born in Bedford, Hillsborough County, N. H., Feb. 1, 1817. He descends from a long line of French's coming to New England from Hollis, England, July 4, 1635. He united with the church at the age of fourteen; studied for the ministry at Kimble Union Academy, at Plainfield, N. H.; afterward pastor of the churches of Sullivan and Nelson, N. H., at the Dublin Association Sept. 5, 1839. He was ordained pastor of the churches of Swanzey, Marlboro, Goffstown, Lyndeboro and Mason Village in New Hampshire. In October, 1853, he attended the Baptist General Association of Illinois. While there he received an urgent request to go to Jerseyville, Ill. He moved to Jerseyville, Dec. 3, 1853, where he was pastor for eight years. From there he went to Greenville, Ill., as pastor of the church and agent of Almira College; he was president of Almira College 1864-1866. From 1866 to 1871 he resided at Irvington, Ill., where he was president of the Illinois Agricultural College five years, preaching for the church at DuQuoin, Ill., part of this time. In 1871 he became general missionary of the Baptist churches for southern Illinois, continuing in this work until the fall of 1879, when he was stricken with paralysis and compelled to suspend active labor. During his forty years of active service for the Lord, he baptized four hundred and ninety-four persons, three hundred and sixty-eight of them in Illinois. He was married Aug. 3, 1840, at Peterboro, N. H., to Miss Mehitable Foster, daughter of Stephen and Lydia Foster. Four children were born unto them: 1. Ann Elizabeth, wife of Oscar Hill 2. Clarissa Barnes, wife of Walter H. Way. 3. Maria Jane, wife of Edmond S. Dewey. 4. George G. French. Elder
French, as he was known throughout Southern Illinois, exerted a marked influence in building up the Baptist churches of his district and was held in high esteem; all looking up to him as a foster father. He d. at Nashville, Ill. She died Feb. 18, 1890. Res., Nashville, Ill. He d. April 29, 1886., 1. Anna Elizabeth, b. May 1, 1847; m., May 1, 1860, Oscar Hill. She d., Jerseyville, Ill., Nov. 25, 1865. leaving two children—one died, the other, Herbert L. Hill, resides 1189 West Adams street, Chicago, Ill. 2. Clara Barnes, b. Dec. 15, 1844; m., Feb. 1, 1872, Walter H. Way. He d. Jan. 6, 1886. Res., Cairo, Ill. Mrs. Clara B. Way attended school at Almira College, graduating as bachelor of arts, and afterward master of arts. After this she went to the Massachusetts Normal, taking postgraduate course. She then returned to Almira College as a teacher of Latin and Greek. From there she went to Illinois Agricultural College, four years, teaching Latin, Greek and Higher Mathematics; afterward to the Southern Illinois State Normal, same position; since then (policies lost this place) she has been principal of the Cairo high school. She stands high among the teachers of Illinois. 3. Maria Jane, b. July 12, 1847; m., June 16, 1869, Edmond Sabin Dewey. He enlisted in 1862 in Company F, One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Illinois infantry, and was soon promoted sergeant-major and later adjutant. In 1865 he was captain of Company C, Seventy-seventh Illinois Volunteers. Returning home from the war, he was made circuit clerk of Bond County, which office he held until he was appointed professor of mathematics and military tactics of the Illinois Agricultural College at Irvington. In 1887 Governor Oglesby appointed him circuit clerk at Cairo, Ill. He was highly esteemed by the people whose interests he had so faithfully looked after. Mrs. Dewey was educated at Almira College, Greenville, Ill., giving special attention to music for which she had a marked ability. She d. Jan. 29, 1889. Ch.: (a) William Sabin Dewey, b. Aug. 25, 1869; educated at Cairo schools and in Sioux Falls, Dakota, University; was graduated in 1899; studied law with Hon. Walter Warder, now acting governor of Illinois (during absence of governor and lieutenant-governor), and admitted to the bar in 1892. He was elected County judge of Alexander County; in 1896 was State treasurer of Illinois Christian Endeavor Union; is chancellor commander of Knights of Pythias, of Cairo. (b) George French, b. Nov. 19, 1870; educated at Cairo public schools and University of Illinois, at Champaign, where he made a special study of civil engineering; m. Margaret S. Clark-

Dr. Geo. Gilman French, son of Rev. D. P. French and Melihable Foster, was born in Lyndonville, N. H. His parents came to Illinois when he was three years old and resided at Jerseyville and Greenville until he was seventeen. Then he began his collegiate course, attending the Illinois Agricultural College, Ohio Medical and Harvard University. He graduated in medicine in 1876. Locating at Rock Island, Ill., he practiced until 1884, when he changed his occupation to that of pharmacist in order to be near his father who was seriously ill. He began the drug business at Duquoin, Ill., removing to Lake Forest, Ill., in April, 1889, after the death of his father. He was married to Hattie M. Pettit, of Belvidere, Ill. They have one child, Lucile Foster French. Dr. French has always clung to his chosen profession, frequently being called in counsel by doctors of his locality. He is a worker in the political world, always found on the side of pure and honest government, taking a stand for reform and progress.

6491. viii. ELIZABETH, b. May 9, 1815; d. July 22, 1831.

6492. ix. THOMAS N., b. April 18, 1817; d. April 29, 1817.


6494. ii. ADEN, b. July 20, 1791; m. Sarah Hall.


LUCILE FOSTER FRENCH.


6497. v. ALPHEUS, b. Sept. 9, 1797; m. Louisa Wilson and Sarepta Minkley. He d. Aug. 6, 1846 in Barre, N. Y.

6498. vi. SARAH, b. Sept. 5, 1799; m., March 24, 1818, Deacon Barnet Poland, of Northboro, son of Joseph; d. Feb. 24, 1864. Ch.:


7. Luther F., b. July 17, 1833; m. Charlotte H. Wood.


6499. vii. JOHN, b. Nov. 20, 1801; m. Charity Pickens, Lucy Ranger and Celesta White.

6500. viii. AUGUSTUS, b. Aug. 30, 1803; m. Orpha Chandler, of Sudbury, Vt. He d. Aug. 27, 1831, in Barre, N. Y.

6501. ix. MARIA, b. June 4, 1805; m. Orrin Edgerton, of Ware; m., 2d, Deacon John Buckley, of Barre, N. Y. She d. there Nov. 1, 1836.

6502. x. IRA, b. Feb. 18, 1807; m. Amanda Norton, of Barre, N. Y. He d. in March, 1850, in Wisconsin.

6503. xi. HARRIET, b. Oct. 9, 1808; d. April 5, 1810.

6504. xii. HARRIET R., b. Feb. 17, 1812; m., Oct. 30, 1828, John Sparks, of Dover, Vt. She d. Feb. 21, 1836, Northboro. He was in the war of 1812. Ch.: 1. Sarah M., b. March 22, 1831; d. July 13, 1845. 2. Augustus F., b. April 27, 1833; d. 1836. He was married once before this and once after.

6505. i. SALLY, b. 1790; m. Steadman; son, William, resides Athens, O.

6506. ii. NANCY, b. 1792. 6507. iii. IRA LINCOLN, b. 1794.

6508. iv. HULL, b. Jan. 23, 1796; m. Orinda Carpenter and Maria Brown.

6509. v. EBENEZER, b. Feb. 28, 1798; m. Achsa Culver.

6510. vi. ISA, b. 1800; m. — White.

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Ezekiel W. was youngest son of Adin and Mehitable Brimhall; m. Miriam Ruggles Foster, at East Poultney, Vt. He was a very ingenious and skilful mechanic, and devoted nearly all his life to inventing appliances and machines to benefit the farmers. Among his most notable inventions for this purpose was the hay-tedder, known throughout the country as the 'grasshopper' tedder. He also invented a number of horse hay-rakes, and was the first man to introduce the spring-toothed horse rake into the State of Massachusetts. He also invented a number of churning and washing-machines, harrows, cultivators, a blind fastener, a door-closer, and many other devices of less importance. And now (1898), at the age of eighty-one years his still active brain is busy in contriving new devices to benefit his fellow man. The following is copied from the Biographical Review of Hampden County, Mass.: "To Mr. Ezekiel W. Bullard belongs the honor, not only of having invented, but manufactured, the first spring-tooth horse rake ever used in Massachusetts. This gentleman was born Aug. 10, 1817, and is now living in Barre, Mass., where until ten or twelve years ago he was actively engaged in manufacturing. His wife, Miss Miriam (Foster) Bullard, who is now in her eighty-fourth year (1898), having been born in 1813, was the mother of seven children, all sons, and three of whom are still living; James H. being the eldest, William A., who has been an invalid since his service in the civil war, and Charles E., the third son, who is in business in Boston.

James H., the eldest son of Ezekiel W. Bullard and Miriam R. Foster, married Dec. 31, 1863, Martha G., youngest daughter of Adin and Mary Blake. He was a mechanic, and had some inventive talent. The following is copied from the Biographical Review of Hampden County: "Mr. James H. Bullard, whose name as an inventor is known throughout America and Europe, and whose mechanical apparatus and appliances are used in the largest manufactories of the world, was born in Poultney, Vt., May 14, 1842. The inventive and mechanical talent seems to have been inherited one, for Ezekiel W. Bullard, his father, was the inventor of a number of agricultural implements, among them being the well-known Bullard hay-tedder, commonly known as the 'grass-hopper tedder.' Mr. J. H. Bullard was educated in the public schools of Barre, and at fifteen years of age went to the village of Smithville, where he found employment in the mercantile house of C. W. and J. E. Smith, who owned the factories of the place, and were wholly proprietors of the entire vil-
lage. Here he remained for two or three years, afterward securing a similar position in the center of the town. Some years later he went into a shop where Shaker-hoods, at that time used largely in the South, were manufactured. The civil war broke out in the meantime, and there being no further demand for this especial product, the factories closed and its employees were forced to seek other fields for their labors. In 1861 Mr. Bullard enlisted in the Fifteenth Massachusetts regiment, but not being of age his parents interfered and refused to allow him to go. He enlisted afterward in the Twenty-first Massachusetts regiment, when the same objection could not be urged; but a rigid physical examination proved him unfitted for field service, his disability being an injured foot. On two other occasions he made efforts to join the ranks of the Federal army, but was each time pronounced physically disqualified, and upon being drafted, toward the close of the war, was again exempted from duty on this account. Finding he was not to take any part in the great struggle Mr. Bullard went to Chicopee Falls, as the master mechanic of the Belcher & Taylor Manufacturing Company, who manufactured the Bullard hay-tedder, which had attained great popularity. For a number of years he was in the employ of this company before becoming connected with the Lamb Knitting Machine Company of the same place, contracting to manufacture the knitting machine needles of this company. After some years he gave up this position to accept a similar one with the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Company, for whom he made the models of a number of their machines. After completing this
work he designed and made drawings for an automatic machine for making a metallic seal for the mail pouches for the Canadian Postal Department. Upon severing his connection a second time with the Lamb Company, Mr. Bullard entered the employ of Smith & Wesson, of Springfield, and for five years was master mechanic of the works. While with this firm he made several improvements upon their pistol, which had already become famous. Four patents were granted him on these improvements, besides patents upon machinery for producing them. Having the superintendency of the Springfield Sewing Machine Company offered him, he gave up the former place to accept it, and remained in control of the latter enterprise until its removal to Cleveland, O. In the meantime Mr. Bullard had not been idle. His inventive mind had conceived the idea of a repeating rifle, and he immediately began its manufacture under the auspices of the Bullard Repeating Arms Company, whose large shop was situated just across the track of the New York & New England Railroad, between the Willbraham and Boston roads. The summer of 1885 he spent in England, where the mechanical appurtenances of all sorts were carefully inspected. On his return he severed his connection with the Company he had formed, and began the work of his latest conception. This was supplying furnaces with heat, generated by petroleum. So successful was the practical application of this idea that he began to devote his whole time to developing it for heat in metallurgical uses and processes. As a result it is now being used for almost every purpose in which heat is required, and during the years he has been experimenting in this way he has taken out between thirty and forty patents for its application. This method of generating heat is now used by hundreds of the largest manufactories in the world. After the development of this device Mr. Bullard formed a company, of which Ex-governor George D. Robinson was President, Mr. A. B. Wallace is Treasurer, Charles E. Stickney, Secretary, and Mr. Bullard, General Manager. In 1891 he again visited Europe, spending eight months on the continent in observation and introducing his system of heat to manufactories for various purposes. He is a member of the Winthrop Club, which in Springfield is the ultima thule of masculine liberty and comfort, as attained in club life par excellence. In politics he is a strong Republican. On Dec. 31, 1863, Mr. J. H. Bullard was united in marriage to a lady bearing the same name as his own, Miss Martha G. Bullard, the daughter of Adin and Mary (Blake) Bullard. Of this marriage one daughter and three sons have been born, Mabel Louise, Fredrick Herbert, Herbert Augustus and Edwin Woodbury. Mr. and Mrs. Bullard have an adopted daughter, Grace E., who is the only child now at home, the other children having reached maturity, and three of them having homes of their own. The Bullards reside at 777 State St. The entire family, with the exception of Grace, are members of the Congregational church."


6525. WILLIAM FOSTER (Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John), b. Oak- ham, Mass., May 8, 1771; m., Bennington, Vt., Sept. 18, 1799, Betsey Nichols, of New Braintree. He was in beef business in time of Revolution; had large stock on hand at close of war, and rapid decline in price for same "swamped" him; he lost all, but paid everything; then he came with his family to western New York, then new county, from Bennington, Vt. His son staid with him until he had helped to make a home for his parents; then, in 1826, married and went to northwest Ohio; secured a large tract of land; did a very prosperous business for many years; left a large estate. He d. 1828. Res., Chil and Rochester, N. Y.

6522. i. CHARLES W., b. Nov. 21, 1800; m. Laura Crocker.
6523. ii. TIMOTHY, b. ——; m. but d. s. p.
6524. iii. MARY, b. ——.
6525. iv. ELIZABETH, b. ——. 6526. v. CATHERINE, b. ——.


6527. i. WILLIAM BASSETT, b. March 29, 1806; m. Susan Howe.
6528. ii. JOHN AVERY, b. May 15, 1812; d. Holden, 1848.
6530. iv. FREEMAN R., b. April 14, 1816; m. Lucy H. Francis.
6531. v. CHARLES M., b. Feb. 15, 1820; m. Abigail Smith.
6532. vi. BENJAMIN, b. April 3, 1828; d. in infancy.
6534. viii. ELIZABETH, b. April 1, 1818; m. Henry Maynard, of Fitchburg; d. Sept. 18, 1848, s. p.

6524. HEMAN FOSTER (Skelton, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John), b. Oakham, Mass.; m., Rutland, Feb. 10, 1806, Lucy Stone, b. 1783; d. Oct. 23, 1843. He was a carpenter.

Heman Foster was tollman on the Sixth Massachussetts turnpike; the gate being at his house. This turnpike was built in the early part of this century, and was over forty-three miles long, beginning at the east line of Amherst, through the towns of Pelham, Greenwich, Hardwick, New Braintree, Oakham, Rutland, Holden, Worcester to the great road in Shrewsbury. The toll was six cents for a one-horse team, and two cents for foot passengers. During the night the gate was left unattended and open, except when the four-horse teams were expected on their return trips, when some one would remain awake to secure the toll. The proprietors of this turnpike never realized much from the investment, and Aug. 11, 1828, held its last meeting and relinquished its franchise.

His wife Lucy was appointed administratrix of his estate by Judge Paine, of the Probate Court at Worcester. He d. July 16, 1820. Res., Rutland, Mass.

6535. i. SETH BRIGGS, b. Dec. 22, 1810; m. Harriet Jane Feathers.
6537. iii. FANNIE, b. Dec. 18, 1823; m. —— Slater. Res., Sand Lake, N. Y.

6540. vi. SILAS H., b. Aug. 22, 1812.
6542. viii. WILLARD, b. Feb. 4, 1809.
6544. x. LURA JANE, b. Aug. 30, 1815. A dau. is Margaret B. Chase, of Sand Lake, N. Y.


6546. xii. FRANCES, b. Nov. 23, 1818. A son is Lewis, who resides West Sand Lake, N. Y.


He practiced medicine in Newfane, Vt., from whence he emigrated in 1822, with his wife and four children, to Frost Village, Shefford County, Lower Canada. This step was at the instance of a party of young men like himself, who wished to take a physician with them into the new country. Frost Village was then the largest settlement of that vast wilderness, now known as the District of Bedford. In order to practice his profession in Canada, he attended medical lectures at Quebec, and to his license from the Vermont Medical Society added one from Quebec,
and was subsequently the recipient of similar honors, both from our own and several foreign institutions of learning. When the McGill College was opened at Montreal, he attended lectures there, and on the formation of the "College of Physicians and Surgeons" he was elected one of its governors. He was Joint Coroner for the District for many years, as the country developed. Dr. Foster was the only medical man within a radius of forty or fifty miles during the early years of the settlement of the country, and there being but few, and those very bad, roads, he visited his patients on horse-back, finding his way through the wilderness by blazed trees, often hearing the howling of the wolves; or, availing himself of a canoe, he would cross the lakes or rivers, sometimes going the full length of Lake Memphremagog (thirty-five miles) at the call of a patient. The inclemency of the weather, the fearful roads of the new settlements, night after night of unrelenting toil, had no terrors for him; for he loved his work and his patients. He was more than a mere physician; his gentleness in the sick room, his tenderness for the afflicted, whose sorrows he made his own, endeared him to the people, and created a popular affection for him, which it is the good fortune of but few men to enjoy. And thus it was that in after years, when he was pressed into political life, the people, without regard to their party leanings, enthusiastically placed him at the head of the polls.

Dr. Foster represented the County of Shefford in the Canadian Assembly for eight years after the union of the Provinces, in 1841; voluntarily retiring to devote himself more completely to the calls of his profession. He was like "Luke, the beloved Physician," or as such is remembered. Yet he found time during his long and active life to encourage the various enterprises, which from time to time stimulated the growing prosperity of the country of his adoption. Both he and his wife were communicants in the Church of England; being personally acquainted with the Bishops, who planted the church in Canada, and to whom their home was always open. They gave the work their hearty co-operation. They were the friends of education, of temperance and of all social and religious ameliorations. Their hands and hearts were always open to the appeals of charity, and they were models of the domestic virtues.

Thirteen children were born to them, twelve of whom lived to grow up and occupy prominent positions in the country. At the home of their son, Samuel, they celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding day, which was an occasion of much rejoicing. He d. Dec. 28, 1868. Res., Dummerston and Newfane, Vt., and Frostville and Knowlton, P. Q.

6547. i. ARAD TAYLOR, b. Aug. 12, 1819; d. June 24, 1837.
6548. ii. HIRAM SEWELL, b. April 12, 1815; m. Eunice Wood and Sarah Knowlton.
6549. iv. ASA BELKNAP, b. Dummerston, Vt., April 21, 1817; m. Elizabeth Fish.
6550. v. SAMUEL WILLARD, b. April 22, 1827; m. Ellen Shepherd Greene.
6551. vi. SALLY ELIZA, b. June 2, 1821; m., March 28, 1841, Philip Wood, Res., K.
6553. viii. WILLIAM HERSCHEL, b. April 20, 1825; m. Mary Stuart and Juliet Sanborn.
6554. ix. PATTIE WILKINS, b. Nov. 11, 1829; m., June 29, 1848, Parker G. Skinner.
6555. x. DANIEL DICKINSON, b. Dec. 10, 1831; m. Caroline F. Crow and Louisa M. Collier.
6556. xi. MIRIAM JANE WOOD, b. April 10, 1835; m., March 20, 1854, Azro B. Chaffee.
6557. xii. ARAD TAYLOR, b. Sept. 12, 1837; m. Jane Knowlton and Mrs. Elizabeth Sanborn.
6559. xiv. THOMAS EDWIN, b. June 13, 1841; m. Elizabeth Stow Skinner.
6260. CAPT. JOHN FOSTER (John, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John), b. Rutland, Mass., Oct. 14, 1777; m., Nov. 8, 1807, Hannah Lincoln,* dau. of Enos and Sarah (Burt), of Taunton. She d. in Petersham. He was born in Rutland; m. and d. there. Was a farmer. His mother died when he was quite young and he then went to live with the family of a relative in Rutland, where he continued to reside until he earned his own living. Soon after he engaged in trade. After his marriage he resided in Petersham, where he owned a large farm and lumber mill and continued to reside there until he died. He was a man of marked ability, holding town offices at different times; was captain of a home company and was always called Captain Foster. His will was probated at Worcester in 1825. He was of Petersham. Had wife, Hannah, and children, William H., Ebemy B., Lucy L., Emily L., John H., Harriet A. and Elizabeth E. Nathaniel Paine was Judge of probate. He d. March 8, 1828. Res., Petersham, Mass.

6560. i. WILLIAM HAMMOND, b. Jan. 15, 1809; m. Cornelia B. Clark, and Cornelia Jocelyn.

6561. ii. JOHN B., b. June 5, 1819; m. Catherine McGaw.

6562. iii. EMERY BURT, b. Jan. 3, 1811; m. Adaline D. Littlefield.

6563. iv. ALFRED NELSON, b. April 14, 1812; d. Sept. 14, 1826.

6564. v. LUCY LINCOLN, b. March 4, 1814; m., Jan. 5, 1832, Oren Tower. Res., Pasadena, Cal. He was born, I am quite sure, in Petersham; followed painting for several years; then took the farm on which his parents have resided, and there spent the bulk of his active life. He had four children by his first wife, Louisa Gleason, of whom only one, W. A. Tower, of 205 Devonshire street, Boston, survives. He had seven children by the second wife, Lucy Lincoln Foster: 1. John, d. in childhood. 2. Leo H., b. 1840; d. 1886; left a daughter whose address is Grace M. Tower, Marenco Holly, Pasadena, Cal. 3. Kate L., now Mrs. Hunney, Pasadena, Cal. 4. Horatio N., now in East Pepperell, Mass. 5. Alfred O., now in Pepperell, Mass. 6. Harriet A., now in Pasadena, Cal. 7. Francis Emory, b. Nov. 30, 1836; m., Nov. 30, 1868, Ella S. Shepardson, d. June 30, 1847. Providence, R. I. Ch.: (a) Ralph W., b. May 24, 1870; m. Aug. 30, 1839; address, Providence, R. I., 280 Point street. (b) Maud H., b. Sept. 3, 1873; address, Providence, R. I., 397 Pine street. (c) Ethel E., b. July 25, 1876. He graduated from Amherst College in 1890; taught boys' high school in Bangor, Me., 1861-1864; studied at Newton Theological Seminary 1864-1867; taught Hebrew at Newton Theological Seminary 1867-1868; ordained (Baptist) at Amherst, Mass., Dec., 1865; m. Nov. 30, 1868. Pastor at Amherst, Mass., 1868-1872; pastor, Boston (Brighton district), 1872-1883; pastor, Brattleboro, Vt., 1883-1892; pastor, Bristol, Conn., 1887-1894; pastor, Pearl-street Baptist church, Providence, R. I., since Jan. 1, 1894. Published "The Advancing Kingdom," a volume of 534 pages in 1890 (Hartford; The American Publishing Co.). Published "What's the Trouble?" a volume of 116 pages on the labor question (Boston; A. J. Pitlpet & Co.) in 1891. Published "The Champion Swindle," a volume of 94 pages on finance, in 1895 (Boston, J. H. Earl).

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*Thomas Lincoln, the miller (came from England, b. there 1683), with a son Thomas; Hingham, Mass., 1686, removed to Taunton, Mass., 1690; m. twice. Sons: Thomas, John, Samuel. Each had a son Thomas, and among their children were two Samuels, two Johns, Jonathan and Ebenezer.

Jonathan Lincoln (son of Thomas, Thomas, Thomas), Norton, Mass., b. abt. 1687; d. 1773, aged eighty-six; m. Hannah Andrews. (Jonathan may have been son of Samuel, b. June 1, 1694, son of Samuel, son of Thomas, the miller.) Ch.: (1) Jonathan, b. Jan. 27, 1713; m., March 1, 1715, 3. Elkanah, b. July 2, 1718. 4. Abiel, b. March 5, 1719. 5. Hannah, b. Aug. 29, 1723. 6. George, b. Aug. 29, 1727. 7. Job, b. July 14, 1730.

EMILY LINCOLN, b. May 20, 1817; m., May 5, 1844, Rev. Hiram Day. Res., Glencoe, Iowa. He was b. April 6, 1813. Ch.: i. Harriet Foster, b. March 5, 1845; d. July 14, 1860. 2. Arthur Hiram, b. June 7, 1847; m. June 28, 1882. P. O.'s address, Glencoe, Ill. Arthur H. Day was born in Cornwall, Conn., June 7, 1847; took a college course at Hartford High School, designing to follow his father's profession, but on account of trouble with his eyes, and a somewhat weak constitution, abandoned the idea, and chose a business life. The first business for himself was in connection with Gen. C. H. Howard in the Advance. After the sale of that paper to Robert West, he went into the subscription book business, and for a number of years was agent for the International Cyclopedia and some other books—his office in Chicago. For a number of years past he has been agent for the Students' Cyclopedia (on account of lameness) his office in Glencoe. He married Sarah E. Hubbard, of Brimfield; has two daughters. 3. Everts Dwight, b. April 15, 1853; d. May 15, 1853. 4. Mary Emily, b. Dec. 21, 1855; d. June 17, 1865; Hiram Day was born in Burlington, Otsego County, N. Y.; took a college course at the Oneida Institute, New York, now extinct; his theological course at what is now Hartford Theological Seminary. The first twenty-five years of his ministry were passed in Connecticut. He was seven years at Chatham, Mass., when he came west and closed his active ministerial life, after seven years service in the Glencoe church. He is from the true Puritan stock, his father and four brothers having all been deacons, one afterward a clergyman. He has passed his eighty-fifth birthday. Is vigorous and active.

HAZEL AUGUSTA, b. Sept. 9, 1821; d. April 3, 1842.


INFANT CHILD, b. —; d. Sept. 25, 1818.


MARY H., b. —; m. John Simpson.

SARAH HAIRE, b. ——; d. ——.


HELEN AUGUSTA, b. ——; m. Alvah Lord.

JOHN DWIGHT b. ——. He was a provision dealer in New York City; d. 1898.

WILLIAM PEABODY, b. ——; d. ——.

EDWIN FOSTER (John, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John), b. Springfield, Mass., Aug. 14, 1804; m. Almira ——; m., 2d, Dec. 12, 1840, at Chicopee Falls,
6576. i. WILLIAM H., b. 1828; m. Martha L. Thayer.
6577. i. SALLY, b. Sept. 20, 1788.
6579. iii. JOSIAH, b. May 2, 1794; m. Lucinda Hodgman.
6580. iv. SUSA, b. March 4, 1796.
6581. v. ABRAHAM, b. June 24, 1798; m. Esther Taylor.
6582. vi. GEORGE, b. Feb. 10, 1802.
Captain Foster entered the regular army prior to the war of 1812. His papers of admission were signed by Thomas Jefferson, and those of dismissal by James Madison. He was in some of the most important battles of the war, and was a captain in the Ninth Berkshire Regiment. He had two brothers, William and Charles. The former was first lieutenant, and the other second lieutenant, in different companies. Winfield Scott was captain also in the same regiment, just beginning then to enter upon that path of glory which widened in the Mexican war, and culminated in the Rebellion. Foster was wounded at Chippewa, and for bravery was breveted major. After the prisoners were quartered at Pittsfield and Cheshire, Major Foster was given charge of a cantonment in both places. This brought him frequently to this town and to the home of Capt. Daniel Brown, where quarters were given to some in the spacious garret. Here he met and married Sally, second daughter of Captain Brown, and settled in Cheshire. He died at Hoosac, N. Y. His family are scattered. Mrs. Foster died at an advanced age in Cheshire. Several grandchildren still reside here. Two daughters, Mrs. William G. Waterman and Mrs. Justus Lane, have lived for many years in Illinois. He d. Feb. 5, 1834. Res., Pittstown and Hoosac, N. Y.
6583. i. EDMUND DUSTIN, b. May 18, 1818; m. Mary A. Tyler.
6587. v. DANIEL BROWN, b. Aug. 1, 1829; m. Millicent A. Mason.
6276. CAPT. JOHN FOSTER (Edmund, Abraham, Samuel, Samuel, John), b. Littleton, Mass., June 1, 1796; m., Westminster, Vt., Sophia Willard, b. 1800; d. April 10, 1852, in Fitzwilliam, N. H. For many years he was captain in the old New Hampshire minutia, and held the office of High Sheriff of Cheshire County, New Hampshire, for a long time. Was an honored and respected citizen. He d. Feb. 7, 1854. Res., Westminster, Vt., and Keene, N. H.
6588. i. WILLIAM LAWRENCE, b. June 1, 1823; m. Harriet M. Perkins.
6589. ii. SUSAN E., b. ——; m. —— Littlefield. Res., 3318 Thirteenth St., Washington, D. C.

Hon. A. Lawrence Foster was born at Littleton, Mass.; married Abigail Maria Hopkins, at Vernon, N. Y.; studied law in State of New York, and was admitted to practice about 1832. He reached considerable eminence as a criminal lawyer. He was elected by the Whigs to the XXVIth Congress. Dis appointed by the defeat of Henry Clay, who was a warm personal friend, he abandoned politics, and retired to a country place, in Virginia. On account of his political views he became a refugee during the civil war, and from that time made his home in Washington, D. C., where he died. He d. May 21, 1877. Res., Fairfax, Va., and Washington.

6590. i. MARGARET, b. Nov. 25, 1835; d. Aug. 3, 1857.
6592. iii. LOVE, b. Jan. 13, 1840; d. infancy.
6593. iv. CHARLES HOPKINS, b. Dec. 20, 1840; d. infancy.
6595. vi. JOHN LAWRENCE, b. Dec. 12, 1843; d. Sept. 2, 1876.
6597. viii. CHARLES HARRISON, b. June 12, 1850; d. April 10, 1871.

ABRAHAM FOSTER (Samuel, Samuel, Samuel, Samuel, John), b. Ashford, Conn., May 2, 1748; m. there, Sept. 21, 1769, Mathiah Oulds. Res., Ashford, Conn.

6590. i. METALIAH, b. Aug. 9, 1770.
6591. ii. SAMUEL, b. Oct. 23, 1772.
6592. iii. ABRAHAM, b. Oct. 23, 1775.


6602. i. ASA BREED, b. March 28, 1795; m. Abigail Keyes.
6603. ii. ANNA, b.—; m. — Barnard. Three ch.; one son was David.
6604. iii. CHARLOTTE, b.—; m. Joseph Hadley. Two ch., Hiland H. and Mary.
6605. iv. SARAH, b.—; m. — Staples. She d. s. p.
6606. v. LYDIA, b.—; m. Eleazer Hathorn. Three ch., Ransom E., James H. and Susannah.


6291. EDMUND FOSTER (Samuel, Ebenezer, Samuel, Samuel, John), b. Wilmington, Mass., April 10, 1783; m. Patience —.


6607. i. SUSAN, b. April 3, 1813. 6608. ii. ELIZA, b. April 8, 1815.
6609. iii. SAMUEL, b. Oct. 23, 1813; d. Nov. 13, 1832.

6295. DANIEL FOSTER (Jonathan, Jonathan, Samuel, Samuel, John), b. Reading, Mass., April 8, 1767; m. there, Feb. 17, 1790, Polly Chandler, of Andover, then residing in R.; b. 1773; d. Oct. 11, 1826. She was the daughter of Capt.
David Chandler and Mary Ballard, of Andover, who lived near the Seminary, on the present Hidden estate, so-called. He died in camp, in Cambridge, Feb. 11, 1776, of smallpox, aged fifty-two years. He was lieutenant at Bunker Hill. Had a son with him in the army. Mrs. Chandler married David Parker, of Reading, Nov. 10, 1779, and went there to live with her children. She owned an estate in Andover, as her father, Ballard, and her father-in-law, Chandler, were both heavy land owners. Daniel Foster and his wife, Polly Chandler, after their marriage, returned to Andover, and resided on the small farm he was able to secure near the old family estate. Here he made shoes and cultivated his farm, and the bills of the neighbors' estates show how necessary his work became to these people around him, who swapped days' work at plowing and reaping in exchange for his large bills, while he remodeled the calf skins and ate the veal of the same. Very little money seems to have been needed. He is working now for the descendants in both Foster and Chandler lines, and still swaps work for pickles, strawberries, baked beans and other necessaries from these two large farms with boarders. This advent of the line of John Foster brought us one of the most active of the lines of that name, as far as they went. Daniel was a member, with his wife, of the South church. He d. 1811. Res., Andover, Mass.

6610. i. DANIEL, b. Jan. 15, 1792; m. Bethiah Hayward. 6611. ii. POLLY, b. Feb. 26, 1794; m. May 23, 1815, Jonathan Griffin. He built the house in which live the grandchildren of the above. Daniel Foster to-day has one of the finest orchards now in town for quality, though a small one.

6612. iii. SALLY, b. April 30, 1797; d. unm.


6614. v. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 11, 1803.

6615. vi. HARRIET, b. Feb. 22, 1806; m., Nov. 12, 1827, Timothy Denny. Her descendants are now found in the town of Methuen, among the Sargent's.

6616. vii. JANE, b. Dec. 26, 1808; d. young.

6617. viii. GEORGE, b. June 21, 1810; m. Rebecca H. Abbott.

6296. REV. AARON FOSTER (Jonathan, Jonathan, Samuel, Samuel, John), b. Reading, Mass., May 29, 1769; m., Hillsboro, N. H., June 12, 1793, Mehitable Nichols, b. Sept. 20, 1772, dau. of John and Mehitable (Bancroft); d. May 15, 1816; m., 2d, July 17, 1817, Mrs. Theodate (Chase) Page, at Henniker, N. H., b. July 6, 1772; d. at Weare, N. H., Jan. 31, 1862. He resided in the south part of the town. He went there the first of the present century. But very little is known of him other than that he was one of the first members of the Meeting Friends, established in that town, and was a minister in that denomination at times. Mehitable Nichols was descended on the female side from Bancroft stock, and was a full cousin to the distinguished American historian and diplomatist George Bancroft. His father was a farmer and had eight sons and two daughters, all of whom were brought up in habits of industry and morality. Like many New England farmers, with large families, his means were limited, and the education of his children was confined mainly to the public schools, at that time greatly inferior to what they are now. Yet, notwithstanding the difficulties alluded to, three of the sons succeeded in obtaining educations, qualifying them for professions, one being a clergyman of the Congregational church, another a physician, and the third a West Point cadet.


6618. i. AARON, b. March 19, 1794; m. Dorothy A. Leavitt.

6619. ii. JOHN HERBERT, b. March 8, 1796; m. Nancy Smith.


6621. iv. JONATHAN, b. July 14, 1801; m. Huldah Griffin.

6622. v. AMOS BANCROFT, b. July 15, 1804; murdered Feb. 7, 1832.
He graduated at West Point; died unmarried, at Fort Howard, Green Bay, Wis. Shot by a drunken soldier.

6623. vi. SAMUEL, b. Sept. 15, 1806; m., Jan. 1, 1835, Electa A. Marshall; d. at Hickory Creek, Ill., Aug. 16, 1835.

6624. vii. SARAH TOWNSEND, b. April 8, 1809; d. unm., Concord, N. H., Oct. 19, 1881.

6625. viii. SUEL, b. Aug. 26, 1811; m. Sarah Hastings.

6626. ix. EDWIN, b. April 5, 1816; m. Lovisa Moody and Elizabeth Sawyer.

6627. x. ALFRED PAGE, b. March 24, 1818; m. Elizabeth J. Sawyer.

6629. DAVIS FOSTER (Jonathan, Jonathan, Samuel, Samuel, John), b. Reading, Mass., in 1771; m., Oct. 23, 1798, Ann or Anne Holt, of Andover, b. July 22, 1779, dau. of Jonathan and Ruth (Kimball), of Albany, Me. She d. Reading; m., 2d, 1805, Mrs. Nancy (Johnson) Russell, widow of Stephen Russell; m., 3d, —, Susannah —. The house in which he resided was the ancient home of the Nichols family, and part of it was occupied by John Lambert. Davis, of South Reading; will date June 1, 1846; Prob. Aug. 19, 1846; wife, Susannah; children, Russell, Stephen, Betsey—wife of Joel Rogers.—Mid. Prob. He d. 1855. Res., Wakefield, Mass.

6628. i. EMMA, b. —; m. Benjamin Young, of Reading. She d. s. p.

6629. ii. RUSSELL, b. —; m. Sophia Wiley.

6630. iii. BETSEY, b. —; m. Joel Rogers, of Tewksbury.

6631. iv. STEPHEN, b. Dec. 8, 1805; m. Louisa Pratt and Harriet N. Follingon.

6632. v. DAVIS, b. —; d. young.

6633. vi. JOHN, b. —. Went west n. f. k.


6634. i. JOSEPH PAYSON, b. Sept. 22, 1800.

6319. CAPT. AARON FOSTER (James, Benjamin, Samuel, Samuel, John), b. Danvers, Mass., Oct. 19, 1775; m., Peabody, Mass., Sept. 17, 1800, Hannah Brown, b. July 15, 1777; d. Aug. 15, 1864. Capt. Aaron Foster, Sr., was a typical specimen of the New England yeomanry of the early part of the nineteenth century. While not ambitious for distinction, nor seeking public honors, he was a man who was looked up to and held in large esteem by his neighbors, and one on whom the unfortunate relied, not only for wise counsel, but for the helping hand and material succor. Among the evidences bespeaking his liberal heart and hand is the fact that when he died, the administrators of his estate found in his accounts memoranda of sums loaned to poor neighbors, for which he had not taken a scrap of paper as evidence of indebtedness, and for which payment was never exacted, and probably never intended to be exacted. In one case where the sum thus "loaned" was $300, the beneficiary, on the occasion of the settlement of the estate remarked to the late Capt. Aaron Foster, Jr., "Your father never asked me for that money, nor spoke of it afterward, and I believe he meant to give it to me." Probably he was right. At any rate, so it had to be. The estate owned and occupied by Aaron Foster, Sr., was a landed one of several hundred acres, originally included within the towns (now cities) of Salem and Lynn, Mass., the dividing line running through the estate. Through various divisions and sub-divisions that have since been effected in these ancient municipalities, the estate is now included within the boundaries of Peabody and Lynnfield, having through descent and purchase come, first into possession of the late Deacon John Herrick, who married Captain Foster's eldest daughter, and being now under the proprietorship and occupancy of John E. Herrick, Esq., elder son of Deacon Herrick. The ancient and commodious residence is on the Peabody side of the line, and is a conspicuous land-mark of the surrounding region. It is situated upon an eminence some half a mile distant from the highway, is approached through a gate on a driveway leading up to it, and from some directions is discernible at a distance of six or eight miles. It is about seven miles from the coast, and the writer has heard the late Capt. Aaron Foster, Jr. (son of the subject of this sketch) relate among his boyhood reminiscences, the fact of the salt sea-spray from the sea being blown that day during the great gale of September, 1815. Another interesting reminiscence communicated from the same source, is connected with the last war with Great Britain. It was in the air that the
British intended to effect a landing at Salem, and some of the wealthy citizens of that town brought their valuables and treasures, including silver service and jewels, to Captain Foster for concealment until such time as its restoration could be effected with safety, and not less vivid is the remembrance of the younger Aaron seeing the elder Aaron start with his gun for the scene of the apprehended invasion. Through some change of plan, however, the incursion did not take place in that quarter. The "old Foster homestead" has been the scene of many a festive gathering of the now numerous descendants of the late Captain Aaron Foster, Sr.; nor have these gatherings been confined alone to this branch of the descendants; members of other collateral branches evincing an interest hardly secondary, and responding with alacrity to the issued invitations to be present; and many scores have sometimes thus met to indulge in social greeting, song and oration. At the last of such gatherings in 1895, the oldest representative of the name present was the late Captain Aaron Foster, Jr., then ninety-two years old, who enlivened the occasion with a public speech. Captain Foster, Sr., married Hannah Brown, ten children—four sons and six daughters, being the result of this union. Nine of these lived to adult age, and all were leading spirits in the circles of the respective influence of each, being leaders of thought and opinion rather than followers. Captain Foster was a man of great natural intelligence, supplemented by a fair education, and he was often called upon to administer estates and settle business affairs of his neighbors. He excelled as a conversationalist, and his manner was genial and affable in the extreme. His religious views were utterly liberal. The nearest place of worship being a Congregational one, he attended it, and helped liberally to support it; but he frequently rode three miles further to the next town, where there was a Universalist church, with whose doctrine his own views more nearly conformed, and to the support of which he also liberally contributed. When later his eldest son settled in the town of this church, he made it his regular place of worship, spending a part of each Sunday with his son. His fatherly interest in his children was equaled by that of few parents, and in the matter of education, he provided for them to the utmost that his means afforded, supplementing their common school education by graduating courses in academies and seminars—the daughters as well as the sons, and every one of the nine commenced their young manhood and young womanhood careers with school teaching.

To their mother, Hannah Foster, the children of Capt. Aaron Foster, Sr. owe, perhaps, not less than to their father, the superior qualities which were characteristic of them all. She was a woman of robust mental as well as physical development, sparing no pains in disciplining the minds of her children, and well succeeded. Her knowledge of historical literature was surprising. She had the history of England at her tongue's end, from the beginning of the first to the closing of the last completed reign. Among the poets, she idolized Burns, could recite many of his poems from memory, and assigned to his portrait a conspicuous place in her room. She survived her husband many years, dying at the age of eighty-six. As of the model woman in the scripture, it could be said of her, "Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her." He d. Jan. 22, 1844. Res., Danvers, Mass.

6635. i. AARON, b. April 1, 1803; m. Abigail Mansfield, Mary Mansfield and Susan L. Plummer.

6636. ii. ELIZABETH FLINT, b. Dec. 22, 1800; m., Feb. 7, 1828, Deacon John Herrick. She d. ae. ninety-four, June 14, 1894. He was a farmer; was b. in Boxford, Mass., March 4, 1798; d. Dec. 5, 1878. Elizabeth married Deacon John Herrick. She died at the age of ninety-four, being the mother of two sons and four daughters. The two former only survive—John E. Herrick, Esq., of Peabody, Mass., and Deacon George E. Herrick, of Lynnfield, Mass. The eldest daughter, Frances Elizabeth, married Prof. Gilbert E. Hood, of Thetford Academy, Vt., now practicing law at Lawrence, Mass.; the second daughter, Mary J. became the second wife of the late Prof. B. F. Tweed of Tufts College; the third daughter, Cynthia Foster, married Charles Buck, Esq., of Stoneham, Mass.; the fourth daughter, Clara Maria, died in the childhood. Of the above there are numerous sons and daughters, who have attained adult life, and some of them heads of families.

6639. iii. MARY NOURSE, b.——; m. Hon. Moses Dorman. Mary, in her day, was an eminent educator, a part of her career being as a
teacher in the schools of St. Louis, Mo. In later life she married Hon. Moses Dorman, of Boxford, Mass. Among the sons of whom are Horace and Frank Dorman, merchants in New York. A daughter is the wife of John E. Herrick, Esq., of Peabody, Mass., mentioned above.

6638. iv. JAMES GOULD, b. March 15, 1807; m. Charlotte Walker.

6639. v. CLARISSA, b. April 9, 1813; m. Prof. Benjamin F. Tweed. Mrs. Tweed was a lady of rare beauty, intelligence and accomplishments, combined with great loveliness of character, and her comparatively early death was greatly lamented by a very large circle of friends and acquaintances outside of her immediate relatives. Her only daughter, Nellie, became the wife of Justice Hammond, now of the supreme court of Massachusetts. Res., Cambridge.

6640. vi. NATHAN, b. April 6, 1809. He d. March 4, 1834, ae. twenty-four, being at the time of his decease a student preparing for the Universalist ministry.

6641. vii. CYNTHIA ADAMS, b. April 9, 1813. She d. Nov. 14, 1833, ae. 22, a young woman of superior character and intelligence, and greatly lamented.

6642. viii. LOUISA, b. Dec. 22, 1815; m. Hon. Paul H. Sweetser, of Wakefield. Hon. P. H. Sweetser, the eldest son of Paul and Sarah Sweetser, was born Sept. 23, 1807, and died June 11, 1872. During his boyhood, like most of the boys of South Reading, he learned the shoemaker's trade at which he worked during his minority. At about the time that he attained his majority, the South Reading Academy was opened, and he was one of the first to enter it. He was a quick scholar, and after a brief term at the academy, he taught school at one of the districts in town, with marked success. From this time he attended the academy, teaching school winters till he had taught in nearly every district in town. His first permanent school was in Saugus, where he taught one or two years, leaving there to take anushership in Boston. While teaching in Saugus he married Louisa Foster, of Danvers, a daughter of Capt. Aaron Foster. This union was in all respects fortunate and happy, and gave him a home to which he was most devotedly attached. Of seven children born to them, one died in infancy, and six survived him. That the education of his children was not neglected, will appear from the fact that two of his sons are now successful preachers, one prepared for the medical profession, and the daughters had the best opportunities that could be obtained by public or private instructions. Often, in his later years, while not engaged in active business, he spoke of his strong desire to educate his children, and expressed his willingness to incur any expense, even beyond his income, if necessary, to promote the end he had so much at
heart. In 1838 he was appointed master of the Harvard school in Charlestown, where he remained till 1847. As a teacher, he was uniformly successful, and took a deep interest in education generally. A good disciplinarian, always having control of his school, he was on good terms with his pupils, and admitted them to a familiarity which rendered school pleasant and school exercises interesting; this familiarity, and a playful humor in which he indulged, always made him popular with his pupils. He was prominent in the enterprise of forming the Massachusetts teachers' association, and establishing the "Massachusetts Teacher" as its organ. For several years he acted as one of the editors of this journal, and the numbers prepared by him were uniformly interesting and able. Nor did his interest in popular education cease when he was no longer a teacher. He was for many years a member of the school committee of Wakefield, and many of the annual reports for the last twenty years are from his pen and attest his interest in the schools and his ability as a writer. One of the last articles he wrote was the school report for 1871-2, an exceedingly interesting document. And I remember telling him after reading it, that I thought it the best of the numerous and excellent reports he had written. From an early period he had been deeply interested in the anti-slavery cause, and the temperance movement, and a frequent contributor to the journals in the interest of these and other reforms. Nor with his pen alone. Mr. Sweetser was a very ready and effective speaker. His temperament, always impulsive, imparted an earnestness to his utterance which was sure to secure the attention, and his habits of thought and feeling prevented him from ever becoming wearisome. During the time of the Washington movement, although engaged through the day in teaching, he was yet one of the most acceptable and efficient lecturers and labored with great earnestness to organize and direct the movement. Some of his last years were also devoted, to a considerable extent, to the promotion of the same effect, and many of the ablest articles in the "Nation," a temperance paper published in Boston, were from his pen. He wrote also many hymns of great excellence for general or special occasions, not a few of which have taken a permanent place in our sacred poetry. He was for several years a member of the examining committee for Tufts College, the duties of which he performed with fidelity and ability. After leaving the profession of teaching, Mr. Sweetser was twice elected county commissioner for the county of Middlesex, which office he held for six years. He also held almost every office in the gift of the town. As an officer, he was prompt and efficient, and his decisions in all matters of controversy were ready, and in the main, judicious. He was a man of remarkable quick perception, and moved forward to a judgment so readily as not unfrequently to give an impression of haste, and to render him impatient of the slower movements of others. He was, perhaps, as is apt to be the case with persons of a nervous temperament, hasty sometimes in his expressions, but seldom so in his actions; they were marked by a caution and careful consideration which did not always manifest themselves in his ordinary conversation. Mr. Sweetser was just and prompt in all his business affairs and, whether personal or official, they would have borne the most thorough examination. It was a favorite maxim with him to "owe no man," and it is safe to say that no one ever lost a cent by him that was justly his due. The writer of this brief sketch was of nearly the same age as he, being a near neighbor, labored in the same profession and in the same place for many years, and was brought into still nearer relations with him by marriage, and the friendship that began almost with his life, continued to its end. It would seem sometimes that what would apparently fit us especially for the performance of a duty is, after all, almost a hindrance. I confess that I have felt this in what I
have written. In the intimacy of personal intercourse and friendship, we often fail to estimate and weigh character as we do when the object is at a greater distance. What is seen at too short a range, is seen only in its parts and a longer perspective is necessary to view the object as a whole. Death has now given us such a view of our friend, and I am sure that his memory will be dearer and his character will appear more marked and estimable, as we look at him from a point more favorable to observe the constant and permanent qualities of his character. For some years previous to his death he had not enjoyed perfect health, and to one of his intense activity of mind, joined with a temperament not too hopeful, it is not strange that he should have been sometimes inclined to look on the dark side of things. But his sympathies were always with the right, though he might not be so sanguine of its speedy success as some. Few men felt an intenser interest in whatever concerned the welfare of humanity or were more uniformly on the side of progress and justice. He had a strong attachment to his native town, and was always prominent in any enterprise for its improvement; especially so in whatever related to education, the public library, and the schools. In his death his family has lost one whose life was bound up in its welfare, the town has lost a good citizen, and the cause of education one whose experience rendered him invaluable as a member of the school committee, and whose vote and voice were always given for whatever promised to extend and improve the means of education. He will be remembered with gratitude by many now in the morning of life, who have listened to his words of advice and encouragement in his frequent visits to the schools, as he now is in his native town and elsewhere by those who sat under his instructions. Such is a brief and imperfect sketch of the events in the life of an honored citizen; and an estimate of his character, which, though dictated by the hand of friendship, is, truthful and just.


Rev. Edwin Chapin Sweetser was born in South Reading (now Wakefield), Mass., the fourth child of Paul Hart and Louisa Foster Sweetser. His early education was received in the schools of his native town. At the age of fifteen he entered Tufts College, from which he graduated in 1866, at the head of his class. After pursuing a course of study at the Canton Theological School, in Canton, N. Y., he accepted a call, in August, 1868, to the pastorate of the First Universalist church in Syracuse, N. Y., where he remained till Sept. 1, 1869, when he assumed the pastorate of the Third Universalist church in the city of New York. During his charge of that church, which continued for ten years, he spent fourteen months in foreign travel, visiting the principal countries of Europe, Egypt, and the Holy Land. On the 1st of October, 1879, he became the pastor of the Universalist church of the Messiah, in Philadelphia, Pa., which position he still holds. It is one of the leading churches of the Universalist denomination. In June, 1882, he received the degree of doctor of divinity from Tufts College, and for the last twelve years has been one of the trustees of the Universalist General Convention, having previously been president of the convention for two terms. He is also a trustee of the Pennsylvania Universalist Convention, and has been closely connected with nearly all of the
most important enterprises in which the Universalist church has engaged since he came to Philadelphia. In 1882, he was married to Mary T. Pulsifer, daughter of Sidney and Diantha Pulsifer, who had lately removed to Philadelphia from Peoria, Ill. She is still living; and they now have four children, two sons and two daughters. Ch.: (a) Sidney Pulsifer Sweetser, b. Jan. 21, 1884. (b) Edith Sweetser, b. May 23, 1887. (c) Marion Sweetser, b. Nov. 3, 1889. (d) Norman Sweetser, b. April 29, 1891.

6643. ix. GEORGE, b. Nov. 6, 1818; m. Alice Philips and Susan Goodwin.
6643½. x. MARY NOURSE, b. Jan. 8, 1802; d. Dec. 8, 1834.


6644. i. CALEB EMORY, b. Aug. 4, 1819; m. Caroline F. Swain.
6645. ii. REBECCA ELIZABETH, b. ——; m. —— Bancroft. Res., Reading.
6646. iii. NANCY, b. ——; m. Joshua Eaton. Res., Providence, R. I.

6333. ELDRIDGE FOSTER (Samuel, Benjamin, Samuel, Samuel, John), b. Reading, Mass.; d.; m. Deborah Cotton. She d. in 1866. Hartford Probate; will of Deborah Foster, Aug. 1, 1866.—I give and bequeath all my estate to my beloved husband, Eldridge Foster, and I do constitute and appoint my son, Chester M. Foster, of New York, executor.

Deborah Foster. [seal.]

Proven May 29, 1867.

Will of Eldridge Foster of Hartford, directs that all his just debts be paid.—"I authorize my executor to appropriate from my estate not to exceed $600 for the erection of a family monument," etc. Directs estate to be divided into four equal parts—"I devise and bequeath one of the four equal parts to my son Chester M. Foster in trust for my second son John E. Foster. I give one of the four equal parts to my beloved son Chester M. Foster and his heirs forever; and one of the four equal parts to my beloved daughter, Caroline E. Wright." Appoints "my son Chester M. Foster, executor," etc.

Eldridge Foster [seal.]

March 23, 1867. Internal Revenue Stamps, $2.00.
Proven April 22, 1867. He d. April, 1867. Res., Hartford, Conn.

6647. I. JOHN ELDRIDGE, b. ——; m. Elizabeth Choate.
648. ii. CHESTER M., b. ——, 6649. iii. WARREN, b. ——.
6650. iv. CAROLINE E., b. ——; m. —— Wright. Res., Glastonbury, Ct.

6335. TIMOTHY FOSTER (Benjamin, Benjamin, Samuel, Samuel, John), b. Wilmington, Mass., in 1782; m., Aug. 14, 1806, Eunice Jenkins, b. 1783; d. Oct. 25,
1825. He was a contractor and builder and was accidentally killed. Timothy, of Wilmington; letter date April 24, 1827; ex. April 24, 1827, same; no widow. A passage reads, "No child of age except the wife of petitioner for letter" (James Taylor). He d. March 25, 1827. Res., Wilmington, Mass.


6653. iii. TIMOTHY, b. Aug. 17, 1815; m. ——.


6656. vi. HENRY, b. ——. He m. Res., Montgomery, Ga. He d. there as did his wife and child.


6657. ii. BENJAMIN, b. Aug. 3, 1807; m. Lucinda Carter.

6658. i. ESTHER, b. June 26, 1805; m., April 24, 1833, James Butters, of Charlestown, Mass. He moved to Sangerfield, Me., where he built the first frame house in the town. He d. there in 1843 and the widow returned to Wilmington, Mass. She d. there, Sept. 28, 1888. Ch.: 1. Chauncey Webster, b. 1834. 2. Columbus Tyler, b. 1835. He enlisted in 1861 in the Sixth battery, Massachusetts volunteers, for three years. Was drowned in the Mississippi river at New Orleans, Sept. 6, 1862. 3. James Lawrence, b. March 6, 1836.

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6669. i. BETSEY, b. Sept. 5, 1790; d. June 4, 1793.
6660. ii. BETSEY, b. Aug. 30, 1794; d. Aug. 6, 1796.
6661. iii. OLIVER, b. September, 1796; d. Nov. 7, 1797.


6662. i. JOHN, b. Sept. 29, 1820; m. Hannah W. Perry.
6663. ii. MARY PRINCE, b. Aug. 3, 1822; m. Nov. 30, 1843, George Thissell.
6664. iii. EZRA, b. Aug. 14, 1825; m. Abigail S. Borden.
6665. iv. ELIZABETH, b. Dec. 1, 1827; m. Jan. 9, 1851, John W. Abbott, aged twenty-two, son of John and Anna.


6666. i. MARY, b. Oct. 6, 1800; m. April 2, 1820, Josiah Foster; d. June 9, 1873, of heart disease.
6668. iii. LYDIA, b. Oct. 4, 1807; m. Isaac Haskell, Jr.
6670. v. ROBERT STANDLEY, b. April 30, 1812; m. Abigail Foster.
6673. viii. JONATHAN CORNING, b. Aug. 29, 1818; m. Susan P. Woodbury.
6674. ix. JONATHAN STANDLEY, b. Dec. 4, 1820; m. Abigail Elliott.


6675. i. HANNAH, b. May 1, 1803; m. May 30, 1822, John Thissell. She d. Jan. 30, 1831.
6676. ii. BENJAMIN, b. March 26, 1809; d. May 27, 1825.
6678. iv. JOHN, b. Nov. 3, 1814; m. ———.
6679. v. JOSIAH LOVETT, b. April 14, 1805; m. Joanna Prince.

6352. JONATHAN FOSTER (Jeremiah, Joseph, Joseph, Samuel, John), b. Beverly, Mass., April 11, 1781; m. May 21, 1801, Naby Cole, b. 1783; d. Oct. 4,

6682. i. BENJAMIN, b. Sept. 18, 1803; m. Betsey Grace.

6683. ii. HANNAH, b. June 15, 1801; m., March 25, 1821, John O. Foster. She d. May 10, 1836.

6684. iii. JONATHAN, b. Oct. 15, 1805; m. Anna Lovett.


6686. v. MARY ANN, b. June 9, 1809; m., Aug. 12, 1834, Joseph F. Woodbury.

6687. vi. LARKIN, b. April 11, 1811; d. Feb. 11, 1837.


6689. viii. JEREMIAH, b. July 25, 1815; d. April 28, 1840.


6691. x. ELIZA MARIA, b. July 15, 1821; m., Nov. 22, 1840, Nathaniel Haskell, Jr.; d. May 30, 1846.

6692. xi. GIDEON COLE, b. April 7, 1823; d. Dec. 23, 1840.


6695. xiv. JOSEPH GRAFTON, b. Nov. 17, 1828; m.—. He was a tailor and d. Clarendon, Vt., May 9, 1859, ae. thirty years, and six months.


6796. i. REBECCA, b. March 10, 1807; d. Aug. 19, 1815.

6697. ii. EZRA, b. April 6, 1809.

6698. iii. JONATHAN S., b. September, 1811; d. Dec. 25, 1811.

6699. iv. HARRIET LOVETT, b. Nov. 17, 1813; m. Solomon Howlett.


6702. vii. JAMES, b. Nov. 4, 1821; d. Nov. 16, 1821.


6704. ix. JONATHAN L., b. Nov., 1825; d. 1825.

6705. x. GEORGE A., b. June 13, 1827; d. March 10, 1842.

6706. xi. CHARLOTTE G., b. Nov. 13, 1828; m., June 29, 1853, Elisha Whitney, ae. twenty-nine, a mariner; son of Michael and Nancy; had four children.

6707. xii. HENRY L., b. Mar. 31, 1832; d.

6708. xiii. STEPHEN S., b. July 20, 1834. He was a trader; d. Sept. 21, 1856 (unm.), of fever.


6790. i. SAMUEL, b. Feb. 16, 1814; m. Mary A. Foster

6710. ii. ISSACHER, b. April 22, 1818; m. Mary L. Edwards.

6711. iii. CALVIN, b. July 5, 1819; m. Mary Ann Knowlton and Elizabeth A. Marshall.


6714. vi. ANNA WALLIS, b. March 8, 1816; m., Dec. 18, 1836, Luther Woodbury.


6716. viii. SARAH, b. Nov. 24, 1827; m., Feb. 26, 1874, Dixey Woodbury, b. 1817.

6717. ix. MARY, b. April 29, 1807; m., Dec. 21, 1834, Richard Butman, of
ELIZA, b. May 12, 1800; m., Oct. 4, 1825, Capt. Richard Woodbury.

NANCY, b. June 28, 1802; m., Oct. 9, 1827, David Lefavor.


ABIGAIL, b. April 25, 1810; d. July 4, 1810.

ISRAEL FOSTER (Samuel, Joseph, Joseph, Samuel, John), b. Beverly, Mass., Aug. 15, 1783; m. there, March 12, 1811, Anna Foster, only dau. of Captain Jeremiah. He was a sea-faring man and later farmer. Israel followed the seas in his early life, afterward kept a grocery store and carried on a farm in a small way. He married but once in life, and that was to Anna Foster, only daughter of Capt. Jeremiah Foster. He d. June 22, 1864. Res., Beverly, Mass.

ELEANOR, b. Nov. 20, 1814; m. James Perry, and d. s. p.

REBECCA, b. Jan. 29, 1816; m. Alvan Haskell. They had two children, a son and a daughter.


ISRAEL, b. Jan. 7, 1820; m. Elizabeth Gentlee and Mrs. Lydia Stickney.

SAMUEL J., b. March 13, 1823; m. Hittie Ann Miller and Eliza Breck Foster Choate.

EZRA O., b. Sept. 23, 1824; m. Adeline S. Hammond.

MARY, b. March 23, 1828; d. unm.


NATHANIEL, b. Sept. 23, 1805.

ELSA (Elsey), b. Feb. 13, 1808; m., June 1, 1830, Augustus Roundy. She d. Dec. 11, 1846.

SAMUEL, b. Oct. 17, 1810.

MARY A., b. Aug. 29, 1815; m. Samuel Foster, Jr., (see).


LYDIA, b. ——; m., Oct. 8, 1839, Albert Brower.

AUGUSTA, b. July 25, 1814; m., Sept. 20, 1832, James Allen.

EZRA, b. Nov. 9, 1816; d. Dec. 8, 1817.


JOHN PAUL, b. Aug 13, 1819; m. Sabra A. ——.

ISRAEL THORNDIKE, b. Feb. 24, 1824; m. Lydia Chaff.

ISSACHER O., b. Dec. 10, 1825; m. Elizabeth J. ——.

MARTHA JANE, b. Jan. 4, 1828.

JUDITH ANN, b. Feb. 24, 1830.

PRUDENCE BROWN, b. May 13, 1832; m. Adams. She d. Dec. 27, 1801.

EZKIEL HALE, b. Nov. 27, 1834; d. Dec. 31, 1895.

JAMES HENRY, b. Dec. 2, 1836; m. Julia A., Jennings.

CHARLES CURTIS (twin), b. Dec. 27, 1835; m., Elizabeth E. Lowell.

HIRAM BURTIS (twin), b. Dec. 27, 1838; m. Lucy J. ——.


BENJAMIN DAY, b. Aug. 9, 1844.
6749. i. HEPSIBAH PRIDE, b. Jan. 6, 1809; m., Dec. 18, 1828, Samuel Ober, Jr. She d. Aug. 27, 1884.
6751. i. NABBY O., b. Feb. 21, 1808; d. unm, April 14, 1872.
6753. i. CAROLINE E., b. Sept. 17, 1823; d. Aug. 4, 1835.
6754. ii. JOHN O., b. Aug. 11, 1829; d. 1845.
6755. iii. HENRY F. W., b. Aug. 19, 1832; m. Joanna H. Pierce.
6756. i. ISRAEL W., b. Dec. 6, 1812; m. Rebecca Wallis.
6757. ii. ELISHA L., b. Dec. 29, 1814; d. May 5, 1816.
6759. iv. ALBERT, b. Sept. 18, 1818; m. Abigail B. Morse.
6761. vi. WILLIAM HENRY, b. March 7, 1826; d. July 31, 1833.
6762. vii. HENRY E., b. Sept. 8, 1830.
6763. i. JOSEPH L., b. July 12, 1813; m. Sarah W. Haskell.
6764. ii. ELIZA ANN, b. July 18, 1815; m., March 19, 1833, William Ober, 2d.
6765. iii. JONATHAN, b. Dec. 29, 1817; m. Mary Fielder.
6767. v. HEZEKIAH OBER, b. Oct. 10, 1820; m. Susan Clark.
6768. vi. OLIVER P., b. Feb. 9, 1822 (fisherman); d. unm., at Worcester, June 9, 1855, of fever.
6770. viii. SARAH OBER, b. Aug. 10, 1825; m. Charles Holden.
6771. ix. JOSHUA (twin), b. Dec. 14, 1826; d. young.
6772. x. JOSIAH (twin), b. Dec. 14, 1826; m. Frances E. Patch.
6773. i. JOSIAH, b. Sept. 20, 1820; m. Hannah A. Abbott.
6774. ii. JOSEPH, b. Jan. 28, 1822; m. Abigail O. Young.
6775. iii. GEORGE S., b. June 6, 1824; m. Mary Ober.
— 6776. i. BENJAMIN P., b. Sept. 29, 1832; d. June 17, 1848.

*Bevery records also say Elizabeth.
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6777. ii. SARAH A., b. Aug. 8, 1834; m., Jan. 3, 1856, Nathan W. Hull, ae. twenty-one, son of Nathan and Abigail.


6780. BENONI FOSTER (Silas, John, John, John), b. Royalston, Mass., April 30, 1796; m. Huldah ——. Res. Royalston, Mass., and ——.

6779. i. SILAS, b. March 5, 1820.

6780. ii. SUSAN, b. April 19, 1822.

6771. iii. JOHN, b. May 30, 1825.

6782. iv. GEORGE W., b. May 3, 1827.

6783. v. CATHARINE, b. Feb. 5, 1830.

6783. EBENEZER FOSTER (Samuel, Ebenezer, John, John, John), b. Rum-bouts, N. Y., Sept. 25, 1766; m. Asenath Orne; m., 2d, Ruth Wolcott; m., 3d, Almira Orne. The occupation of Mr. Foster for some time was an inn-keeper, and later he was proprietor of the first line of stages from Providence to Boston. Res., Providence, R. I.

6784. i. CHARLES ORNE, b. ——. 6789. vi. HARRIET, b. ——.

6785. ii. ASHENATH ORNE, b. 1800. 6790. vii. ALMIRA, b. ——.

6786. iii. GEORGE, b. ——. 6791. viii. SAMUEL J., b. ——.

6787. iv. GARDINER, b. ——. 6792. ix. EBENEZER, b. ——.

6788. v. EBENEZER, b. ——.


He was born at Little Nine Partners, N. Y. He occupied a farm adjoining his father's for a few years. About 1801 he built a house and barn, at what is now the village, designed for a hotel; but if ever occupied as such it was for a short time only. The house is still standing. Soon after his father went to New Sharon, Richard sold his property here and established himself on a farm, near his father, and there remained until his death. In addition to his farming he was much engaged in trafficking and dickering throughout the country, in anything that came to hand. He was a great practical joker, and many are the instances related. None showed any malice, but an intense love of fun. As a specimen the following was recently published in a Portland paper: "A marriage was being solemnized at the house of Levi Morton (grandfather of New York's ex-Governor), about a mile distant from his home. It was on a cold winter's night, and Richard managed, without detection, to place a board on the chimney top, thus smoking out family and guests, and it was some time before the cause was discovered." He married Clarissa Barton, of a Windsor, Me., family, she then residing in Winthrop. She was an aunt of Miss Clara Barton of Red Cross fame. He d. Aug. 23, 1841. Res., Winthrop, Me.

6793. I. PATHENIA, b. May 18, 1792; m., Jan. 22, 1815, Major David Thwing, of Mt. Vernon. Major Thwing was a son of John Thwing, a Revolutionary soldier, who died at Morristown, N. J., Washington's winter quarters. His son, David, was born at Brentwood, N. H., June 10, 1772. At the age of twenty-one he left home and came to Maine; remained at Readfield a few months, then went to Mt. Vernon, thence to New Portland, spending a short time at those places, when he returned to Mt. Vernon, where he passed the remainder of his days. He died Nov. 20, 1851. His first wife was Mary Whittier, who died after bearing him two children, who both died young and unmarried. He d. Nov. 20, 1849. Those children by Pathenia were: 1. Mary W., b. Aug. 29, 1816; m. John Neal, of Vienna. Three children, 2. Hannah; d. young. 3. Hannah D., b. Jan. 23, 1824; m. Charles Kent, of Kent's Hill. 4. Daniel H., b. July 11, 1822; m., June 27, 1847, Marianne, dau. of Nathaniel Kent. Res., W. Mt. Vernon, Me. Had two children; one, Willard F., resides New Sharon, Me.

Major Thwing was a farmer all his days; a deacon in the Baptist church for twenty-five years; a major in the militia; often a town officer; one year a Representative in the Legislature. The life of his son, Daniel H., has been uneventful. He has always
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worked on a farm; had one of his own between fifty and sixty years; has been selectmen of his town twenty-one years; Representative one year; County Commissioner six years; Master of the State Grange four years; Master of the Masonic (Vernon Valley) Lodge two years, and has always been a busy man, and now, at seventy-six, is as strong as he ever was; is six feet in height. As a farmer he has been president of the Mt. Provid Agricultural and Kennebec County Agricultural Society. He has lectured in the interest of the Grange in fifteen States and is a director of the National Grange.

5. George R., b. May 27, 1824.


6795. iii. Harlow Barton, b. Sept. 12, 1798; d. unm.
6796. iv. Clarissa II, b. May 2, 1801; m. Elijah Grove, of Skowhegan, Me. She d. s. p.
6797. v. Laurinda, b. March 14, 1804; m. Charles Leadbeatter, of Bingham, Me.
6800. viii. Michael, b. April 19, 1809; d. unm.
6801. ix. Walcott, b. March 12, 1812; m. Abriana Atwood, of Chesterville. Had two children. The son was killed in the civil war, and the daughter m. — Pray. Res., Massachusetts.
6802. x. Villetta, b. May 9, 1815; m. James Lane. Had six children; all dead.

6803. i. Charlotte Everett, b. July 12, 1813.

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6805. iii. William Avery, b. Sept. 10, 1809; d. young.
6807. iv. Horatio, b. May 24, 1812; d. in infancy.
6808. v. Horace, b. May 24, 1812; m. Clarissa Foster.
6809. vi. Edward Washburn, b. May 23, 1814; d. young man.
6810. vii. Ann Maria, b. May 9, 1816; m. — Perry.
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6801. BENJAMIN FOSTER (Samuel, Ebenezer, John, John, John), b. Winthrop, Me., June 17, 1784; m., March 29, 1810, Lavinia Hillman, dau. of Thomas and Ruth (Mayhew), of Martha's Vineyard, b. Sept. 7, 1789; d. May, 1867.

Benjamin Foster, who died in Boston, April 20, 1860, was the son of Samuel Foster, of Winthrop, Me., and Fear Avery, of Fishkill, N. Y., both "Friends." His father served in the army of the Revolution; was at West Point and Newburgh, under General Washington, and was one of the first settlers in the town of Winthrop, Me.

Benjamin was born in Winthrop, June 17, 1784. He manifested in his early days a strong desire to obtain an education, and though thrown entirely upon his own resources, he attended, occasionally, the town school until 1801, when he attended the High School, under William Balch, preceptor. Soon after he left Winthrop, he went to Providence, R. I., and attended Plainfield Academy, John Adams, preceptor, and during the winters of 1802-3-4 taught school in Franklin, Conn. It may be worthy of note that in attendance at his school were twenty-four scholars by the name of Tracy. In the fall of 1804 he commenced the study of the languages under the instruction of Rev. Eliphalet Nott, who took a deep interest in his early education, and was very anxious that he should enter the ministry, which appears from the long and interesting correspondence of President Nott (to which he was at that time much inclined), and for a long time kept up a correspondence upon religious topics with many of the most eminent divines of the country. August 26, 1805, he entered Union College, New York. September, 1806, he returned to Maine, taught school in Readfield and Livermore, and returned to Middlebury, Vt., and graduated at Middlebury College, Aug. 26, 1809, Jeremiah Atwater, president.

In 1810 he married Lavinia Hillman (who now survives him) of Readfield, the daughter of Thomas Hillman and Ruth Mayhew, a descendant of Gov. Thomas Mayhew, who came to Martha's Vineyard about twenty-seven years after the arrival of the Mayflower. The deceased read law with Thomas Rice, of Winslow, and was admitted to practice Aug. 10, 1812, at Augusta, Kennebec County, and immediately commenced the practice of law at Waterville. He removed to Fairfield in 1820, to Kingfield in 1825, where he continued in the practice of law until 1843, when he moved to Bingham, and thence to Salem, thence to Richmond, where he resided at the time of his death.

Upon the journal of the deceased are the names and ages of over twelve hundred of his scholars. Several of these have been distinguished as governors, judges and members of Congress from several States. The deceased was in his seventy-sixth year, and scarcely been sick a day in his life until a few days prior to his decease, which was in consequence of a surgical operation upon his jaw. He expired as quietly, calmly and resigned as though merely going to sleep, in full vigor and possession of his mental capacities. He had lived with the wife of his early choice for over fifty years, by whom he had ten children, all now living to mourn the irretrievable loss of a kind and affectionate husband and father. He d. in Boston, April 20, 1860. Res., Readfield and Richmond, Me.

6812. i. PAULINUS MAYHEW, b. Jan. 1, 1811; m. Lydia R. Hutchins.

6813. ii. CHARLES BENJ., b. Oct. 22, 1812; m. Dorcas F. Spaulding.

6814. iii. LAVINIA HILLMAN, b. Feb. 17, 1814; m. Gustavus Smith, of The Forks, Me. She d. s. p.

6815. iv. MICHAEL MELLEN, b. Feb. 4, 1816; m. Mrs. Mary Bushnell.

6816. v. WILLIAM AVERY, b. Jan. 18, 1818; m. Sarah A. Himes.

6817. vi. CLARISSA HILLMAN, b. Dec. 30, 1819; m. Horace Foster (her cousin). (See) of Attleboro. She d. January, 1878.

6818. vii. CHARLOTTE E., b. Sept. 12, 1822; m. Lorenzo Moore, St. Albans, Me. A married dau. resides in Providence, R. I.


6820. ix. PHILANDER SOULE, b. Dec. 18, 1827. He is an architect; unm. Res., Richmond, Me.


6894. OTIS FOSTER (Timothy, Timothy, John, John, John), b. Winthrop, Me., May 8, 1773; m. (pub.), Nov. 12, 1794, Lucy Norris, dau. of Jeremiah and Hannah (Chute). Res., Winthrop and Farmington, Me.

6822. i. LOZANA, b. May 27, 1810; m. Green Longfellow, his second wife. She d. April 15, 1825.


6824. iii. PHEBE, b. Sept. 18, 1800; d. Oct. 12, 1811.
HENRY, b. April 25, 1809; d. Nov. 14, 1820. He fell from the great beam in the barn.

HIRAM, b. March 6, 1803; m. Mary Howard and — Shorey.

ABIGAIL, b. Nov. 21, 1814; d. unm., 1819.

CHARLES, b. Oct. 28, 1805; m. Maria Howard.


OTIS, b. Sept. 6, 1796; m. Betsey Russ and Mrs. Phebe Haskell Cram.


OLIVE, b. March 3, 1800.

JEFFERSON, b. Sept. 3, 1801; m. Mercy B, French.

CYRUS, b. May 10, 1803; m. Dec. 5, 1833, Clarissa White; m., 2d, Nov. 14, 1834, Julia Crosby; d. 1866; and May 9, 1869, Mrs. Louisa (Tilton) Jewell. He was a deacon of the Baptist church. Res., Monmouth Neck, Me., s. p. She d. Feb. 24, 1897. He was a farmer.

HANNAH, b. Nov. 1, 1805; m. March 11, 1826, Benjamin Cole; and Oct. 22, 1874, John Macomber, of East Monmouth, Me.

LEVY, b. Nov. 16, 1806; m. and resides Corunna, Me. He m. Miss Cyrusia F. Graves, of Chelsea, Me. She d. and he m., 2d, his cousin, Miss Harris, dau. of Caleb and Dorcas (Cole) Harris.


MARCELLUS LUCE, b. Aug. 31, 1814; m. in Phillips, Jan. 1, 1838, Ann M. Welch, b. Oct. 31, 1808; d. Feb. 15, 1859. He d. at Presque Isle, April 15, 1874. He was a farmer, s. p.


LAVINIA JANE, b. Jan. 24, 1819; m. Henry C. Stevens, of Montpelier, Vt. Lived in Charlestown until his death, July 31, 1893. One daughter, Cora, d. at thirteen years of age. Mrs. Stevens is now in Vermont.

LYDIA MILICENT, b. Aug. 27, 1822; m. Eben Davis; m., 2d, Lorenzo Young, b. Feb. 17, 1820, in Boston. Ch. of first marriage: 1. Anna Bennett Davis, b. Oct. 8, 1845, in Cambridge, Mass.; m. Reuben Frank Cook, of Provincetown, Mass.; d. three years ago in Cleveland, O. He was a dentist. Mrs. Cook lives at Pass Christian, Miss. 2. Frank Merrill Davis, b. in 1847, in

6846. iii. ANGELA ALDRIDGE, b. Aug. 15, 1850.


Mrs. Flanders is a graduate of the Old Ipswich Female Seminary, and has inherited all her father's ability; was a teacher for a number of years, her first attempt being a private school at South Gardiner, Me., during the long spring vacation. It was composed of pupils of all ages, but was most successful notwithstanding, and to-day her former scholars speak of her as the only one who knew how to teach, mathematics in particular. She taught in Boonville, Mo., in Philadelphia, in the old Seminary, at Ipswich. In 1862, at the call of Bishop Scott for teachers she went to Oregon, teaching in Portland and Milwaukee; here she was stricken with conical cornea. Unlike most cases, it came on gradually, and she is not totally blind, but nearly so. Almost the first person she met was her future husband, one of the pioneers of Portland. Captain Flanders was the youngest of twelve children (who were never all at home together). He commenced going to sea at twelve years old with his brother-in-law, Capt. John Couch, and they followed the sea many years. In 1840 Capt. Couch was sent to the trading post at Astoria by Caleb Cushing. In 1842 they reached Clackamas Rapids, just below Oregon City, then the chief post of the Hudson Bay Company. In 1848 Captain Flanders took command of the bark, while Captain Couch established a store and sold the cargo, agreeable to instructions. In 1850 they settled in Portland, built wharves, engaged in trading, and "from the day on which they left Newburyport together, to the day of Captain Couch's death, they were like David and Jonathan" (a period of twenty years). Captain Flanders saw great possibilities in Portland, and always urged his brother-in-law to take up land, and afterward, to prove the claim, which he did on the passage of the Donation Act. This is known as "Couch's Addition"—was a mile square. On Captain Flanders managing, this was equally divided. He built docks, engaged in general freighting; built the first brick store; worked for the advancement of the place. The two men gave a strip through the center of their land for a park. Captain Flanders gave the land to the railroad to locate the depot on; his hands were always open to the needs of the city, which he saw grow up about him. He died Nov. 20, 1892, loved and respected by all who knew him. He was buried in beautiful "Riverside."

6849. vi. SAMUEL AUGUSTUS, b. Aug. 31, 1856; m. Laura Sprigg.

6850. vii. EDWARD KENT, b. Aug. 25, 1858; d., lost at sea, Dec. 22, 1860. He was a young man of great promise, and being too old to enter
Annapolis Naval Academy when the opportunity came to him, he soon after started on a voyage around the world; sailed from New York, Nov. 14, 1859, in the bark George Warren, Capt. Merrill Sewell, for Melbourne. Arrived in Melbourne, March 18, 1860; in Hong Kong, June 16, 1860; in Shanghai, July 16, 1860; in Amoy, Aug. 6, 1860; in Shanghai, Aug. 31, 1860; in Hong Kong, Sept. 21, 1860; in Whampoa, Sept. 24, 1860; in Hong Kong, Oct. 8, 1860. Here the bark was sold to English parties. "Left bark, George Warren, Oct. 16, 1860; went on board ship Coquinbe, Captain Knipe, of Boston, bound for San Francisco; sailed Oct. 24, 1860; Friday, Dec. 18, 1860; kept away from Japan; ship leaking very badly. Here the diary closes. On the night of December 22d, he was sent to fuel the jib—the last seen of him. Four days after the ship arrived at Kanagawa, in a sinking condition; just kept afloat by the cargo of coolies working at the pumps in relays of fifteen men every hour. She was making three feet of water an hour, and was twenty-six days in China Sea, where they had a succession of gales. He had acted as mate all up and down the coast of China, and was fitted to take command of any ship in two years, his captain reported. He had studied navigation, intending to rise quickly.

6851. viii. MARTHA FRANCES, b. April 25, 1840; d. April 26, 1840.


6853. i. HELEN AUGUSTA, b. ——.
6853 1/2. ii. TWO CHILDREN, d. young.
6853 3/4. iii. AMELIA, b. ——; m. Edward Howland. She res. Flatonia, Fayette County, Texas.
6853 3/4. v. ALBERT, b. ——. He d. Jan. 9, 1892. A son, A. G., resides in Texas; was b. 1890.
6853 3/4. vii. WILLIAM TELL (twin), b. ——; d. unm., ae. twenty-two years.
6853 3/4. ix. THOMAS PORTER, b. June 6, 1873; m. about seven years; has three boys; lives in Breslan, Lavaca County, Texas.

6409. CAPT. WADSWORTH FOSTER (Stewart, Timothy, John, John, John), b. Jan. 7, 1788, Winthrop, Me., m. there, 1813, Lucinda Snell, b. July 29, 1789; d. March 31, 1814; m., 2d, 1814, Abigail Kezer, b. April 4, 1791; d. Feb. 14, 1822; m., 3d, Oct. 27, 1822, Lucy Haywood, b. July 25, 1795; d. April 11, 1881. He was born in Winthrop, Me., and was brought up in the Quaker church. He was a sea captain for a number of years, and at one time commanded a liner that ran from New Brunswick to Cuba. He moved to Wisconsin in 1845, and settled in Monroe, where he died in November, 1871. There was one established church in Winthrop that demanded the support of all the men in the town whether they belonged to it or not. There had been many complaints against paying the church tax, but all to no purpose. As was the custom when the collector came around the men would donate a sheep or a cow to be sold at auction in payment for their tax. Wadsworth Foster, who was helping to support several churches, when asked to pay the general tax, handed over a calf and his family Bible, much to the astonishment and horror of the pious collector, who was forced to accept whatever was given him. The next day, Stewart Foster, father of Wadsworth, bid in the Bible,—but the deed had been done, and it created such a furor in the town that from that time forward only members of the estate church were asked to help support it. That one event marked the downfall of religious despotism in Winthrop. Mr. Foster served in the war of 1812 as sergeant in Capt. Asa Fairbanks company, Colonel John Storis. His wife received a pension, and he had a grant of land from the government for military services. He d. Monroe, Wis., Nov. 5, 1871. Res., Winthrop, Me.

6854. i. LUCINDA SNEILL, b. March 25, 1814; d. Sept. 29, 1817.
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6856. iii. CHARLES STEWART, b. Dec. 30, 1819; m. Mary C. McCool.
6857. iv. WILLIAM HEYWOOD, b. Feb. 1, 1824.

6861. viii. CHARLOTTE HURKE, b. Jan. 4, 1834. C.

6410. SERGT. OLIVER FOSTER (Steward, Timothy, John, John, John), b. Winthrop, Me., Aug. 29, 1795; m. there, Nov. 30, 1815, Lydia Perkins, b. Sept. 28, 1793; d. East Winthrop, March 10, 1872. Oliver Foster was a farmer; served in the war of 1812-14, in Capt. Asa Fairbank's company, Col. John Stone's regiment, as sergeant. He d. Aug. 21, 1857. Res., East Winthrop, Me.

6864. i. BENJAMIN STEWART, b. March 29, 1820; d. Jan. 12, 1821.
6865. ii. JERUSHA PERKINS, b. Nov. 9, 1816; d. unm., Dec. 2, 1891.
6866. iii. HANNAH WADSWORTH, b. Aug. 24, 1818; m., Sept. 7, 1845, Nathaniel Rogers Pike, b. Dec. 8, 1815, in Fayette, Me.; a moulded by trade until 1870; then a farmer. Ch.: 1. Charles E., b. 1847; a dentist in Philadelphia; m., May 17, 1871, Sarah A. Lawrence, b. May 18, 1847. One child, George L. Pike, b. May 17, 1873. 2. George A., b. 1848; m. to Esther Lawrence; have four ch. 3. Helen T., b. Oct. 16, 1841; m. P. H. Snell and d. 1892.
6867. iv. LYDIA HARMONY, b. Nov. 13, 1821; m. George M. Wentworth. Res., Gardner, Me. Son of David and Nancy (McCaresland) Wentworth. Ch.: 1. Allie Frances, b. 1849; m. 1st, Thomas C. Flagg; m., 2d, Quincy Bracket. Had two children by last husband; all family dead. 2. Frank P., b. 1857. 3. Charles E., b. 1862. Mr. Wentworth was City Marshal many years.
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6868. v. CHARLES OLIVER, b. Oct. 28, 1824; m. Angela Parlin.
6871. viii. MARTIN A., b. March 9, 1834; m. H. Rosilla Marrow.

6412. MOSES FOSTER (Stewart, Timothy, John, John, John), b. Nov. 10, 1793; m. Temperance Davis. It proved an unhappy marriage; he left her, went to the Sandwich Islands; married a native woman; had children that were sent to San Francisco to be educated. He became very wealthy it was said. Res., Sandwich Islands.

6414. ISAAC N. FOSTER (Stewart, Timothy, John, John, John), b. April 22, 1798, Winthrop, Me.; m. there, Jan. 26, 1820, Lois Hoyt, b. June 1, 1797, dau. of Peaslee and Abigail. Mr. Foster, directly after he was married went to Phillips, Me., where he lived thirteen years; then came to Winthrop where he spent the rest of his life. Was a farmer. Res., Winthrop, Me.

6872. i. EVELINE A., b. Nov. 28, 1821; m., Nov. 16, 1841, in Winthrop, George Adams Longfellow, b. May 6, 1813, son of David and Susannah (Adams) Longfellow of Newburg, Ch. b. in Winthrop: 1. Henry Wadsworth, a merchant in Boston. 2. Walter B., a farmer in Farmingdale. 3. Nellie M., m. L. G. Carleton, a lawyer, and chairman of the fish and game commission. Had one son, George L. Carleton, b. May 7, 1875, and d. May 19, 1892; was at Kent's Hill Seminary in preparatory college course. 4. Alice H. m. George N. Waugh and lives on the Longfellow homestead. Mr. Longfellow was descended from the famous Adams and Longfellow families of America; was b. and d. on the farm where his father settled in 1812. He traveled extensively throughout the United States selling oil-cloths in his younger days, but his specialty was orcharding. The "Longfellow russets" are noted throughout New England. He d. 189x. Mrs. Longfellow was brought up a Quaker, but now attends the Methodist church.

6873. ii. MARY HOYT, b. June 2, 1824; m., June 30, 1853, Alvin P. Hodgdon, b. Aug. 9, 1822, North Boothbay, Me., son of Tyler. Captain Hodgdon began following the sea at fourteen on fishing trips, became master of a schooner for about ten years, after which he commanded a barque running between United States and Mediterranean ports; in the fruit trade for several years. He then settled on a farm in Boothbay; also became engaged in fishing and curing of the codfish at home. Sold out his interest in fishing some time ago, but still cures fish for others. Is a Democrat, and a Methodist. Res., North Boothbay, Me. Ch.: 1. Lizzie M., b. April 2, 1854; m. Fred L. Bardwell, a professor of chemistry in Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Res., Roxbury, Mass. 2. Edith M., b. June 24, 1862; m., Oct. 30, 1889, Dr. George M. Atwood, Haverhill, Mass. Ch.: (a) Fred Atwood, b. 1884. (b) Charles Atwood, b. 1886; d. 1888.

6874. iii. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, b. June 29, 1827; m. Adeline Hodgdon and Emma J. Plumer.

6875. iv. ELIPHALET HOYT, b. May 15, 1829; m. Augusta Brown.

6415. STEWART FOSTER (Stewart, Timothy, John, John, John), b. Winthrop, Me., June 7, 1800; m. Mary (Sager) Ames, of Hallowell, Me. He d. Res., Hallowell, Me.

6876. i. MARY STEWART, b. ---. Res., Dracut, Mass.

6877. ii. CHARLES PEMBERTON, b. ---; d. ---.

6417. FRANKLIN FOSTER (Stewart, Timothy, John, John, John), b. Winthrop, Me., Sept. 6, 1801; m. Abbie Delano, of Boston; m., 2d, Feb. 24, 1824, Margaret Kimball Lord, of Hallowell, b. Sept. 11, 1819, dau. of Philip and Abigail (Nye). He was the youngest son of his father and went to Boston when a young man. He hauled the first load of stone used in building in East Boston. He belonged to the fire department, and assisted at the burning of Mount Benedict Con-
vent in 1834 (where Tuft's College stands). He went to Hollowell in 1841 and took part in the local war there, and settled in Gardiner the next year, and was a provision dealer for a number of years; then drove a cart. He moved west, near to his brother, in 1875, to Milton Junction, Wis.; returned in 1881. Mrs. Foster is a granddaughter of Capt. Elisha Nye, of the Revolution, for whom the British ship lay in the harbor of Naushau Island, searching for him eight days. His wife carried food and hid it under logs, stones, in trees, where she thought he would find it. The soldiers prodded the thickets with their bayonets (he just escaping their thrusts); hunted him with dogs, so that he always saved a portion of food to feed them with. They destroyed every living thing on the place except a little colt that was scared too far away to be caught, marched around with the geese strung on the bayonets over the shoulders, ripped open the beds and scattered the feathers to the winds. His wife had two little children and a boy to help; when she saw the ship depart after eight days' search, she took down the gun, went to the house-top, fired the gun and danced; then leading one child and carrying the other, she made her way with the aid of the boy to the nearest house to await her husband's coming. He d. Oct. 9, 1885. Res., Boston, Mass.; Hollowell, Me.; Milton Junction, Wis.

6878. i. GEORGE FRANKLIN, b. June 12, 1832. He went to Calif, sailed out of the East, Dec. 1, 1849, on the bark "Emma," Captain Mason and went around Cape Horn. He was never heard of after 1862, and it is supposed he was killed in the civil war.


6880. iii. ABBY ELLA, b. Sept. 6, 1847; m. Sept. 8, 1879, to Samuel Oakman Soper, b. Dec. 11, 1858, son of John and Evelyn (Smith) Soper. Ch.: 1. Charles Edwin Soper, b. Aug. 3, 1876; m. Sept. 5, 1894, in Randolph, Me., Alice Newton Mitchell, b. April 10, 1879, dau. of Newton Mitchell. One child, Maria Newton Soper, b. April 20, 1896. 2. Harry Franklin, b. April 24, 1879; d. Oct. 19, 1879. 3. Grace Margaret, b. May 22, 1882. Mr. Soper is a machinist, worked for years in the Holmes foundry, went West in 1875 to Wisconsin; was in hardware business; came back in 1883; worked in shoe factory some time, then clerked. All the children live in the West.


6119. STEPHEN FOSTER (Stephen, Timothy, John, John, John), b. Winthrop, Me.; m. — Res., Alton, Me.


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4. Lizzie G., b. March 12, 1862. Ch. of fourth wife: 5. Rollah S., b. Jan. 18, 1896. 6. Carl W., b. Oct. 29, 1898. Mr. Foster is a farmer in lumber and real estate, also has a farm; was six years old when his father went “down east,” and took up “wild land” in Alton and has nearly always and now lives in La Grange.


6884. iii. MEHITABLE, b. 1812; m. Dennis Gilbert. She d. June 15, 1874. Five ch.

6885. iv. LORING, b. 1816; m. Ellen Crummet. Three ch.

6886. v. JOHN ALPHONSO, b. 1820; d. June 29, 1845.

6887. vi. TIMOTHY, b. Dec. 22, 1822; m. Mary Merril, b. January, 1828. Res. in N. of Hampshir, and later Winthrop, Me. They had children, but all d. young. She d. April 21, 1852.

6888. vii. MARY JANE, b. 1824; m. Sewell Sylvester. She d. in Massachusetts. They had two ch.

6889. viii. ELIZA ANN, b. 1826; m. Orison Abbott. She went to California, thence to Japan, and is now residing in Oakland, Cal. Ch.: 1. Jane; m. Dr. Ellis. 2. Emma. 3. Orison.

6890. ix. HOWARD RICHMOND, b. in 1821; d. in 1828.


6891. i. ALONZO, b. July 21, 1808.

6892. ii. AURELIA, b. June 14, 1810.

6893. iii. WILLIAM H., b. March 20, 1812; m. Harriet L. Curtis and Mrs. Ann Basford.

6894. iv. LEONARD, b. June 2, 1814.

6895. v. HANNAH AMANDA, b. Sept. 2, 1821.

6896. vi. WARD LOCK, b. June 14, 1823.


6898. viii. TIMOTHY, JR., b. 1818; d. in 1849.

6899. ix. LYDIA, b. July 9, 1816; d. July 1, 1824.

6900. x. MARY ANN, b. Nov. 4, 1826; d. July 9, 1829.


6903. xiii. EVERET, b. Nov. 20, 1837; m., 1st, 186x, Mary Morse; m., 2d, 1888, Myrtle A. Morse. Ch. of first wife: 1. Timothy, d. at six months. 2. Charles Robert, b. 1867; is a locomotive engineer on Maine Central. Mr. Foster went to Farmington in 1865; has been a locomotive engineer for thirty-one years, on train now running (passenger) twenty years; lives at West Farmington, Me.


6904. i. ABIGAIL WARNER, b. Nov. 4, 1833, in Boston; d. Nov. 26, 1870; she was the only child and she married Peter Myers of Concord, N. H. No ch. George H. Whitman, of Billerica, guardian Abigail W. Foster, of Boston, a minor above fourteen years of age, child of Thomas H. Foster, late of Boston, mfr., deceased, June 15, 1851. Lib. 414, fol. 110. Inventory mentions legacies due her from Elizabeth Bradley and her grandfather, Thomas Foster. Lib. 258, fol. 246.


6906. ii. SAMUEL A., b. Jan. 5, 1847; m. Alice Gilbert.


6912. i. WILLIAM H., b. July 20, 1842; m., Sept. 24, 1868, Clara A. Partidge. He is a coal dealer; wharf, foot of Hanover St., Boston, Mass. He was the only child and is s. p.


6912½. i. SARAH GEORGIANNA, b. Oct. 29, 1832, at Winslow, Me.; m., May 4, 1853, Howard Saunders. P. O. address, 40 Walnut St., Oneonta, N. Y. He was son of Dr. Henry Saunders, of Ballston, N. Y. Was b. Jan. 10, 1820. Res., 40 Walnut St., Oneonta, N. Y. Ch.: 1. Darwin Bradley Saunders, b. Dixfield, Me., Sept. 17, 1857; d. at Ballston, N. Y., March 18, 1864. 2. Harriet Fos-
ter Saunders, b. in Ballston, March 10, 1866; m., Irving A. Douglas, Aug. 14, 1890, in Oneonta, N. Y. Res., Oneonta. He was b. at Naples, N. Y., Jan 5, 1865; d. at his home, in Brooklyn, N. Y., April 23, 1892. Graduated from Madison, now Colgate, University, in 1888, and was the honor man of his class. He took the Lewis prize, and delivered the Latin salutatory at commencement. During his Senior year he was editor-in-chief of The Madisonian, the College magazine. He was on the editorial staff of the New York Tribune at the time of his death. She was a graduate of Cincinnati Art Academy. 3. Howard Hilton Saunders, b. at Oneonta, N. Y., Jan. 5, 1870; machinist.

BRADLEY WATERS FOSTER, b. at Winslow, Me., Dec. 2, 1834; m., June 2, 1869, Mary L. Huntington. P. O. address, Huntington, W. Va.

ELIZABETH ANN, b. at Dixfield, Me., Sept. 21, 1838; m., June 1, 1860, Dr. V. M. Abbot. P. O. address, Mexico, Me. Victor M. Abbot, M. D., b. in Rumford Falls, Me., Oct. 11, 1831; d. in Carthage, Me., Dec. 9, 1885. Ch.: 1. Liela Agnes Abbot, b. in Dixfield, Me., May 7, 1862; m., Nov. 28, 1891, Horace Jose Oxford, M. D.; both of Mexico, Me. 2. Victor Valpean Abbot, b. in Mexico, Me., July 2, 1865; d. Jan. 19, 1876, ae. ten years, six months and seventeen days. 3. Bertha Hortense Abbot, b. in Mexico, May 3, 1867; m., Aug. 28, 1886, Horace Jose Binford, M. D. She d. June 30, 1893. Ch.: (a) Victor Abbot Binford, b. July 3, 1887. 4. Lora Sophila Abbot, b. in Mexico, March 10, 1870; d. in Mexico, Feb. 2, 1871, ae. ten months and twenty-three days.

Dr. V. M. Abbot studied medicine and received his diploma at Dartmouth College; commenced the practice of his profession in the town of Andover, Me., in 1839; remained there about one year; went to the State of Wisconsin, Manitowoc, where he at once entered a large and lucrative practice, but the climate was against him, and he broke down and was compelled to return to Maine "more dead than alive." Again in Maine, he regained his health and strength, but he was never entirely free from the effects of his western afflictions, and he had for many years been subject to chills and attacks of asthma. His circuit of practice was extensive, and he had been called to traverse an extended and extending territory, riding night and day until work and fatigue would compel him to desist for awhile, never long enough for his own safety. The last seven months of his life were extremely busy ones, and it can be well and truthfully said, "He died at the post of duty; died with the harness on; worked himself to death that others might live." He kept well up with the times. Journals and new works always found place in his library, and were read and considered. But in the practice of his profession he relied on his own judgment largely, with what results his eminent success demonstrates. He hardly ever, in severe cases, examined, prescribed and immediately left his patients, but remained with them, noted the effect of medicine, increased or diminished, or changed it; became nurse as well as doctor. Shams provoked him, no matter of what sort—in dress, religious matters, professionally or socially. Liberal; no enterprise of a philanthropic, social, public, religious or political nature failed to receive more than generous aid from him. Anything having for its object improvement he favored and aided. He has rendered many dollars in services, furnished many dollars' worth of medicine, employed suitable nurses, for which he rendered receipted bills, without a dollar in payment thereon. Knowing him from childhood, associated intimately with him these many years, I should like to name many individual acts of his that would not only prove his skill in his profession, but show his kindness of heart, and that he practiced medicine for the good that he could do more than for the earnings of his labors. He was on his way to Carthage, in the evening of December 2d, to visit a patient, having driven fully forty miles that day and
made about twenty calls, when he was taken with a chill. He reached his destination about ten o'clock. Such remedies as he prescribed were applied, but growing worse, three physicians were sent for, also his wife and two daughters. He became delirious soon after taken and remained so, excepting at short intervals, until his death. His death has cast a gloom over the community, and to their deep sorrow is added anxiety as to who can fill his place. He was buried at Mexico, December 13th, with the formalities of the order of Masons.—[Copied from a Maine paper.]

MARGRETTE A., b. in Dixfield, Me., Sept. 30, 1841; m., Oct. 31, 1860, William H. Davis; m., 2d, Jan. 2, 1877, Hon. William W. Wait. P. O. address, Dixfield, Me. William H. Davis died in Newport, Ky., Dec. 3, 1867, from the effects of hardships and exposure as a soldier in the Union army during the Rebellion, being a member of Company A, Maine, Twelfth Regiment, Capt. Elisha Winter. He was an artist and painter. She resides in Dixfield, Me. Ch.: 1. W. W. Wait, Jr., b. April 13, 1879. 2. Daughter, b. Nov. 17, 1883. d. Dec. 1, 1884, ae, fourteen days. Hon. William W. Wait died July 10, 1893. He was in the House of Representatives two terms and in the Senate three. 3. George F. Davis, b. Oct. 14, 1864; m., June 30, 1891, in Portsmouth, N. H., Celia May Staples, b. Sept. 29, 1866. Res., Duluth, Minn. Ch., (a) George F. Davis, Jr., b. June 29, 1893. (b) John B. Davis, b. Feb. 4, 1895. George F. Davis was left fatherless and homeless at the age of three years until his mother took him to her father, where he received the kindest treatment and proper training until at the age of twelve. His mother married again the Hon. William W. Wait, of Dixfield, Me., who treated young Davis as his own son, and in the kindest and most fatherly manner, and he learned to love and respect him to the day of his death, which was very sudden, and gave him great pain and distress. He was educated in the public schools of his native State and Wesleyan Seminary, at Kent's Hill, Me.; graduating in the class of 1885. He spent one year in the hardware business with his uncle, B. W. Foster, of Huntington, W. Va., and then returned to Maine and read law with Judge Charles S. Hamilton until he entered the Albany Law School, from which he graduated in the class of 1889, having been unanimously elected as the valedictorian of his class. He then returned to Maine and after a very long and severe examination was duly admitted to practice in all the courts of Maine, May 25, 1889; settled in Duluth, Sept. 7, 1889, where he has since been engaged in the practice of his profession.
He was nominated by acclamation as a candidate for the Legislature in his district, and elected by a large majority, without much effort, in 1868. He had the honor to lead the fight on the floor of the House in behalf of the Duluth Normal School Appropriation, which was very bitterly opposed by leading members from all parts of the State, but which was carried by one vote in the House, and which afterward passed the Senate by one vote, and became a law. His speech in support of this measure was delivered during the last week of the session, and was generally conceded by the members as the ablest speech of the session. It was reported in full in the Duluth News-Tribune of April 16th.

He has had a large number of requests for copies of this speech from members of the Legislature and State officers and others interested.

6450. ETHAN FOSTER (John, Card, John, Joseph, John), b. Aug. 15, 1779; m., March 12, 1801, Temperance Bragg, dau. of Nicholas and Sarah (Greene) Bragg, of Easton, N. Y. They were married by Friends' ceremony, at Hopkinton, R. I. He m., 2d, June 3, 1824, Mary Wilbur. Temperance Bragg was b. April 28, 1771. She d. 1821, Groton, Conn. Ethan Foster m., 2d, Mary Wilbur, dau. of William and Anna (Bragg) Wilbur, June 3, 1824. Mary (Wilbur) d. Sept. 28, 1831, in Hopkinton, R. I. Ethan Foster d. April 2, 1838, in Hopkinton, R. I. Sarah (Green) Bragg was the dau. of Jabez and Mary (Barton) Green, and the sister of Nathaniel Green, the "Quaker Preacher," who was the father of Gen. Nathaniel Green. Her husband, Nicholas Bragg, was a descendant of John Howland, of the Mayflower.

6451. OTHNIEL FOSTER (John, Card, John, Joseph, John), b. June 13, 1782; m., Nov. 10, 1803, Eunice Browning, daughter Jeremiah and Sarah Browning, of North Stonington, Conn. Married by Friends' ceremony at Hopkinton, R. I. Othniel Foster died at his farm, "Greenhill," in South Kingstown, R. I., Sept. 27, 1866. Eunice (Browning), his wife, died at the same place April 28, 1859. Their first child was born in North Stonington, Conn., and all the others in South Kingstown, R. I.
6926. vii. GEORGE, b. Aug. 30, 1816; m., March 14, 1843, Clara Vickery.
6927. viii. ELIZA C., b. April 15, 1818; m., Nov. 9, 1848, Christopher Brown- 
ing. Ch. all b. in South Kingstown, R. I.: 1. Christopher, b. Sept. 
18, 1854; m., Sept. 11, 1883, Susan Whaley. 2. Eunice Foster, b. June 
9, 1856; m. Charles Clark. 3. Jeremiah Foster, b. Oct. 22, 1857; m. Irene Kenyon.
6928. ix. STEPHEN HOXSIE, b. Feb. 1, 1820; m., Nov. 1, 1846, Sarah Browning.
6929. x. LYDIA MITCHELL, b. July 27, 1824; m., July 17, 1844, Thomas 
P. Nichols. He d. at Westerly, R. I., May 17, 1897. Ch.: 
1. Othniel Foster, b. July 29, 1845; m., Nov. 21, 1876, Jennie 
Swasey. 2. Elizabeth Pitman, b. June 3, 1850. 3. Lydia Foster, 
b. April 15, 1856. 4. Eunice Browning, b. April 14, 1858. 5. 
Feb. 24, 1857. (The first of these children was born in Newport, R. I., 
and the others in Brooklyn, N. Y.)
6930. xi. MARTHA, b. Jan. 24, 1823; d. unm.
6931. xii. DORCAS PEECHAM, b. Nov. 26, 1827; m., March 7, 1853, Peter 
Browning. No children.
6457. BENJAMIN FOSTER (Enoch, Joseph, Benjamin, Ebenezer, John), b. 
Jan. 23, 1793, New Hampshire; m., May 26, 1855, Barbara Phillips. He d. ——. 
6932. i. REBECCA, b. Feb. 16, 1816; d. Feb. 27, 1865.
6933. ii. Enoch, b. March 25, 1819; m., Dec. 2, 1842, Mary A. Lewis, dau. 
of John.
6934. iii. MARY A., b. March 3, 1824; d. Feb. 28, 1895.
6935. iv. LUCINDA F., b. Nov. 17, 1825; d. March 26, 1884.
6936. v. JANE S., b. April 27, 1830; d. April 10, 1861.
6459. STEPHEN FOSTER (Enoch, Joseph, Benjamin, Ebenezer, John), b. 
Feb. 5, 1796; m., June 3, 1818, Sophia Briggs, dau. of Elisha and Nancy (Wheeler). 
6938. i. ELISHA BRIGGS, b. Dec. 21, 1819; nothing further known.
6939. ii. NANCY, b. Feb. 18, 1822; d. in infancy.
6940. iii. ALVAH, b. March 8, 1823; nothing further known.
6941. iv. NANCY BRIGGS, b. March 28, 1825; m., Alonzo H. Bussell. 
Res., Grafton, Utah.
6942. v. AMOS, b. July, 1827; d. 1851; unm.
6943. vi. LYDIA, b. July 9, 1831; m. George Robinson; d. 1873.
6461. ENOCH FOSTER (Enoch, Joseph, Benjamin, Ebenezer, John), b. May 
Hampshire.
6945. l. MELVINA, b. Feb. 1, 1829; m. Charles Sutfin; d. Dec. 15, 1887.
6946. ii. BRIGHAM, b. March 25, 1831; d. Oct. 29, 1890.
6947. iii. ALBERT, b. Nov. 7, 1835; d. Oct. 30, 1887; unm.
6948. iv. ROSA, b. Nov. 25, 1840; m. Edward Williams. Res., Coldwater, 
Mich.
6463. ALVAH FOSTER (Enoch, Joseph, Benjamin, Ebenezer, John), b. Dec. 
26, 1803, in New Hampshire; m. Cynthia Fifield. He d. Jan. 11, 1882. Res., Cold- 
water, Mich.
6949. i. GARDNER G., b. March 18, 1825; d. June, 1888; n. f. k.
6950. ii. ALMIRA, b. Feb. 12, 1827; nothing further known.
6951. iii. SAMUEL C., b. Feb. 9, 1829; d. May 20, 1851; unm.
6953. v. SAVILIA L., b. Jan. 8, 1833; m., March 14, 1848, Isaac Houghtlin, 
who d. April 8, 1882; m., 2d, Daniel Williams. Res., Coldwater, 
Mich.
6466. JEREMIAH FOSTER (Enoch, Joseph, Benjamin, Ebenezer, John), b. 
Feb. 28, 1810, Roxbury, N. H.; m., Lancaster, Mass., Nov. 2, 1831, Sarah Carpenter, 
6954. i. ALVAN CARPENTER, b. Nov. 2, 1832; m. Arvilia L. Day.

6955. ii. Enoch W., b. March 11, 1835; m. Sarah E. Sutton.


6957. iv. Benjamin Franklin, b. June 14, 1839; d. May 19, 1842.

6958. v. Jeremiah Franklin, b. May 25, 1843; m. Sarah A. Day.


6967. JOB FOSTER (James, Joseph, Benjamin, Ebenezer, John), b. Winchester, N. H., Aug. 9, 1766; m., there, 1808, Hannah Packard, b. 1789; d. Jan. 29, 1876. He d. at Shelburne Falls in 1862. He lived in Winchester, N. H., most of his life, where he was born. In the latter part of his life he and his wife, Hannah, removed to Shelburne Falls, Mass., and resided at different times with their children there, their daughter Angeline and son Dan. He died at the home of his daughter. His wife survived him several years, and died in Winchester, N. H., at the home of her daughter, Phila, who died the same year, 1876. The mother d. January 20th, the daughter, November 26th. "Grandfather Job" was a farmer in a slight way, an excellent gardener, or horticulturist, and at odd times a shoemaker. He was handy at many trades, a trait which was noticeably marked in all his sons, who, without exception, were ingenious workmen, and fine mechanics in all their various trades and occupations. Nothing better can be said of any man than was said of him, that he was a faithful, industrious and upright man. He d. Shelburne Falls, Mass., 1859. Res., Winchester, N. H.

6962. i. Edwin, b. Oct. 25, 1810; d. in Swansey, N. H., in 1888 (?).


6965. iv. Dan Packard, b. Nov. 11, 1815; m. Louisa Maria Doty.

6966. v. Phila H., b. May 12, 1818; m.; and d. Nov. 26, 1877. Her son Everett Bent, res., Winchester, N. H.


6969. viii. Job, b. Oct. 3, 1824; d. a young man; drowned.

6970. ix. rhoda shaw, b. Sept. 4, 1827; m. and d. June 18, 1858. A son, George A. Innis, resides Shelburne Falls, Mass.

6971. x. Angelina Morse, b. Sept. 21, 1829; m. April, 29, 1847, James Sargent. Res., Rochester, N. Y. He was b. Dec. 5, 1824, Chester, Vt., s. p. Is a manufacturer and inventor, including time lock.

6972. xi. Harvey Stratton, b. 1831; d. young.

6973. xii. Joseph Ansil, b. July 24, 1834; m. Angelia B. Hatch.
6476. CAPT. REUBEN FOSTER (Benjamin, Joseph, Benjamin, Ebenezer, John), b. Carlisle Mass., Jan. 13, 1802; m., Carlisle, Mass., in 1826, Almira Bingham. She m., 2d, Westford, June 9, 1842, Nathan Hartwell, of Littleton, Mass., b. 1801; d. Antrim, N. H., December, 1854. Capt. Reuben Foster was commander of the Westford Rifle Company for several years—a military company at Westford, Mass. He made himself prominent in the temperance cause by refusing to conform to the custom in those days (the thirties) to have rum for his men in the ranks on training days, and substituting therefor some other healthful beverage, for which decided stand he commanded the respect not only of his fellow soldiers under his command, but of all his fellow-townsmen. He d. December, 1839. Res., Westford, Mass.


6975. ii. LUCRETIA, b. April 16, 1830. She d. unm. April, 1862.

6976. iii. REUBEN B., b. October, 1832; m. Sarah G. Zearing.

6977. iv. CHARLES H., b. Sept. 3, 1835; m. Abigail F. Wethern.

6978. v. LYMAN BEECHER, b. April 16, 1837; d. s. p., July 30, 1894.


6979. i. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, b. April 24, 1815.

6980. ii. MARTHA ANN, b. June 30, 1817.

6981. iii. GEORGE, b. April 2, 1816.

6982. iv. AARON ROBBINS, b. Dec. 22, 1819.


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6486. HON. EPHRAIM FOSTER (Stephen, Joseph, Benjamin, Ebenezer, John), b. Sullivan, N. H., Nov. 16, 1802; m., May 3, 1826, Sybdl. N. Mason, b. 1804; d. March 24, 1856; m., 2d, Mary Ann Wright. Maker of cabinet organs. Ephraim Foster was born in Sullivan and one of nine children, six of whom lived to be past three score and ten. He was very active when a young man, and early learned blacksmithing which he pursued so earnestly as to injure his health, and in 1843 he engaged with his brother Joseph in Keene in the manufacture of reed instruments, which he continued until the death of Joseph; after which he rented organs and pianos, doing general repairing until past eighty-five, when ill health compelled him to give up business. He served in the Legislature as representative from Keene in 1856 and 1857, and was treasurer of Cheshire County two years. In early life he was a Whig, then an original Abolitionist and later a Republican, but for many years an uncompromising Prohibitionist. He was a man of strong and honest convictions, and hence commanded respect for them even among those who differed with him. At his funeral Rev. Dr. Kenop said, "Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in his season"; those were the words which truly applied to him who had passed away. It was his lot to see the end approaching which he awaited with patience and resignation. Nor did he bury himself in the contemplation of his own sufferings but preserved a cheerful and earnest sympathy in the affairs of his fellowmen to the very last while his mind was ever active in thought of, and preparation for, the future. He joined the Baptist church in his native town early in life and lived a consistent Christian life. He d. Aug. 5, 1859. Res., Keene, N. H.

6985. 1. ELLEN ELIZABETH, b. June 27, 1833; m., May 17, 1859, Dr. John Goodell. Res., Hillsboro, N. H. He was b. May 18, 1829, is a well-known practicing physician and surgeon in that section. Ch.: 1. May Clifford, b. May 1, 1860. Res., at home. 2. Carrie Andrews, b. Feb. 25, 1862; d. May 17, 1863. Dr. John Goodell, son of George Dodge and Rebecca (Andrews) Goodell, was b. in Hillsboro, N. H., May 18, 1829. His early life was spent upon his father's farm with the advantages of a country common school, and two terms each at Hancock, N. H., and Pinkerton Academies. Taught school winters from twenty years of age for six successive years; was a student at Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, N. H., from 1852 to 1854, when ill health obliged him to go back to the farm for two years. Commenced the study of medicine in 1856, which he continued under the instruction of Drs. J. B. Gould and George H. Hubbard, attending medical lectures at Woodstock, Vt.; Harvard University, Boston, Mass.; and College Physicians and Surgeons, New York City, at which he graduated March, 1859. Was in practice for a few months at Corser Hill, now Webster, N. H. Returned
to his native town in November, 1859, as successor to the late Dr. Elisha Hatch, where he has been in active practice since.

6986. ii. SARAH NORCROSS, b. May 18, 1827; m., May 4, 1846. GilmanC. Sanborn. She d. July 31, 1866, s. p.


6987. DEACON JOSEPH FOSTER (Stephen, Joseph, Benjamin, Ebenezer, John), b. Sullivan, N. H., Feb. 27, 1805, m., Northfield, Mass., June 3, 1835. Susan Stratton, b. Nov. 23, 18xx; d. Nov. 15, 1859; m., 2d, March 3, 1864. Harriet E. Snow, at Westmoreland, N. H. He was a mechanical genius. When a boy in Sullivan he saw a piano. He went to work and built one. He was the first man to build a cabinet organ, 1829. He was experimenting with electricity at the same time Morse was, and along similar lines, and shortly after the electric telegraph was invented and put in operation he put up in Keene the first electric telephone. I was told by several old men in Keene that "Joe" had a telephone wire from his factory to the courthouse and the town hall and it was in active use many years. I asked if it was on the same plan as at present, and was informed it was practically the same thing. Later he invented a machine to spin wool directly from the mass of wool without carding and by drawing out the fiber in a continuous thread. The machine did the work, but it was never placed before the public. The machine was in his workshop when he died. No one but himself could put it together. He left in the music room of his residence a musical instrument, the only one in the world like it. No one can repair it because only the builder could put it together again. It stands there to-day as it did when he died. It is a pipe organ, a piano and a reed organ all played upon by the same keys. He d. Oct. 3, 1875. Res., Keene, N. H.

6990. i. JOSEPH HERVEY, b. Nov. 25, 1839; m. Mary Crane.

6991. ii. SUSAN AUGUSTA, b. May 21, 1845; m., Dec. 24, 1868, Prof. John H. Loomis. He was b. Aug. 9, 1841. Is principal of Wells School, Chicago. Res., 187 South Francisco avenue. Ch.: 1. Two children died in infancy. 2 Fred Foster Loomis, b. Nov. 7, 1879. Now a student in Lewis Institute, Chicago. Professor Loomis was born in Washington County, New York. His parents moved to Michigan in 1818; he went to school when one was accessible until eighteen years of age; then attended the State Normal. Enlisted in Maine cavalry in civil war, and went with the regiment. After close of war entered Shurtleff College
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at Upper Alton; was there a year and a half. Elected teacher of mathematics at the then Illinois Agricultural College at Irvington; from there became superintendent of schools in Napoleon, Ohio. During the seven years of his superintendency he studied law and was admitted to the bar, but never practiced; was something of a chemist and about the same as a botanist; elected principal of Wells School, Chicago, in 1875; is there yet on twenty-fourth years' service. This school for many years was the largest in Chicago, some years enrolling 2,800 pupils, never less than 2,200.


6489. HOSEA FOSTER (Stephen, Joseph, Benjamin, Ebenezer, John), b. Sullivan, N. H., Aug. 12, 1809; m., Nov. 27, 1833, Nancy Richardson, b. March 14, 1810; d. Sept. 27, 1873. Was a farmer forty years and mechanic twenty-one years. He passed the latter part of his life in the Cheshire County recorder's office in Keene from 1871 to 1892. He was born in Sullivan, Aug. 12, 1809. He was educated in the common schools of that town and at New Hampton, and afterward taught school in Keene, Roxbury and other towns. He married Nancy Richardson, of Nelson. Mr. Foster lived in Sullivan until about 1848, when he came to Keene and entered the organ shop of Joseph and Ephraim Foster, which used to be on Court street, where the Barker block now stands, where he remained for some time. Later he was employed as a door moulder at the Mechanic street mills. He was for a number of years sexton of the town, and about the year 1870, while returning with the hearse from a funeral, he was run away with, and badly injured, being left a cripple for the rest of his life, although able to walk about town with his cane or canes, as many people remember him. After recovering sufficiently from that injury, he entered the office of the registry of deeds as a copyist and continued there under Registers Allen and Buffum until 1892, becoming one of the familiar figures of the office. He was an excellent penman and made very clear and handsomely written records even as late as the last years of his service there, when eighty-three years of age. He was a justice of the peace for many years, and for a long time executed pension papers regularly for fifty or more recipients of government bounty who lived in Keene and vicinity. He was also frequently employed to make deeds and other legal documents. Mr. Foster, in his youth, joined the Baptist church in Sullivan, but for forty-five years has been a constant attendant of the Congregational church. He d. Dec. 24, 1893. Res., Keene, N. H.


6904. i. ADEN HALL, b. Oct. 5, 1818; d. unm., at Detroit, Mich., March 5, 1870.

6907. ii. SARAH AMELIA, b. Jan. 11, 1820; m., Nov. 29, 1842, Hiram Knight, of North Barre.


6909. iv. OSCAR FITZ-ALAN, b. Feb. 24, 1824; m., April 23, 1846, Sophia Tenney, of Riga, N. Y.

7000. v. ALBERT JEFFER-SON, b. July 26, 1827; m. Elizabeth Lord, Jane Hurbard, Mrs. Anna Gere and Mrs. Frances Witter.

7001. vi. CHARLES EDGAR, b. May 16, 1829; d. May 13, 1831.

7002. vii. ELLEN AMANDA, b. April 25, 1831; d. July 12, 1835.


6508. HULL FOSTER (Zadock, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John), b. Sudbury, Vt., Jan. 23, 1766; m., Athens, Ohio, 1821, Orinda Carpenter, dau. of Ira and Amy (Whipple), b. Rutland, Vt., 1802; d. 1827; m., 2d. 1828, Maria Brown, dau. of William and Polly, b. Waterford, 1801; d. 1865. The life of Hull Foster, though plain and unpretending, was not an uneventful or unsuccessful one, covering as it did almost a century of time, his age being ninety-four years, three months and ten days. He was born in Sudbury, Rutland County, Vt., Jan. 23, 1766, and was the son of Zadock and Sally Potter, and the fourth in a family of eleven children. He came with the family to the Northwest Territory in 1796, his father having come the year before, making a small clearing and building a cabin. Their home for the first ten years following their immigration to this then new territory was at Little Hocking, Washington County. His first visit to Athens was in 1805, when with his eldest sister he visited the family of Dr. Leonard Jewett, whose wife was an aunt on his mother's side. Athens then consisted of but ten or twelve small log houses, but one of which stood on what is now the principal street. The family moved to Athens in 1809, the father conducting a public house, or tavern as it was called in those days, until his death in 1814. In 1810 the subject of this sketch united with the Presbyterian church of Athens, of which his mother was a charter member at the time of its organization in 1809, and who died in 1819, loved and esteemed by the community in which she had lived for more than forty years.
The first wife of deceased was Orinda Carpenter, daughter of Ira and Amy Whipple, and was born in Rutland, Vt., in 1802, coming with her parents and the rest of the family to Athens in 1820, where she married Mr. Foster the following year. Her death occurred in 1827, leaving two sons who still survive, Franklin E. and Warren C. His second wife was Maria, daughter of William and Polly Brown, who was born at Waterford, Washington County, in 1816. She was married to deceased in 1828 and died in 1863, leaving two sons, William B. and James D., both living. Mr. Foster was the sole survivor of the community as it existed when he took up his residence in Athens, and it is a sad reminder of the transitoriness of life that of the more than twenty-five of our elderly citizens, who seven years ago on the 23d of last January participated in the social commemoration of his eighty-seventh birth anniversary, but six survive him. Hull Foster was known to nearly every citizen of Athens, each of whom were accustomed when meeting him to familiarly address him as "Uncle Hull," and not one of whom will not sorrowfully join his immediately family in the deep regret which they feel over his departure, although his burden of years and bodily infirmities had long made him wish for that rest and haven which death alone can bring to tired mortals. His life was as beautiful as his death was painless and peaceful and he has gone hence bearing with him the imperishable hope of a soul which never faltered in its faith in God or in doing deeds to advance the welfare and happiness of his creatures. The steadfast, warm and affectionate regard in which he was held in his community was attested by the very large attendance at his funeral, despite the forbidding weather. He d. May, 1890. Res., Athens, Ohio.

7004. i. FRANKLIN E., b. April 4, 1823; m. Elizabeth Davis and Mary Rice.


7006. iii. WILLIAM BROWN, b. July 11, 1830; m. August, 1857.

7007. iv. JAMES DICKEY, b. Nov. 8, 1832; m.; and d. October, 1892. A dau. Carrie resides in Lancaster, Ohio.


7008. i. JOHN C., b. Nov. 9, 1822; m. Elizabeth D. Van Vorhes.


7111. iv. KATE K., b. March 4, 1830; m., May 6, 1852, W. Weed Golden; widow. P. O., Fort Madison, Iowa.


6518. EBENEZER FOSTER (Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John), b. North Brookfield, Mass., April 13, 1811; m., May 27, 1834, Mary Ann Walker, of Athol, who d. Sept. 12, 1870; m., 2d, 1872, Mrs. Mary B. Hinckley, of Barre, widow of W. B. She d. s. p. He was warden of the town farm. Was accidentally killed by lightning. He d. in 1892. Res., Barre and North Brookfield, Mass.


7015. iv. ALBERT, b. May 20, 1840; d. Feb. 27, 1843.

7016. v. FRANCIS ALBERT, b. April 12, 1846; m. Mary M. Lowell.
6522. CHARLES W. FOSTER (William, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John), b. Nov. 21, 1800, Brookfield, Mass.; m. Tiffin, Ohio, 1826, Laura Crocker, b. March 8, 1804; d. 1895. Charles W. Foster was born in North Brookfield, Mass., in Nov., 1800; moved with his father to Vermont and New York; at about twenty years of age became a school-teacher and in 1826 moved to Ohio near Tiffin, Seneca County. This section of Ohio at that time was unsettled. He married Laura Crocker in 1826. She is yet living, having passed her ninety-fourth birthday. He worked in clearing and farming till 1832, when he removed to Rome on the western edge of Seneca County, and was among the first settlers there. He founded the town of Rome, now Fostoria, in 1832, and commenced the occupation of a trade—opened a country store. His capital was a few hundred dollars advanced to him by his father-in-law. He was always the leader in all enterprises looking to the building up of the neighborhood and the betterment of the conditions of his fellows. He doubtless would have achieved fame in the political world but for his politics. He was a Whig, and the early political bias of his section of the State was very largely Democratic. He was a strong character—perfectly honest with all men. After a long, successful career, accumulating by small gains a fortune of perhaps $250,000, he died in April, 1883, respected and beloved by all who knew him.

Mrs. Foster was a wonderfully well preserved woman, in the full possession of all her faculties to the end, and it seemed probable that she would live to pass the century mark. Her only brother, R. Crocker, Sr., is living at the age of ninety-two, and he also enjoys the best of health.


7017. i. CHARLES, b. April 12, 1828; m. Ann M. Olmstead.

7018. ii. EMILY, b. 1827; d. November, 1854.

7019. iii. JOHN, b. 1833; d. October, 1854.

7020. iv. SAMUEL, b. 1837; d. 1842.

7021. v. LUCY, b. 1838; d. 1842. 7022. vi. MARY, b. 1848; d. 1849.


7024. ii. CHARLES, b. ——.

6530. FREEMAN RUGGLES FOSTER (Heman, Skelton, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John), b. Rutland, Mass., April 14, 1816; pub. May 30, 1840; m., Barre, June 3, 1840, Lucy Henry Francis, b. Princeton, March 9, 1824. He was a shoemaker. "Rutland, Mass., April 14, 1858.—Freeman R. Foster was eighty-two years old to-day. With the exception of five years, he has lived in Rutland. He is son of Heman and Lucy (Stone) Foster, and was born in the Zach. Carpenter house, now owned by George C. Putnam, in the western part of the town.

His father, Heman Foster died when Freeman was but a boy. The children were placed with different families. Freeman lived with Hazen White in the old guard house, which stood near the old barracks. He attended the district school and earned his own living from the time he was eight years old. At the age of sixteen, he went to Shrewsbury to learn the shoemakers' trade, working for Edward Pratt. In those days boys were obliged to give a year's time while learning the
trade, receiving only their board. Returning to Rutland, he worked at his trade about thirty years, making boots and shoes for firms in surrounding towns. The material was brought here and finished product returned to them.

June 3, 1840, he married Miss Lucy H. Francis, daughter of Caleb and Rebecca (Bail) Francis, of Barre, who has been his companion ever since, both of them enjoying good health to-day and living alone. Two of their children are dead, and the others are married and removed from town. George W. Foster lives in Warren, and is proprietor of a billiard hall. Albert C. Foster, after holding responsible positions with George Swift, at the Union Stock Yards, in Chicago, for over twenty years, removed to Omaha, Neb., where he is now proprietor of a stock yard. He was also Superintendent of Construction for the great fair held there recently. Frank D. Foster resides in Sioux City, and is a salesman in the stock yards. Elmira A., wife of Clarence Smith, of Burlington, Vt., is the only daughter living.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Foster lived on a farm in that part of the town called New Boston, where they remained until thirty-three years ago, when they removed to their present home, on Main street, in the center village. Mr. Foster has held several town offices, holding the offices of Treasurer, Collector of Taxes and Constable for sixteen years; Overseer of the Poor, three years; Assessor, five years; Auditor, four years. The latter office he held last year, refusing to be considered as a candidate any longer. During the early part of his service as Treasurer and Collector, the office was let out to the lowest bidder, and the compensation ranged from $450 down. Mr. Foster did the work for $150, which was the salary established by the town, after abolishing the auction system.

Mr. Foster relates an incident in reference to the auction system, at one of the annual meetings. The auctioneer accepted a bid of $16, and after it was struck off, two claimed the bid. The auctioneer declared he would accept lower bids, which were made until it was brought down until one man agreed to collect the taxes that year without any salary. The other bidder immediately agreed to pay the town one dollar for the privilege, which bid was accepted, and the taxes were collected without any cost to the town. In the beginning of Mr. Foster's term as collector, bills were paid once a year. In the fall, when taxes could be collected with much less work than under the present system of paying bills monthly, as under the yearly payment, those to whom the town was indebted would turn the account toward their taxes, and this would also leave an amount of money on hand, which could be put out at interest for the benefit of the treasurer. About eight years ago the auction system was abolished, and a stipulated salary voted each year.

Mr. Foster has been able to work up a good sized wood-pile in spite of his age, and was seen on the street nearly every day the past winter, no matter how severe the weather was.

The Free Public Library has been kept in Mr. Foster's house the past twenty-five years. Mrs. Foster filling the position of librarian, and Mr. Foster assisting her some in the discharge of her duties.

The day was spent quietly at home. Letters were received from his children expressing a desire to be with him on the eighty-second anniversary of his birth."


7026 ii. ALBERT C., b. April 20, 1845; m. Carrie E. Muzzy.
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7029. v. Frank D., b. Jan. 11, 1857; m., Aug. 9, 1881, Jerusha McGary. P. O. address, Union Stock Yards, Sioux City, Iowa.


7035. i. Willard Henry, b. April 15, 1844; d. Aug. 17, 1844.

7032. ii. Egbert, b. Nov. 5, 1845; m. Catherine Cramer.


7038. v. George Gale, b. Nov. 28, 1860; unm. Res., 200 Lake Ave., Rochester, N. Y. He was born on the homestead farm, Sand Lake, N. Y.; attended the district school, also school conducted by Rev. H. R. Luney, M. A., at Petersburg, N. Y., and later the Albany Business College. In 1893 entered the employ of the Estey Organ Company, in Boston, as a traveling salesman, serving in this capacity two years in a satisfactory manner. In 1893 he became connected with the music house of O. N. Goff, Providence, R. I., as salesman. In 1886, associated with D. B. Hennings, he opened a store in New London, Conn.; with a line of pianos and organs, and conducted the business successfully two years. A larger field for business being desirable, Rochester, N. Y., was selected as offering advantages, and the firm moved hence, and opened at No. 60 State St., as Foster, Hennessey & Co., where a large retail trade was built up. Mr. H. retired from the firm and subsequently Mr. Foster incorporated the firm of Foster & Company for the manufacture of pianos at 264-272 State street, where the business has assumed large proportions under his immediate supervision. Mr. F. is a member of the order of Elks, F. A. M., and other fraternities. In politics is a Republican.

6541. Benjamin Franklin Foster (Willard, Skelton, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John), b. Vermont, Feb. 22, 1822; m., West Sand Lake, N. Y., Oct. 20, 1847, Julia Almira Pink, b. Nov. 17, 1829. Was a farmer. Removed when quite young to Sand Lake, Rensselaer County, N. Y. During youth and young manhood worked on farm during summer; went to school in winter; taught school several terms in Sand Lake and vicinity; studied law some. In 1847 he married Miss Julia Almira Pink, and removed to West Sand Lake; was several times elected Supervisor, trying a number of important cases, some of which were carried on to the Supreme Court, and each time his decision was confirmed; united with the Franklin Lutheran church in 1848. In 1861 he removed to Burnt Hills, Saratoga County, N. Y., where he resided at the time of his death. He was a man of sound judgment, of high, pure character and noble life; a man of lofty purpose; one whom nothing could influence to depart one iota from the right; a man honored and respected by the public and beloved by all who knew him. He d. Feb. 7, 1891. Res., West Sand Lake and Burnt Hills, N. Y.

7039. i. Corlena Ellen, b. Aug. 14, 1839; m., Sept. 4, 1867, Robert A. Ketchum. Res., B. H. He was b. July 26, 1837, at Charlton, Saratoga County, N. Y. Cora F. was b. May 28, 1869, at Charlton,
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N. Y.; m. Rev. George S. Beckwith, and living at Herkimer, N. Y.


7041. iii. KATE MARION, b. March 13, 1852; m., Feb. 4, 1880, Dr. Samuel J. Sornberger. Res., Cortland, N. Y. Ch.: 1. Frank Foster, b. Dec. 27, 1880. He was b. in Broome County, N. Y., Aug. 15, 1849, and spent his early days on the farm. His early education was in the district school and in Blakeslee Academy, at Harpersville, N. Y. In 1871 he entered the Normal School, at Cortland, N. Y., graduating in 1874 in the classical course. Entered Syracuse University in September of the same year, and was graduated in June, 1878, with the degree of Ph. B. After one year he received the degree of M. Ph. On two years post graduate course in Geology obtained degree Ph. D.; while in college was a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity; was elected a member of the faculty of the Cortland Normal School, August, 1878; held the position as teacher of English, Physics, History and Latin until 1890, when he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, in Chicago. Graduated in April, 1894; took six months' post graduate course in same institution. Since which time he has been engaged in the practice of medicine in Cortland, N. Y., where he has a large and lucrative practice.

6548. JUDGE HIRAM SEWELL FOSTER (Stephen S., Samuel, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John), b. Dummerston, Vt., April 12, 1815; m., May 1, 1839, Eunice Wood, b. April 20, 1822; d. December, 1899; m., 2d, June, 1844, Sarah Knowlton, b. April 20, 1822, dau. of Luke. She resides in Knowlton. Mrs. Foster was the daughter of Luke and granddaughter of Silas, and is by common consent the most prominent of all the living members of the Knowlton family in the dominion of which she so highly honored a member. Endowed by nature with extraordinary physical and mental capacity, she impressed early in life her remarkable personality on all who came within the sphere of her influence. With the blood of many generations of vigorous ancestors in her veins she has through a long and vigorous life combined and accentuated the virtues of her progenitors.

Judge Foster was son of Dr. Stephen S. Foster, and was Registrar of Stafford County, Canada. He was one of the earliest and most prominent settlers in the Eastern Townships, and in every movement and enterprise for the material, moral and political welfare of the people of the Province he took an active and influential part. The railway enterprises to which the Province owes so much of its present prosperity were fathered by him and to his serious cost. He was successively Registrar, Chancellor, and Warden of Broome County and Justice of the Peace, all of which trusts, with many others, he administered with singular fidelity and integrity. He died suddenly of heart disease, lamented by a host of friends throughout the entire Province.

The Parish church, which the Knoltons built, and which they fostered, is still in the care of Mrs. Foster. He d. Saratoga Springs, N. Y., June 28, 1878. Res., Knowlton, P. Q.


7043. ii. SARAH K., b. Dec. 10, 1847; m., Sept. 1, 1869, Waterford L. Marler. She d. Nov. 13, 1890. He is a banker in Montreal, Canada, s. p.

7044. iii. HIRAM SEWELL, b. March 7, 1856; unm. Res., K. He has been Registrar of Broome County, Is president of the Dairyman's Association of the District of Bedford and of the Board of Trade for the same district. In this capacity he has exerted a vital influence on the agricultural districts of that section of the Province, giving special attention to improvements in the manufacture of dairy products and in the condition of the public roads.

7045. iv. THOMAS K., b. May 31, 1852; m. Elizabeth Synnott.
6549. COL. ASA BELKNAP FOSTER (Samuel S., Samuel, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John), b. Dummerston, Vt., April 21, 1817; m., in Frost Village, P. Q., April 25, 1840, Elizabeth Fish, b. April 8, 1819.

Col. ASA Belknap Foster, whose sudden death at Montreal has so shocked his numerous friends, was born in Dummerston, in 1817, but removed with his father, the late Dr. Stephen Sewall Foster, to Frostville, two miles from Waterloo, P. Q., when he was four years old. He was educated in Canada until twenty, when he joined his uncle, S. F. Bellnap, the celebrated railroad contractor, with whom he was extensively engaged in constructing railroads in Massachusetts, Maine and Vermont. After fifteen successful years he returned from the United States to Canada and launched into railroad enterprises of magnitude. His first contract was on the Grand Trunk, from Richmond to Quebec. This was followed by the Stanstead, Shefford and Chamblv, connecting St. Johns with Waterloo. He next built the Southeastern from West Farnham to Newport, and made the extension of the Canada Central, from Sand Point to Pembroke. He also received the contract from the Canada Central from Nipissing. He was elected, in 1858, member for Shefford, in the Canada Assembly. After two years he resigned and was returned by acclamation to the Legislative Council for the District of Bedford. On the accomplishment of confederation he was appointed to the Senate of the Dominion, from which he retired two years since, on receiving a contract for the construction of the Georgian Bay branch of the Pacific railway. He has lately been actively engaged in making arrangements to complete his contract. He had long been afflicted with heart disease, which is hereditary in his family. Last June, in Saratoga, he suffered severely. His physicians prescribed rest for him, and counseled him to beware of excitement. The recent trouble which he has had no doubt hastened his death. Mr. Foster had a mania for building roads, and he not only invested all his own money in them, but induced his friends likewise to embark in such speculations. The result of his almost herculean labors has been to serve the Dominion rather than to bring any substantial reward to his own family. His remains were removed to Waterloo for interment. He d. Nov. 2, 1877. Res., Montreal, Canada.

7046. i. MARY E., b. March 30, 1842; m. in Boston, William Edgerton.

Two ch., both d. young.

7047. ii. CHARLES W., b. Aug. 4, 1845; m. Charlotte Barlow.


7049. iv. ASA BELKNAP, b. Dec. 18, 1850; m. Alice O'Halloran.


7052. vii. FANNIE ALICE, b. ——; d., ae. fourteen.

6550. JUDGE SAMUEL WILLARD FOSTER (Stephen S., Samuel, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John), b. Frost Village, Shefford County, Province Quebec, Canada, April 22, 1827; m. at Windsor, Vt., Sept. 29, 1857, Ellen Shepherd Greene, b. March 13, 1836, dau. of Dr. George B. Greene. Educated at the Shefford Academy and the University of Vermont; studied law with the late Hon. Bailey Terrill, M. P., for Stanstead County, and Hon. Judge Sicotte; admitted to the bar Feb. 6, 1854, and practiced law in all the courts of the city and District of Montreal and the District of Bedford for many years. He was appointed Judge of the Sessions, and District Magistrate, which he filled for eight years, after which he became interested in various railway enterprises for the development of the country. He was one of the projectors of the Shefford & Chambly Railway, the Southeastern Railway (since merged in the Canadian Pacific), the Montreal & Lake Champlain Railway, the United States & Canada Railway, the Massena & Fort Covington Railway, and the Oxford Mountain Railway. At the present time Mr. Foster is president of the Shefford & Chambly, the United States & Canada, and the Oxford Mountain Railway. On the 29th of September, 1857, he married Ellen Shepherd Greene, daugh-
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ter of Dr. George B. Greene, of Windsor, Vt. Their children were George Greene, Samuel Baxter and Ellen Gertrude. The home of Judge and Mrs. Foster has been, for nearly thirty years, at Nestledown, Knowlton, P.Q., Canada.

7053. i. GEORGE GREENE, b. Jan. 21, 1860; m. Mary M. Buchanan.
7054. ii. SAMUEL BAXTER, b. Dec. 5, 1861; m. Minnie M. Norton.
7055. iii. ELLEN GERTRUDE, b. Nov. 19, 1864; m., June 3, 1886, Gardner Stevens. Res., Waterloo, Canada. Ch.:


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McGaw, b. Jan. 10, 1819. He was born in Petersham, Mass.; lived at home until he was fourteen years old, and attended the town schools after he was old enough to go to school all the time they were kept. When fourteen years old he went to New Bedford for a year and was a part of the time in the Friends' Academy. He was then a term at the Academy, in New Salem, then at a private school in Hardwick.

and at a private school in his native town. A part of each year until he was seventeen years old he worked upon the farm. In 1837 he went to Maine, where he has resided ever since, except about a year, when, for the benefit of his health, he made a sea voyage, being absent from Bangor nearly a year, from December, 1842 to November, 1843. He was married to Catharine McGraw. They have had three children: Catharine, the wife of Gen. Charles H. Howard, of Glencoe, Ill.; still living. Cornelia, the wife of Rev. T. L. Riggs, Oahe, South Dakota; deceased. John McGaw, now Rector of an Episcopal Church, Boston, Mass. His business has been in mercantile lines. For twenty years he was chief manager of a Marine Insurance Company; was three years in the city government—one year in Common Council, two years on Board of Alderman; has been four years in the Maine Legislature—two years in the House and two years in the Senate. The last year he was in the Senate he was president. He was a member of the Executive Council in 1879. He has retired from active business. He and his wife are living quietly in the same house where they have lived for more than fifty-three years, and are both enjoying comfortable health. Res., Bangor, Me.


Charles H. Howard spent his boyhood upon a farm in his native town of Leeds. He was fitted for college in neighboring Academies, and entered Bowdoin College at the age of sixteen, and was graduated in the summer of 1855. Both while in college and afterward he taught in the public schools, and somewhat in high schools, and entered Bangor Theological Seminary in the autumn of 1863. On the 30th of May, 1864, he joined the Third Maine Regiment, of which his brother, O. O. Howard, United States Army, had just been appointed colonel. He acted as private secretary, and assistant to the colonel in the organizing of the regiment. Soon after the regiment reached Washington, in June, Col. O. O. Howard was assigned to the command of a brigade, and held that command in the first battle of Bull Run. Charles H. Howard acted as aide-de-camp in that battle, and subsequently continued upon the staff of his brother in his different commands of a brigade on the peninsula, a division at Antietam and Fredericksburg, and of a corps at Chancellorsville.
and Gettysburg. At the battle of Fair Oaks, on June 1, 1862, he was seriously wounded by a rifle ball in the right thigh. On the same day Gen. O. O. Howard lost his arm. At the battle of Fredericksburg, in December, Lieutenant Howard was wounded in the left leg by a piece of shell. He was promoted to the rank of major on the corps staff. At the battle of Gettysburg he served as adjutant-general for Gen. O. O. Howard, who, on the first day commanded the left wing of the army, consisting of the First, Third and Eleventh Corps. Early in the autumn General Howard's command was transferred to the west and assigned to the Army of the Cumberland. At the battle of Lookout Mountain and Mission Ridge it was located on the left of Thomas' army, connecting it with Sherman's right. In that battle Major Howard took orders directly from General Grant, communicating with the command to which he was attached. Soon after this battle Gen. O. O. Howard was assigned to the Fourth Corps, a much larger command than that of the Eleventh, and Major Howard became assistant inspector - general of the Fourth Corps, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel. This position he held during the ninety days of the Atlanta campaign. His special duty in the field, in addition to the regular examination and report upon the condition of arms and equipments, was the location of the pickets and keeping the connection of the skirmish lines and pickets on either flank of the command. When Gen. O.

O. Howard was promoted to the command of the Army of the Tennessee, soon after the death of McPherson, on the 22d of July, 1864. Colonel Howard was also transferred as senior-aid and chief of staff, and acted in this capacity in the march from Atlanta to Savannah and in the siege and battles about Savannah. He was brevetted four times for gallantry in action, namely: major, for the battle of Fredericksburg; lieutenant-colonel, for gallantry at Gettysburg; colonel, for gallantry at the battles of Chattanooga and the Atlanta Campaign, and brigadier-general, for gallantry at the taking of Atlanta and Savannah. Sent with dispatches to Washington after the capture of Savannah. Gen. C. H. Howard returned to Port Royal too late to join his command in the march through the Carolinas, and was consequently assigned to a camp of instruction for the organizing of colored troops, and was appointed colonel of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth United States Colored troops. At the close of the war he first served as organizer and inspector of schools, under the Freedmen's Bureau (of which Gen. O. O. Howard was chief), for the three States of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.
In 1866 and 1867 he served as assistant commissioner of the Bureau for the District of Columbia, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia and three Counties of Virginia. After a continuous army service for seven years, Gen. C. H. Howard was mustered out on the 1st of January, 1868, and became the Western Secretary of the American Missionary Association, which had an extensive educational work among the Freedman in all the Southern States. This position he retained for five years. General Howard then resigned the Secretaryship and became the principal owner and editor-in-chief of the Advance, a weekly family and religious journal, published at Chicago. Near the end of 1881 General Howard again entered the public service as Inspector of Indian Agencies, under an appointment from President Garfield. At the end of three years he resigned and became the Western Manager and editor of the National Tribune, a newspaper devoted to the interests of veteran soldiers. At the end of 1884 he purchased a controlling interest in the Farm, Field and Stockman (afterward the Farm, Field and Fireside), and became the editor-in-chief of this journal which position he has held to the present time, 1899.

7086. ii. CORNELIA MARGARET, b. March 19, 1848, m., Dec. 26, 1872, Rev. Thomas Lawrence Riggs. Res., Oahe, South Dakota. She d. Aug. 5, 1878. He was b. June 3, 1837, son of Stephen R. Riggs. Ch.: 1. Theodore Foster, b. July 7, 1874. Is now, 1898, in Senior Class. at Beloit, Wis., College. He was born at Laquiparle, Minn. His parents were missionaries to the Dakota Indians. When fourteen years old he went through the horrors of the massacre of 1862. Prepared for college at St. Anthony (now East Minneapolis), Minn.; graduated at Beloit College, Beloit, Wis., in 1865; studied Theology at Union Park Seminary, Chicago, Ill.; entered mission field among the western Dakotas in spring of 1872, locating near Fort Sully, Dakota. Married Cornelia Margaret Foster, at Bangor, Me. Married second wife, Louisa M. Irvine, at Fort Lewis, Col., March 31, 1885. Still engaged in mission work among the Indians, being field superintendent of work under the American Missionary Association.

7087. iii. JOHN McGAW, b. Feb. 4, 1860; m. Grace G. Eames.


7088. i. GEORGE E., b. ———. Was a physician at Springfield.


7091. i. LUCINDA, b. March 23, 1817; d. unm.

7092. ii. DRUCILLA, b. Oct. 25, 1819; d. unm.


GEORGE, m.; JANE, Edward, m. Lawrence, h. Lawrence, Henry; Henry.

... Nevertheless, his own superior natural abilities and industry that there is no occasion for resorting to a line of distinguished ancestors to account for his unusual success in life. Nevertheless, an examination of his life shows that he came naturally by those conspicuous traits of mind and character with which he was endowed.

William Lawrence Foster was born June 1, 1823, at Westminster, Vt., and was the only son of John and Sophia Willard Foster. Edmund Foster, his grandfather, was born at Groton, Mass., in 1754. He graduated at Yale College; studied for the ministry and became quite prominent as a preacher. He was settled over the church in Littleton, Mass., and continued to be its pastor until his death, in 1825, a period of over forty years. He was at one time a member of the Massachusetts State Senate. In 1783 he married Phoebe Lawrence, of Littleton. She was the daughter of Col. William Lawrence, of Littleton.

Through his paternal grandmother Judge Foster traced his descent from Robert Lawrence, of Lancashire, England, who was born about the year 1150. Attending his sovereign, Richard Coeur de Lion, in the war of the Crusades in the Holy Land, he so distinguished himself in the siege of Acre that he was knighted Sir Robert of Ashton Hall.

John Foster, the father of Judge Foster, removed to Fitzwilliam, N. H., in 1825, and from thence to Keene, N. H., in 1834, where he died Feb. 7, 1854. He was a captain in the New Hampshire Militia, and was for many years high sheriff of the County of Cheshire.

Judge Foster, when a boy, attended the common schools and afterward studied in the Keene and Walpole Academies. When about seventeen years of age he commenced the study of law in the office of Levi Chamberlain, Esq. In 1844 and 1845...
he attended the Law School at Cambridge, Mass. In 1845 he was admitted to the bar in Keene, and for a short time was in partnership with John N. Baxter, and afterward with Mr. Chamberlain. From 1845 to 1849 he was postmaster at Keene. From 1849 to 1853 he was clerk of the New Hampshire Senate. He was a member of Governor Dinsmore's staff with the rank of colonel, by whom in 1850 he was appointed State Reporter, holding that office until 1856. During his term of office he edited Vols. xvii to xix, xx to xxxi, inclusive, of the New Hampshire Reports.

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In January, 1853, he married Harriet Morton, daughter of Hon. Hamilton E. Perkins, of Hopkinton, N. H., who survives him; and in April of that year he removed from Keene to Concord, where he entered into partnership with Col. John H. George. Hon. Charles P. Sanborn subsequently became a member of the firm, and upon Colonel George's retirement therefrom, in 1867, the partnership was continued by Messrs. Foster and Sanborn until October, 1869.

Judge Foster was a member of the Legislature in 1862 and 1863. In 1863 he received from Dartmouth College the honorary degree of Master of Arts.

He was appointed a judge of the Supreme Judicial Court, Oct. 1, 1869, and held that office until Oct. 1, 1874, when, upon the reorganization of the courts, he was appointed chief justice of the Circuit Court, with the late Judges Stanley and Rand as his associates. Oct. 1, 1876, he was appointed a judge of the Supreme Court. He resigned that office July 1, 1881, and resumed the practice of law in which he continued until his death.

Judge Foster had the rare distinction of having been a distinguished, learned, and brilliant lawyer; an eloquent and accomplished advocate as well as an honorable, impartial, and able judge.

It was my privilege to have been somewhat intimately associated with him during the latter part of his life. He was the most even-tempered man I ever knew. He had a marvelous disposition—perfectly calm and serene on all occasions. Under
severe provocation he was tranquil and unruffled, and he had about him a pleasing dignity, which invited good fellowship while it repelled familiarity. He never spoke an unkind word or did an unkind thing. Nature had stamped upon him the undefinable quality of a gentleman. He was courteous to everybody, and especially gracious to young members of the bar.

He in all I think he was the most pleasing speaker that I ever listened to. On all occasions he delighted those who had the opportunity of listening to him. It is not extravagance or flattery to say that he graced and adorned every subject on which he expressed himself in a formal way. It would be idle and impracticable to attempt to enumerate or refer to all the arguments and addresses which he delivered. It is sufficient to allude only to his address at the dedication of Blossom Hill Cemetery, in Concord, his address as retiring president of the Southern Bar Association, and his remarks at the law term upon Chief Justice Doe, as fully demonstrating his ability as an orator. They may all properly be styled “gems.” His opening argument in Jenness will case, for clearness, terseness, and eloquence it would be difficult to surpass.

Although Judge Foster had naturally a remarkable facility of expression he did not rely on this alone, but carefully and industriously prepared all his arguments before juries and the court as well as his addresses upon formal occasions. Where there were several words which would express the same general idea, precise shade of meaning which he wished to convey. As a judge he would preside at a trial fairly, rule intelligently, reserve exceptions honestly and clearly. As a law judge he was always desirous of hearing causes fully discussed by counsel and receiving from them, as he was entitled to, all the light they could give in the case; and at the conclusion, he investigated the questions thoroughly, wrote an opinion in which his propositions were plainly stated and amply sustained by reason and authority; and his opinions stand as some of the classics of juridical literature. His reported cases as counsel are contained in the New Hampshire Reports, Vols. xviil to xx inclusive, xxx to xxx inclusive, xxxii, xxxiii, and xxxv to xlix inclusive, li, lxi to lxvi inclusive. Those cases number 168, and do not include his work before inferior tribunals, or the United States Courts, in which he was an extensive practitioner. His opinions as judge are contained in Vols. xlix to lx inclusive, and lxv and lxvi. These number 213, and occupy 706 printed pages. He presided at sixty-one trials, covering a period of 1,249 days; attended about 150 days of law term work; he presided at 396 jury trials; sixteen homicide cases, nine of which were for murder in the first degree, in four of which the accused were sentenced to death, and three of them were hanged.

No man was more honorable than he in his dealings with his associates. His word once given, no written statement of the fact was needed. His rulings as a member of the Court were always characterized by the same fairness and courtesy which he had shown at the bar. He was invariably popular and always loved by all with whom he came in contact. Master of a clear and easy English style, his opinions, even when declaring some plaiu and simple point of law, or when discussing some more abstruse problem, were listened to with pleasure by his hearers, and are read with profit and satisfaction. He spared no pains to go to the bottom of any case which came into his hands. He did not ask for or seek political preferment. Indeed, practical politics were distasteful to him, and he was in every sense of the word a true lawyer.

The qualities which made our deceased brother a good judge made him a very satisfactory referee, and for a few years after he left the bench he probably tried more cases as referee than any other man in New Hampshire. Possessed of great common sense, he was always courteous; his rulings upon questions of law were clear and decided but never arbitrary, and in judging of men and weighing testimony, he was equaled by few and exceeded by none. It came to be understood of him, that unless a party had a good case, it was not wise to refer it to him. One of his most satisfactory characteristics as a referee, was his disposition and desire to hear counsel upon both sides of the case argue it fully. He did not assume before the case was finished to know more about it than the counsel, but, on the contrary, he was ready and willing to hear everything that counsel desired to say. He invited rather than discouraged argument, even where the amount involved in the case was trifling. His decisions, while they sometimes disappointed counsel against whom they were rendered, always commanded their respect.

As is well known he was for a long time in bad health; but those of us who witnessed his labors, under trying circumstances, know that he did not complain but labored manfully to the end. He was in harness nearly up to his dying day,
but he did his work with an application and vigor that surprised the younger and more vigorous members of the profession.

He was greatly interested in the formation of the Southern Bar Association from its inception, and was elected its first vice-president. He was afterward elected president and served from February, 1893, to February, 1894. His impres-
sive and feeling remarks before this Association upon several occasions will long linger in the memory of all who heard them.

He left surviving him the following children: Elizabeth Bradbury, widow of Hon. Edgar H. Woodman; Mary Bartlett, wife of Lieutenant Marshall; William Hamilton Foster, and Roger Elliott Foster.

In conclusion it may be said that he was in every sense of the word a true lawyer, willing and anxious to devote his entire life to the development of the jurisprudence of his country. This was his ambition, and in its pursuit he was signally successful and has left an example of the highest excellence to all who honor and respect the profession of the law.


7111. i. CLARA, b. —; d. in infancy.
7112. ii. ELIZABETH BRADLEY, b. 1857; m. Hon. Edgar H. Woodman.
7113. iii. MARY BARTLETT, b. 1859; m. Lieut. William A. Marshall.
7114. iv. WILLIAM HAMILTON, b. Aug. 27, 1861; m. Alcina E. Gordon.
7115. v. ROGER ELLIOTT, b. Sept. 12, 1867.


Asa Breed Foster, eldest child of Samuel and Anna Breed Foster, was born at Nelson, N. H., from which town Samuel Foster removed to Weston, Windsor County, Vt., about 1801. At the age of eleven years Asa B. Foster left home and thereafter supported himself. He returned to Weston in 1822, and the following year married Abigail Keyes, daughter of James Keyes, who was the first white child born in the adjoining town of Andover. He engaged in the retail trade, which he conducted for over thirty years, and eventually became financially interested in almost all of the industries of that locality. He was a director of the Black River Bank of Proctorsville, and of the West River Bank of Jamaica from their incorporation to the date of his death. He was treasurer of the town of Weston from 1828 to 1840, and from 1847 to 1867; selectman from 1838 to 1840, and from 1849 to 1853; trustee of deposit moneys from 1847 to 1852, and from 1857 to 1867; auditor from 1833 to 1837, and justice of the peace for several terms. In 1834 he was a candidate for Congress of the United States from his district. He was a representative to the General Assembly of Vermont from Weston in the years 1834, 1835, 1836 and 1850; a delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1850, and senator from Windsor County in 1851 and 1852. He died at Weston. His wife survived him almost twenty years, and died at Pittsford, Vt. He d. May 23, 1870. Res., Windsor, Vt.

7116. i. MARY LOUISE, b. Dec. 9, 1824; d. Feb. 28, 1842.
7117. ii. ASA GILBERT, b. Dec. 29, 1826; m. Martha J. Ross.
7118. iii. JAMES HENRY, b. April 11, 1829; m. Eliza Talbot and Mary Dimock.
7119. iv. ANNETTE NANCY, b. April 30, 1833; m. Newell Hubbard, b. May 20, 1828; d. Nov. 28, 1870. She d. s. p., April 11, 1869.

6610. DANIEL FOSTER (Daniel, Jonathan, Jonathan, Samuel, Samuel, John), b. Andover, Mass., Jan. 15, 1792; m. July 18, 1815, Bethiah Heywood. She was dau. of Jabez Howard or Haward, spelled Hayward, and Abigail Graves. This family moved to Andover near Daniel Foster’s folks on a Chandler farm, about 1798, from Reading where they had lived for generations after moving from Beverly at the start. He d. Jan. 15, 1826. Res., Andover, Mass.

7122. i. DANIEL BROOKS, b. Feb. 2, 1816.
7123. ii. CATHARINE, b. September, 1819; m. Benjamin Cutler, of Temple, N. H.

7124. i. REBECCA GEORGIETTE, b. April 21, 1836; m., Dec. 1, 1859, E. H. Quimby, of Salem. She d. Sept. 12, 1893.

7125. ii. GEORGE WHITEFIELD, b. May 21, 1837; m. Bella J. Weeks.

7126. iii. MARY C., b. Aug. 6, 1844; d. unm., Feb. 29, 1880.

6618. REV. AARON FOSTER (Aaron, Jonathan, Jonathan, Samuel, Samuel, John), b. Hillsboro, N. H., March 19, 1794; m., Corinth, N. H., Aug. 12, 1829, Dorothy Ashley Leavitt. Aaron Foster, the eldest child of Aaron and Mehitable Foster, was born in Hillsboro, N. H., March 19, 1794. He fitted for college at Kimball Union Academy; graduated from Dartmouth College in 1822, and from Andover Theological Seminary in 1825. To him is ascribed, while at Andover, the organizing of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society; and in the autumn of 1825, he entered its service as one of its first missionaries, and sailed for South Carolina, where he was settled over two churches in Lawrence and Abbeville districts, and the next year over three churches that were forty miles apart; the third year, going to Pendleton, his churches were sixty miles distant from each other. It is needless to say he was one of the best of horsemen through life. In 1828 he had the singular experience of having his horse instantly killed by lightning while driving near Charleston. In 1829 he drove north, in company with his parishioner, Vice-President John C. Calhoun; and in Cornish, N. H., on Aug. 12, married Dorothy Ashley Leavitt—their wedding journey was a drive of six weeks, with one horse, to their parish in Pendleton, S. C. In 1832 they returned north, having, on the way, buried their infant son. Mr. Foster writes, "we left the south after a residence of seven years, coming away from the midst of more tears than I have ever seen on other occasions of the parting of pastor and people. Eighteen slaves were received into the church on that last Sabbath. My influence there was much broader than it has been at any place in the free States, and I am reconciled to the idea of not having spent the ministry of my life there, only when I consider the condition of slavery in which to leave my children." His health being seriously impaired he went upon a farm in northern New York, but directly continued his ministry in Fort Covington and Constable. After ten years he went to the Robinson church in Plymouth, Mass., and subsequently to East Charlemont, Mass., where the last twenty-two years of his long ministry of forty-five years were passed—here he was known as the beloved "Father Foster" of all Franklin County. He was a man of great physical and mental energy—of broad views and wide interests—of intrepid faith in God and his providences, and in Jesus Christ, his Saviour. In 1851, he was sent by the American Peace Society as delegate to the World's Peace Congress in London. In 1855 he was sent to the "Constitutional Convention" at Boston, called to amend the constitution of the State, where he devoted himself successfully, to securing to women the control of their property after marriage. His acquaintance with the statesmen and public men of his time was extensive; he was a life-long correspondent of Seward, and for many years of Sumner and Dawes. But most of his life was, from choice, passed in small country parishes;
because, he said, having a little property, he could afford to preach the gospel in small places for little pay where other men could not. Yet, notwithstanding his small income, he gave his daughters the highest education that the country then afforded. His marriage was eminently a happy one. To his wife he wrote of it after many years, "I am certain that I have realized the highest point of married happiness that my circumstances and character will admit." He died April 10, 1870, while on a visit to his daughter in Geneva, N. Y. His wife survived him twelve years. They are buried in Mount Auburn, Mass. Res., East Charlemont, Mass.

7127. i. GEORGE LEAVITT, b. Pendleton, S. C., Dec. 8, 1831; d. March 8, 1872.


7130. iii. ELIZABETH LEAVITT, b. March 5, 1840. After three years in a private school in Boston, she entered the class of 1859 at Mount Holyoke Seminary, but on account of illness she did not remain to graduate. At East Charlemont, Mass., on Feb. 15, 1859, she married Rev. Samuel Fiske, of Madison, Conn. The first three months of 1864 she passed with her husband in the camp of the Fourteenth Connecticut Volunteers at Stony Mount-

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the battle of the Wilderness, and had been carried to Fredericksburg, she passed many days at his side. Sixteen months of 1888 and 1889 she spent in extensive travel in Europe with Rev. Arthur Fiske, her younger son. In the autumn of 1891, in answer to a telegram, she made a hurried journey, alone, to Meran in the Austrian Tyrol, where the son above mentioned was stricken with an illness which proved fatal three weeks after her arrival.

Rev. Samuel Fiske graduated from Amherst College in 1848, and from Andover Theological Seminary in 1851, after which he returned to Amherst College as tutor for three years. He then passed more than a year in extensive travels in Europe, Egypt, Syria, and Turkey. In 1857 he was installed pastor of the Congregational church in Madison, Conn., and this relationship continued until his death. In June, 1862, he enlisted as a private in the Fourteenth Connecticut Volunteers, but received the commission of second lieutenant in company G., before leaving Hartford in August. Mr. Fiske took with him a number of young men from his parish, and his regiment served in the Second army corps to the close of the war. In December he was made first lieutenant and in the following month, captain. During the spring and summer of 1863 he was acting assisting inspector-general on the staffs of General Carroll and General Alexander Hayes of the Third division, Second corps. During the battle of Chancellorsville, May 3, he was captured and taken to Libby prison. In June he was exchanged and returned to camp. In September, at his own request, he again took command of company G. He distinguished himself in several battles. He received a fatal wound in the battle of the Wilderness, May 6, 1864, while at the head of his company, and died in Fredericksburg on May 22. During the time he was abroad, and also while in the army, he was a correspondent of the Springfield Republican under the nom de plume of Dunn Browne, and the letters were afterward republished in the volumes, "Dunn Browne Abroad," and "Dunn Browne in the Army." He d. May 22, 1864. Res., Madison, Conn. Oct. 16, 1867, Mrs. Elizabeth S. Fiske (widow of Samuel) married Rev. Henry S. Kelsey, pastor of the First Congregational church, Rockville, Conn. Mr. Kelsey graduated from Amherst College in 1855; studied theology at Union Theological Seminary, New York, and also at East Windsor, Conn.; was instructor in Amherst College from 1857 to 1860; was professor of mathematics, natural philosophy and astronomy in Beloit College, Wisconsin, from 1860 to 1863; and afterward successively pastor of Congregational churches in Granby, Mass., Rockville, Conn., Holliston and Woburn, Mass., and of the College street church in New Haven, Conn. He passed the summer of 1860 traveling in Europe. He now resides in Chicago without pastoral charge. Two children were born to Rev. Samuel and Elizabeth Foster Fiske. 1. George Foster Fiske, b. Jan. 26, 1860, Madison, Conn.; m., at Peterborough, N. H., Aug. 9, 1888, Gertrude Bass, b. May 14, 1863. Ch.: (a) Samuel Bass Fiske, b. May 27, 1889, Chicago. (b) George Foster Fiske, Jr., b. Sept. 28, 1891, Chicago. (c) Clara Bass Fiske, b. Nov. 5, 1892; d. March 25, 1893. 2. Arthur Severance Fiske, b. Sept. 19, 1862, East Charlestown, Mass.

Dr. George Foster Fiske, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Foster Fiske, was born Jan. 26, 1860, in Madison, Conn. The first three months of 1864 he passed in the camp of the Fourteenth Connecticut Volunteers at Stony Mountain on the Rapidan river, near Stevensburg, Va., with his parents. He fitted for college at the high school in Woburn, Mass., graduated from Amherst College in 1887, and from the Yale Medical School in 1883; spent three years in Germany and France studying ophthalmology and otology; was assistant surgeon to Prof. Alfred Graefe in the University at Halle, Prussia, in 1884-85. Settled in Chicago in 1886 as an eye and ear specialist. In 1891 he built a private hospital for treat-
ment of his own patients. He visited European hospitals in 1890 and 1895. Res., 438 La Salle avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Arthur Severance Fiske, b. Sept. 19, 1862, in East Charlemont, Mass., d. in Meran, Austria, Oct. 11, 1891. He graduated from Amherst College in 1884, and from the Hartford Theological Seminary in 1887; took a high position as scholar in college, and won the fellowship in the seminary. By advice of the faculty, he spent three years in the University of Berlin studying oriental languages, specially Arabic; was ready to return and enter upon a professorship at Hartford, when his health, which by constant study, had been seriously impaired, suddenly failed, and he died at the age of twenty-nine. As a lad he was deeply interested in ornithology. While in college he had charge of the ornithological collection, arranging and classifying it, and adding sixty-seven varieties to the number. Many of his drawings of birds and eggs were published by the Smithsonian Institute, and were helpful in settling some disputed points in New England ornithology. While in the seminary he made a vocabulary of the Psalms. His proficiency in Arabic was very marked, and he left extensive translations from the literature of that people. He traveled extensively in Europe, and was a keen student of art in all its forms. His skill with pen and brush was remarkable. He was interesting and instructive as a preacher, and, lad he chosen the pastorate, important pulpits were open to him. But his aim was to be a teacher and defender of the Bible; hence his zeal for knowledge of all oriental customs, languages, literatures and monuments which should illustrate and interpret it. Through native gifts and high attainments a most promising career was open before him. Professor Matthews, of the University of Chicago, who was a fellow student with him in Berlin, says of him: "Mr. Fiske was the most brilliant man I ever knew." Both teachers and friends in Europe and America mourned him as a man of rare genius and singular sweetness of character, while they recognized in his early death a serious loss to American scholarship.


7132. vi. MARTHA JANE, b. Sept. 23, 1837; d. March 16, 1844.

6610. DR. JOHN HERBERT FOSTER (Aaron, Jonathan, Jonathan, Samuel, Samuel, John), b. Hillsboro, N. H., March 8, 1796; m., Peterboro, N. H.,
Sept. 21, 1812, Nancy Smith, b. there Aug. 5, 1808. John H. Foster was one of Chicago's most prominent educational patrons. He was born in Hillsborough, Hillsborough County, N. H., March 9, 1796, the second son of Aaron and Mehitable (Nichols) who were Christians and steadfast persons. Work on the farm in summer and study in the district school in winter occupied his time until he reached the age of sixteen years, when he entered Kimball Union Academy at Meriden, N. H. In 1815 he began teaching school in Schoharie, N. Y., where his eldest brother, Rev. Aaron Foster, of Charlemont, Mass., was teaching. For a time he continued to assist his father in summer, pursuing his studies in the autumn and teaching during the winter in New Hampshire. His mother, who was an unusually intelligent woman, died in 1816. He studied medicine at Dartmouth College from which he was graduated. By 1832 he had accumulated a handsome fortune by the practice of his profession and economical habits. Coming west, he invested largely in Morgan County, Illinois, lands, where he then resided. While there he was appointed surgeon and served during the Black Hawk war. His younger brother, Amos, was a lieutenant in the army, and was for a time stationed at Fort Dearborn in Chicago. Lieutenant Foster purchased some of the original town lots in Chicago, but was afterward stationed at Fort Howard, Wis., and while there was shot and killed by a drunken soldier who was insubordinate and whom he had reprimanded for drunkenness. This occurred in 1832, and Dr. Foster came to Chicago as one of the heirs to look after the estate. Having confidence in the unprepossessing appearance of the town, he purchased the interests of the other heirs and thus laid the foundation for the considerable fortune he had accumulated. Dr. Foster remained in Chicago until 1836 when he left the property there a drug upon the market with his attorney and spent the following two years in New England. On Sept. 21, 1840, he was married to Miss Nancy Smith, of Peterboro, N. H. They immediately removed to Chicago where his real estate was again assuming a positive value. Three daughters were born to them, and, in 1866, he gave nearly one-half of his entire real estate with the design of lightening his mind of his many business cares. This wise step would no doubt have had the desired effect of lengthening his life many years had it not been for an unfortunate accident which caused his death on the eighteenth of May, 1874. From the first, Dr. Foster was an earnest promoter of the cause of education, and for many years was an active member of both the city and State boards of education, faithfully giving, even at an age when

FOSTER HALL, CHICAGO UNIVERSITY, DONATED BY MRS. NANCY FOSTER.
most men excuse themselves from public service, his time and thought and work to the cause which enlisted his earliest sympathies and latest interest. He was a member of the Chicago Historical society, one of the governors of the city hospital, an original trustee of the Merchants' Loan and Trust company; and the Foster school was named in his honor. His funeral took place on Wednesday following the twentieth from Trinity church, of which for many years he had been a quiet and unassuming member. The sermon preached by Rev. Robert Collyer was a touching tribute to the great heart and wise mind of the departed. Resolutions in memory of the deceased were not only passed by the Board of Education, but the Half Orphan asylum and Humane Society, added their contribution to the general bearing which was placed upon his good character by the whole city. He d. May 18, 1874. Res., 789 Fullerton avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Aug. 9, 1888, to Dr. George Foster Fiske, of Chicago (see). 2. John Foster Bass, b. May 8, 1866, Chicago; graduated at Harvard College, 1891. 3. Robert Perkins Bass, b. Sept. 1, 1873, Chicago; graduated at Harvard College, 1896. P. O. address, Mrs. George F. Fiske, Lake Forest, Ill. Robert P. Bass, Peterboro, N. H. Perkins Bass, son of Joel and Catherine Burnham Bass, was born on a farm in Williamstown, Vt., April 30, 1827. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1852, paying his expenses by teaching school. In 1854 he went to Chicago and taught in the public schools. He was admitted to the bar and began the practice of law in 1856. The same year he married Maria L. Patrick, of Granby, Mass., who died in 1858. He married, second, Clara Foster, of Chicago, Oct. 5, 1861. He was appointed United States district attorney for the northern district of Illinois by President Lincoln and continued the practice of law in Chicago until 1874. He was always interested in the cause of education and served on the boards of education of the city of Chicago and the State of Illinois. Since 1882 he has made his home in Boston and Peterboro, N. H. John Foster Bass, son of Perkins and Clara Foster Bass, born at Chicago, May 8, 1866; fitted for college at Phillips Exeter Academy; graduated at Harvard College in 1891, and from the Harvard Law School in 1894. He was war correspondent during the Greco-Turkish war for New York and London newspapers and is now correspondent at Manila for Harper's Weekly and the New York Evening Post. He was wounded at one of the battles about Manila, Feb. 10, 1899. Gen. Hale, in report of operations before Manila, referred to him as the only correspondent on the firing line when our troops captured Manila. He was the first correspondent to visit Iloilo, and was wounded in attack on Caloocan. Robert Perkins Bass, son of Perkins and Clara Foster Bass, born at Chicago, Ill., Sept. 1, 1873. Fitted for college in Boston, Mass.; graduated at Harvard College in 1896.
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health, but on his return found himself not materially benefited, and after a long and very painful illness died in Racine, Jan. 8, 1876, leaving a record of a singularly pure and winning ministry. "Mr. Porter went to Racine, Wisconsin, in 1867, as rector of the Episcopal parish, and by his many noble moral characteristics and brilliant mental attainments won a host of friends of all creeds. The poor never left him empty-handed, and the afflicted in spirit always heard from him words of cheer kindly spoken. In many a home in Racine, in the hovel as well as the palace, there are hearts that blend their sorrow with the
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parents moved to Chicago. Prior to this date he had received a good common school education and at the age of sixteen years entered Harvard College, where he took a full course of four years and was graduated in 1860. He at once entered the Dean Law School at Cambridge, and after graduating was at once admitted to the bar. He immediately took front rank in his profession and built up an extensive practice. His fellow citizens were not
slow to recognize his abilities and he was soon after elected to the Legislature in which he served for three years and from which he resigned just prior to his election to Congress. This election demonstrated his popularity with the public, for he had as an opponent Judge Lambert Tree, who stood high as a jurist and was personally popular. Mr. Adams was elected, and at the expiration of his term of office was re-elected. At the end of his second term he decided not to be a candidate again but must attend to his large property interests in the city. Later he took an extensive trip on the continent. On his return he has at various times been mentioned quite frequently as a candidate for United States Senator and his friends have strongly urged his candidacy. He commands the esteem and respect of the people of the entire State.


7137. v. DAUGHTER, b. August, 1848; d. young.

7138. vi. SON, b. September, 1849, d. October, 1849.


6621. JONATHAN FOSTER (Aaron, Jonathan, Jonathan, Samuel, Samuel, John), b. Hillsboro, N. H., July 14, 1801; m., Pittsfield, N. Y., Jan. 10, 1827, Huldah Griffin, b. July 17, 1803; d. Jan. 22, 1884. Jonathan Foster was born in Hillsboro, N. H. He was married to Huldah Griffin in Pittsford, N. Y. Her parents were William Griffin and Alida Mabey Griffin. Early in the twenties, Mr. Foster removed to Rochester, N. Y., which he saw grow from a small town to a large and flourishing city. He prospered with its prosperity to which he contributed in some measure, as for years his principal business was the building and selling of houses. He amassed a comfortable fortune. His widow survived him some years. He d. Feb. 1, 1870. Res., Rochester, N. Y.


7142. ii. SARAH TOWNSEND, b. May 27, 1829; m., May 27, 1851, Dr. Amos Willard French. Alvin Smith French was born in Fairfield, Conn., Oct. 10, 1782; removed to Ballston Spa, about 1812. Removed to Brighton, adjacent to Rochester, Monroe County, N. Y., in 1814; occupation, farmer. Nancy Dennis, wife of the above, was born in Norwich, Conn., Nov. 18, 1787. A. S. French and Nancy Dennis were married at Pittsford, Monroe County, N. Y., March 20, 1816. Amos Willard French, son of the above, was born in Brighton, Monroe County N. Y., on July 14, 1821; was married to Sarah Foster in Rochester, N. Y., on May 27, 1851; occupation, a dentist. Removed to Springfield, Ill., in 1848 and still resides there, 1859. Ch.: i. Edwin, b. March 26, 1856, Springfield, Ill. ii. Fanny, b. Jan. 24, 1858; present address, Mrs. J. H. Matheny, Springfield, Ill. iii. Sonora, b. Dec. 6, 1860; Address, Mrs. A. H. Lander, Decatur, Ill. iv. Colina, b. Aug. 19, 1864. Address, Mrs. William H. Reeves, Peoria, Ill. v. Willard Foster, b. Nov. 23, 1868, Leadville, Col.

7143. iii. AARON LEAVITT, b. April 24, 1832; d. Dec. 15, 1836.


7145. v. JOHN HERBERT, b. May 15, 1840; m. Louise Wimble.

7146. vi. WILLIAM SUEL, b. Oct. 5, 1842; m. Emira A. Goff.

7147. vii. FREDERICK EDWARDS, b. Feb. 7, 1846; m. Emma Reese.
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6625. SUEL FOSTER (Aaron, Jonathan, Jonathan, Samuel, Samuel, John), b. Hillsboro, N. H., Aug. 26, 1811; m., Muscatine, Iowa, Oct. 28, 1847, Sarah J. Hastings. Suel Foster, horticulturist, was born in the town of Hillsboro, N. H., being the eighth child of Aaron Foster and Mehtable, nee Nichols. When a boy Suel used to rejoice in a rainy day in which he and his brothers were wont to go fishing for pike, trout, pickerel, horn-pout and other members of the finny tribe with which the mountain streams abounded; or go bathing in the pure limpid streams, or boating or rafting on the bosom of the crystal lake; or, during the long winter evenings, when the ground was covered with snow, to participate in the sport of sliding down hill, or skating on the ponds, or competing for the prize in the village "spelling bee," or the speaking of pieces, etc. These are the days and the scenes which memory holds dear, and which our subject loves to talk about. When Suel was ten years of age, his father exchanged his farm for one located some twenty-seven miles farther west in the town Unity, Sullivan County, N. H. This was a sad and sorrowful period in his history. The scenes and playmates of his youth were un­speakingly dear to him, and bitterly did he weep at parting with them; so deep was the impression made upon his youthful mind by this change, that he has since his maturity often counseled parents of families to fix upon a home for life in the outset if possible, and not with their homestead on any consideration, but encourage in their children a love of home with all the happy feelings and moral associations that belong to that blessed place. At the age of twenty years he bid farewell to the parental roof and removed to Rochester, N. Y., where he worked one year as a farm hand at a salary of eleven dollars a month. At the end of the year he added to his surplus earnings and bought a small stock of goods, and peddled them in the several towns and counties west and south of Rochester, the country known as the Genesee valley. He followed this business for three years with remarkable success, nor was any period of his life more pleasantly and profitably spent; for, although he did not accumulate money very fast, as the phrase is understood, yet he was daily receiving a practical and useful education, learning how people lived and how they ought to live. The people of the Genesee country, although humble, were, nevertheless, intelligent, faithful and well-to-do farmers. Many of the pioneers of that forest country were still dwelling in their log cabins, but most of them had built good farm-houses and barns. With unfailing interest he heard the oft-repeated tale of the pioneer settler. Here he imbibed a love of agricultural pursuits and conceived the idea of emigrating to the west and of making a new farm in the Valley of the Mississippi. Accordingly, as a preparatory step, he resolved to spend a few months at the Middlebury Academy, that he might acquire a knowledge of book-keeping and surveying, etc. His older brother, Dr. John H. Foster, had been a few years in Illinois previous to this period, and had returned east on business in 1836, and on his return to his western home was accompanied by our subject, the journey being made in the early spring of that year via New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, the Ohio river and St. Louis, where the brothers parted, the doctor going to Chicago and our subject to Rock Island. In August of the same year, the doctor made a visit to Rock Island, and the brothers proceeded down the river to Bloomington, now Muscatine, Iowa, where they jointly purchased an undivided one-sixth of the town site as it was then laid off, from Capt. Benjamin Clark, of Clark's Ferry, for which they paid the sum of five hundred dollars. This included a tract of land half a mile square. The town had been surveyed but a few weeks previously, and at that time consisted of but two log cabins, though the farmers were in that year making rapid settlements in the adjacent country. In February, 1837, he removed to Bloomington (Muscatine), where, in 1832, he engaged in the wholesale and retail grocery business in partnership with Mr. J. W. Richman, since deceased, which continued until 1846. On the eighth of October, 1847, he married Miss Sarah J., dau. of Robert Collins Hastings, of St. Lawrence County, New York, and sister of Hon. S. C. Hastings, a well known politician, and continued his residence in Muscatine. Early in 1849, soon after the discovery of gold in California, Judge Hastings made the overland trip to the Pacific coast; and in the winter following, at his request, our subject, accompanied by his wife and three children of the judge, bore the way of the isthmus to the terminus of San Francisco, arriving there in April, 1850, after an arduous journey of three months. Mr. Foster spent the summer of 1850 as clerk in the Sacramento post-office, and in the autumn of that year was appointed to take the census of the east half of Butler County, California, embracing all the mountainous country of Feather river to the top of the Sierra Nevada mountains. He numbered some twenty-five hundred men engaged in digging for gold, all operating upon the surface and in the bed of streams, no blasting of quartz rock then being
done. He found some of the miners realizing from twenty to one hundred dollars per day, but the average of their earnings did not exceed one dollar and a half, and the cost of living was about one dollar per day, so that the labor of mining gold in California at that time did not pay as well as the same amount of labor on the farms of Iowa; nor did he consider the condition or the people of California, or other prospects as equal to those of the people of Iowa, and, accordingly, returned to the Valley of the Mississippi in the winter of 1850-1. The journey to and from and his seven months' stay in California was one of the most interesting periods of his life. The sea voyage from New Orleans to Chagres on the steamer Georgia commanded by Commodore D. D. Porter, the horseback ride across the isthmus with the women and children, the four weeks' stay at Panama awaiting the steamer to come around the "Horn," and his experience with the miners on the Feather river, were all thrilling and very instructive experiences. On rejoining his family in the spring of 1851, he settled down to the business of farming and soon drifted into the nursery business, horticulture and fruit raising, in which he has been engaged successively for the past twenty-five years. He has accomplished much good by the promotion of tree-planting, both shade and ornamental orchards and small fruits of all kinds, and has been instrumental in introducing and disseminating many new and improved varieties of fruit trees. He is a member of the State and County horticultural societies, also of the Illinois Horticultural Society, and a frequent and very valuable contributor to the numerous periodicals of the country printed in the interest of horticulture and agriculture. He was the first in Iowa to move in the matter of establishing and endowing an agricultural college for the State, and for a number of years fought the battle single-handed. In 1847 he became acquainted with some intelligent Germans who had been educated at agricultural schools in their own country, and who were much surprised to learn that there were no similar institutions in America. He became favorably impressed with their account of these institutions in Germany and other European countries, and immediately commenced agitating the question of establishing an agricultural college for the State of Iowa by articles in the public papers. He made it the subject of public addresses at agricultural addresses, and, in short, made it a hobby for years. At the outset he met with but little encouragement; on the contrary, his views were generally opposed as utopian. About the year 1852, however, some western writers, among whom were Prof. J. B. Turner, of Jackson- ville, Ill., and Hon. Adna Williams, of Michigan, began to adopt similar views and Judge Buel, of the Albany, New York, Cultivator had long been a strong advocate of agricultural education. In this way a gradual change of sentiment was wrought, and, in 1856, he found friends enough in the Legislature to introduce a bill providing for the establishment of an agricultural college for the State of Iowa, to be endowed and supported as other State institutions; but there was not strength enough in that session to enact it. Early in the succeeding session of 1856, however, it became a law, Iowa being the second State in the Union to provide an institution of this kind, Michigan being about a year in advance of her. The main feature of the discipline of the institution intended for by Mr. Foster, was a more thorough education in the sciences pertaining to the agricultural requirement of a certain amount of daily labor on the part of the students. The reasons urged being labor for health, for economy, for the practical illustration of the studies and for the great moral principle of the dignity of labor. After seeing the successful realization of the travails of his soul for many years, he had the further satisfaction of serving as a director of the institution for six years, five of which he was president of the board. The United States land grant for the support of the institution was an after-consideration, earnestly advocated and promoted by our subject. It will thus be seen that Mr. Foster has been a large benefactor to his race, and when it is considered that he has no children to reap the benefit of his efforts in the matter of education, he must stand prominently forward in the character of a philanthropist. He is a plodding and industrious man, but enthusiastic in his business in which he has acquired large practical knowledge, being recognized as an authority on the subjects coming within the scope of his observation. He is a voluminous writer for agricultural and horticultural periodicals. He is much interested in weather statistics, and makes regular records of the atmosphere and its various phenomena. He is very tenacious of his views and opinions, and pursues a matter to the end, regardless of the consequences to friend or foe, although he is by no means in- dictive. He is also something of a reformer, and, considering it his duty some few years since to endeavor to bring about a reform in the practice of the courts, he wrote several articles for the daily papers showing that cases should be disposed of

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in some plain, simple manner without the aid of "lawyers' papers," as he calls them; and once he appeared in court and read a petition to the judge urging more promptitude and less delay in the disposition of cases, for all of which he was ridiculed by others, precisely as when he commenced agitating the agricultural college innovation. But in no wise disconcerted, he continues to advocate what he terms "law reform," and in consequence "lawyers' papers" have come to be a by-word in Muscatine. We could fill pages with interesting reminiscences and anecdotes of the life and manners of our subject, but shall close our notice of him by copying the following maxims which his own career has aptly illustrated: "Let it not be said of us that the world is none the better for our having lived in it." "All essential labor is equally honorable." "To know how and where we obtain the necessaries of life is more important than all other earthly knowledge." "There is nothing worth our attention which does not improve our condition, or that of others, in this life or the life to come." His marriage with Miss Hastings was with an increase of two children; the eldest, Charles, died in infancy, and the youngest, Miss Adele, a most amiable and accomplished young lady, died in her seventeenth year in December, 1870. He d. Res., Muscatine, Iowa.

7145. i. CHARLES, b. July 28, 1848; d. Aug. 12, 1848.

7149. ii. ADELE, b. June 8, 1855; d. 1870.


7150. i. DAUGHTER, b. —; m. Ellis D. Fulton. Res., Rockland, Wis.


7152. iii. WILLIAM SUEL, b. Nov. 2, 1842.


7154. vi. MARVIN HASTINGS, b. Dec. 12, 1847.


7156. vii. ELLA, b. Nov. 12, 1857. 7158. viii. EDDIE, b. —.

7157. ix. FLORA, b. Oct. 4, 1860. 7159. x. MAY, b. —.


7160. i. IDA JANE, b. Jan. 9, 1845; m. Albert Walton.

7161. ii. ALFRED AARON, b. July 22, 1850; m. —.

6628. RUSSELL FOSTER (Davis, Jonathan, Jonathan, Samuel, Samuel, John), b. Wakefield, Mass., m. Sophia Wiley, b. May 5, 1808; d. June 29, 1893. She was dau. of Ely and Love (Mansfield). He d. Calais, Me. He was born in Massachusetts, but resided in Maine for over fifty years. He was an excellent musician. Was a farmer nearly all his life. Res., South Reading, Mass.

7162. i. DAVIS, b. in 1834; m. M. Delores Sanchez.


7164. iii. ELMIRA W., b. —.

7165. iv. CHARLES, b. in 1828; m. —.

7166. v. EDWARD, b. in 1833; m. —.


7167. i. EVELYN, b. —. Evelyn S., of Reading; letter date Sept. 21, 1897; ex., same; only kin Harriet Foster, sister, Arthur J. Foster, brother; both of Reading.—[Mid. Prob.]

7168. ii. ARTHUR J., b. in 1837. 7169. iii. HARRIET, b. —.

7170. iv. EUGENIA L., b. —. Eugenia L., of Reading; letter date, Oct. 24, 1882; ex., June 3, 1854; only next of kin, her father, Stephen Foster.—[Mid. Prob.]

Capt. Aaron Foster, Jr., was the second child and oldest son of the ten children of Capt. Aaron Foster, Sr. If the former was a typical specimen of the early day New England yeomanry, the latter may be said to have been a representative specimen of the New England village squire. He was born in Danvers, formerly a part of Salem, Mass. Added to his common school education was a course of instruction at Bradford Academy, Mass., of which Prof. Benjamin Greenleaf, the celebrated author of a series of mathematical text-books, was principal. Later, he taught school in various towns in the eastern part of the State. While thus engaged he formed the acquaintance of Miss Abigail Marsfield, daughter of Capt. Andrew Marsfield, of Lynnfield, Mass., a young school-teacher, like himself, with the result of marriage, and the later purchase of the estate, now known as Thorncroft, on Lakeside, owned by Deacon Thomas Martin, in the town of Wakefield, Mass., which then bore the name of South Reading, ten miles from Boston, at that time of about a thousand population. Miss Marsfield was a young lady of superior mental endowment. She was a graduate from the Saugus Female Seminary, Essex County, Mass., a distinguished educational institution in its day; then under the principalship of the not less distinguished educator, Rev. Joseph Emerson. Captain Foster's career as a teacher did not cease with his marriage, and settling down at Lakeside, in South Reading, while his farm of eighty acres, one mile north of the village, occupied his attention for the greater part of the year, he still devoted his winters to teaching, mainly in the West District of the town, going back and forth across the lake on the ice, thus reducing the distance of two miles by land to one mile. Previous to his marriage he had been commissioned, by Governor Lincoln, as a captain in the Massachusetts Militia. Immediately upon his removal into the town he seems to have become prominent in its affairs. His townspeople were quick to recognize his abilities, and to avail themselves of them, electing him to every office it was in their power to confer upon him, including the positions of assessor, selectman, school committee, moderator of town-meetings, and representative to the Legislature, involving an official career of twenty-five or thirty years, during which he often held several of these offices at the same time. Like all the voting members of his family and ancestry, with one exception, noted elsewhere, he was Democratic in politics, but voting for Lincoln, and with the Republicans thereafter. The "balance of power," however, was well maintained in the family by the daughters all marrying Whig professors and politicians, some of them quite active in their time and sphere. South Reading was a Whig town, three-fourths of the voters being of that political faith, and it must have been a Democrat of very exceptional qualities of ability and character that was ever put into office by their help. The fact that they kept Captain Foster in office so long and continuously is a circumstance that carries its explanation with it.

For his second wife Captain Foster married Mary, daughter of Deacon John Marsfield, of Lynnfield, Mass., a cousin of his first wife. Like him, she had studied at Bradford Seminary. She was a woman of rare virtues, exceeding goodness and liberality, and a helpmate in the fullest sense of the word. Her generosity to the poor and unfortunate was proverbial.

Capt. Aaron Foster, Jr., possessed considerable ability as a writer. Even when he had attained to nonagenarian years he continued to write on local historical subjects, and contributed to the periodical press many important historical and miscellaneous articles. He died in 1896, having, like his elder sister, Elizabeth, attained his ninety-fourth year.


7171. i. AARON AUGUSTUS, b. May 23, 1833; m. Rebecca Walton.
7172. ii. CLARENCE P., b. Nov. 20, 1846. Now a citizen of Colorado; prominent in public and business affairs; mining, mercantile and stock raising matters engaging his attention, and serving several years as commissioner of Gunnison County, Col.
7173. iii. JAMES B., b. May 29, 1835; m. Bertha V. Brown.
a writer, as attested by various articles in the prominent magazines and other current periodicals.

FRANKLIN HART, b. Feb. 6, 1839. Was sergeant-major of the Ninth New Hampshire Regiment of the war of the Rebellion. In charging upon the works at Petersburg, Va., after the mine explosion, he was taken prisoner and confined at Salisbury, N. C., where he died through starvation.


SUSAN PUTNAM, b. Aug. 6, 1843; d. Sept. 3, 1843.

JAMES GOULD FOSTER (Aaron, James, Benjamin, Samuel, Samuel, John), b. Danvers, Mass., March 15, 1807; m. in Boston, Charlotte Walker, niece of Governor Armstrong, of Massachusetts, b. Jan. 3, 1815; d. Feb. 16, 1894. He was appointed to a position in the Boston Custom House under President Polk's administration, and held it during nearly the remainder of his life, his efficiency being so well recognized that he was retained through succeeding changes of administrative politics. As a citizen of Malden, Mass., he was elected to the school board of both of those municipalities, and long continued in the positions. He married Charlotte Walker, a niece of Governor Armstrong of Massachusetts, and two sons and two daughters were the result of the marriage. The sons, James W. and George F., are both identified with Boston banking institutions. The daughters were Mary Ella and Gertrude, the latter marrying Professor Smith, of Salem, Mass. He d. Dec. 4, 1872. Res., Lynn and Everett, Mass.

JAMES W., b. Nov. 4, 1841; m. Melissa Baldwin and Mrs. Florence E. Watson.


GERTRUDE, b. Aug. 1, 1856; m. Professor Smith, of Salem. She d. April 14, 1897. s. p.

HON. GEORGE FOSTER (Aaron, James, Benjamin, Samuel, Samuel, John), b. Wakefield, Mass., Nov. 6, 1818; m. Alice Philips. She d.; m., 2d, Susan Goodwin. He was the youngest of ten. The greater part of his life was spent as a citizen of Lynn, Mass., where he married Alice, only daughter of Jonathan Philips, one of Lynn's wealthiest and foremost citizens. For his second wife he married Susan Goodwin. His children by his first wife were Alice, Mary and George; and by his second, Arthur. The elder son is engaged in mercantile affairs, and the younger a practicing lawyer. The elder daughter married Doctor Lovejoy, one of Lynn's most eminent physicians. Hon. George Foster differed from the other members of his family in espousing the Whig cause. While all the rest—until the civil war—were Democrats, he at one time was nominated by his party for State treasurer. He d. Res., Lynn, Mass.

ALICE, b. ——; m. Doctor Lovejoy. Res., L.

MARY, b. ——.

GEORGE, b. ——.


JOHN ELBRIDGE FOSTER (Elbridge, Samuel, Benjamin, Samuel, Samuel, John), b. Hartford, Conn., ——; m. there Elizabeth Choate. Res., Hartford, Conn.

JOHN E., b. Sept. 27, 1844; m. Louise N. Remington.

TIMOTHY FOSTER (Timothy, Benjamin, Benjamin, Samuel, Samuel, John), b. Wilmington, Mass., Aug. 7, 1815; m. ——. Res., Massachusetts.


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7189. i. CHARLES HENRY, b. Sept. 21, 1851; m. Nov. 29, 1873; d. Nov. 24, 1893.
7190. ii. EDWIN GILFORD, b. July 21, 1853; m. Sarah A. Nichols.
7192. iv. WILLIE FRANCIS, b. Aug. 15, 1857; m. Ella E. Butchers.
7193. v. ISABEL MARIA, b. July 8, 1859; d. Dec. 6, 1862.

7195. i. LIZZIE WEBSTER, b. Nov. 22, 1861.
7196. ii. JOHN PRINCE, b. May 11, 1860; m. Jessie Shaw.


7198. i. ABBA, b. Oct. 13, 1838.
7200. iii. ROBERT, b. Feb. 15, 1845; d. Sept. 17, 1845.
7201. iv. PHEBE, b. May 29, 1850; m. Feb. 22, 1877, George E. Johnson, b. 1831, Durham, N. H., son of Supply and Elizabeth (Cook).

7203. i. JEREMIAH, b. Nov. 1, 1839; m. Caroline E. Williams and Lizzie J. Baxter.
7204. ii. ANN, b. July 18, 1842.
7205. iii. JOANNA, b. Dec. 20, 1844; d. Feb. 11, 1865.
7207. v. HANNAH ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 23, 1855.

7209. i. JESSE WOODBURY, b. July 28, 1846; m. Elizabeth Baker.

7210. i. ARTHUR, b. Oct. 19, 1861.
7211. ii. JOHN FREDERIC, b. March 18, 1845; m. Abby F. Young.
7212. iii. THOMAS BODEN, b. July 29, 1850; m. Carrie H. Dresser.

7213. i. JOHN THISSEL, b. April 14, 1829; d. June 19, 1854.
7214. ii. BENJAMIN WILLIAM, b. July 26, 1839; d. April 8, 1863.
7215. iii. JOSIAH LOVETT, b. Nov. 3, 1832; m. Elizabeth Williamson.
7217. v. GEORGE BRACKENBURG, b. April 10, 1837; m. Alice Haskell.
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7220. viii. MARY SUSAN, b. July 8, 1839; d. March 25, 1840.

7221. ix. ELLEN, b. Aug. 25, 1841; d. May 1, 1842.

7222. x. CHARLES ALBERT, b. in Beverly; d. July 1, 1846, ae. one year.


7223. i. JOHN B., b. ———. Res., Portland, Oregon.


7232. i. JOSEPH EMERSON, b. Mar. 13, 1827; m. Joanna Lovett Prince.

7233. ii. BENJAMIN L., b. June 17, 1829; d. Aug. 11, 1846.

7234. iii. PHEBE E., b. March 2, 1835; d. Sept. 28, 1843.


7237. vi. LARKIN JONATHAN, b. Jan. 1, 1841; m. Mary Augusta Harris.


7240. ii. JONATHAN L., b. July 22, 1834; d. April 5, 1836.

7241. iii. DAVID L., b. Jan. 12, 1836; m. Susan P. Ober.


7243. i. MARY LEE, b. September, 1839; m., Dec. 26, 1867, Calvin Wallis, Jr., b. 1830. Res., B.

7244. ii. SAMUEL, b. Nov. 27, 1842; m. Lucy A. Ober.

7245. iii. EMILY, b. Feb. 17, 1845.


7247. i. ISSACHER, JR., b. 1844; m. Sarah A. Abbott.

7248. ii. JOHN E., b. Oct. 19, 1845; m. Matilda R. Cutter.

7249. iii. SUSAN L., b. ———.

7250. iv. JULIA, b. May 22, 1862; d. Feb. 12, 1864.


7252. vi. HANNAH, b. March 19, 1850; d. Sept. 16, 1851.

7253. vii. WILLIAM DODGE, b. Sept. 7, 1852; d. April 23, 1853.

7254. viii. MARY E., b. March 7, 1858; d. Jan. 9, 1859.


7255. i. MARY E., b. Aug. 17, 1843; m., Jan. 3, 1867, Edward K. Gallop, b. 1843, son of Edward K.

7256. ii. ADELAIDE, b. Aug. 4, 1848.

7257. iii. ELIZABETH, b. Aug. 28, 1850.

7258. iv. ALMIRA, b. Sept. 29, 1845.

6725. i. SARAH FRANCES, b. April 4, 1861; d. Aug. 27, 1862.

6726. ii. WILLIAM BARR, b. April 11, 1857.

6721. iii. LILLIE BELLE, b. Oct. 21, 1870; m., Nov. 3, 1897, John Robinson Grush, son of Addison E. and Joanna (Pierce), b.1868.


6726. CAPT. SAMUEL JEREMIAH FOSTER (Israel, Samuel, Samuel, Joseph, Joseph, Samuel, John), b. Beverly, Mass., March 13, 1823; m. there, June 8, 1851, Hattie Ann Miller, dau. of Capt. James Miller and Hitty. She d. s. p., July 7, 1868 ae. forty-three; m., 2d, May 21, 1873, Eliza Breck Foster Choate, b. Jan. 30, 1843, dau. of Frederick W. Choate and Eliza. He was a master mariner. He was born in Beverly. In his early years from the age of eleven to seventeen he went fishing to the Grand Banks, and after that went to school at the Beverly Academy for about two years. At the age of twenty-one he joined the merchant service and sailed from Boston for Batavia in ship New Jersey under command of captain Michael Whitney of Beverly, and continuing followed the sea on long voyages to China and retired at the age of fifty years. Res., Beverly, Mass., 11 Thorndike street.

6726. i. THEODORE DWIGHT, b. April 20, 1874; d. Nov. 23, 1879.

6727. ii. ALICE CHOATE, b. Feb. 10, 1877; living.

6728. iii. ALEXANDER, b. Sept. 12; d. Sept. 19, 1885.

6729. iv. FREDERICK WILLIAM CHOATE, b. Feb. 7, 1887; living.


6727. i. SAMUEL J., b. June 6, 1861; m. Alice F. Grant.

6727. ii. ADA MARIA, b. April 17, 1848; m., May 13, 1869, Amos P. Burnham, b. 1842.

6727. iii. ELLA H., b. July 29, 1851; d. Aug. 29, 1851.


6727. v. EFFIE H. (twin), b. Nov. 26, 1852; m., Jan. 30, 1873, Benjamin Larcom, Jr.

6727. vi. CHARLES EZRA, b. April 23, 1858; m. Lizzie P. Richards.

6727. vii. LILLIAN HAMMOND, b. 1871; m., Dec. 7, 1893, Frederick Wesley Herrick Plummer, b. 1868 in Londonbury, N. H., son of Charles and Mary.


6738. i. DAU., b. Aug. 24, 1851. 7279. ii. DAU., b. March 26, 1860.

6738. iii. EDWARD L., m., July 4, 1880, Mary D. Nichols. He d. 1886.

6738. iv. GRACE M., b. 1860; d. May 5, 1882.


6738. i. THEODORE, b. 1848; d. Oct. 7, 1886.

7283. ii. SARAH E., b.——; m., April 21, 1880, George Frederick.


7284. i. HARVEY W., b. Aug. 12, 1865.

7285. ii. WILLIS M., b. May 29, 1868.


7286. i. CLARA MABEL, b. Aug. 12, 1866.


7288. iii. ERNEST, b. Dec. 18, 1873; d. December, 1873.


7289. i. CHARLES H., b. Oct. 15, 1860.


7291. i. JOHN HENRY, b. July 24, 1857; m. Sadie A. Whitehouse.


7293. iii. CARRIE FRANCES, b. May 6, 1869; m., April 15, 1896, Louis Dudley Webber, shoe manufacturer, b. 1866, in Searspur, Me. son of Henry A. and Hannah C. Res., Highland avenue, Beverly, Mass.


7294. i. SARAH E., b. Jan. 7, 1836.


7296. iii. FREDERICK AUGUSTUS, b. June 23, 1844; d. unm., April 11, 1893, 'private in Forty-fourth Massachusetts regiment in civil war.'


7279. i. NELLIE PARKER, b. Aug. 16, 1863; m., Nov. 17, 1866, Louis Pillsbury Lynn, b. 1856, son of William E.

7298. ii. SALLY EMELINE, b. Aug. 20, 1860.

7299. iii. MARY ELIZABETH, b. July 23, 1846; m., Feb. 1, 1871, George F. Allen, of Hartford, Conn., trader, b. 1837, in Granby, Conn.

7300. iv. ABBY FRANCES, b. May 15, 1849; m., Nov. 19, 1869, Charles A. Kent, b. 1841.

7301. v. LYDIA CHANDLER, b. Sept. 13, 1851; m., Nov. 31, 1870, Henry A. Wiley, b. 1847, son of Nicholas.

7302. vi. HENRIETTA, b. Nov. 13, 1852.

7303. vii. MARTHA ELLEN, b. Nov. 7, 1857; m., Aug. 4, 1881, George A. Standley, b. 1858.


6705. ii. EDWIN B., b. Dec. 11, 1861.

6706. l. EDWIN B., b. Nov. 18, 1848.

6707. iii. LOUISA ELLEN, b. July 26, 1864.


6708. i. FRANK P., b. June, 1848; d. unm., Feb. 2, 1873.


6710. iii. MARY ALICE, b. Oct. 7, 1855; m., Dec. 25, 1881, Edwin Hooper Appleton, a farmer, b. 1856.

6711. iv. MARY ELLA, b. Nov. 18, 1853.

6712. v. JONATHAN FRANKLIN, b. Dec. 25, 1849.

6713. vi. THERESA ANN, b. Aug. 8, 1855; m., Sept. 29, 1881, Charles A. Moore, b. 1850, son of John and Elizabeth.

6714. vii. JOSEPHINE, b. 1853; d. October, 1854.


6715. i. SUSAN AUGUSTA, b. Sept. 9, 1844; d. Nov. 3, 1845.

6716. ii. HEZEKIAH OBER, b. Aug. 17, 1846.

6717. iii. HEZEKIAH AUSTIN, b. Oct. 10, 1848; m. Mary Eliza Foster.


6720. i. IRENE AUGUSTA, b. Dec. 20, 1862; m., Oct. 30, 1884, Herbert William Harrison, b. Boston, 1863.


6722. iii. ELLA FRANCES, b. Aug. 9, 1859; d. unm., Nov. 29, 1895.

6723. iv. LINWOOD, b. Aug. 12, 1866.


6725. ii. ANN AUGUSTA, b. Aug. 24, 1849.


6726. i. CHARLES, b. Aug. 3, 1863.

6727. ii. JOSEPH FRANCIS, b. Oct. 15, 1844; m. Mary A. Foster.

6728. iii. JOHN YOUNG, b. Sept. 2, 1837; m. Adelaide Foster.

6729. iv. MARY ABBEY, b. Nov. 20, 1849; m., Jan. 13, 1870, T. Walter Woodbury, carpenter, b. 1848, son of Solomon and Lucy (Brewer).

6730. v. HELEN, b. Aug. 3, 1852.


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7333. viii. PERLEY B., b. July 5, 1866.
7334. ix. HATTIE E., b. 1854; m., Nov. 5, 1875, Joseph H. Glover, b. 1854.


7335. i. JOSIAH NELSON, b. May 24, 1861; d. May 28, 1861.
7336. ii. GEORGE EDWARD, b. July 2, 1852.
7337. iii. IDA FANNY, b. Dec. 19, 1856; m., Nov. 23, 1881, Samuel D. Studley, b. 1857.

6812. HON. PAULINUS MAYHEW FOSTER (Benjamin, Samuel, Ebenezer, John, John, John), b. Jan. 1, 1811; m., June 7, 1840, Lydia King Hutchins, b. March 9, 1819, dau. of Asa and Eliah (Sawyer). The following obituary appeared in one of the Maine papers at the time of his death: "Death of Hon. Paulinus M. Foster. It is with feelings of deep sorrow that we learn the sad news of the death of Hon. Paulinus M. Foster, of Richmond, Me. He died at his residence on Saturday, the sixth instant, at the age of fifty years and eight months. He had just recovered from a rheumatic fever so far that he felt himself able to attend court at Bath, the first week of the term; but returned three weeks ago last Saturday morning very much exhausted and took to his bed. He continued to sink until Saturday at seven o'clock when he breathed his last. The deceased was a man of great natural endowments and fair culture, a kind disposition, generous impulses, and warm and devoted friendship. His death will be mourned by a large circle of acquaintances aside from his immediate family. Mr. Foster was born in Readfield, Jan. 1, 1811. He commenced the study of law with Hon. David Bronson in Anson at the age of twenty-one, and completed his course of study with Governor Wells, in Hallowell. He was admitted to the Somerset County bar and commenced practice with Mr. Bronson with whom he continued in partnership for several years. After about twenty five years practice in Anson, he removed, in 1859, to Richmond. In politics he was a Democrat and filled many political posts: was elected president of the Senate in 1845 and 1849, and by his impartiality and able discharge of the duties of presiding officer, gave universal satisfaction." He was at the date of decease aged fifty years, eight months and five days. Buried at Richmond, Me. The remains of both Mr. and Mrs. Foster have lately been removed to North Anson, Me. Lydia King (Hutchins) Foster, a true and faithful wife, and a devoted, affectionate mother, d. May 30, 1841, aged seventy-two years, two months and twenty-one days. She is buried at North Anson, Me. He d. Sept. 6, 1861. Res., North Anson, and Richmond, Me.

7340. iii. CARROLL, b. June 24, 1844; m. Ida Pearce.
7342. v. CARLOS, b. June 11, 1848; unm. Res., New York, N. Y. Address, P. O. Box 2599.
7343. vi. CHARLES, b. July 4, 1850 Charles Foster early in life evinced a love for painting and with the struggles incident to that profession he contended successfully, studying in Paris with Professor Cabanel for seven years. His last Legislature voted to instruct Superintendent of Public Buildings E. C. Stevens to secure the pictures of the past presidents of the Senate since 1820. Colonel Stevens has had very good success, having secured about four-fifths of the pictures. The latest picture received is that of Hon. Paulinus Mayhew Foster, of Anson, who was the president in 1850. It was intended to secure pictures of the panel size, but a few are larger.
and among the larger ones is that of Mr. Foster. This gentleman's son is the artist, Charles Foster, of Farmington, Conn., and when Colonel Stevens wrote to secure the picture of the late president of the Maine Senate, the artist offered to paint a picture of his father, and present it all framed to the State, which was an offer that was quickly accepted. The elegant picture arrived recently, and the following little extract from the New York Evening Post, in the art department, will show that the picture is one of merit: 'Charles Foster has recently completed a portrait of his father, Paulinus Mayhew Foster which those best qualified to know pronounce an admirable likeness. It is designed for the Senate chamber at the capitol at Augusta, Me., in accordance with a recent act of the Senate of that State, to secure the portraits of all the former presidents. The figure is represented about half length, and coming agreeably against a background of gray green, the flesh tones present a fresh living quality, quite unusual in a work of this sort where resource is had only to memory, and to imperfect photographs.' —Augusta, Me., paper.

7344. vii. BENJAMIN, b. July 31, 1852. Benjamin Foster, like his brother, manifested a love for painting. He also studied in Paris for one year, and now he has his studio in New York City. He has been for several years one of the jury on acceptance of pictures in the New York Water Color club, and is an art critic for the New York Evening Post; 1891 he was awarded a medal for oil paintings at the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago.

7345. viii. WILLIAM, b. Sept. 28, 1854; m. Helen D. Kirby.

7346. ix. FANNY, b. April 29, 1857; d. quite young.

7347. x. ARTHUR W., b. Nov. 7, 1861; m. Katherine Spaulding.

6813. HON. CHARLES BENJAMIN FOSTER (Benjamin, Samuel, Ebenezer, John, John, John), b. Oct. 22, 1812, Waterville, Me., a.m., at Carritunk Plantation, Me., Nov. 2, 1837, Dorcas Fairbush Spaulding, b. June 30, 1815, at Carritunk, Me. Mr. Foster was born in Waterville. At the age of twenty-one he engaged in trade at the forks of the Kennebec. In those early days land speculation in Maine was beginning to attract the attention of outside capitalists, and Mr. Foster, who was known to be wide-awake and enterprising, was for a long time employed as an agent to buy and sell land for Boston parties whose possessions in Northern Maine comprised 200,000 acres. His operations, however, were not confined to dealing for others. In connection with the late Abner Coburn, and others, he gradually acquired vast timber tracts of his own, upon which he operated every winter. In early life he held various responsible public offices, and in 1847 he represented his town in the State Legislature. He afterward entered into partnership and for many years the two carried on the lumbering business under the firm name of Foster & Spaulding. In 1849 they bought the Richmond steam saw-mill, and Mr. Foster moved to Richmond. From that time until failing health obliged him to retire from active business pursuits his interests were closely identified with those of the town. In 1854-1855 he was concerned in ship-building. Upon the decline of that industry he confined his operations strictly to lumbering, in later years carrying on the business.
in connection with his son, Charles M. Foster. In the winter of 1885 they sold their mill property to the firm of Clark & Milliken, though they have continued to lumber every winter on their Parlin Pond township. Mr. Foster's business career was of a nature to bring him into intimate relations not only with his fellow townsmen, but with various parties abroad. At home his usefulness as a citizen was only appreciated, while his business tact and perseverance under the most discouraging circumstances were fully recognized by all who had dealings with him. In recalling the virtues of the departed, the writer is privileged to speak of his kindness as an employer and of his great patience under the most trying circumstances. During the many years in which we were associated with him daily, we never knew him to be otherwise than kind and considerate in his dealings with his operatives. Though frequently bothered and injured pecuniarily by the carelessness of inefficient workmen, we cannot recall a single instance wherein he reproved a man in temper. This testimony to his remarkable patience will be corroborated by more than one man who has passed a lifetime in his employ. His business activity received a check when he experienced a light stroke of paralysis. Although he continued to keep a general oversight of his affairs, their management was left mainly in the hands of his son. His advancing years were marked by failing health. Though he bore the most painful infirmities with surprising fortitude, it was evident that exhausted nature could not long withstand the repeated attacks. He was stricken with pneumonia. Inspite of careful nursing and the best of medical attendance he failed rapidly, and passed away calmly and peacefully, like one who had been granted a happy release from suffering. He d. Nov. 16, 1889. Res., Richmond, Me.


7352. v. ALICE MORSE, b. Dec. 31, 1846; d. May 26, 1872.

7353. vi. ALMA HANSON, b. May 18, 1849; d. July 6, 1851.


7355. viii. CHARLES MAYHEW, b. Feb. 24, 1854; m. Emma P. Kerswell.


7356. i. MELLEN ATKINS, b. Jan. 6, 1860; m., July 6, 1886, Ida Empt.

7357. ii. JESSIE HILLMAN, b. Aug. 2, 1862; m., Nov. 6, 1880, A. B. Forbes. He was b. San Francisco, Cal., April 8, 1857. Res., Niobrara, Neb., and 4217 Van Buren St., Leeds, Sioux City, Iowa. Ch.: 1. Donnie R. Forbes, ae. fourteen years. 2. Mary E. Forbes, ae. twelve years. 3. Charlie Forbes, ae. eleven years. 4. Alice Forbes, ae. nine years. 5. Florence Forbes, ae. five years. 6. Lottie Forbes, ae. three years. 7. Willis Forbes, ae. one year. They were married at Ida Grove, Iowa; lived at Correctionville two years; Battle Creek, Iowa, two years; Hinton, two years, and at Sioux City ever since.

7358. iii. WILLIAM AVERY, b. Feb. 25, 1865; m., Aug. 27, 1871; d. Oct. 13, 1877.


7360. v. LOIS FLOOD, b. Aug. 17, 1869; m., Dec. 27, 1892, Charles Mader.

6816. WILLIAM AVERY FOSTER (Benjamin, Samuel, Ebenezer, John, John, John), b. Feb. 18, 1818; m., Oct. 19, 1848, in Durand, Ill., Sarah Ann Himes, b. April 4, 1834.

William Averv Foster, son of Benjamin Foster and Leah (Avery) Foster, was born at Waterville, Me. He received his education at the public school of that village. During the latter part of the time he was attending school he clerked in the store of Getchell & Foster. In 1836 the School Trustees issued to him a teachers' certificate, which reads as follows:

"This may certify that we have attended to the examination of Mr. William A. Foster, of Kingfield, and judge him qualified to instruct a common English School grammatically and according to law."

"Moses Simmons: Supern'yrs. School
George Brooks: Committee.

"Kingfield, Dec. 10th, 1836."

April 27, 1837, in company with his brother, Mellen, he left The Forks of the Kennebec River for the West. They went via Boston, New York, Albany and Detroit to Chicago. While traveling across the State of Michigan they passed, at Ann Arbor, the engineers who were laying out the Michigan Central Railroad. Chicago was then a village of about seven hundred inhabitants. They found the people considerably excited over a projected railway to be built south from the city, and called the Illinois Central. Mr. Foster had a shotgun with him, and was offered in exchange for the gun the present site of the Sherman House. Remaining there but a short time, for they did not think that there ever would be a place of any considerable size in such a swamp, they proceeded west to Elgin, south through the central part of Illinois to Vandalia and thence to St. Louis. October 13, 1837, they enlisted as pioneers for the Florida campaign. They went down the Mississippi by steamboat to New Orleans, thence to Tampa Bay, and December 15th, went east with Colonel Taylor's army as far as Picayune Creek, a branch of the St. John's River, where Fort Bassinger was built. While at the fort they spent considerable time in hunting alligators and killing big snakes, and when on one of the hunting expeditions met with an adventure which, with its results, is described by Mellen as follows: "While we were shooting at a stick, with which we had propped open the mouth of an alligator we had shot, we discovered two Indians coming from the edge of a patch of high Georgia cane, with a long stick hoisted up, having on it a dirty white rag. All the rest ran away, but brother and I stood there till they came up and handed us their guns and inquired for Colonel Taylor's quarters. We shouldered their guns, William going ahead of them, and I behind. We took them to Colonel Taylor's marker, who asked us what we had there. We told him we had two prisoners, and the officers began to gather around to see what was the matter. The Indians said they gave themselves up as prisoners, and that their tribe was about twelve miles south of there, and wanted to surrender. William and I stood beside the tent to learn the intentions of the army, which was to go the next morning. I then slipped around the tent and asked Colonel Taylor if we might go along. Yes," says he, 'but you must carry a gun, and that well loaded, for in all probability we shall have an awful fight.' The next morning was Christmas, and a beautiful day. Colonel Taylor, with twelve hundred soldiers, left Fort Bassinger for Okeechobee. After traveling nine miles, the Indians, pointing south, told us their tribe was just the other side of that hammock, where there was a large slough of water. While passing through this slough, the army being waist deep in water, there came a volley from the Indians. As soon as they commenced firing, the troops started pell-mell for them. Brother and I posted ourselves on a knoll and watched the fight. About one hundred and fifty of the Indians and twenty-eight of the whites were killed, and fifty of the whites were wounded. When the Indians had shot a couple of rounds, they turned and ran away into the Istopoga swamps. We then gathered up our dead and buried them and cared for the wounded. The officers killed were General Geurry and a Lieutenant—I have forgotten his name. The next day, December 26th, we started back to Fort Bassinger. The army marched to Tampa Bay, and a few days after arriving there the pioneers were discharged and took shipping for Mobile, Ala., where they landed the last of February, 1838.

William and his brother went by steamboat to New Orleans, leaving there on March 1st for St. Louis, and from the latter place to Galena, Ill. They traveled seventy-five miles up the Pecatonica River, and took up claims along that river, in Stephenson County. William taught school at Fremont, twelve miles west of their claims, and Mellen worked at his trade of millwright. About 1843, William opened a general merchandise store at the Campbell settlement, which was a few miles.
Moses Simmons | Selectmen
Joseph Phillips | of
Wm. Wyman | Kingfield.

7362. i. CHARLES BENJAMIN, b. Aug. 19, 1849; d. Nov. 16, 1880.
7364. iii. PAULINUS MAYHEW, b. Dec. 10, 1853; d. March 16, 1881.
7366. v. WILLIAM ELMORE, b. May 7, 1861; unm. Res., 829 Fiftyith St., Chicago, Ill.

William Elmore Foster was born at Fond Du Lac, Wis. In the latter part of April, 1865, his mother, with her five children, the father having died the previous year, moved to Chicago. In this city he attended the public schools, graduating from the "Old Central High School" with the last class from that school in 1880, George Howland, afterward Superintendent of the City Schools, Principal. Young Foster had from earliest childhood a quickening desire to know, and right well he improved the opportunities afforded during his Chicago school-days. May 16, 1881, he entered the local freight office of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company, where he remained until Sept. 21, 1886, and the following day joined the Junior Class of the Union College of Law, Chicago. Feb. 1, 1888, he became connected with the law department of the railway company for which he formerly worked in the freight department. He continued his studies at the Law School, graduating June 16, 1888, and received a license, to practice as an attorney, from the Justices of the State Supreme Court. He continued in the service of the company in its law department until March 1, 1898, when he opened offices for the general practice of law in the Fort Dearborn building. While Mr. Foster is prepared to engage in any line of litigation whatever, he intends making a specialty of the defense of personal injury cases. For this class of cases he enjoys special qualifications by virtue of his long experience with the railway company in attending to matters in court, the greater part of which is defending against prosecutions for damages. That the future holds success in store for Mr. Foster needs not a seer to divine. Gifted with a logical mind, a capacity to comprehend and digest legal principles, a keen discrimination which enables him to distinguish the true from the false, a developed power of thinking,
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and a cleverness and accuracy of expression all supplemented with a practical and varied knowledge of the law and an inherent sense of honor, he is equipped with a power that insures success. Mr. Foster has long been recognized by the bench and bar as a young lawyer of exceptional qualities, both moral and mental, which commend him to the confidence and courtesy of the profession and the public. He is a member of Christ's Reformed Episcopal church, which is known as Bishop Cheney's. He is a Republican in politics, but does not take an active interest in politics, as he purposes giving his whole time and ability to his profession. He is a member of the Union League Club, but while socially inclined, does not particularly cultivate society, finding his full enjoyment of social pleasures in the tasteful home where he lives with his mother, at the corner of Prairie Avenue and Fiftieth Street.—Chicago Law Journal, June 10, 1898.

6826. HIRAM FOSTER (Otis, Timothy, Timothy, John, John, John), b. Winthrop, Me., March 6, 1803; m. Mary Howard, dau. of Frederick. She d. and he m., 2d, — Shorey. Res., Farmington and Wales, Me.


7368. ii. JULIA, b. —.

7369. iii. LEWELLEN, b. —; m. Ellen Prescott, of Lewiston.

7370. iv. ABBY, b. —; m. John Sanders, of Monmouth, Me. Res., East Wales, Me.

7371. v. MARCIA ASENAUTH, b. —.

7372. vi. MARY ELIZABETH, b. —.

7373. vii. CHARLES, b. —. Res., Lewiston, Me.

7373ål. viii. ETTA, b. —; m. — Armstrong.

7373ål. ix. ANGIE, b. —.
6830. OTIS FOSTER (Otis, Timothy, Timothy, John, John, John), b. Winthrop, Me., Sept. 6, 1796; m. Betsey Russ, b. 1799, in Winthrop; m., 2d, 1832, Phebe Haskell Cram, dau. of Daniel and Sally (Goodwin), of St. Albans, Vt. She d. Oct. 13, 1852. Phebe H. Cram was a widow. Her first husband was a seafaring man; died in New Orleans after three years of marriage. Otis, Jr., died Jan. 8, 1857. Phebe died Oct. 13, 1862. He went to Illinois in 1843; made a home for himself and family in the new country, by energy and industry, giving his children an education; were esteemed members of the Methodist church. The children of his first marriage did not go west with them. He d. in Auburn, Ill., Jan. 8, 1857. Res., Winthrop, Me.

7373-2. i. DELUAH, b. ——; m. Granville Chandler, of Winthrop; m., 2d, Joseph Sawyer, of North Pownal, Me. Ch.: 1. Mary, m. William Bates, of Winthrop, Me.; m., 2d, L. M. Clark, of Deering, Me. 2. Frances, m. Frank Benny, of Winthrop; m., 2d, Charles Bachelder, of Derry, N. H.

7373-3. ii. CHARLES HARRY, b. ——; m. Anna Foster, of Boston.


7373-8. vii. DANIEL, b. Sept. 13, 1839; d. Sept. 19-20, 1863, at Chickamauga. Enlisted at Springfield, Ill., in Company I, Seventy-third Illinois Infantry Volunteers, 1862; was first sergeant; was killed in action in the battle of Chickamauga.

7373-9. viii. SAMUEL G., b. Feb. 20, 1841, in Kennebec County, Me. He was in civil war. Unmarried and resides Auburn, Ill. Enlisted at Springfield, Ill., in Company I, Seventy-third Illinois Infantry Volunteers, 1862; served until close of war; was in many battles and has of late years been in poor health.

7373-10. ix. JOHN RUFUS, b. Nov. 28, 1842; d. Sept. 19-20, 1863, at Chickamauga. He was born in Kennebec County, Me.; enlisted at Springfield, Ill., in Company I, Seventy-third Illinois Infantry Volunteers, 1862; was corporal; was killed in action in the battle of Chickamauga.


7373-12. xi. LUCY MARGARET, b. Aug. 30, 1837; d. in infancy.


7374. i. MELVINA, b. ——; m. —— Sherman. Res., Camden, N. J.

7374 ½. ii. FRANCES, b. ——.

6841. CHARLES HUBBARD FOSTER (Freeman, David, Timothy, John, John, John), b. in Winthrop, Me.; March 5, 1827; m., June 18, 1852, Elizabeth Ames, b. Oct. 11, 1831. Res., Winthrop and Presque Isle, Me.

7375. i. JOHN H., b. March 18, 1853; m. Susan M. Seeley.

6847. DEWITT CLINTON FOSTER (Nathan, David, Timothy, John, John, John), b. Winthrop, Me., July 10, 1832; m., Feb. 26, 1857, Abbie R. Lord, dau. of Andrew H. and Harriet (Rollstone), b. Turner, Me., June 18, 1837. Mr. Foster in his younger days went to cutting ship timber, and went to Wisconsin in the winter for several years, working at home in summers, log collecting. After some years he set up a house-boat and collected logs, at first with a partner (who abscouted with all the money, leaving him several thousand dollars in debt), then alone, until the changes in business and his poor health compelled him to retire. He spends most of his time now on his farm. Res., Farmingdale, Me.

7377. i. ANTHE, b. May 16, 1858; m., Jan. 1, 1885, in Farmingdale, Eldon Richardson Campbell, b. June 10, 1858, in Augusta. He was a druggist and died in Lisbon Falls, Aug. 28, 1897. Ch.: 1. Edith Marion Campbell, b. April 16, 1884. 2. Eldon Richardson Campbell, b. May 23, 1896. Res., Lisbon Falls.

7378. ii. WALTER LORD, b. June 14, 1860; m. Myrtle Ida Dill and Mrs. Eliza (Newells) Boynton.

7379. iii. HATTIE M., b. Nov. 13, 1862; d. Feb. 18, 1864.


7381. v. MABEL, b. Sept. 21, 1867; m., Oct. 27, 1888, in Farmingdale, Hernando T. Libby, son of Cyrus and Miranda (Harmon).

7382. vi. HARRY CLINTON, b. Oct. 6, 1873; d. March 2, 1874. In his young days he went to Virginia cutting ship timber, and to Wisconsin.

6849. MAJOR SAMUEL AUGUSTUS FOSTER (Nathan, David, Timothy, John, John, John), b. Winthrop, Me., Aug. 31, 1836; m. in St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 26, 1863, Laura Irene Eldridge Spriggs, b. St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 9, 1845. He entered the Military Academy from the Third District of Maine as successor to O. O. Howard, a hard place to put a farmer boy who had had the advantage of only two winters in the high school, to keep up with the college man, but he graduated number eleven in a class of forty-two. This was at the time that Floyd and Davis were laying their plans for the ascension of the South, and while Secretaries of War changed the time of their classes from four to five years, and when too many northern cadets were there that could not be dismissed. They were turned back to keep them out of the way. All northern men were sent just as far away as possible, so that when the war came they were not at hand to fight for the North. In accordance with this he was sent to the Pacific coast soon after his graduation, and kept there as long as possible, as he was a thorough northerner. After the battles of Gaines' Mill and Malvern Hill he was carried off the field for dead, but had only fainted from exhaustion. When he came to himself, he was in Old Point Comfort Hospital, recovering from brain fever. He was sent to West Point as Instructor in French, but being very restless, as soon as he was able, he resigned and went to Missouri into the volunteer service, but soon returned to the regular army. He d. in San Francisco, Cal., while on his way to Arizona, of pneumonia; is buried in St. Louis in Belle Fontaine cemetery, the Russell lot.

We attach herewith a record of his military history from 1854 to 1867: Cadet at the United States Military Academy from July 1, 1854, to July 1, 1860, when he graduated, and promoted in the army to brevet second lieutenant of infantry July 1, 1860. Served in garrison at Fort Columbus, N. Y., 1860; (second lieutenant Sixth Infantry, Aug. 20, 1860,) and on frontier duty at New San Diego, Cal., 1860-61; Los Angeles, Cal., 1861, and Fort Yuma, Cal., 1861. Served (first lieutenant Sixth Infantry, May 14, 1861,) during the Rebellion of the seceding States, 1861-66; in the defenses of Washington, D. C., Dec. 19, 1861, to Feb. 28, 1862; in the Virginia Peninsular campaign (Army of the Potomac) as aide-de-camp and acting assistant adjutant-general to Brigadier-General Sykes, February 28th to Aug. 7, 1862, being engaged in the siege of Yorktown, April 5th to May 4, 1862; battle of Gaines' Mill, June 27, 1862, and battle of Malvern Hill, July 1, 1862 (brevet captain, June 27, 1862, for gallant and meritorious services at the battle of Gaines' Mill, Va.); on sick leave of absence Aug. 13-29, 1862; at the Military Academy as principal assistant professor of French, Sept. 17th to Nov. 11, 1862 (colonel Fifth Missouri Volunteers, Oct. 23, 1862; mustered out of volunteer service, Nov. 22, 1862; colonel Thirty-fifth Missouri Volunteers, Dec. 3, 1862); in the defenses of Columbus, Ky., Dec. 22, 1862, to Jan. 7, 1863; on expedition to White river, Jan. 8-23, 1863; in command of regiment at Helena, Ark., and brigade of Thirteenth army corps, May 1st to June 10, 1863 (captain staff commissary of substance, Feb. 9, 1863); as inspect-
ing commissary of military division of West Mississippi, Aug. 17, 1863, to Aug. 3, 1865, being engaged on Red river expedition, April and May, 1864 (resigned volunteer commission Aug. 1, 1863), and inspecting posts along Platte and Arkansas rivers, Aug. 24 to Oct. 28, 1864; participating in a skirmish with Indians at Cottonwood Springs, Col., Sept. 12, 1864; as member of the board for the examination of officers of subsistence, at St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 26, 1864, to July 24, 1865 (brevet major, March 13, 1865, for faithful and meritorious services during the Rebellion); as post commissary at Clinton, Ill., Aug. 10, to Sept. 30, 1865; as chief of commissariat, Department of Florida, Nov. 5, 1865, to Feb. 28, 1866; of the Department of the Columbia, May 22, 1866, to March 31, 1867; of the Department of California, April 6, 1867. He d. Feb. 2, 1871. Res., St. Louis, Mo.

7383. i. NINA BAYARD, b. Nov. 18, 1863; d. July 18, 1865.

7384. ii. SAM SPRIGGS, b. April 27, 1869; d. May 1, 1875.

6856. CHARLES STEWART FOSTER (Wadsworth, Stewart, Timothy, John, John, John), b. Winthrop, Me., Dec. 30, 1819. His father being a member of the Society of Friends, he was baptized and reared in the Quaker faith. At the time of the dispute over the boundary line between Maine and Canada, and the breaking out of the Aroostook war, Charles, a lad of eighteen, enlisted as a soldier, and marched to the front to fight the British. But the trouble was settled without bloodshed, and the troops disbanded. During the winter of 1840 he taught school in Winthrop, and in the spring he traveled south to Cuba, then to Mobile, Ala., and so on to New Orleans, and up the Mississippi to Galena, Ill., where he spent some time before locating in Monroe, Wis. He became a permanent resident of Monroe in 1845, and was early identified with the business, educational and religious interests of the place. He was engaged in manufacturing and mercantile business, and often elected to fill some position of public trust, his name became familiar to all, and his good qualities as a citizen known and appreciated. In 1848, when Zachary Taylor was President, Mr. Foster was made postmaster. He was County commissioner, and member of the board of education for many years. Active and efficient as he was, quiet and unassuming, he always did his part in the furtherance of all worthy public enterprises. His death occurred on the 22d of September, 1872, and a memorial sermon was preached the following Sunday in the Universalist church, of which he was a highly honored member. Res., Monroe, Wis.


7388. iv. CHARLES ALBERT, b. Sept. 13, 1858; m. Florence Hathaway.

7389. v. FRANK HENRY, b. Feb. 29, 1861; m. Genevieve L. Dooley.

7390. vi. HERBERT, b. Nov. 11, 1864; d. Aug. 24, 1866.


6868. CHARLES OLIVER FOSTER (Oliver, Stewart, Timothy, John, John, John), b. Winthrop, Me., Oct. 28, 1824; m., Sept. 20, 1848, Angela Parlin, dau. of Horace and Adeline. He was a farmer and carpenter by trade. He d. Jan. 12, 1879 Res., Winthrop, Me.


7393. ii. HORACE MILTON, b. July 28, 1858; d. Nov. 30, 1867.

7394. iii. HELEN ISADORE, b. April 5, 1861; d. Dec. 23, 1861.


7396. v. GEORGE MALCOLM, b. June 1, 1868; m., Dec. 23, 1893, Lilian Vose, b. Jan. 28, 1871, dau. of Wesley and Louise (Gordon) Vose. One child, Louise Marion, b. Sept. 25, 1895. Mr. Foster is a clerk in Winthrop.
6871. DEACON MARTIN ANDREWS FOSTER (Oliver, Stewart, Timothy, John, John, John), b. Winthrop, Me., March 9, 1834; m. H. Rosilla Marrow, b. Jan. 21, 1839. He is a farmer. Martin A. Foster was the youngest son of eight children of Oliver and Lydia (Perkins) Foster, grandson of Stewart, whose father, Timothy, came from Dedham, Mass., to what is now Winthrop, Me., in 1764, and was followed one year later by his family. Mr. Foster's early education was obtained in the schools of his native town when the few days of schooling counted for a great deal, as all were needed at home on the farm. These early advantages, or disadvantages, as the youth of to-day would term them, were supplemented by an early taste for good reading with the result of a broad, general information which is often lacking in the education of to-day. Mr. Foster is a farmer on the place where his maternal grandfather, Benjamin Perkins, settled when he came from Dedham in 1860. On the shores of the Cobbosseecontee Lake, this fertile farm has been the home of the subject of this sketch where by years of honest toil he has enjoyed the life of contentment and happiness. In politics he is a Republican; in religion, a Baptist and a deacon in the church. For many years he was chorister in the choir and has always been deeply interested in the work of the church, taking an active part in the Sunday school of which he was a number of years its honored superintendent. A man of integrity and moral worth, public spirited and helpful in all worthy enterprises he holds the esteem and respect of all who know him. Res. Winthrop, Me.

7397. i. HARRIET LOUISE, b. Oct. 27, 1882; m., Oct. 27, 1887, Charles F. Willibroth. Address, Hollo-kell, Me.

7398. ii. CORA MAY, b. May 1, 1884; m., May 6, 1885, Edgar Parkman. Address, East Winthrop, Me.

7399. iii. JOHN ANDREW, b. Dec. 9, 1863; m., Nov. 25, 1891, Maggie Penniman. Address, Winthrop, Me.

7400. iv. LENA ELVIRA, b. Jan. 25, 1866; single. Address, Hollowell, Me.

7401. v. EDWIN MARTIN, b. Jan. 30, 1864; m., Jan. 30, 1888, Mary Maud Greeley, b. Nov. 25, 1866. Res., s. p., Oakland, Me. He was born in Winthrop, Me.; was educated in the schools of Winthrop and by private instructors; graduated from Dirgo Commercial school in 1885, and soon after entered the employ of Emerson & Stevens Manufacturing Company, of Oakland, Me., as book-keeper and shipping clerk. Four years later he accepted the position of paymaster and accountant of Cascade Woolen Mills of same town; a position he still holds. In 1891 he was elected superintendent of schools and re-elected for the three following years; has been chairman or a member of the Republican town committee for six years, and held other offices in the gift of the party, always a Republican and interested in the success of the party.

6874. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN FOSTER (Isaac N., Stewart, Timothy, John, John, John), b. Phillips, Me., June 29, 1827; m., in 1855, Adeline Hodgdon; m., 2d Jan. 1, 1867, Emma J. Plumer. Mr. Foster has always lived in Winthrop with the exception of a few of his early years; is a farmer; is a Republican, and Methodist. Res., Winthrop, Me.


7403. ii. HERBERT EDWIN, b. Aug. 15, 1872; is a lawyer in Winthrop, Me.


7404. i. GEORGE, b. ——; d. ——.

7405. ii. EVERETT, b. ——; d. ——. 7406. iii. FREDERICK.

6876. CHARLES PHILLIP FOSTER (Franklin, Stewart, Timothy, John, John, John), b. Winthrop, Me., July 2, 1845; m. in Augusta, Hannah Frances Marshall. He learned the druggist business in Gardiner; kept a drug store in Winthrop; went west hotel-keeping. Res., Portage, Wis.

6893. REV. WILLIAM H. FOSTER (Timothy, Stephen, Timothy, John, John, John), b. Leeds, Me., March 20, 1812; m., May 2, 1840, Harriet L. Curtis, dau. of William and Olive, b. March 18, 1818; d. March 7, 1882; m., 2d, Feb. 26, 1854, Mrs.
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Ann Basford. Mr. Foster is a Methodist minister; has been superannuated for the last six or eight years; "was an itinerant preacher for forty-six years without a vacation;" has been presiding elder; "is leading a peaceful, happy life, waiting in confidence till my Father in heaven shall call me home." Res., Livermore Falls, Me.

7407. i. ORCIE A., b. May 20, 1841; m., March, 1869, Alonzo Davis. Res., Leeds Center, Me.
7408. ii. TIMOTHY FLAVEY, b. June 16, 1844; b. Sept. 26, 1846.

7413. i. MARION LOUISA, b. Feb. 12, 1881.
7414. ii. ALICE WINIFRED, b. June 16, 1882.

6912. 1. BRADLEY WATERS FOSTER (Joseph, Joseph, Thomas, Nathan, John, John), b. Winslow, Me., Dec. 2, 1834; m., June 2, 1860, Mary Leonora Huntington Huntington, b. Aug. 7, 1831. He is one of the pioneer settlers of Huntington, W. Va. buying the first lot and erecting the first home and business house. Also one of its leading, most influential and highly respected citizens. He is engaged in the wholesale and retail hardware business, and manager of the Central Land company; of Huntington; director of the First National Bank, and bank examiner; president of National Building and Loan Association; director of the State Insane Asylum at Spencer, W. Va.; director of the Huntington Chamber of Commerce, besides being interested in all public enterprises connected with the city. Res., Huntington, W. Va.

7415. i. JOHN HOXSIE, b. in Hopkinton, R. I., June 5, 1839; m. Mary E. Sinkinson. No ch.
7417. iii. HORACE BRAGG, b. in Warwick, R. I., July 1, 1850; m., March 26, 1882, Mary Cope.
7418. iv. EDWARD HERBERT, b. in Warwick, R. I., Nov. 6, 1852; m. Emma Walmesly, Oct. 4, 1877. Other children d. young.

6914. THOMAS FOSTER (Ethan, John, Card, John, Joseph, John), b. April 22, 1804; m., Nov. 15, 1827, Phebe Wilbur, dau. of John and Lydia (Collins) Wilbur, Thomas Foster d. in Hopkinton, R. I., May 24, 1886. Phebe (Wilbur) Foster d. in Westerly, R. I., Dec. 1, 1852.
7420. ii. JOHN WILBUR, b. April 1, 1830; m. Betsey M. Adams; m. 2d, Lydia Buffum, widow of Edward; m. 3d, Myra Wickersham. No descendants living.
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7421. ii. ETHAN, b. Jan. 26, 1832; d. May 24, 1854.
7422. iv. THOMAS, b. April 20, 1834; d. Aug. 5, 1855.
7423. v. GEORGE CROSSFIELD, b. Sept. 20, 1835; m., Oct. 9, 1868, Louisa Simkin. No children.
7424. vi. LYDIA WILBUR, b. Oct. 20, 1837; d. Nov. 11, 1861; unm.
7425. vii. PHEBE HANNAH, b. June 7, 1840; d. Oct. 5, 1862; unm.
7426. viii. AMOS WILBUR, b. Feb. 14, 1842; m., Oct. 9, 1869, Maria Simkin.

The first of these was born in Richmond, R. I., the second in Warwick, R. I., and all the others in Hopkinton, R. I.

6916. ETHAN FOSTER (Ethan, John, Card, John, Joseph, John), b. June 5, 1808; m., Oct. 24, 1837, in Hopkinton, R. I., Anna Almy Wilbur, dau. of John and Lydia (Collins) Wilbur. Ethan Foster was cashier of the Phœnix Bank of Westerly, R. I., from 1837 to 1865, when he resigned and was succeeded by his son, John Barclay. He was afterward elected president of the Mechanics Savings Bank, which position he held until his death. Ethan Foster d. April 9, 1885, in Westerly, R. I. Anna (Wilbur) Foster d. Oct. 29, 1896, in Westerly, R. I. Children all b. in Westerly, R. I.

7427. i. ETHAN, b. Aug. 5, 1838; d. July 23, 1874; unm.
7428. ii. JOHN BARCLAY, b. Sept. 27, 1841; m., Sept. 16, 1868, Elizabeth Foster Perry.
7429. iii. HANNAH, b. Nov. 20, 1844; d. April 2, 1855.
7430. iv. HENRY, b. April 12, 1848; m., May 10, 1871, Gertrude E. Daniels.
7431. v. EDWIN BRAGG, b. May 25, 1854; m., Feb. 24, 1886, Lucy M. Wilbur.
7432. vi. ANNIE GERTRUDE, b. May 6, 1855; d. Sept. 4, 1861.
7435. ix. SUSAN, b. Dec. 28, 1856; d. same day.
7435 1/2. x. ROBERT, b. Aug. 8, 1860; d. Aug. 29, 1860.

6919. WILLIAM FOSTER (Ethan, John, Card, John, Joseph, John), b. March 14, 1825; m., June 8, 1846, Celia C. Burdick, dau of Reuben and — Burdick, of Charlestown, R. I. William Foster d. Sept. 13, 1893, in Ocala, Fla. Celia (Burdick) Foster d. 1884, at South Lake Weir, Fla. Children all born in Charlestown, R. I.

7436. i. MARY WILBUR, b. Aug. 13, 1848; d. Sept. 20, 1848.
7437. ii. WILLIAM PENN, b. Aug. 25, 1849.
7439. iv. REUBEN BURDICK, b. Feb. 12, 1853; d. 1855; unm.
7440. v. THOMAS, b. Aug. 30, 1857; m., July 10, 1890, Alma Jenkins.
7441. vi. MARY ELIZABETH, b. Dec. 24, 1859; d. July 30, 1885; unm.


7442. i. GEORGE JEREMIAH, b. Jan. 2, 1846; m., June 16, 1870, Lydia B. Browning.
7443. ii. AMOS OTHNIEL, b. June 22, 1848; unm.
7444. iii. MARY JANE, b. March 24, 1851; unm.
7446. v. JOHN, b. Oct. 8, 1854; unm.
7448. vii. ANNIE RUTH, b. April 3, 1861; d. Aug. 12, 1866.

6924. JOHN BROWNING FOSTER (Othniel, John, Card, John, Joseph, John), b. March 30, 1813; m., Dec. 8, 1842, Maria E. Hammond. John Browning Foster d. Nov. 6, 1892, near Pleasantville, N. Y. Maria (Hammond) Foster d. April 4, 1893, at same place. Children all born in Flushing, N. Y.

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2. Martha Foster, b. in Ghent, N. Y., May 2, 1870; m., April 30, 1895, Henry L. Hunter. 3. Marion Elizabeth, b. in Pleasantville, N. Y., Feb. 22, 1875.

7450. ii. WILLIAM HAMMOND, b. Oct. 15, 1854; m., June 14, 1880, Caroline Hobby.

7451. iii. MARTHA, b. April 15, 1857; d. Feb. 23, 1864.

7452. iv. OTHNIEL, b. Sept. 12, 1860; m., Aug. 9, 1891, Esther M. E. Conklin.


6926. GEORGE FOSTER (Othnial, John, Card, John, Joseph, John), b. Aug. 30, 1816; m., March 14, 1843, in Michigan, Clara Vickery. Clara (Vickery) Foster d. April 26, 1886, in Westerly, R. I.


7455. ii. FREDERICK VICKERY, b. June 5, 1849; d. May 31, 1850.

7456. iii. SUSAN PAIN, b. April 25, 1851; d. July 30, 1851.


6928. STEPHEN HoxsiE FOSTER (Othnial, John, Card, John, Joseph, John), b. in South Kingston, R. I., Feb. 1, 1820; m., Oct. 1, 1846, in South Kingston, Sarah S. Browning, dau. of Abial and Hannah (——) Browning. Sarah (Browning) Foster, b. Aug. 5, 1827; d. at Buda, Ill., March 11, 1893. Stephen Hoxsie Foster was for many years a farmer near Buda, and later, in company with his son, George S. Foster, was, and is still, in the banking business in Buda.

7460. i. CHARLES, b. Jan. 6, 1843; m., Jan. 1, 1874, Josephine N. Chase.

7461. ii. EUNICE B., b. Nov. 24, 1843; m., Oct. 16, 1873, Nehemiah J. Knipple. Eunice Browning Foster, b. at Perryville, Washington County, R. I.; m. at Macou, Bureau County, Ill., Nehemiah J. Knipple who is the postmaster at Buda. Their daughter, Maud F., was b. May 23, 1875, in Buda, Ill.

7462. iii. WILLIAM, b. Aug. 3, 1851; m., March 10, 1878, Martha J. Hartley.


7464. v. STEPHEN H., b. Sept. 8, 1864; m., Feb. 27, 1890, Fanny Krimmel.

6954. ALVAN CARPENTER FOSTER (Jeremiah, Enoch, Joseph, Benjamin, Ebenezer, John), b. Nov. 2, 1852, Lancaster, Mass.; m., Sept. 26, 1855, Arvilla Louisa Day, b. June 5, 1833; was a carpenter. He d.; was murdered May 23, 1876. Res., Keene, N. H.


7466. ii. HELEN LOUISA, b. Nov. 22, 1859; m., Sept. 25, 1877, Charles C. Stearns. He was b. March 4, 1855; is a traveling salesman.
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7468. i. Clementine E., b. Feb. 16, 1862.


7471. ii. Grace Louise, b. May 28, 1872.
7472. iii. Sadie Ella, b. Jan. 28, 1876.

6056. Dan Packard Foster (Job, James, Joseph, Benjamin, Ebenezer, John), b. Winchester, N. H., Nov. 11, 1815; m., May 10, 1837, Brattleboro, Vt., Louisa Maria Doty, of Bernardstown, Mass., dau. of James, who was seventh in descent from Edmund of the “Mayflower,” 1620, b. May 11, 1819. He died, while on a visit to his daughter, at Holyoke, Mass., and was buried at his home, in Waltham, Mass. He was named for his uncle, Dan Packard, of Bridgewater, Mass., the brother of his mother, Hannah Packard (Foster). His regular business for many years, after his term of apprenticeship to Mr. Richard Field, of Greenfield, was carriage and coach building. In the last years of his life he was an extensive inventor and manufacturer of patented articles of various descriptions. In 1865 he removed with his family to Waltham, from Shelburne Falls, where he had been one of the best known citizens for nearly thirty years. He was a liberal-minded man, genial and generous with his help, on all occasions, as his neighbors fully testify. At his death, his fellow-townsmen paid many tributes of respect to his memory, enriched as it was by a long life, honest labor and fair dealing among men. He d. Aug. 16, 1893. Res., Shelburne Falls, Mass.

7474. i. Edwy Wells Foster, b. Aug. 6, 1838; unm. Edwy Wells Foster, son of Dan Packard Foster and Louisa Mary (Doty) Foster was born in Shelburne Falls, Franklin County, Mass., Aug. 6, 1838. After attending the public schools, and the well-known Shelburne Falls Academy, in his native town, he attended Norwich Military University, Norwich, Vt. Leaving there in 1855, he went to the Classical Institute, at Fort Edward, N. Y., where he graduated in the fall of 1857 with highest honors. Just before the civil war, he entered the dental office of Dr. Thomas W. Meekins, of Northampton, Mass. On President Lincoln’s call for seventy-five thousand men, he enlisted at once in the Northampton quota, which became part of the Twenty-seventh Massachusetts Regiment, assigned in the fall of 1861 to Burnside’s expedition. After the war he removed, in October, 1865, to Milwaukee, and established himself in dentistry there as the successor of Dr. George Bowman, who went to St. Louis. Ranking high as a flaut soloist in the musical concerts of the city, he was twice called to Boston to assist in the Grand Orchestras of the Peace Jubilee of 1869 and 1872, under the management of the late famous musician and director, Mr. P. S. Gilmore. In 1873, leaving reluctantly the largest and more lucrative practice of his profession in Milwaukee, after eight years’ residence, he removed to Boston, and entered the Boston University School of Medicine (Homeopathic), and in 1875 graduated with all the honors of his class. Refusing after this many urgent opportunities to pursue the practice of medicine, he still continued, as in Milwaukee, the practice of dentistry, in which profession, during the twenty-five years of his residence in Boston (to the present year of 1898) he has maintained one of the highest positions in the city, both in the literary as well as
professional field of dentistry. He has also written and published many pieces of songs, duets, quartets and choruses, both sentimental and patriotic; of which latter, his "Hymn to the Flag," a choral accepted by the World's Fair Musical Committee, is a fair sample. The Oliver Ditson Company, of Boston, have several of his most popular copyrights. His home is at Waltham. Ad., 214 Boylston St., Boston, Mass.

7475. ii. LOUISA SOPHRONE, b. Nov. 9, 1840; m., Nov. 6, 1862, Joseph Hoskin. Louisa Sophrone, born Shelburne Falls, Mass. One child: Edmund Foster, b. Aug. 8, 1863; in business in Chicago. III. Mrs. H. is a fine amateur artist in oils and crayons. Mr. Hoskin is a well-known mathematical instrument and fine tool maker. He is employed by the American Watch Company, at Waltham, on fine die work. Has for several years past made the fine balances for the famous Howard Watch Company. He made the mountings for the telescope in the observatory at Washington, D. C., and other fine parts for its delicate machinery. He served his apprenticeship in London, England, with one of the best known masters of his craft.

7476. iii. CLARENCE FRANKLIN, b. Dec. 25, 1842; m. Emma L. Foster.

7477. iv. PERCY RINGGOLD, b. July 25, 1846; m. Elizabeth L. McDonald.

7478. v. JOSEPHINE FLORENCE, b. March 18, 1850; m., June 3, 1884, Richard Kilduff. Josephine Florence was born in Shelburne Falls, Mass. They resided, first, in Holyoke, Mass.; second, in Chicago, and third (at present, 1898), in Waltham. He is an attorney-at-law; was member of the State legislature, in the governorship of Governor Grenhalge. He was elected to the House from Holyoke. He has held many offices of trust, and is esteemed as an energetic and brilliant member of the younger race of lawyers, of which number Massachusetts is so notably well provided. He is also the president of several companies and organizations in different parts of the State.

7479. vi. WENDELL FREMONT, b. Sept. 23, 1854; m. Ellen Lydia Wellington.

7480. vii. LOUIS VIVIAN, b. Aug. 11, 1857; m. Elizabeth Davis and Harriet Ann Lee.


7481. i. JAMES LAROY, b. Oct. 11, 1844; killed at Port Hudson, June 16, 1863.


7483. iii. ADELAIDE PARNEY, b. June 24, 1848; m., Aug. 18, 1867, Daniel W. Whitemore.

7484. iv. DELIA ANN, b. Sept. 15, 1850; d. March 26, 1869.


7486. vi. ROSINA ANGELINE, b. April 10, 1854; m., June 30, 1870, William H. Allen.


7488. viii. JULIA SOPHIA, b. Oct. 9, 1858; m., July 17, 1875, Emmet L. Worrick.

7489. ix. LEROY LINCOLN, b. May 28, 1865; m., Aug. 21, 1886, Irie Lillian Farnham. P. O., 87 Orange St., Athol, Mass.


7490. i. CAROLYN DEAN, b. Sept. 29, 1872. P. O., 9 William St., Rochester, N. Y.

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iii. WALTER EVERETT, b. Jan. 29, 1877. P. O., 9 William St., Rochester, N. Y.


ii. D. JACK, b. Nov. 2, 1859. He was born in Princeton, Ill.; was educated at the public schools and at an early age became inter-

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(Who commanded Sixth Illinois Infantry in Spanish War.)

ested in the State militia. He has passed through all the various grades from private to colonel and is now and has been for some years the commanding officer of the Sixth Illinois Regiment of the State militia, which at the time of the Spanish war was mustered into the United States service. The regiment was assembled at Springfield and in due course of time was sent to Camp Alger, in May, 1898. "When Maj.-Gen. William M. Graham took command of the Grand Army corps at Camp Alger, his first general order assigned Colonel Foster to the important duty
of commanding the Second brigade, composed of the Sixth Illinois, Sixth Massachusetts, and Eighth Ohio regiments. Colonel Foster was surprised at the honor, and bore himself modestly when the boys began to call him general. He commanded a brigade made up of crack regiments, which are the most famous in the camp. "This honor conferred upon the colonel of the Sixth Illinois brightened that part of the camp, and the boys from Illinois were feeling better than they have since their arrival. The bright, warm sunshine made camp life more endurable than it has been since their arrival, their colts were better, and there was nothing more serious condition physically apparent in the camp. Many of the boys of the Sixth are from the country and smaller towns of northwestern Illinois, and they feel their first camp life away from home. In fact, the Illinois regiment, taking its place at the head of the Second brigade of the Second army corps, with their colonel in command of the brigade, felt that they were appreciated as good soldiers, and many of the boys as well as the officers expressed the hope that the Illinois people would not take seriously the effort that has been made to represent them." Colonel Foster led the Sixth from Camp Algiers to Charleston, thence to Santo Domingo, where he reported to General Miles. From there the regiment went to Guanica. While there were hardships to undergo, he declares there was no word of complaint, for the men and officers alike had volunteered for war and not for a holiday lark, and were ready to encounter what hardships came their way. "We were five weeks on outpost duty," said Colonel Foster, "up in the mountains marching toward San Juan. Had not the news of the signing of the protocol reached us when it did we would have attacked Laredo within twenty-four hours, and probably returned with less men than we have now. The city was strongly fortified. I consider the Sixth regiment has returned home in good condition physically, as any other regiment which went from Illinois, and this is saying a good deal when our part in the campaign is considered. The men are now on sixty-day furloughs and will be mustered out soon after the end of that time. There has been no kicking on our part at any time. We are satisfied." Colonel Foster has been in the Illinois National Guard for twenty-two years. Twice since he moved to Chicago he has been unanimously elected colonel of his regiment, though the nearest company is one hundred miles away." He is general agent for a Masonic insurance company with offices at 134 Monroe St., Chicago, and resides at Twenty-ninth Place; is unmarried. He is quite prominently connected with the Knights of Pythias.

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Charles H. Foster, son of Capt. Reuben Foster, was born at Westford, Mass., Sept. 3, 1835. He was four years of age when his father died; was a student at Westford Academy, at Fitchburg, Mass., high school, and after a three years' preparatory course at Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, N. H., where he stood at the head of his class in Latin and Greek, entered Yale College, class of 1859. He was prevented from graduating by ill-health resulting from scarlet fever while a student at Yale; was a member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity Beta Chapter Yale. From 1862 to 1865 (three years) he served with the Union army in a civil capacity, as clerk in the sutistence department, at the depots of supply in the field, with the Army of the Potomac in Virginia—not being up to the physical standard required to carry either sword or gun; was married to Miss Abigail Peraline Wethern, of Boston, Mass.; was in the service of the United States government as clerk, superintendent of education, and disbursing officer of the Freedman Bureau, for the State of Florida.
for nearly three years, ending in 1868; was appointed clerk of the Supreme Court of Florida in 1868, which office he held up to January, 1873; was State treasurer of Florida under Republican administration four years, from 1873 to 1877. His bond, in the sum of $50,000, as State treasurer, was made up without his personal solicitations in two hours' time by friends, both Democratic and Republican, who voluntarily offered their names as bondsmen; re-appointed clerk supreme court for the State of Florida for the years 1877 to 1884; engaged in orange culture at Manatee, Florida, since 1871. In 1872 he was commissioned by the State of Florida a full colonel and chief commissary of subsistence for the Florida State militia. His home and residence, since 1852, has been among his orange groves, at Manatee, Florida, and is delightfully situated. Colonel Foster was elected president of the Florida, Peninsular & Gulf Railroad Company, in June, 1896. On July 28, 1898, as president of said Florida, Peninsular & Gulf Railroad Company, he signed a contract with the Southern Construction Company (organized in Boston, Mass.), by which they have agreed to build three hundred and fifty miles of railroad in Florida. This railroad will have its terminus on the Gulf of Mexico, at Gasparilla Island, in Charlotte Harbor, and will be one hundred miles nearer to Havana, Cuba, than any other railroad now running to the waters of the Gulf.

The Florida Echoes, published at Jacksonville, Florida, in its issue of March 27, 1897, has this: "If there is one spot in the State of Florida, with all its natural enchantments and beautiful varied scenery, that commends itself to the lover of nature, it is Fair Oaks, the estate of Col. Charles H. Foster, situated one and a half miles from Manatee. The drive to Fair Oaks is delightful. On entering this natural scene of beauty, one is struck with the fact that some true lover of nature had spared the woodman's axe, and passing along the numerous drives through the natural parks and orange groves to the handsome residence of Colonel Foster, the scene grows more romantic and enchanting. The tall, magnificent palms bend to the wind and glisten in the sunlight; the stately oaks tower in majestic silence and spread their broad branches, casting an inviting shadow on the ground below, affording a cool retreat on a summer day. The Spanish moss hangs with a tenacious grip and swings gracefully in the breeze. Beautiful cedar trees, with their ever-green foliage, are here in abundance. These various trees are the home of the mocking-bird, with its wonderful and ever-changing notes, and the cardinal bird, with its radiant plumage, besides a host of other birds. Peace, quietude and harmony pervade the air and steal through the heart and mind as one stands in the presence of the grand and glorious work of a Higher Hand. On visiting this very changing scene of beauty one passes cascade and stream, and romantic glen. There is no more poetic spot in Florida than Fair Oaks, since here both magnificent palms and stately oaks, with the rippling stream, are wedded to an eternal spring-time, clothing the ground with a mantle of ever-green verdure and fringing the banks of the streams with numerous flowers and plants of a tropical growth. Here and there, through this large tract of land, one sees the different orange groves intermingled with the natural hammock growth, and breathes the sweet air that comes from the fragrant orange blooms. The whole aspect is delightful and attractive in the extreme, the predominating features of the landscape being the picturesqueness and beauty of its forest trees, which are draped with vines in a manner which can only be done by nature itself.

"Fair Oaks comprises five hundred and fifty acres of land, four hundred of which are high, rolling hammock, and as fine land as can be found anywhere. It contains at the present time the largest acreage of bearing orange trees in Florida, there being fourteen groves in all, which were laid out with a view to the picturesque as well as to advantage of location. Each grove has a name of its own, to-wit: 'Excelsior,' 'Glen,' situated near the glen; 'Main Grove,' 'Sugar House,' 'Lone Palm,' 'West End,' 'South,' 'Confidence,' 'Garden,' 'Crescent,' 'New South,' 'Cabin,' 'Old North,' and 'Annex' grove—in all, a total of fifty acres, and having 2,500 full-bearing trees, besides three or four hundred budded trees. The products of Fair Oaks are shipped from a landing on Sugar Creek, near the packing-house, to Manatee river and thence to Tampa. There is no telling how many thousand boxes of oranges will be shipped this year from these groves, as they are blooming freely.

"Colonel Foster has a very handsome residence, with the orange groves and natural scenery all around, making a beautiful location. The ruins of an old sugar-mill, which was built about 1842, and the old building constructed of stone quarried on the place (now used as a packing-house), stand as relics of the past, when the Seminole Indians made their raids into this section at the time of the Indian war
and the days when extensive sugar planting and raising was done on this plantation. Several creeks run through the estate, which lend variety to the scene. On Rocky creek there is a pretty cascade, and on Wildcat creek were the quarters of the negro slaves that worked on the plantation.

"Colonel Foster is a devoted lover of natural scenery, and though interested in the property since 1871, finds new and fresh scenes of interest continually. He commenced planting trees in the year 1871 and built his residence in 1884. Colonel Foster is an energetic, broad-minded, progressive business man, and has spent time and money in the development of his property and the advancement of Manatee and this section. It would be impossible to describe the many charming vistas of this place—the fascinating water glimpses, the trailing vines, the boat-ride on Rocky creek. Nothing but a trip to Fair Oaks can convey an adequate idea of these scenes, and certainly it is one of the most delightful and enjoyable excursions that any one can take." Res., s. p., Manatee, Florida.

6990. JOSEPH HERVEY FOSTER (Joseph, Stephen, Joseph, Benjamin, Ebenezer, John), b. Keene, N. H, Nov. 25, 1799; m., —, Mary Crane, dau. of Rev. Mr. Crane, of Middleton, N. Y. He d. in Florida in 1884. Res. —.


7000. ALBERT JEFFERSON FOSTER (Aden, Alpheus, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John), b. Barre, N. Y., July 26, 1827; m., May 8, 1849, Elizabeth Lord, of Barre, N. Y., who d. May 16, 1855; m., 2d, Nov. 22, 1855, Jane Hebbard, of Barre, N. Y., who d. Jan. 16, 1880; m., 3d, March 29, 1884, Mrs. Anna Gere, of Syracuse, N. Y., who d. Sept. 15, 1893; m., 4th, June 24, 1884, Mrs. Frances Witter, of Norwich, Conn. Res., Barre, N. Y.

7004. FRANKLIN EVERMONT FOSTER (Hull, Zadock, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John), b. Athens, O., April 4, 1823; m. there, 1850, Elizabeth Davis, b. 1825; d. 1855; m., 2d, at Chester, O., Sept. 18, 1856, Mary Rice, b. March 12, 1834. He d. Oct. 14, 1894. Res., Athens, O.

7496. i. HULL, b. 1852; m. 1878. Res., Athens, Ohio.

7497. ii. SOPHONIA R., b. 1853; d. unm., December, 1894.

7498. iii. AMY W., b. January, 1861; d. unm., December, 1870.

7499. iv. CHARLES R., b. November, 1862; unm.

7500. v. SARAH P., b. April, 1864; unm.

7501. vi. ELI C., b. October, 1867; unm.

7502. vii. OKINDA C., b. September, 1869; unm.

7503. viii. ISRAEL M., b. January, 1873; unm. Res., Athens and 1365 North High St., Columbus, O.

7005. JOHN CULVER FOSTER (Ebenezer, Zadock, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John), b. Athens, Ohio, Nov. 9, 1822; m., Hibardsville, Ohio, Oct. 2, 1846, Elizabeth D. Van Vorhes, b. May 19, 1827. He is a saddle and harness maker. Res., Stillwater, Minn.

7504. i. JANE C., b. June 27, 1847.

7505. ii. EBEN. b. June 14, 1849; m., Sept. 5, 1888, Esther Greer.

7506. iii. NELSON V., b. Nov. 27, 1852; m.

7507. iv. CHARLES W., b. May 28, 1856; m. Kittie Broussous.

7508. v. JOHN G., b. Nov. 16, 1858.

7509. vi. MARY L., b. June 15, 1864.

7510. vii. WILLIAM H., b. June 19, 1870.

7016. FRANCIS ALBERT FOSTER (Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John), b. Barre, Mass., April 12, 1840; m., July 18, 1872, Mary Maria Lowell, dau. of Levi B., of West Boylston, Mass. He is a master mason. He left home (Barre) at the age of twenty years, going to Worcester and learning his trade as mason, of which trade he is a master in all its branches. He was for a number of years foreman for Norcross Bros., their business calling him all over the New England and the middle States. At one time he was in partnership with a man in Leominster, Mass., and doing well when, after a large contract, the partner left with valuables, leaving him the outstanding bills to pay; has never been located permanently in any one place for a great length of time. He is at present living in the old homestead at Barre Plains, which place is conducted by his brother, Dwight, while he is away most of the time. Res., Barre Plains, Mass.
HARRY ALBERT, b. Feb. 1, 1876; unm. He is a clerk in the Hotel Van Nuys in Los Angeles, Cal.; was born at Boston. When he first remembered, his folks resided at Maynard, Mass., where his father's business called him. In 1883 they moved to Worcester, Mass. He attended school in that city, going through the grammar school; one and a half years at English High which he left for a course at a business college. In June, 1892, upon the death of his grandfather, he moved with his parents to the old homestead at Barre Plains. Always having a desire for variety and change, he has been changing from place to place, from Maine to Florida and west to the coast since November, 1893, returning home for a few weeks about once a year. He has no regular business, but follows clerking or office work. Was employed at the Hallenbeck House in Los Angeles, Cal. He is now employed at the Grand Pacific Hotel in Chicago, Ill.

HON. CHARLES FOSTER (Charles W., William, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John), b. April 12, 1828, near Tiffin, Ohio; m., Freemont, Nov. 5, 1853, Ann M. Olmstead, b. Aug. 12, 1828. Charles Foster, secretary of the treasury, 1891 to 1893, was born near Tiffin, Ohio, April 12, 1828. His paternal ancestors were early New England residents of Scotch-Irish origin. His mother's family, the Crockers, of English ancestry, were also early settlers of New England. The family went to northwestern Ohio in 1832 to what was then known as the 'Black Swamp,' and located at Rome, now the city of Postoria, occupying a double log cabin. In one end of it they lived, in the other the father kept a general store. The latter also engaged in the purchase and sale of real estate, and was a man of much more than average intelligence and ability to acquire property. His son, Charles, may be said to have grown up in a country store. He began to attend the public schools at the age of four years. At twelve, he entered the academy at Norfolk, Ohio, where he remained two years, when, owing to sickness in his father's family, he became actively engaged in the management of the store, and never returned to the academy or attended any other institution of learning, though he received private instruction until he became very well informed in the English branches. At the age of eighteen his father constituted him a partner, and at nineteen he took entire charge of the store; he made regular trips to New York to purchase goods, and soon transacted the largest country business in the State of Ohio. During the civil war he was active in encouraging enlistments, and supported all measures tending to sustain the country. He consented to accept the colonelcy of the One Hundred and First Ohio regiment, but his father and mother, who had no other surviving children, prevailed upon him to forego his inclination. He gave credit to the family of every Federal soldier in his neighborhood, extending these credits over the entire period of the war. In 1867 the large business which he controlled was changed from the country store system to more modern methods. Out of it grew a bank, of which he has been the manager from the start; grain and produce business, and a hardware store. The old establishment also continued to carry on trade in which he retained more than a majority interest till 1888, a period of fifty-six years. Mr. Foster has been an ardent Republican; he has always attended the conventions of his party and has contributed liberally to its success. His generosity toward all charitable institutions and humanitarian calls, coupled with a willingness to assist deserving people and worthy objects, have gained for him a marked popularity. In 1870 the Republicans of the Democratic district in which he lived, nominated him by acclamation for Congress. In the management of this, his first campaign for his first office, he demonstrated his power of organization and keen political sagacity. He carried the district by a majority of seven hundred and twenty-six, overcoming a Democratic majority of eighteen hundred, the district at the same time giving a majority for the Democratic State ticket. He took his seat March 4, 1871, and was assigned by Speaker Blaine to a place on the Committee on Claims. He displayed great industry in the discharge of his duties on this committee, and gained for himself the confidence of the House. Some years after Mr. Blaine sent him a letter which he had received from Horace Greeley, who had never seen Mr. Foster, suggesting that a gentleman who could carry a Democratic district as Mr. Foster had carried his, must naturally possess elements that justified his being given a higher place on committees than is usually granted to new members. In 1872 he was re-nominated for Congress by acclamation. He was opposed by Rush R. Sloan, of Sandusky, who up to the nomination of Mr. Foster had been a Republican. Mr.
Sloane was president of a railroad which ran through the district. After an intensely interesting campaign, Mr. Foster triumphed by a majority of seven hundred and seventy-six. Mr. Blaine, as speaker, assigned him to the Ways and Means Committee of the Forty-second Congress, and he was also appointed on a sub-committee on internal revenue matters. While engaged in the discharge of the latter duty, he discovered the ramification of what was then known as the "Sanborn contract," and unearthed the frauds connected with it. In the course of this investigation he encountered Benjamin F. Butler, who attacked him on the floor of the House. In this controversy he displayed a thorough knowledge of the subject with which he was dealing and exhibited a talent for debate with which he had not hitherto been credited. The result of this contest was a decided triumph for Mr. Foster, the law authorizing the Sanborn contract being repealed without opposition in either house, while the encounter with General Butler gave him a national reputation. The Ways and Means Committee took up the question of the moiety laws, then prevailing in custom matters. Mr. Foster took an active part in the investigation and in the debate that followed, which resulted in the repeal of these laws as well as in the
Pacific mail investigation which took place in this committee. He was also placed on a committee to make an examination of Louisiana affairs, and as chairman of a sub-committee visited New Orleans. He witnessed the organization of the Louisiana Legislature in January, 1875, when Wiltz assumed to be speaker, took possession of the gavel by force, and entertained a motion to unseat sixteen Republican members and to unseat an equal number of Democratic members. He afterward saw the United States troops, at the instigation of Governor Kellogg, remove the Democrats and install the Republican sagain in their places. Mr. Foster dealt with the subjects in a manner which he deemed fair, pointing out the wrong-doing of both the Democratic and Republican parties. This report created quite a sensation at the time, and for a time it seemed as though he had injured his prospects of continuing in public life. In point of fact it strengthened him with all fair-minded people, for he was re-elected to Congress in 1874 by a majority of one hundred and fifty-nine, the district at the time giving a Democratic majority of sixteen hundred and fifty on the State ticket. In this Congress he was on the committee of appropriations, of which Samuel J. Randall was the chairman. In 1876 he was once more nominated by acclamation. In this district resided General Hayes, who was then the Republican candidate for President. The Democratic national committee felt that if they could succeed in defeating Mr. Foster in October, they would score a strong point against the popularity of General Hayes, and proceeded to take special charge of the Democratic canvass in the district. Mr. Foster won, however, by two hundred and seventy-six votes, and was again placed on the Committee on Appropriations, once more serving as the leader of his party on this subject. He was the only Republican member from Ohio who voted for the electoral count bill, which resulted in the election of President Hayes. In 1877 the Democrats carried the Legislature of Ohio and, in re-districting the State, gave Mr. Foster a district with a Democratic majority of five thousand. The Republicans of the Toledo district tendered him a nomination for Congress, which he declined, accepting one in the district made for him, though he knew defeat was inevitable. The result was a majority for the Democratic candidate of only thirteen hundred. At the Republican convention held in Cincinnati, June, 1879, he was nominated for governor by a majority of seven and a half votes over Judge Taft. He began this campaign June 29, and, with the exception of a few brief intervals in July, every week day until the election, Oct. 14, was spent in making this canvass. He was elected over Gen. Thomas Ewing, the Democratic candidate, by a majority of seventeen thousand votes. He gave close attention to the details of organization in his State campaign, and was not only the candidate, but to a large extent the committee, directing personally almost every movement. It was in this campaign that the Democrats dubbed him "Calico Charlie," intending it as an epithet of approbrium, being a reference to the fact that he was simply a merchant and dealer in dry goods. The application of this epithet proved a complete boomerang to the opposition. Toward the close of the campaign, as the excitement grew more and more intense, whole towns and cities were decorated with calico, bands were dressed in it, almost all the neckties worn by Republican ladies and gentlemen were made of calico, and finally newspapers were printed upon it. In 1881 he was re-elected by twenty-five thousand majority. In his administration of the office he gave special attention to the management of the public institutions, undertaking to free them from partisan superintendence. His boards were composed of three Republicans and two Democrats, chosen on account of their merit and ability. He threw the responsibility of the management of each institution entirely upon the board of trustees, refusing in all cases to recommend people for place. This course resulted in a marked improvement in the management and a large saving in the cost of maintaining these institutions. He also took a position in favor of the taxation of the liquor traffic, in opposition to the liquor interests, which demanded free trade; and in opposition to the Prohibitionists, who demanded the cessation of the traffic. The result of the legislation was the passing of the taxation law and the submitting to the people of two constitutional amendments, one favoring prohibition and the other license or taxation. Both amendments were defeated, together with the entire Republican ticket. For a time Mr. Foster became quite unpopular with his party, many of them charging him with leading them to defeat; but he was soon fully vindicated, as the party took up his views, and decided in favor of the measures he had proposed in the early stages of the contest over the question of the liquor traffic. In 1889 President Harrison appointed him chairman of a commission to negotiate a treaty with the Sioux Indians, which was successful in achieving what the government had been trying to accomplish for many years. In January, 1890, he received
the votes of the Republican members of the Ohio legislature for United States Senator, and, in this year, he again became a candidate for Congress in the district which the year before had given Campbell for governor a majority of nineteen hundred and sixty. He came within one hundred and ninety-four votes of success. Mr. Foster was appointed secretary of the treasury by President Harrison Feb. 27, 1891. This nomination was received with great favor by all parties in all sections of the country. The successful adjustment of the four and one-half per cent. loan which matured Sept. 1, 1891, was one of the prominent events of his first official year. Of the $30,869,200, four and one-half per cent. bonds which were outstanding July 1, 1891, $25,364,500 were presented by the holders for continuance at two per cent., per annum, and the remainder were called for redemption and paid upon presentation. No other finance officer has ever negotiated a public loan at so low a rate of interest as two per cent.

The last year of his service, 1892-1893, was perhaps one of the most delicate, difficult, and embarrassing periods in the history of the Treasury Department, particularly after it was settled that Harrison had been defeated. The revenue, under the McKinley law, was barely sufficient to maintain the expenses of the government. It was known that the incoming party was pledged to a policy of low duties upon imports and it was evident that importations would be lessened and consequently less revenue received, which would sooner or later create a deficit. There was also much alarm throughout the country as to what financial legislation might be adopted by the incoming party: the dominant factor in the new Congress was committed to the policy to the free and unlimited coinage of silver at 16 to 1;—a policy that would certainly place the country upon a silver basis. As a natural consequence gold began to be largely exported. The question of the maintenance of the gold reserve became a matter of supreme importance. In this emergency Mr. Foster displayed excellent judgment, and was successful in the expedients adopted to keep the gold reserve intact. He announced his readiness to issue bonds, if necessary, for this purpose. It however remained intact until his retirement from office, and for six weeks afterward.

Mr. Foster's record as secretary is regarded as highly successful and creditable in all respects. His connection with the Toledo State Hospital for the insane, is regarded by himself as one of the most creditable of his public career. When he was governor of the State he was selected by the general assembly the head of a commission to locate a new hospital, prepare the plans and let the contract. A radical departure from existing methods was adopted, both in construction and methods of treatment. Detached buildings were substituted for the monotonous, jail-appearing, one-building plan then in universal use. Next but inexpensive cottages, holding about forty to sixty people each, took the place of wards in a large building. As far as possible grates and bars were eliminated: single dining-rooms for each sex were substituted for ward dining-rooms. The largest liberty has been allowed the patients; kindness was substituted for force; and every conceivable amusement for the patients is instituted. The result is a marvelous appreciation of the new conditions by the patients. Restraints of all kinds are largely abolished, and after ten years of experience, the entire country is following the excellent example of the Toledo State Hospital, and it may now be justly regarded as the model hospital of its kind in the world. Mr. Foster was the leading spirit connected with its construction, and has been the president of its board of trustees since it was opened. Res., Fostoria, Ohio.

7512. i. JESSIE, b. Aug. 9, 1858; m., September, 1888, Dr. R. L. Myers. Res., Fostoria, Ohio.


7025. GEORGE WASHINGTON FOSTER (Freeman R., Herman, Skelton, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John), b. Rutland, Mass., April 22, 1843; m., Aug. 4, 1875, Nettie E. Barbank. He was in the civil war in the Fifty-seventh Massachusetts regiment for a year and a half. Res., Warren, Mass.

7026. ALBERT C. FOSTER (Freeman R., Herman, Skelton, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John), b. Rutland, Mass., April 23, 1845; m., Jan. 18, 1870, Carrie E. Muzzy. He was in the civil war in the Fifty-seventh Massachusetts regiment for a year and a half. He was superintendent of construction for the Trans-Mississippi Exposition. Res., 2130 South Thirty-third St., Omaha, Neb.
7514. i.  CHESTER F., b. June 18, 1882; d. March 9, 1882.
7035. EGBERT FOSTER ( Seth B., Willard, Skelton, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John), b. Sand Lake, N. Y., Nov. 5, 1845; m., May 7, 1876, Catherine Cramer, in Rochester, N. Y. Egbert Foster was b. on the homestead farm, Sand Lake, N. Y. He attended the district school also Professor Boone's Brookside Institute and later attended at Fort Edward Collegiate Institute, N. Y. Taught school many terms, meanwhile residing on a farm. In 1880 he removed to Troy, N. Y., and engaged in the ice business for a term of years. Subsequently Mr. Foster acted as foreman in the International Ice Co., of New York, for four years. He resided in Troy, N. Y., and devoted his time to his real estate interests there; is a member of the M. E. church, and a Republican. Res., 45 Fifth avenue, Rochester, N. Y.
7515. i.  FRED, b. Nov. 28, 1876.
7037. JOHN FRANKLIN FOSTER ( Seth B., Willard, Skelton, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John), b. Sand Lake, N. Y., Sept. 11, 1857; m., May 23, 1889, New Lebanon, N. Y., Myrtie M. Sedgewick, b. July 23, 1853. Farmer and trading salesman. He was born and reared on the homestead farm in Sand Lake, N. Y. Attended the common school and a term in the private school of Rev. H. R. Luney, M. A., at Petersburg, N. Y. During the winter of 1877 he taught school; and engaged in the sale of musical instruments in 1886, selling mainly the Foster piano up to this date. In 1893 he united with the Methodist Episcopal church, holding various offices in the same; has been president of local section Y. M. C. A.; held offices of trust in the town, and takes an active part in local educational matters. He is a member of several fraternities and agricultural societies. He contributes to various publications, and is now residing on the farm and directing it. Res., Sand Lake, N. Y.
7516. i.  MARY CORNELIA, b. Aug. 27, 1890.
7517. ii.  FLORENCE, b. Feb. 25, 1892.
7518. iii.  MYRTIE LAVINA, b. Feb. 21, 1894.
7519. iv.  SETH BRIGGS, 2d, b. July 15, 1897.
7521. i.  CARRIE E., b. April 9, 1868; m. T. Hanley. Res., Boston, Mass. Two sons.
7522. ii.  BRADLEY BARLOW, b. 1870; d. 1880.
7523. iii.  CHARLES WORCESTER, b. Feb. 16, 1877.
7524. iv.  FREDERICK M., b. April 9, 1878.
7525. i.  ASA BELKNAP, 3d, b. April 9, 1878.
7526. ii.  WINFIELD ULRIC, b. Dec. 15, 1879.
7527. iii.  JAMES O'HALLORAN, b. Nov. 1, 1882.
7528. iv.  GORDON, b. May 26, 1885.
7053. GEORGE GREENE FOSTER (Samuel W., Stephen S., Samuel, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John), b. Knowlton, P. Q., Canada, Jan. 21, 1860; m., Jan. 1, 1896, Mary Maud Buchanan, dau. of Hon. Mr. Justice Buchanan; educated at Knowlton Academy. He was admitted to study law July 12, 1878; entered McGill University at Montreal, the following September, and graduated a bachelor of civil
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law March, 1881; was admitted to the bar July, 1881, and began practice of his profession at Knowlton, Que., where he remained until September, 1887, when he removed to Montreal, entering the firm of Archibald, Lynch & Foster. Upon the appointment of his two senior partners to the superior court bench, Mr. Foster became associated with Hon. D. Girouard, Q. C., and upon his appointment to the supreme court of Canada as one of the two Quebec judges, Mr. Foster formed his present firm of Foster, Martin, Girouard & Lemieux; m. Mary Maud, only daughter of Hon. G. C. V. Buchanan, judge superior court, Montreal, by whom he has one son, George Buchanan; contested Brome County in general elections of 1896 as the candidate of the Conservative party, and was defeated by Hon. S. A. Fisher, minister of agriculture; was appointed a Queen’s counsel on July 8, 1896. Res., 1160 Edgehill avenue, Dorchester Square; add., 181 St. James St., Montreal, Canada, care Foster, Martin & Girouard, advocates, barristers, solicitors, etc., Guardian Assurance building.

7529. i. GEORGE BUCHANAN, b. Aug. 18, 1897.
7054. SAMUEL BAXTER FOSTER (Samuel W., Stephen S., Samuel, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John), b. Knowlton, Canada, Dec. 5, 1861; m. Oct. 8, 1885, in Chicago, Minnie M. Norton, b. Feb. 18, 1860. He received his preliminary education at the Knowlton Academy, and, at the age of nineteen, having chosen to follow his father's profession, viz: law, he matriculated at McGill University, at Montreal. While visiting in the western States, he became deeply impressed by the activity, development and possibilities of that vast district, and decided to make his home there, he entering the University of Wisconsin at Madison, and the well-known law office of ex-Postmaster General Vilas.

Endowed with high mental qualities, and a fine physique, and being possessed of good habits, sturdy health, and an energy that no amount of work could tire, he naturally took a high stand in his college. While fond of all athletic sports, being a good shot and oarsman, he used these things to build up a sound mind in a sound body. His fluency of language and oratorical powers were soon recognized, and he
was sent to Chicago to represent his college in the Interstate Oratorical contest, and won the prize. He employed his leisure hours while acquiring his education and also during the early years of his professional life, writing articles for the papers upon the questions of the day. Having a refined literary taste, many beautiful poems and short stories found their way from his pen into eastern newspapers and magazines. In 1853 he graduated with high honors, and although offered a partnership in the law office of his uncle, Moses M. Strong, in one of the large towns in the State of Wisconsin, he determined to begin the practice of law in Chicago, Ill. It was a great venture for so young a man without friends around him to assist him in securing clients, to win a place and reputation amid the din and bustle of that great city. Nothing less would satisfy his indomitable courage and ambition; he said, "there was plenty of room at the top even in Chicago." Entering he law office of Judge Doolittle, he acquired a practical experience in his chosen profession, and soon opened an office for himself. Active, independent and aggressive, he at once entered upon a career seldom attained by one of his age. Easily approached by the poorest person, it is said, that he was never so happy as when pleading, in earnest and eloquent words, for the legal rights of some oppressed or wronged client. He at first directed his attention to real estate and corporation law. In 1891 Mr. Foster was appointed local attorney for the Chicago & Grand Trunk Railway Company. He was remarkably successful in conducting the jury trials for this company and soon gained and retained the confidence of the officials of the company as well as the respect of the bar, for the fearless and manly energy which he manifested in conducting the litigation entrusted to him. Among the most prominent cases may be mentioned the defense in the case of the well-known packers, Swift & Company vs. Chicago & Grand Trunk Railroad Company, for rebates, claimed by the former, under the Interstate Commerce law. This case, after a six-weeks trial before a jury, resulted in a disagreement and was afterward dismissed. Also the case of Richard Dowle, manager of the Great Eastern fast freight lines, "to show cause why he should not be held in contempt of the authority of the court for refusing to answer certain questions in obedience to the order so to do," propounded to him by the grand jury, which resulted in a dismissal of the rule. Both of these cases attracted wide attention, and favorable comment among railroad attorneys and officials. The Chicago Bar Memorial speaks of him as "an able and aggressive lawyer, a vigorous opponent, a good citizen, a faithful friend. With commanding presence and fine powers of oratory, he presented his case to a jury in a manner certain to win attention, and he seemed destined to take his place in the front rank of the advocates of the bar, when his course was ended by the impenetrable mystery of death." Mr. Foster took an active interest in the politics of his adopted country, being an ardent Republican, but he never sought or accepted office. He was ex-vice president of the La Salle Club. And at the time of his death he was a member of the Union League Club, of the Apollo Commandery of Knights of Templar, a member of the Royal Arcanum and captain of Troop B, Chicago Hussar squadron. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, and prominently identified with many worthy charitable institutions, for he had "a heart open as day to melting charity." In social life he impressed every one by his strong personality, affable manners, and kindly nature. He was a tender, indulgent husband and father; a devoted son and brother. On Oct. 8, 1885, he married Minnie N. Norton, a daughter of Nathaniel Norton, one of Chicago's earliest settlers. Of this marriage was born Samuel Norton and George Getty. Mr. Foster died of typhoid fever at Pass Christian, Miss., May 4, 1896, in the thirty-fourth year of his age. According to his expressed wish his remains were laid in the beautiful village cemetery of Knowlton, Canada. Res., 30th Grand Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.

7530. i. SAMUEL NORTON, b. Aug. 8, 1886.

7531. ii. GEORGE GETTY, b. Feb. 4, 1889.


7532. i. RUBY ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 23, 1884.

there in business, eventually becoming a partner in the world-famous china house of Russell & Co., the oldest firm of Americans in the Orient, having been established in colonial days. In 1879 he withdrew from the firm, declining a salary of $15,000 a year to remain as general manager, in order to return to the United States. He took up his residence in San Francisco, Cal., where he entered the San Francisco Stock Exchange and became president of the Union Club, now the Pacific-Union Club, the finest organization of the kind on the Pacific Coast. William Hammond Foster, Jr., died March 18, 1875, aged forty-one years, and was buried in Lone Mountain cemetery, San Francisco. William Hammond Foster, Jr., married Feb. 13, 1869, at Hong Kong, China, Leila Love, of San Francisco, daughter of Harlow Swain Love and Martha Church Maltby, granddaughter of Thomas Love, 2d, and Hannah Swain; great-granddaughter of Thomas Love, 1st, and Sarah Burnet. Res., San Francisco, Cal.

7533. i. REGINALD LOVE, b. Nov. 25, 1869; m. Kitty Quinan Hayden.

7534. ii. MAXIMILLIAN HELLAND, b. Feb. 27, 1874, in San Francisco. Res., New York City. Address, 751 Fifth Ave., care Military Club. He attended the same schools that his brother did, and later went to Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass. In 1891 he went into newspaper work in New York City, where he is now foremost in the ranks of his profession. For the past six years he has been connected with the staff of the New York World, helping to make that great daily the leader among the journalistic giants of the United States. He is a member of the Sons of the Revolution, the Society of Colonial Wars, the Richmond Hill Golf Club and The Strollers Club. He is unmarried.

7080. FREDERICK EMMORY FOSTER (William H., John, John, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John), b. Boston, Mass., May 14, 1841; m. San Francisco, April 29, 1873, Martha Maltby Love, b. May 7, 1851. Frederick Emory Foster was born in Boston; married in San Francisco, Martha Maltby Love, sister of Leila, daughter of Hon. Harlow S. Love, a prominent lawyer of that city. Frederick was a graduate of the Dwight Grammar School (Boston), Franklin medalist, and a pupil of the high school. When fifteen years old he entered the office of Almy Patterson & Company, at that time prominent dry goods commission merchants of Boston. In 1861 he went to China and entered the employ of the celebrated China merchants, Russell & Co., at Canton and Shanghai. In 1868 he joined the house of Peele, Hubbell & Co., American exporting merchants of Manila, Philippine Islands, of which firm he was later managing partner. In 1875 he retired from Manila, and accepted the general agency of the Pacific Main Steamship Company, in China and Japan, to which agency he subsequently joined that of the Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company, the two lines controlling the Trans-Pacific traffic between San Francisco and parts of Japan and China. During his incumbency of the agency of these steamship lines he had headquarters at Yokohama, Japan (1876 to 1882), and in Hong Kong, China (1882 to 1885). At the close of 1885 he retired to the United States, taking up his residence in St. Paul, Minn. He has been an extensive traveler, having visited India, Siam, the principal parts of China and Japan, besides extensive travels in Europe. He has three times completed the circumnavigation of the globe. He was appointed United States Consul to Manila in 1876, but did not accept the honor. During his residence in China he represented Sweden and Norway as acting vice-consul, and at Manila was vice-consul for Denmark. Res., 777 Grand Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

7535. i. FREDERICK LOVE, b. Feb. 13, 1874; d. 1875.

7536. ii. MARTHA MURRAY, b. ——.

7537. iii. ALFRED CLARK, b. ——.


7087. REV. JOHN McGAW FOSTER (John B., John, John, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John), b. Bangor, Me., Feb. 4, 1860; m., Jan. 4, 1887, in Worcester, Mass., Grace Greenleaf Eames, b. Nov. 23, 1858. Rev. John McGaw Foster, son of John B. and Catharine (McGaw) Foster, was born in Bangor, Me., Feb. 4, 1860. His earlier education was in the public schools of Bangor and in Phillips Exeter Academy. He was graduated from Harvard Col-
leige in the class of 1832. After some months of travel and study abroad he entered Andover Theological Seminary, graduating in 1835. In November of that year he was ordained to the ministry of the Episcopal church, and became assistant minister in St. Anne's church, Lowell, Mass. In November, 1836, he became Rector of St. John's church, in his native city of Bangor, which position he has held to the present date (1895). He was married Jan. 4, 1836, to Grace Greenleaf, daughter of

D. H. Eames, Esq., of Worcester, Mass., and has two children. He lately moved to Boston, and, January 15th, of this year, assumed the duties as rector of the Church of the Messiah in that city. Res., Bangor, Me., and Boston, Mass.

7538. i. KATHERINE McGaw, b. March 8, 1838.
7539. ii. DUNCAN GRAHAM, b. May 26, 1837.


7540. i. LOWELL, b. March 23, 1850; d. March 12, 1878.
7541. ii. HERBERT L., b. April 6, 1852; m. Alice M. French.
7542. iii. EMMA L., b. Nov. 2, 1854; d. Feb. 15, 1877.


7544. i. CHARLES, b. June 2, 1861; living. P. O., Boston.
7545. ii. JOSEPH EDWARD, b. May 17, 1863; living. P. O., Revere.
7546. iii. JAMES SIDNEY, b. July 25, 1865; m. Annie P. Tolman.
7547. iv. MARK, b. March, 1868; d. 1869.
7548. v. FREDERICK, b. June, 1870; d. 1871.
7549. vi. WILLIAM, b. 1871; d. 1872.


7550. i. FRANK B., b. —. Res., Somerville, Mass.


Oliver S. Foster was a brick manufacturer. He resided in Revere, where he was well known. He died on September 3d without leaving a will. Subsequently his daughter, Mrs. Kimball, applied to the Probate Court to be appointed administratrix of the estate of her father. She was successful. The court appointed her, and she has since been acting in the capacity of administratrix. He d. Sept. 2, 1898. Res., Revere, Mass.

7552. i. JENNIE M., b. —; m., Dec. 14, 1875, William Shaw Kimball. Res., R. He was b. in Revere, son of Stephen and Eleanor (Lord).


7553. i. DORA, b. —. 7554. ii. ALICE, b. —.
FOSTER GENEALOGY.


7155. i. HELEN RENA, b. Sept. 13, 1883.

7156. ii. ROBERT WOLCOTT, b. March 28, 1886.


7157. i. HARRIET EVELYN, b. April 6, 1890.


Asa Gilbert Foster married Martha Jane Ross, daughter of Emerson Ross, of Weston, and was engaged in business in the western States, principally in Indiana and Wisconsin, from 1851 to 1860, when he returned with his family to Weston. He enlisted from that town and went to the front as captain of Company C, of the Sixteenth Regiment of Vermont Volunteers in the late civil war, and was almost immediately detailed as assistant inspector-general upon the staff of General Standard. He was severely wounded at the battle of Gettysburg in the performance of his duty as aide-de-camp, and in course of long convalescence received an honorable discharge from the service. He was one of the number of veterans who organized Phil H. Sheridan Post No. 46, Department of Vermont, of the Grand Army of the Republic; its commander for several terms, and always an enthusiastic and earnest member and supporter of that organization. He held various local offices and represented the town of Weston in the General Assembly of Vermont. Though absent for considerable periods in attending to his business affairs in the western States, he retained his residence in Weston until his death, which occurred on April 6, 1890. He had but one child, a son, Clarence Marion Foster, born Feb. 27, 1851, who graduated from Dartmouth College in the class of 1873, and from Columbia College Law School in the class of 1875, and who has since been engaged in the practice of law in San Francisco and New York City. Res., Weston, Vt.

7151. i. CLARENCE MARION, b. Feb. 27, 1851; unm. He is an attorney at law, 34 Nassau St., Mutual Life Building, New York City.

7118. JAMES HENRY FOSTER (Asa B., Samuel, Samuel, Ebenezer, Samuel, Samuel, John), b. April 11, 1829; m., Eliza Talbot, b. Oct. 12, 1829; d. Oct. 16, 1867; m., 2d, Mary Dimock; d. 1877.

James Henry Foster married Eliza Talbot, of Greencastle, Ind., who died on Oct. 16, 1867, leaving one child, a son, born March 25, 1859. For his second wife James Henry Foster married Mary Dimock, of Elizabeth, New Jersey, who died in California in 1877. William Asa Foster, the son of James and Eliza Foster, married Fannie Marie Magee, of New York City, and is engaged in business in Philadelphia. Harry Dimock Foster, the son of James and Mary Foster, married Irene Bennett, of New York City, where he resides. Helen Ramsay Foster, the dau. of James and Mary Foster, died in Hamilton, Bermuda. He d. March 23, 1887, Res., New York.

7152. i. WILLIAM ASA, b. March 28, 1859; m., and resides Philadelphia.

7153. ii. HARRY DIMOCK, b. March 16, 1871; m., and resides N. Y.

7154. iii. HELEN RAMSEY, b. Jan. 26, 1874; d. April, 1891.


7157. iii. GEORGE, b. Feb. 21, 1886; d. March 10, 1889.


7156.  MAJOR DAVID FOSTER (Russell, Davis, Jonathan, Jonathan, Samuel, Samuel, John), b. South Reading, Mass., 1834; m. April 16, 1864, at Jacksonville, Florida, M. Delores Sanchez, b. Sept. 5, 1832. He enlisted in 1861 for three months in the Fifth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers; re-enlisted in 1861 for three years in the Twenty-fourth Regiment; was second lieutenant in 1863; first lieutenant in 1864, and later, captain and major. While yet quite young he went into the furniture and upholstering business in the city of Boston, and was thus engaged at the breaking out of the civil war. At the first call for volunteers he enlisted with the Twenty-fourth Regiment of Massachusetts Infantry. He served throughout the war in this regiment, which was in the third brigade, first division of the tenth army corps. He rose from orderly sergeant to captain, and, at the close of the war was brevetted major for gallantry during service. He participated in the following battles: Roanoke Island, N. C., Feb. 8, 1862; Newbern, N. C., March 14, 1862; Trenter's Creek, N. C., June 5, 1862; Kingston, N. C., Dec. 14, 1862; Whitehall, N. C., Dec. 16, 1862; Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 17, 1862; James Island, S. C., July 16, 1863; Morris Island, S. C., July and August, 1863; Rifle Pitts, Fort Warner, S. C., Aug. 26, 1863; Watthal Junction, Va., May 7, 1864; Drury's Bluff, Va., May 13, 1864; Richmond and Petersburg, Va., June 16, 1864; Ware Bottom, Va., June 17, 1864; Deep Bottom, Va., Aug. 14, 1864; Deep River, Va., Aug. 16, 1864; Florence Mills, Va., Aug. 18, 1864; Siege of Petersburg, Va., Aug. 26, to Sept. 28, 1864; New Market Heights, Sept. 24, 1864; Four Mile River Church, Va., Oct. 7, 1864; Darby Town Road, Oct. 27, 1864. In front of Petersburg he was wounded by a shell and his right arm completely crippled. After the taking of Richmond he was, for a time, placed in charge of Libby Prison. After the war he settled in Savannah, Ga., where he was purchasing agent for the Irwin & Hardee line of cotton steamers. He d. Savannah, Ga., Aug. 22, 1876. Res., South Reading, Mass.


7166.  EDWARD FOSTER (Russell, Davis, Jonathan, Jonathan, Samuel, Samuel, John), b. in South Reading, Mass., in 1833; m. — —. He was quartermaster in the Fifth Massachusetts Regiment. He d. April 17, 1897. Res., Boston, Mass.

7171.  AARON AUGUSTUS FOSTER (Aaron, Aaron, James, Benjamin, Samuel, Samuel, John), b. South Reading, Mass., May 23, 1833; m. Rebecca Walton. He was a printer, and enlisted in the civil war in 1863 for three years in Company C, Second Heavy Artillery. Aaron Augustus Foster, the eldest son of the late Capt. Aaron Foster, Jr., and Abigail (Marshall) Foster, was born May 23, 1833, in the village of Greenwood, eight miles from Boston, in what is now the town of Wakefield, Mass. One year later his parents bought and removed to the estate now known as Thorncroft, Lakeside, in the same town where the days of his boyhood were spent. His education, so far as it has extended, has been for the most part self-acquired, his school experience after the age of eight being confined solely to the winter months, and ceasing entirely at the age of fifteen. An intense love of books characterized his childhood years. Both his father and mother were possessed of literary tastes, and such books as were in their joint collection he had, before he was ten years of age, devoured from beginning to end. They included Goldsmith's History of England, Paradise Lost, one volume of a set of Shakespeare, containing four of his tragedies, Scott's poems, Pollock's, Course of Time, Priest's, Millenium, Watts' Improvement of the Mind, Doddridge's and Baxter's religious works, and Pope's poems. Childrens literature as such was unknown. If the above collection would at this day be esteemed rather heavy reading for children, the boy had no suspicion of the kind, closing each book with the regret that there were not in auctioneer's parlance a few more of the same sort. A few years later a public
library was established in the town, but its privileges were not extended to children of less than fourteen, which to the boy was like the closing of the gates of Paradise. His father, however, was a regular patron of the institution known as the Prescott Library Association, and the boy watched for and improved every opportunity to snatch up and read the books his father brought from thence at such moments as his own leisure permitted, and his father's attention was otherwise occupied. The first volume of Bancroft's History had just appeared, and was the first to be brought into the house. Referring back to the pleasures of childhood, the man recalls none more intense and soul-enchavishing than those there derived from the reading of that and Bancroft's later volumes, as they in time succeeded one another. Prescott's histories and Spark's biographies had their turn, followed by most of the other books in the library, which was a small affair as libraries now go. This passion for books and reading had its influence, no doubt, in finally leading its subject among the editorial fraternity and publishing craft. In 1868 he established in his native town of Wakefield, Mass., the Wakefield Banner, which still flourishes, like a green bay tree. Later he was employed to edit various periodicals in Boston and New York, by the publishers of the same. He was connected with the establishment of the Roxbury Gazette, and did its editorial writing for some years. Though now within the limits of Boston it still continues under its old name. Not many editors of long experience can recall the topics of the editorial flights of their callow youth; but one such is impressed upon his mind by a rather memory-imprinting incident connected with it. The publisher called for a "leader" to promote enlistments for the war, it being just after Fort Sumter was fired upon. The public mind was already wrought to the utmost tension, and it seemed as if such an editorial was superfluous; but it was a case of "Not to reason why," and the leader was written as per order, and duly appeared under a conspicuous 'scare head' devised by the publisher. The next day as its writer was proceeding to his duties, his attention was attracted by a crowd on a corner looking up at a posted placard, headed by big black letters. Joining the crowd to ascertain the nature of the incendiary document, he found it was his own leader of the day before, printed as a poster, credited to the Gazette, and followed by a call for a war-meeting that night, at a designated hall. The mayor, afterward Governor Gaston, of Massachusetts, had caused the article to be so printed and posted in all conspicuous places over the city. A re-perusal of that leader to-day might, perhaps, provoke a smile at its fervid intensity, but that its writer meant well enough is shown by the fact that a little later he shouldered his own gun and went to the front, serving till the end of the war. While he has never been an aspirant or seeker for political honors, it may be noted that his fellow-townsmen repeatedly chose him as a member of their school board, retaining him in the position as long as he dwelt among them. At the early age of twenty-three his State representative district nominated him for representative, as a Republican, but it was the year of the Know-Nothing tidal wave, which swept all opposition before it. Passing over the details of his journalistic and publishing career, the year of 1853 found him employed in the editorial rooms of the North American Review in New York City. Allen Thorndike Rice, later appointed ambassador to Russia by President Harrison, then being the proprietor of that magazine, was then living in Europe, leaving the Review to be conducted by his manager and editor. Considerations of health and business induced, in that year, the removal of Mr. Foster to Colorado, where he has since been engaged as a dealer in mining properties. Two sons and a daughter compose his present family.

Mr. Foster's contributions to the press consist largely of essays, and are to be found in the North American and International Reviews, and other current periodical literature. Res., South Reading, Mass., and Camp Fosteria via Spencer, Col. 7571. i. FRANK HURD, b. March 2, 1863; m. Carrie Stephenson.
7572. ii. ELIZABETH S., b. June 7, 1866; known as a successful educator in New England, the chief line of her profession being that of training young lady graduates for teachers. A very successful career of several years was that as principal of the training school at Dover, N. H.; and like success has attended her efforts at New Bedford, Somerville, and other places in Massachusetts. Her contributions to the educational literature of the day are valued and sought by editors and publishers. Res., 54 Belmont St., Somerville, Mass.
7572/3. iii. WILLIAM S., b. Oct. 15, 1868, now in Siloam, Col., following mining and stock-raising pursuits.
It abounded with their pungent observations and witticisms in prose and verse, its contents, all but the advertisements, being entirely original; it was quite popular and gained quite a circulation in Malden. Res., Wakefield, Mass.

7573. 1. IDA FLORENCE, b. July 4, 1861. Res., Prospect Hill, Greenfield, Mass., b. in Peabody, Mass.; educated at Wellesley College; began to teach at eighteen years of age; has taught primary, intermediate, grammar, high school, and college work; assumed charge in Prospect Hill School for Girls in June, 1896.

7574. ii. EDITH FRANCES, b. Aug. 12, 1865. Res., at home. Edith Frances has been an art student in Boston under Tommaso Juglaris, and in Europe with Charles Herbert Woodbury and his wife, and is now an illustrator of children's magazines.

7575. iii. BERTHA ALICE, b. Sept. 11, 1866. Res., Bryn Mawr College, Philadelphia, Pa., and Wakefield, Mass. Alice Bertha Foster, M. D., director of the gymnasium for four years, Oct. 1, 1894 to May 1, 1898, at Bryn Mawr College; graduate of Dr. Sargent's Training School for Teachers, 1886; M. D., Medical School of University of Buffalo, 1891; Anderson Summer School, Chautauqua, 1892; studied in Baron Posse's Normal Class in Practice, Boston, and in Harvard Summer School of Physical Education, 1886; director Buffalo sanitary gymnasium of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union, Buffalo, 1886-92; assistant teacher, Harvard Summer School of Physical Education, 1889-90; tutor in physical culture (in charge of the women's work), University of Chicago, 1892-94.

7578. JAMES WALKER FOSTER (James G., Aaron, James, Benjamin, Samuel, Samuel, John), b. Lynn, Mass., Nov. 4, 1841; m. Melissa Baldwin, and m., 2d, Dec. 22, 1886, Mrs. Florence E. Watson, b. Feb. 17, 1856. He was born in the house which, till quite recently, has been in the Foster family nearly two hundred years. The estate contains some one hundred and eighty acres and is now owned by a relative, J. E. Herrick. His grandfather or his father's grandfather
bought the estate which was then Reading, later it was called Danvers, and now it is Peabody. The house remains in the original spot but since it has been in the Foster family the names of towns have been changed as above. He has framed and hanging a deed which he took from the attic of this house; it dates May 13, 1729, and the second year of our Sovereign Lord George, the Second, (king of England). He also has quite a number of old deeds, commissions of his ancestors as captains and lieutenants in the Revolutionary war, etc. His ancestors, as he understands it, were lumbermen or woodsmen and spelled their names Forresters, later Forster and still later Foster. When he was two years of age his father moved to Charlestown, where he attended the public schools. At the age of fifteen years he entered the foreign money department of the Suffolk Bank in Boston, where he was employed in sorting and counting money and also as messenger of the bank, his duties being to call at all the Boston banks and collect the foreign money which had been deposited. In this way he collected nearly all the foreign money that was deposited in the banks. This was before our present national currency system. After remaining with the Suffolk Bank for three years he went to the Boston Five Cents Savings Bank and remained with that institution eleven years, when he was appointed discount clerk of the Tremont National Bank of Boston. Here he remained ten years, when he went to the Union National Bank of Chicago and from there to the Northern Pacific Railroad with headquarters at Brainard, Minn. Returning to Boston, he entered his present position in the employ of the Walworth Manufacturing Co; is also a notary public for Massachusetts, an Odd Fellow, Mason, and a member of Royal Arcanum; in politics, a Republican. Res., Newton Highlands, Mass.


7757. ii. MADELINE, b. at Newton Highlands, Mass., May 28, 1894.

7757. iii. GEORGE J., b. at Malden, March 1, 1874; lives at Malden.


7787. i. HARRY EUGENE, b. May 27, 1883.


7788. iii. MYRTLE SWAIN, b. June 9, 1886.

7788. iv. ALBERT EMERSON, b. Wakefield, Mass., April 26, 1890.


7785. i. ADELE, b. 1877. iv. HELEN LOUISE, b. 1888.

7786. ii. JOHN E., b. 1879. 7584. iii. ARTHUR COTTON, b. 1883.


7786. i. ETHEL MAY, b. Dec. 14, 1881.

7787. ii. MARION NICHOLS, b. June 30, 1885; d. Aug. 28, 1886.

7788. iii. RAYMOND GUILFORD, b. Dec. 15, 1889.

7789. iv. FLORENCE AMELIA(twin), b. June 15, 1892.

7790. v. FRANCES WINNIFRED (twin), b. June 15, 1892.


7791. i. HAROLD FRANCIS, b. April 26, 1887.

7792. ii. STUART BROOKS, b. July 12, 1891.

7793. iii. RUTH LINCOLN, b. March 30, 1893; d. Sept. 7, 1893.

7794. iv. OLIVE FLOWERS, b. May 7, 1896.


7795. i. ALICE PRINCE, b. Nov. 2, 1884.
Foster Genealogy.


7601. vi. Carrie P., b. Aug. 25, 1871; m., July 30, 1893, Howard Foster Woodbury, b. 1871, son of Timothy W., and Mary A. (Foster).

7602. vii. Alonzo, b. April 20, 1874.


7605. i. Hollis Dresser, b. Sept. 6, 1879.


7605-5. v. Benjamin W., b. Nov. 5, 1864.

7605-6. vi. Mabel P., b. April 9, 1870.


7606. i. Edgar S., b. March 17, 1870.

7607. ii. Alice Haskell, b. Oct. 25, 1873.


7608. i. Augustus Clark, b. April 20, 1882.

7609. ii. Helen Prince, b. Feb. 28, 1885.

7610. iii. Lawrence Eddy, b. March 18, 1887.


7612. ii. GIDEON FRANCIS, b. June 22, 1851; m. Alice Edwards and Elizabeth Haskell Ray.

7613. iii. SAMUEL LOVETT, b. July 19, 1859; m. Elizabeth W. Roundly.


7616. ii. ALBERT AUGUSTUS, b. Sept. 30, 1863; m. Grace M. Phillips.

7617. iii. MARY GRACE, b. June 19, 1864; m., June 21, 1894, Frank Eben Handy, b. 1870.

7618. iv. ANNE Terly, Oct. 8, 1865; m. ——.


7620. vi. BENJAMIN GRAFTON, b. April 6, 1871.

7621. vii. CHARLOTTE CENTRE, b. Nov. 3, 1873; m., Nov. 6, 1895, Edward G. Webber. b. 1873.

7622. viii. PERCY WILLARD, b. Feb. 12, 1876.


7624. x. SARAH ELIZA, b. May 14, 1881.

7625. xi. ALDIN EVERETT, b. Feb. 2, 1883 (Posthumous).

7626. xii. DAUGHTER, b. and d. Sept. 4, 1878.

7627. xiii. JOANNA, b. Nov. 3, 1874.


7628. i. ANNA L., b. April 6, 1860; d. Aug. 17, 1867.


7632. v. ABBIE ANN, b. Sept. 21, 1872; d. March 5, 1883.


7634. vii. DWIGHT, b. June 1, 1880. P. O., all, Beverly, Mass.


7635. i. BESSIE M., b. May 17, 1869.

7636. ii. ARTHUR L., b. Sept. 27, 1873; d. Feb. 4, 1898.

7637. iii. ELSIE L., b. Nov. 9, 1882.


7638. i. FRANK ABBOTT, b. Aug. 4, 1871; m. Clara A. Martin.

7639. ii. WALTER L., b. July 9, 1872; m. Alice W. Mitchell.

7640. iii. EVA MAY, b. July 6, 1880; d. Dec. 4, 1882.

7641. iv. FLORENCE GERTRUDE, b. July 2, 1878.

7642. v. WILLARD DODGE, b. Feb. 1, 1890.

7643. vi. LEROY BURKE, b. June 7, 1887.


7644. i. CLARENCE A., b. Feb. 4, 1871; d. Sept. 16, 1871.

7645. ii. CLINTON S., b. Sept. 18, 1872; m. Alice S. Haskell.

7646. iii. MARION OBER, b. May 6, 1887.
FOSTER GENEALOGY.


7267. i. ISRAEL PRINCE, b. Nov. 13, 1886.

7265. ii. GORDON WOODBURY, b. Mar. 13, 1897; d. May 11, 1897.


7270. iv. JOHN MORTON, b. March 30, 1888.


7276. i. ADDIE HAMMOND, b. Oct. 21, 1880.

7275. ii. JAMES PUTNAM, b. Oct. 25, 1878.


7279. v. ETHEL LARCOM, b. Aug. 9, 1888.


7281. i. LOUISE BENSON, b. Feb. 11, 1883.

7282. ii. HENRY FRANKLIN, b. Sept. 1, 1887.

7283. iii. SARAH GERTRUDE, b. April 28, 1884.


7285. i. FREDERIC PRESTON, b. May 26, 1877.

7286. ii. JOHN YOUNG, b. Nov. 13, 1884.


7288. i. FANNY M., b. Oct. 17, 1871.

7289. ii. ETHEL D., b. June 29, 1874.

7290. iii. ISABEL MARSHALL, b. Jan. 10, 1877.

7291. iv. —, b. Dec. 21, 1875.

7292. v. JOHN ELLINWOOD, b. Nov. 21, 1883.

7293. vi. JESSE OBER, b. Oct. 25, 1885.


7297. i. MABEL, b. May 18, 1875.


7299. i. CHARLES KING, b. Aug. 12, 1879.

7300. ii. EDGAR KIRBY, b. Sept. 30, 1881.

7301. iii. WILLIAM DEBOIS, b. Nov. 11, 1884.

7302. iv. HAROLD MAYHEW, b. Sept. 19, 1887.
FOSTER GENEALOGY.

7673. v. HELEN MAY, b. Nov. 10, 1888.
7674. vi. BERNARD KENT, b. April 10, 1893.


7767. i. ANGIER HOBBs, b. Feb. 4, 1896.


7375. JOHN H. FOSTER (Charles H., Freeman, David, Timothy, John, John, John), b. Farmingdale, Me., June 14, 1860; m., 1885, Myrtle Ida Dill. She d.; m., 2d, 1892, Mrs. Eliza (Newells) Boynton. He is a lumberman. Res., Gardiner, Me.

7680. i. ARTHUR, b. Oct. 12, 1885.
7681. ii. WALTER SCOTT, b. Nov. 13, 1892.
7682. iii. EDWARD, b. Feb. 1, 1895.
7683. iv. SUSAN, b. April 1, 1898.


7375. JOHN H. FOSTER (Charles H., Freeman, David, Timothy, John, John, John), b. Farmingdale, Me., June 14, 1860; m., 1885, Myrtle Ida Dill. She d.; m., 2d, 1892, Mrs. Eliza (Newells) Boynton. He is a lumberman. Res., Gardiner, Me.

7684. i. CHARLES TREAT, b. Dec. 30, 1889; d. Nov. 5, 1891.

7417. HORACE BRAGG FOSTER (John, Ethan, John, Card, John, Joseph, John), b. July 1, 1850; m. Mary Cope, dau. of Caleb and Hannah (Sharpless) Cope, of Hatboro, Pa., March 26, 1872. Children all born in Warwick, Kent County, R. I.

7685. i. CHARLES KENYON, b. March 26, 1877.
7686. ii. ELIZABETH, b. Dec. 9, 1888.
7687. iii. ANNA, b. April 1, 1890.
7688. iv. EDWARD HORACE, b. Nov. 12, 1892.
7689. v. HENRY COPE, b. Feb. 11, 1895. Three others who died young.

7418. EDWARD HERBERT FOSTER (John, Ethan, John, Card, John, Joseph, John), b. Nov. 6, 1822; m., Bristol, Pa., Oct. 4, 1877, Emma Walmsley, dau. of Morton and Eliza (Moon) Walmsley. Edward H. Foster is a merchant living in Bristol, Pa.

7690. i. ELIZA, b. June 14, 1879, in Camden, N. J.

7420. JOHN WILBUR FOSTER (Thomas, Ethan, John, Card, John, Joseph, John), b. April 1, 1830; m., Westerly, R. I., Sept. 2, 1863, Betsey M. Adams, dau. of Samuel and Calista Adams, of Cavendish. She d. at Hopkinton, R. I., Sept. 27, 1865. He m. 2d, North Berwick, Me., March 5, 1868, Lydia (Varney) Buffum, widow of Edward Buffum, and dau. of Cyrus and Mary Varney, of Kennebunk, Me. She d. at Westerly, R. I., May, 1899; no ch. He m., 3d, Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 29, 1890, Myra Wickersham; no ch.

7692. i. ELLEN PHEBE, b. June 20, 1865; d. at Westerly, R. I., Aug. 7, 1885; unm.
FOSTER GENEALOGY.

7426. AMOS WILBUR FOSTER (Thomas, Ethan, John, Card, John, Joseph, John), b. Feb. 14, 1822; m., Oct. 9, 1869, Popular Ridge, Cayuga County, N. Y., Maria Simkin, dau. of Edward and Julia (Coles) Simkin. He d. in New York City, June 14, 1873.

7427. i. HERBERT THOMAS, b. Aug. 15, 1871, in Westerly, R. I.

7428. ii. JULIA MARIA, b. Aug. 15, 1871; d. March 9, 1872, in Westerly.

7429. JOHN BARCLAY FOSTER (Ethan, Ethan, John, Card, John, Joseph, John), b. Sept. 27, 1841; m., Sept. 16, 1868, in Westerly, R. I., Elizabeth Foster Perry, dau. of Charles and Temperance (Foster) Perry. Children all born in Westerly, R. I. He is a bank cashier.


7431. i. WILLIAM WILBUR, b. Oct. 3, 1869.

7432. ii. JOHN BARCLAY, b. Feb. 27, 1871; d. April 5, 1871.

7433. iii. MARY ELIZABETH, b. Aug. 6, 1872.

7434. iv. ALICE PHEBE, b. June 8, 1874; m., Westerly, R. I., June 25, 1896, Samuel S. Pennock, son of Abram and Anna (Cadwallader) Pennock, of Lansdowne, Pa. Their son: 1. Charles Foster, b. April 9, 1897.

7435. v. HELEN GERTRUDE, b. April 28, 1876.

7436. vi. CHARLES PERRY, b. Aug. 31, 1877; d. March 27, 1883.

7437. vii. ANNA PERRY, b. June 28, 1883; d. Feb. 4, 1885.

7438. viii. EVA LUCY, b. April 25, 1886.

7439. EDWIN BRAGG FOSTER (Ethan, Ethan, John, Card, John, Joseph, John), b. May 25, 1854; m., Feb. 24, 1886, Lucy M. Wilbur, daughter of Amos and Catherine (Smith) Wilbur.


7441. ii. KATHERINE WILBUR, b. April 3, 1894, at South Lake Weir, Fla.

7442. GEORGE JEREMIAH FOSTER (Jeremiah, Othniel, John, Card, John, Joseph, John), b. Jan. 2, 1840; m., June 16, 1870, dau. of Perry M. and Julia (Brown) Browning, of Chatham, N. Y. Children all born in Bloomington, Ill. He is a nurseryman at Bloomington, Ill.

7443. i. FREDERICK BROWNING, b. April 26, 1871; d. Sept. 7, 1872.

7444. ii. ALMA BROWNING, b. July 12, 1873.

7445. iii. GEORGE KENYON, b. Nov. 26, 1875.

7446. iv. BERNICE LOUISE, b. June 20, 1875.


7448. vi. JOHN BROWNING, b. April 11, 1892.

7449. WILLIAM HAMMOND FOSTER (John B., Othniel, John, Card, John, Joseph, John), b. at Flushing, L. I., Oct. 15, 1854; m., 1880, Caroline Hobby, dau. of Horace and ——— Hobby, of Pleasantville, N. Y. Children all born near Pleasantville, N. Y. He is a farmer living near Pleasantville, N. Y.

7450. i. JOHN BROWNING, b. Dec. 10, 1880.


7452. iii. WILLIAM HAMMOND, b. March 30, 1887.

7453. iv. ARTHUR, b. March 19, 1891.

7454. v. GEORGE HOXSIE, b. April 12, 1894.

7455. vi. RUTH, b. 1896.
7452. OTHNIEL FOSTER (John B., Othniel, John, Card, John, Joseph, John), b. Sept. 12, 1860; m. 1891, at Chappaqua, N. Y., Esther E. Conklin. He d. at Pleasantville, N. Y., Nov. 4, 1896.

7722. i. EDWIN CONKLIN, b. Aug. 12, 1893, near Pleasantville.

7460. CHARLES FOSTER (Stephen H., Othniel, John, Card, John, Joseph, John), b. at Perryville, Washington County, R. I., Jan. 6, 1848; m., Jan. 1, 1874, at Garden Grove, Iowa, Josephine N. Chase.

7723. i. EDWIN S., b. Dec. 12, 1874.

7724. ii. STEPHEN L., b. Aug. 18, 1876.

7725. iii. CHARLES C., b. Sept. 20, 1878.

7726. iv. MARY EUNICE, b. Sept. 9, 1880.

7727. v. NELLIE JOSEPHINE, b. Oct. 28, 1885.

7728. vi. JOHN BENJAMIN, b. July 8, 1888.

7729. vii. WILLIAM ALDEN, b. July 31, 1891.

7730. viii. FANNIE, b. March 24, 1897.

7462. WILLIAM FOSTER (Stephen H., Othniel, John, Card, John, Joseph, John), b. at Warwick, Kent County, R. I., Aug. 3, 1851; m. March 10, 1878, at Macon, Bureau County, Ill., Martha Jane Hartley. He is a farmer living near Battle Creek, Iowa.

7731. i. GEORGE HARTLEY, b. June 6, 1879.

7732. ii. ALBERT LEWIS, b. Feb. 14, 1881.


7734. iv. FRANK WILLIAM, b. March 23, 1884.

7735. v. CHARLES HARVEY, b. June 2, 1888.

7736. vi. SARAH ETHEL, b. Nov. 20, 1893.

7463. GEORGE SHEFFIELD FOSTER (Stephen H., Othniel, John, Card, John, Joseph, John), b. at Dundee, Kane County, Ill., Jan. 27, 1857; m., Buda, Ill., Oct. 12, 1862, Harriet B. Andrews. He is a banker and inventor living at Buda, Ill. He was educated at the public schools of Bureau County; attended school in Chicago and the Davenport (Iowa) Business College. He was for some time in the lumber business and later owned a drug store. He is quite well-to-do.

7737. i. CHARLES C., b. at Denver, Col., Nov. 16, 1885; d. Aug. 10, 1886.

7738. ii. EDITH E., b. at Julesburg, Col., Nov. 21, 1887.

7739. iii. GEORGE S., b. at Julesburg, Col., Oct. 2, 1890.


7741. v. HOLLIS A., b. at Buda, Ill., May 18, 1897.

7464. STEPHEN HOXSIE FOSTER (Stephen H., Othniel, John, Card, John, Joseph, John), b. at Buda, Bureau County, Ill., Sept. 8, 1864; m., at Buda, Ill., Feb. 27, 1890, Fannie Krimmel. He is a farmer living on the homestead near Buda, Ill.

7742. i. ETHEL M., b. Dec. 26, 1890.

7743. ii. SARAH H., b. March 15, 1893.

7476. CLARENCE FRANKLIN FOSTER (Dan P., Job, James, Benjamin, Ebenezer, John), b. Shelburne Falls, Mass., Dec. 25, 1842; m., Nov. 23, 1874, Emma Lucinda Foster, b. Oct. 20, 1848. After the common and high schools in town, he entered as an apprentice in jewelry and watch-making with William Sherwin, Shelburne Falls and later with Gen. Benjamin Cook, of Northampton, Mass. After this established himself in business in Greenfield, Mass., where he has resided for many years. He has a high reputation as a repairer of fine watches and as an engraver, in all his section of the State. Res., Greenfield, Mass.

7744. i. ETHEL LOUISE, b. Jan. 1, 1876; d. April 12, 1877.

7747. PERCY RINGGOLD FOSTER (Dan P., Job, James, Joseph, Benjamin, Ebenezer, John), b. Shelburne Falls, Mass., July 25, 1846; m., Jan. 16, 1881, Elizabeth Lucinda McDonald, b. Dec. 15, 1855; d. March 9, 1886. He attended the common schools and academy of his native town; afterward fitted himself for entrance into the Naval Academy at Annapolis; was appointed among twenty competitors and ranked among the first in his class. Just before his time for graduation he met with a severe accident which compelled him to leave school. He recovered in a year or two and finally went to Brooklyn, N. Y., where he became head draughtsman and designer in a large hydraulic pump company. He was the inventor of an ingenious valve for deep water pumps which is still in use under royalty from his
patents by one of the largest hydraulic works in the country. He d. s. p. Aug. 27, 1893. Res., Brooklyn, N. Y.

7479. WENDALL FREMONT FOSTER (Dan P., Job, James, Joseph, Benjamin, Ebenezer, John), b. Shelburne Falls, Mass., Sept. 25, 1854; m., March 7, 1878, Ellen Lydia Wellington, b. March 14, 1856. After the family removed in 1865 from Shelburne Falls to Waltham, and finishing his schooling in the latter place, he entered as an apprentice in the prominent jewelry establishment of Mr. Whitford, of Waltham; after this became an inspector of watches in the Waltham watch factory. Next he established himself in the jewelry and watch-making business, Ayer Junction, and next in the city of Holyoke, Mass. After several years of prominent business in this city, he removed to Greenfield and went into co-partnership with his brother Clarence. The firm is very strong in all that this peculiar and delicate business calls for, and to the broad, general information of the elder brother the younger brings great skill in difficult watch repairing; and adjustment, optical experience, and fine diamond setting. Res., Greenfield, Mass.

7745. i. PHILLIP WELLINGTON, b. March 31, 1891.

7480. LOUIS VIVIAN FOSTER (Dan P., Job, James, Joseph, Benjamin Ebenezer, John), b. Shelburne Falls, Mass., Aug. 11, 1857; m., July 3, 1883, Elizabeth Davis; m., 2d, Sept. 26, 1889, Harriet Ann Lee. After the common school in Shelburne Falls, he attended the well-known school of Rev. Benjamin Worcester (Swedenborgan), of Waltham. He next served apprenticeship in the city engineer's office in Waltham under Engineer Charles Park; next worked on fine discs for the Waltham watch factory. He has been in business for himself and is at present (1898) the head draughtsman in the Boston office of the Metropolitan Park commission. He early joined the militia company in Waltham and for many years was their chief drummer. He is now orderly sergeant of the signal corps of the Second brigade Massachusetts volunteers, and has already served as signal officer along our coast defense, in the present war with Spain. He is also a telegrapher and hydrographer. Res., Boston, Mass.

7746. i. LUCIA DAN, b. April 15, 1891.

7533. REGINALD LOVE FOSTER (William H., William H., John, John, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, John), b. Hong Kong, China, Nov. 25, 1869; m., in New York, Feb. 3, 1897, Kitty Quinan Hayden, dau. of Brace Hayden, Esq., of New York, and Kate Quinan, granddaughter of Albert Hayden and Sevilla Brace; great-granddaughter of Hezekiah Hayden and Hannah Hayden, his cousin, and a direct descendant of William Hayden, founder of Haydens and Windsor, Conn., the first Hayden in America. Reginald Foster was born in Hong Kong, China, and was, as far as is known, the first boy born in China of American parentage. While yet an infant the family removed with him to San Francisco, where he prepared for college at Lincoln public school. In 1882, his father having died when he was but five years of age, the family again removed to New York City, where he completed his preparation for college at Trinity Chapel school, and with a tutor, entering Yale University in September, 1887, with the class of 1891. Upon graduation he entered journalism and has been actively engaged in newspaper work in New York City, since upon the metropolitan dailies. He is a member of the famous Seventh regiment, New York National Guard, Company G, and of the following organizations: Sons of the Revolution, Society of Colonial Wars, Military Society of the War of 1812, Military Club, the Strollers Club, the Richmond Hill Golf Club, the Wednesday Corollians, and the Independent Order of Foresters. Res., New York City, N. Y.


7747. i. PLICKENCE, b. March 28, 1876.


7749. iii. LOWELL J. G., b. Nov. 5, 1883.

JOSEPH, M.
MARION, GEORGE
ESTHER, INA
NETTIE, JEREMIAH
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7750. i. JOSEPH SIDNEY, b. Jan. 18, 1888.
7751. ii. GEORGE AUGUSTUS, b. Sept. 26, 1889.
7752. iii. ANNIE TOLMAN, b. June 22, 1891.


7753. i. INA MAY, b. Oct. 20, 1888.


7754. i. JEREMIAH OBER, b. April 1, 1895.
7755. ii. EVELYN FRANCES (twin), b. Aug. 20, 1892.
7756. iii. MYRTLE FLAVILLE (twin), Aug. 20, 1892.

7757. iv. EUGENE AUGUSTUS, b. July 6, 1897.

7758. v. ESTHER GOODWIN, b. July 25, 1890.


7759. i. MARION WOODBURY, b. March 28, 1897.


7760. i. NETTIE LOUISE, b. Feb. 12, 1897.
7761. ii. FRANCES ALLEN, b. May 3, 1895.


7762. i. ANNA PRINCE, b. Oct. 22, 1882.


7763. i. ELIZABETH ROUNDY, b. April 13, 1887.


THE LONG ISLAND FOSTER FAMILY.

7764. CHRISTOPHER FOSTER, b. England, in 1603; m., there, Frances —, b. 1607. He came from England in the "Abigail," in 1635, ae. thirty-two, with his wife, Frances, ae. twenty-five, and children. He was a farmer in 1637, and removed to Long Island, where he was living in 1670.

Christopher Foster, styled a farmer on his shipping, embarked in London, June 17, 1635, in the Abigail. He was thirty-two years of age, with wife Frances, twenty-five, and children, Rebecca, five, Nathaniel, two, and John, one. He was made a Freeman at Boston, April 17, 1637. In the same year, he was a resident of Lynn, where, in 1638 (according to Lewis Hist. of Lynn), sixty acres of land were allotted to him. He came to Southampton in 1651. His son, Nathaniel, removed to Huntington, L. I., and there resided.

June, 1635. In the Abigail pr'ed Ser. Certificate, from the minister of their conformities and from the justices that they are no subsidy men. Christopher foster, ae. thirty-two; frances foster, ae. twenty-five; children, Rebecca foster, ae. five; Nathaniel foster, ae. two; Jo. foster, ae. one.

He d. 1687. Res. Lynn, Mass., and Southampton, L. I.

7765. ii. REBECCA, b. 1630.

7766. iii. NATHANIEL, b. 1633; m. —— ——.

7767. iv. JOHN, b. 1634; m. —— ——.

7768. i. GEORGE, b. ——; prob. eldest; m. —— ——.

7769. v. BENJAMIN, b. ——; m. Lydia ——.


7771. vii. JOSEPH, b. 1638; m. —— ——.


7773. i. NATHANIEL, b. ——. 7774. ii. SAMUEL, b. ——.

7775. JOHN FOSTER (Christopher), b. England, 1634; m. —— ——. He d. Res., Southampton, L. I.

7776. vi. PATIENCE, b. March 7, 1613; w. of Abraham Howell.

7777. ii. SARAH, b. Jan. 29, 1664.

7778. iii. HANNAH, b. Jan. 2, 1667.

7779. iv. JEREMIAH, b. March 2, 1671; m. —— ——.

7780. v. RACHEL, b. Feb. 2, 1675.

7781. vi. JONATHAN, b. April 2, 1677.

7782. vii. WILLIAM, b. April 2, 1681.

7783. viii. JOHN, b. Feb. 8, 1662; m. Hannah Abbott.

7784. ii. SARAH, b. Jan. 29, 1664.

7785. vi. PATIENCE, b. March 7, 1613; w. of Abraham Howell.

7786. vi. RACHEL, b. Feb. 2, 1675.

7787. vii. JONATHAN, b. April 2, 1677.

7788. viii. DAVID, b. March 15, 1679; m. Ann ——.

7789. ix. ABIGAIL, b. February, 1685.
GEORGE FOSTER (Christopher), b. England; m. ———. Christopher was the father of George, who came to America the year before his parents. Dr. Samuel Fuller, of Plymouth, in his will, April, 1637, says George was entrusted to him by his parents. Res., Plymouth and Lynn, Mass.

i. GEORGE, b. about 1675; m. Hannah —— and Mary ——.

COAT OF ARMS OF NEW JERSEY BRANCH OF FOSTERS.

BENJAMIN FOSTER (Christopher), b. Southampton, L. I.; m. Lydia ———. The will of Benjamin, made Jan. 26, 1704-5, mentions that the last three above named daughters were not then eighteen years of age, and the name of the last is somewhat uncertain; it looks like Lorial, but as the name is unusual the characters may be intended for Sarah. He d. Jan. 28, 1704. Res., Southampton, L. I.
FOSTER GENEALOGY.

7787. i. BENJAMIN, b. — ; m. Martha Post.
7788. ii. JONATHAN, b. — .
7789. iii. ISAAC, b.—.
7790. iv. DAVID, b. of Cohanzy, N. J., in 1704.
7791. v. MARY, b. July 29, 1669; w. of ——Chatfield.
7792. vi. DEBORAH, b. ——.
7793. vii. SUSANNA, b. ——.
7794. viii. SARAH (or Loriah), b. ——.

7791. JOSEPH FOSTER (Christopher), b. Southampton, L. I., 1638; m. ——.

7795. i. JOSEPH, b. 1665; m. ——.
7796. ii. CHRISTOPHER, b. 1668; m. Hannah Pierson and Mrs. Abigail (Lupton) Topping.
7797. iii. DANIEL, b. 1676; m. Lydia Wood.
7798. iv. NATHAN, b. ——.
7799. v. JEREMIAH, b. ——.
7800. vi. PETER, b. ——.
7801. vii. DAMARIUS, b. ——; m., Dec. 9, 1714, Jeremiah Culver. His ancestor was Edward Culver, of Dedham, Mass., and Southamp-
ton, L. I.
7802. viii. PENELOPE, b. ——.


7803. i. JOHN, b. 1695; m. Sibyl Howell and Elizabeth ——.
7804. ii. HACHALIAH, b. 1700; m. Mary ——.
7805. iii. THOMAS, b. abt. 1691; m. Hannah Hildreth.
7806. iv. ABRAHAM, b. 1702; m. Elizabeth Moore.

7778. JEREMIAH FOSTER (John, Christopher), b. Southampton, L. I., March 2, 1671; m. ——. He d. 1757. Res., Southampton, L. I.

7807. i. STEPHEN, b. ——; m. Sarah ——.
7808. ii. NATHAN, b. ——.
7809. iii. SARAH, b. ——.
7810. iv. JERUSA, b. ——; w. of —— Pierson.
7811. v. ABIGAIL, b. ——.
7812. vi. MEHTABLE, b. ——. 7813. vii. EUNICE, b. ——.

7782. DAVID FOSTER (John, Christopher), b. Southampton, L. I., March 15, 1679; m. there, Ann ——. Res., Middletown, Conn.

7814. i. DAVID, b. Oct. 4, 1706; m. Elizabeth Markham.
7815. ii. JOHN, b. Nov. 14, 1707.
7816. iii. ABIGAIL, b. May 30, 1709; d. Nov. 7, 1709.
7818. v. RACHEL, b. April 16, 1713.
7819. vi. HACKALIAH b. Aug. 6, 1715; m. Hannah Markham.
7821. viii. SARAH, b. Aug. 27, 1719.
7822. ix. PHEBE, b. Dec. 20, 1721.

7786. GEORGE FOSTER (George, Christopher), b. Lynn, Mass., abt. 1675; m. Hannah ——; m., 2d, Mary ——. Res., Newport, East Greenwich, R. I.

7823. i. HANNAH, b. Nov. 29, 1700; d. March 30, 1701.
7824. ii. THOMAS, b. March 10, 1710; m. Martha Hazelton.
7825. iii. JOSIAH, b. ——; m., March 22, 1747, Deborah Spencer, dau. of Thomas. Res., East Greenwich, R. I.
7827. v. ELIZABETH, b. ——; m., June 12, 1737, John Greene.
7828. vi. MERCY, b. ——; m., March 1, 1740, Benjamin Gorton.

7787. BENJAMIN FOSTER (Benjamin, Christopher), b. Southampton, L. I.; m., April 28, 1691, Martha Post, dau. of Richard. She d. June 16, 1741. Res.,
Southampton, L. I.

7829. i. MARTHA, b. May 8, 1692; w. of —— Cook.
FOSTER GENEALOGY.

7830. ii. BERTHA, b. July 13, 1694; w. of —— Burnett.

7831. iii. SARAH, b. Feb. 1697; w. of —— Johns.


7833. v. BENJAMIN, b. Oct. 24, 1701; m. ——.

7834 vi. WILLIAM, b. Dec. 30, 1704; m. Irene Halsey.

7835 vii. STEPHEN, b. Jan. 27, 1708; m. ——.

7795. JOSEPH FOSTER, (Joseph, Christopher), b. Southampton, L. I., 1665; m. there, ——. He d. in 1704. Res., Southampton, L. I.

7836. i. JOSIAH, b. abt. 1698; m. ——.

7837. ii. CHRISTOPHER, b. abt. 1700; m. ——.

7838. iii. DEBORAH, b. Sept. 17, 1701.

7839. iv. JOSEPH, b. July 27, 1704; m. ——.

7796. CHRISTOPHER FOSTER (Joseph, Christopher), b. Southampton, L. I., 1668; m., Nov. 26, 1691, Hannah Pierson, dau. of Samuel, of East Hampton; d. Feb. 7, 1607; m., 2d, Aug. 19, 1697, Mrs. Abigail (Lupton) Topping, dau. of Christopher. He d. 1748. Res., Southampton, L. I.

CHRISTOPHER FOSTER 1713

7840. i. ABIGAIL, b. Oct. 27, 1692; m. David Haines.

7841. ii. HANNAH, b. Oct. 28, 1694; m. Samuel Jones.


7842. i. JONAS, b. June 25, 1711; m. ——.

7843. ii. LYDIA, b. April 30, 1713.

7844. iii. MEHITABLE, b. Jan. 24, 1715; w. of —— Campfield.

7845. iv. ABIGAIL, b. Oct. 8, 1719.

7846. v. DANIEL, b. March 22, 1722; m. ——.

7847. vi. PHEBE, b. Sept. 27, 1724; m., 1761, Rev. Abner Reeve. Abner Reeve, son of Thomas and Bethia Horton Reeve, was born in Southold, L. I., Feb. 12, 1707-8. He returned to Southold after graduation, and while studying for the ministry with his pastor, the Rev. Benjamin Woolsey (Yale College, 1709), was married there Oct. 16, 1732. In 1735 he was licensed to preach, and took charge (without ordination) of the Presbyterian church, in the village of Nissequay, in Smithtown, Suffolk County, L. I. Here his wife, Mary, died May 6, 1741, at the age of thirty-three, and in December, 1743, he was married to Deborah Topping, or Tapping, of Brookhaven. While living at Fire Place, in Brookhaven, in 1744, their son, Tapping Reeve, a distinguished practitioner and teacher of law was born. Mr. Reeve continued to preach more or less regularly in Smithtown and the adjoining towns of Brookhaven and Huntington until about 1748, when he returned to Southold, having been obliged to withdraw from the ministry on account of intemperance. By the influence of the Rev. William Throop (Yale College, 1743), then pastor at Southold he was restored to sober life and began in 1754 to preach again at Moriches, in Brookhaven, on the south side of the island. The Suffolk Presbytery formally approved his new departure in October, 1754, and ordained and installed him over a newly gathered church in that place, on the 6th of November, 1755. His second wife dying in 1759, he was married in 1761, to Phebe Foster, of Southampton. In October, 1761, some of his congregation complained of him to the Presbytery for drunkenness, which he confessed; in consequence of dissatisfaction from this cause he was dismissed in 1763. He then removed, with a com-
pany of emigrants from that neighborhood, to Blooming Grove, in Orange County, N. Y., where he went about 1767-8, to Brattleboro, Vt., where he was settled as pastor of the First Congregational church, until 1794. These latter years of his life, were, it is said, free from the indulgence which had blighted his earlier career. — He died in Brattleboro, May 9, 1798, in his ninety-first year. His third wife died May 26, 1790, at the age of sixty-six. His son, Ezra (by his first wife), was graduated at college in 1757, and his son, Tapping, at the college of New Jersey, in 1763.

7848. vii. CHRISTOPHER, b. Feb. 23, 1727; m. Phebe Hildreth.

7849. viii. OBADIAH, b. ——.

7803. JOHN FOSTER (John, John, Christopher), b. Southampton, L. I., 1695; m. Sibyl Howell, dau. of Major John. She was b. 1701; d. February, 1733; m. 2d, Elizabeth ——. He d. 1762. Res., Southampton, L. I.

7850. i. JOHN, b. ——; m. Mary White, dau. of Ephraim.

7851. ii. JAMES, b. ——. 7852. iii. CLEO, b. ——.

7853. iv. KETURAH, b. ——; w. of —— Casson.

7854. v. JOSIAH, b. Jan. 22, 1737; m. Esther Post.

7855. vi. SAMUEL, b. ——.


7805. THOMAS FOSTER (John, John, Christopher), b. Southampton, L. I., abt. 1691; m. Hannah Hildreth, dau. of Ephraim, a farmer of Southampton. He d. ab. 1756. Res., Southampton, L. I.

7856. i. TIMOTHY, b. ——; m. Bethiah Howell.

7857. ii. THOMAS, b. ——. He was drowned while fishing from his skiff in Sag Harbor, abt. 1769.

7858. iii. PHINEAS, b. 1738; d. unm., 1761. I found this Hartford Pw. Record, vol. xvii, p. 124: "Aug. 9, 1756; Phineas Foster, minor, about eighteen years of age, son of Thomas Foster, late of Southampton, on Long Island, deceased, now before the court, made choice of his uncle, Abraham Foster, to be his guardian, and the said Abraham Foster appeared, etc. Bond, £300. Vol. xviii, p. 125. June 2, 1761. The court grants letters of administration on the estate of Phineas Foster, late of Hartford, deceased, unto Johnathan Seymour, of Hartford, and Abraham Foster, of Windsor, who gave bond with John Wells, of Wethersfield, of £200."

"Phineas died of smallpox while on a visit to relatives in Connecticut."—Family record.

7806. SERGT. ABRAHAM FOSTER (John, John, Christopher), b. 1702; m., in East Windsor, Conn., Nov. 30, 1727, Elizabeth Moore, dau. of John and Abigail (Strong), b. May 4, 1702; d. Sept. 13, 1800. His wife was the daughter of John Moore and Abigail Strong. He was the grandson of Deacon John Moore, the original settler who came in the Mary and John to this country in 1630. Came from Dorchester, Mass., to Winchester in 1635. She, Abigail Strong, was the granddaughter of Elder John Strong, born in 1605; died 1669; and also of Rev. John Warham, the minister who brought the colony in the Mary and John, in 1630, first to Dorchester, then in 1635 to Windsor, Conn. He d., Wapping, Conn., April 2, 1784. Res., East Windsor, Conn.

7859. v. THOMAS, b. July 25, 1737; m. Martha Elmer.

7860. i. ABEL, b. Oct. 11, 1728; m. ——. ——.

7861. ii. HANNAH, b. Oct. 4, 1730.

7862. iii. PELETIAH, b. Nov. 30, 1732; m. Phebe Pomeroy.

7863. iv. SYBIL, b. May 19, 1735.

7864. vi. HAKALIAH, b. July 4, 1740; m. Lois Swetland.

7865. vii. JOHN, b. Sept. 19, 1742.


7807. STEPHEN FOSTER (Jeremiah, John, Christopher), b. Southampton, L. I.; m. ——, Sarah ——. He d. 1781. Res., Southampton, L. I.
genealogy.

7867. i. JEREMIAH, b. ——. 7869. iii. TEMPERANCE, b. ——.
7868. ii. STEPHEN, b. ——. 7870. iv. HANNAH, b. ——.
7871. v. SARAH, b. ——. 7872. vi. JERUSA, b. ——.
7873. vii. PHEBE, b. ——. Phebe Foster, of Quoque, L. I., was married, in 1773, to John Culver, who had children, of whom Abraham Culver, of Southampton, L. I., was one. Their granddaughter is Mary F. Culver, of 11 Clark St., Utica, N. Y.
7874. viii. RUTH, b. ——.
7875. DAVID FOSTER (David, John, Christopher), b. Middletown, Conn., Oct. 4, 1706; m., Nov. 2, 1727, Elizabeth Markham. Res., Middletown, Conn.
7876. i. ELIZABETH, b. July 31, 1728.
7878. iii. JONATHAN, b. July 15, 1732.
7879. iv. ABIGAIL, b. Sept. 4, 1734.
7880. v. FENNER, b. Sept. 9, 1736.
7882. vii. JAMES, b. July 3, 1743.
7885. i. HANNAH, b. Oct. 15, 1735.
7887. THOMAS FOSTER (George, George, Christopher), b. East Greenwich, R. I., March 10, 1710; m., March 3, 1732, in Warwick, R. I., Martha Hazelton, dau. of Charles, of East Greenwich. Res., Warwick, R. I.
7889. ii. THOMAS, b. Nov. 3, 1735.
7891. i. EPHRAIM, b. ——; m. —— ——.
7892. ii. STEPHEN, b. ——.
7893. STEPHEN FOSTER (Benjamin, Benjamin, Christopher), b. Jan. 27, 1708, Southampton, L. I.; m. —— ——. Res., Southampton, L. I.
7894. i. STEPHEN, b. 1738; m. Jerusha Cooper.
7895. JOSIAH FOSTER (Joseph, Joseph, Christopher), b. Long Island, abt. 1698; m. —— ——. Res., Southampton, L. I.
7896. i. JOSIAH, b. ——; m. Anna ——.
7897. ii. JONAH, b. Feb. 7, 1721; m. Abigail Jackson.
7898. iii. JOSEPH, b. ——; m. Zibiah ——.
7899. iv. TIMOTHY, b. ——; m. Sarah Smith and Mrs. —— (Cornwall) Ketchem.
7900. CHRISTOPHER FOSTER (Joseph, Joseph, Christopher), b. abt. 1700, in Southampton, L. I.; m. —— ——. Res., Southold, L. I.
7901. i. CHRISTOPHER, b. abt. 1723; m. Hannah ——.
7903. i. ABIGAIL, b. 1726; m. —— Culver.
7904. ii. DAMARIS, b. 1730.

CHRISTOPHER, b. —. 7909. v. MARY, b. —.

7898. iv. JONAS FOSTER (Daniel, Joseph, Christopher), b. Southampton, L. I., June 25, 1711; m. —. Res., Southampton, L. I.

7900. i. JEDEDIAH, b. —; m. Elizabeth Howell.

7901. ii. ABRAHAM, b. —. 7902. iii. DANIEL, b. —.

7903. iv. WAKEMAN, b. —; m. Martha Sawyer and Phebe Cloves.

7846. DANIEL FOSTER (Daniel, Joseph, Christopher), b. March 22, 1722; m. —. Res., Southampton, L. I.

7904. i. RUFUS, b. —; m. Ruth Halsey.


7905. i. PAUL, b. 1768; m. Hannah ——.

7906. ii. OBADIAH, b. ——.

7907. iii. JABEZ, b. ——.

7908. iv. JULIUS, b. ——.

7909. v. LUTHER, b. Sept. 1, 1770; m. Ruth Hedges.

7854. JOSIAH FOSTER (John, John, John, Christopher), b. Southampton, L. I., Jan. 22, 1737; m., 1768, Esther Post, b. March 3, 1743. Josiah was one of a few families who removed to Quogue and made a settlement there, the land having been purchased at a later date than the eastern part of the town, and colonized by the sons of the several proprietors. Res., Southampton, and Quogue, L. I.

7910. i. JOSIAH, b. Aug. 10, 1769; d. young.

7911. ii. JUSTUS, b. Nov. 3, 1770; m. ——.

7912. iii. JOSIAH, b. Sept. 2, 1772; m. Abigail Jessup.

7913. iv. JAMES, b. Aug. 28, 1774; m. Phebe Cook.

7914. v. CEPHAS, b. Nov. 7, 1776; m. Abigail Rogers.

7915. vi. ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 22, 1778.

7916. vii. JOHN, b. March 16, 1781; d. s. p.

7917. viii. MOLLY, b. July 13, 1783.

7918. ix. MARY, b. Sept. 24, 1784.

7919. x. ISAAC, b. March 28, 1788; m. ——.

7856. TIMOTHY FOSTER (Thomas, John, John, Christopher), b. Southampton, L. I., ——; m. Bethia Howell, dau. of Jonathan, a farmer of Southampton. Luke, Gabriel and Zebulon, of Timothy's children, emigrated in the fall of 1788 to Springfield Township, Hamilton County, O. In 1813, Gabriel and Zebulon moved to Indiana, about twenty-five miles above the falls of the Ohio. In 1830 Zebulon moved to Fulton County, Illinois.

Res., Southampton, L. I.

7920. i. ASA, b. ——; m. Sarah Trowbridge.

7921. ii. LUKE, b. ——; m. Esther Hubbell and Phebe Rugg.

7922. iii. GABRIEL, b. ——; m. ——.

7923. iv. ZEBULON, b. ——; m. Wingate.
HANNAH, BETSEY, MARY, WILLIAM, DAVID, CHAUNCEY, SALLY, JAMES, HANNAH, PRUDENCE, LOUISA, ELI, ABNER, Res., MAR, WILLIAM, WARHAM, 7926.

Served, He from Windsor, and was wealthy Southamton, i816.


WILLIAM, b. Oct. 27, 1781; m. Eunice Dart.

MARY, b. Feb. 13, 1763.

ANNE, b. Feb. 13, 1763.

OLIVER, b. Feb. 14, 1765.

ABNER, b. Feb. 16, 1767.

BETSEY, b. Feb. 16, 1769.

THOMAS, b. June 30, 1774.

MARTHA, b. Aug. 20, 1776.


PRUDENCE, b. Sept. 14, 1764.

ABEL FOSTER (Abraham, John, John, Christopher), b. East Windsor, Conn., Oct. 11, 1728; m. — —. He was in the Revolutionary war, enlisting from Ellington. Res., East Windsor and Ellington, Conn.

WARHAM, b. Oct. 8, 1757; m. Lucretia Hill.

CHAUNCEY, b. Jan. 15, 1759; m. Charlotte Hill.

KITTY, b. June 17, 1761.

ABRAHAM, b. Feb. 16, 1765.

MAR, b. Oct. 22, 1766.


ELI, b. Sept. 1, 1767; m. Catherine — —.

PHINEHAS, b. May 13, 1763; m. Hannah Kilbourn.

CHLOE, b. 1774; d. Sept. 14, 1781.

LOUISA, b. 1778; d. Sept. 16, 1781.

SERGT. HACKALIAH FOSTER (Abraham, John, John, Christopher), b. East Windsor, July 4, 1740; m., Oct. 29, 1766, Lois Swetland. Lois Swetland Foster, widow of Hackalialh m., 2d, Ebenezer Bryant, son of Ebenezer and Mehitable (Dammon) Bryant. They had four children: Clara, Lois, Chauncy and Wealthy Bryant. Deacon Ebenezer Bryant died in 1839, and Lois Swetland Bryant died in 1829; both buried in Manchester, Conn. Foster served in the Revolutionary war; was sergeant and moved to Saratoga County, New York. He was in Shep- erd's Regiment. He was pensioned in 1793 and drew pay in 1793 and increased in 1810. He enlisted in the Revolutionary war and when heard from at one time was confined on board a prison ship. He d. Sept. 4, 1820. Res., Windsor, Conn., and Saratoga County, New York.

ROSSELL, b. May 28, 1768.

JAMES, b. Aug. 3, 1771; m. Eunice Phelps.

EPHRAIM FOSTER (William, Benjamin, Benjamin, Christopher), b. Southampton, L. I.; m. — — —. Res., Southampton, L. I.

WILLIAM, b. 1759; m. Hannah — —.

DAVID, b. — —; m. — — —.

*History of Ancient Windsor, Conn., says this Thomas married Jan. 12, 1762, Phoebe Pomeroy.
7859. STEHPEN FOSTER (Stephen, John, Abigail, Benjamin, Benjamin, Christopher), b. Southampton, L. I., 1738; m. Jerusha Cooper, dau. of David, of Bridge Hampton. He d. 1827. Res., Southampton, L. I.

7860. i. MATHEW, b. 1767; m Hannah —.-.

7890. JOSIAH FOSTER (Josiah, Joseph, Joseph, Christopher), b. Long Island, N. Y., ——; m. Anna ——. He d. ——. Res., Ridgefield, Conn., and Malta, N. Y.

7891. CAPT. JONAH FOSTER (Josiah, Joseph, Joseph, Christopher), b. Long Island, Feb. 7, 1721; m., Ridgefield, Conn., Oct. 15, 1745, Abigail Jackson, of Ridgefield, b. Feb. 10, 1724; d. Oct. 31, 1792. He was born on the old place, in Ridgefield, Conn., and always resided there. During the Revolutionary war he was in Captain Hart's Company, in 1776; and in July, 1779, in Colonel Beardsley's Regiment, to repel Tryon's invasion. From that time on he was one of the recruiting officers for the State of Connecticut.

June 16, 1743, Timothy Coolor, of Ridgefield, Conn., for £300 old tenor, sold to Jonah and Timothy Foster, land in New Patent, seventy-seven acres. April 21, 1746, they purchased seven acres more in the New Patent of D. Olmstead and others. This land and other purchases they subsequently divided.

From the Colonial records of Connecticut is gleaned the following important item: "May, 1761: Upon the memorial of Timothy Benedict, Samuel Gates, Jonah Foster and others, living in that part of the town of Ridgefield, commonly called the New Patent, shewing to this Assembly that the memorialists live in the North part of said town, and very remote from the place of public worship to which they belong; therefore praying to be made a distinct ecclesiastical Society, with the following limits, &c.: To begin at the S. W. corner at a place called the Two mile monument upon the Colony line, a little south of the horse pond; from thence a straight line to the mill pond, near Isaac Keler's dwelling house; and from thence, a straight line to a chestnut-oak tree the outlet of Bennett's pond, one of the perambulation between Danbury and Ridgefield; from thence a straight line as the perambulation line runneth to a heap of stones upon a ledge of rocks near or upon Jacob Wilaman's lot;—South from his dwelling house, and thence a straight line to a large heap of stones in the perambulation line West of Samuel Benedict's house; thence in the perambulating line North to the N. W. corner of Danbury township; thence W., as New Fairfield line runs to the Colony line to first station." It was granted October, 1761.


7862. i. NATHAN, b. May 11, 1747; d. Aug. 27, 1775.

7863. ii. TIMOTHY, b. Jan. 9, 1749; m. Desire Sears.


7866. v. HANNAH, b. ——; d. Aug. 22, 1750.


7869. ix. SAMUEL, b. March 23, 1761.

7870. x. JONAH, b. Jan. 24, 1763.


7872. xii. MOSES, b. Aug. 9, 1771; d. Sept. 15, 1778.

7873. xiii. HANNAH, b. July 2, 1767; d. Aug. 22, 1789.
7892. JOSEPH FOSTER (Josiah, Joseph, Joseph, Christopher), b. —; m. Ridgefield, Conn., Feb. 23, 1745. Abiah or Zibiah —, b. 1718; d. June 3, 1790. He was in the Revolutionary war and from July to December, 1780, in the Third Connecticut Regiment. Res, Ridgefield, Conn.

7893. TIMOTHY FOSTER (Josiah, Joseph, Joseph, Christopher), b. —; m. Ridgefield, Conn., Sept. 25, 1748, Sarah Smith; d. Nov. 24, 1751. She d. He m., 2d, Mrs. — (Cornwall) Ketchum. He d. before 1776. Res., Ridgefield, Conn.

7894. CHRISTOPHER FOSTER (Christopher, Joseph, Joseph, Christopher), b. Southold, L. I., abt. 1723; m. abt. 1745, Hannah —, b. 1723; d. Nov. 4, 1775. He went to East Guilford (Madison) from Southold, L. I., about 1740.

To all people to whom these presents shall come, Greeting: Know ye that I, Stephen Hoit of Guilford, in the county of New Haven & Colony of Connecticut in New England (for & in consideration of the Sum of Forty pounds Received to my full Satisfaction of Christopher Foster of said Guilford) Have Given, Granted, Bargained Sold Conveyed & Conformed unto him the Said Christopher Foster, a piece of land Situated in Guilford at a place called Gallows Hill. Bounded East by Land belonging to the Heirs of John Hand, Late of Guilford, Deceased, north by Highway, west by the said Stephen Hoits Land, South by Land belonging to Mary Everts measuring in width nineteen Rods at the South End & Sixteen Rods & half at the north End, to Have & to Hold Said Granted premises with all privileges to the Same belonging or in any wise appertaining to him the Said Christopher Foster his Heirs & assigns forever to his & there Sole & only use benefit & behoof forever. And I the said Stephen Hoit for my self my Heirs Executors & adms Do Covenant & agree to & with the Said Christopher Foster his Heirs & assigns that at and until the Ensealing and Delivery of these presents I am Sole owner of the above Granted premises and that the same is free from all Incumbrances whatsoever; also I the said Stephen Hoit Do by these presents bind my Self my Heirs Executors & adms to Warrant Serve & Defend the above Granted premises to him the said Christopher Foster his Heirs, Executors & adms against the Lawful claims & Demands of any person or persons whatsoever. In Witness whereof I have heretofore set my hand and Seal this Twenty Seventh Day of February A. D. 1746-7 and Twentieth yeat of his Majesties & etc.

Signed & Delivered In presence of Jamia Hand, Thomas Hodgken.

Stephen Hoit (seal)

Sam'l Hill Reg'tr.

To all people to whom these presents Shall Come, Greeting: Know ye that I, Jedidiah Evertts of Guilford in the County of New Haven, & Colony of Connecticut in New England for the consideration of five pounds Lawful money of this Colony Received to my full satisfaction of Christopher Foster of Guilford aforesd Do Give Grand Bargain Sell & Conform unto the Said Christopher Foster his heirs and assigns forever a certain piece of Land Situated, Lying & being in Guilford aforesd being part of the messuage or tenement where I now dwell containing by Estimation four acres as it there Lyeth butted & bounded west & South on my own Land & north by Ebenezer Fowler's Land & East by said Fosters Land, To Have and to Hold the above granted and bargained premises with the appurtenances thereof unto him, the said Christopher Foster his Heirs & assigns forever to his and their own proper use and Behoof and also the Said Jedediah Everts & for my self my Heirs Executors & administrators Covenant with the said Christopher Foster his Heirs and assigns that at and until the Ensealing of these presents am well Seised of the premises as a good Indefeasible estate in fee simple and have good right to bargain & sell the same in manner and form as is above written and that the same is free from all Incumbrances whatsoever and Furthermore I the said Jedediah do by these presents bind my self and my heirs forever to warrant and defend the above granted and bargained premises to all claims and demands to him the said Christopher Foster his Heirs & assigns) Whatsoever for Witness whereof I have herewith Set my hand and Seal the 8 day of January. In the fifth year of
the Reign of our sovereign Lord George the third of Great Britain & King. Annoque Domini 1755.

Jedediah Everts.

Witnesses, Nathn Meigs, Asenath Meigs.
Res., Madison, Conn.
7983. i. AARON, b. March 16, 1746; m. Sarah ——.
7984. ii. BEULAH, b. ——.
7985. iii. HANNAH, b. Dec. 28, 1752.
7986. iv. CHRISTOPHER, b. Aug. 26, 1755.
7987. v. SAUL (twin), b. June 23, 1755; m. Prudence ——.
7988. vi. JONATHAN (twin), b. June 23, 1755.
7989. vii. THOMAS, b. Nov. 2, 1762.

7990. JEDEDIaH FOSTER (Jonas, Daniel, Joseph, Christopher), b. ——; m. Elizabeth Howell, dau. of Jonah. Res., Palmyra, N. Y.
7990. i. JOEL, b. ——. 7992. iii. CYRUS, b. ——.
7991. ii. ABRAHAM, b. ——. 7993. iv. Zenas, b. ——.
7994. v. PLINY, b. ——.

7993. WAKeman FOSTER (Jonas, Daniel, Joseph, Christopher), b. Southampton, L. I., ——; m. Martha Sawyer; m., 2d Phene Cloves.
Wakeman lived alone with his family at Sonquoge during the Revolutionary war. On one occasion some British troops appeared at his house and commanded him to yoke up his oxen and draw a boat over from the Peconic to Shinnecock Bay. He did so; got the boat, and started with a British guard in the rear. On the journey across, evening came on and Wakeman took advantage of the darkness and played the guard a Yankee trick. All the time crying whoa! at the top of his voice, he began to brand up the oxen with his goad, until they ran at their utmost speed. The British thinking from his cries the oxen would stop, did not attempt to overtake him, and as soon as he was beyond their hearing he turned the cattle into the brush, and that was the last they ever saw of their boat. Res., Canoe Place and Good Ground, L. I.

7995. i. JOHN S., b. April, 1789; m. Phebe Penny.
7996. ii. PHEBE, w. of Joseph Penny.
7997. iii. MALTBY, b. ——; m. Hannah Dickerson.
7998. iv. LYDIA, w. of Abraham Edwards.
7999. v. JEMIMA, w. of Rogers Squires.

8000. i. MARIA, b. ——; d. unm.
8001. ii. JABEZ, b. 1795; m. Cynthia Tuthill.
8002. iii. HERMAN D., b. Aug. 5, 1792; m. Betsey P. Woodhall and Fanny Hallock.
8003. iv. MILLICENT, b. ——; m. —— Fanning. She d.

7995. PAUL FOSTER (Christopher, Daniel, Joseph, Christopher), b. 1768; m. Hannah ——. Res., Southampton, L. I.
8004. i. JOSIAH, b. ——; m. Cordelia ——.
8005. ii. ELIZABETH, b. ——.

7999. LUTHER FOSTER (Christopher, Daniel, Joseph, Christopher), b. Southampton, Sept. 1, 1770; m., 1791, Ruth Hedges. They lived successfully in Montague, N. J., in Owego and Danby, N. Y.; then went to Warsaw, N. Y., in 1823, where he died. She d. March 7, 1860. (See Hist. Warsaw, N. Y.) He came with his family to Warsaw in 1823, and settled on a part of lot fifty-nine, in the west part of the town, where, with his son, Luther, he now resides. They were, as were most of their children, members of the Presbyterian church. They had ten children, besides three who died in infancy. He d. Nov. 16, 1846. Res., Danby, N. Y.
8006. i. SILAS H., b. ——; m. Fanny Smith.
8007. ii. JOSIAH H., b. ——; m. Hannah M. Barbara and Sarah Skeer.
8008. iii. ELIZABETH, b. ——; m. Ira Gilmore, of Weathersfield.
8009. iv. MEHITABLE, b. ——; m. Robert Barrett.
8010. v. JABEZ, b. ——; d. s. p.
FOSTER GENEALOGY.

8011. vi. JULIUS, b. ——; m. Priscilla Brunette.
8012. vii. LUTHER, b. ——; m. Lamira M. Lyon and Calista Smith.
8013. viii. SOLON, b. ——; m., and resides Salt Lake City, Utah.
8014. ix. RUTH, b. ——; m. Zerah Tanner, John Munger and Oliver Cleveland.
8015. x. PHEBE, b. ——; m. Ethan E. Bartlett.

7911. JUSTUS FOSTER (Josiah, John, John, John, Christopher), b. Southampton, L. I., Nov. 3, 1770; m. ——. Res., Southampton, L. I.
8016. i. HASLEY, b. Nov. 2, 1795; m. Prudence Reeves.
8017. ii. HORACE, b. ——; m. Joanna Howell.
8018. iii. JOSIAH, b. 1804; m. Elizabeth ——.
8019. iv. JOHN F., b. July 12, 1807; m. Hettie Woodhull.
8020. v. SOLOM, b. ——.
8021. vi. WILLIAM, b. ——, of New Orleans, La.
8022. vii. FRANKLIN, b. ——.

8023. i. MEHITABEL SCHILLINGER, b. July 6, 1806; d. May, 1851.
8024. ii. BENJAMIN HUNTING, b. July 6, 1808; m. Phebe Post.
8026. iv. SOPHIA JESSUP, b. July 5, 1813; m. Capt. Mercator Cooper.
8027. v. GEORGE, b. Sept. 10, 1815; m. Maria Bennett.
8028. vi. JOSIAH, b. May 9, 1819; m., May 5, 1836, Caroline Cook.


"James Foster was born at Quoque. About 1798 with his wife, Phebe Cook, he went to Southampton to occupy and work a farm his father had recently purchased. There he brought up his family, and added to his acres; lived a prosperous farmer, and a respected citizen; a member of and deeply interested in the Presbyterian church; saw all of his family join the same, and died at the age of eighty-nine years, Nov. 6, 1863. Res., Southampton, L. I.
8030. i. ALBERT, b. Dec. 10, 1805; m. Nancy Rogers.
8031. ii. JAMES HARVEY, b. Aug. 19, 1810; d. at sea in a whaling ship off the coast of Africa; buried at sea; unm.
8032. iii. ISAAC POST, b. Dec. 8, 1815; m. Mary R. Herrick.
8033. iv. ESTHER POST, b. July 5, 1813; wid. of Dr. John Pierpont Herrick, who had children: Louisa, John C., of Denver, Col., Henry F., of Southampton, L. I., and others who died in infancy.
8034. v. CORNELIUS, b. Sept. 29, 1819; d. young.

8035. i. ERASTUS, b. about 1807; m. Sarah Howell.
8036. ii. ELIZABETH, b. ——.
8037. iii. HARRIET, b. ——; m. George O. Post.

7919. ISAAC FOSTER (Josiah, John, John, John, Christopher), b. March 28, 1788; m. ——. Res., Honesdale, Pa.
8038. i. EMELINE, b. ——.

7920. ASA FOSTER (Timothy, Thomas, John, John, Christopher), b. in 1759; m. Sarah Trowbridge, of Connecticut. He was in the Revolutionary war; moved from Connecticut in 1811 to Ohio. He d. Dec. 15, 1827. Res., Glenendale, O.
8039. i. EDWARD, b. ——; m. Amanda Foster.
8040. ii. THOMAS Fitch, b. ——; m. ——.
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8042. iv. MARY, b. ----.
8043. v. ELIZABETH, b. ----.
8044. vi. CHLOE, b. ----.

7921. JUDGE LUKE FOSTER (Timothy, Thomas, John, John, Christopher), b. Long Island, in 1739; m., Jan. 4, 1792, Esther Hubbard, b. 1775; d. Nov. 18, 1799; m., 2d, Nov. 9, 1800, Phebe Rugg. He was one of the first settlers of Columbia, O., with his brother, Gabriel. A company of volunteers was very soon raised in Columbia. Mr. Keily, among the number, armed with rifles and mounted. They formed under the command of Lieut. Luke Foster, and marched to Cincinnati in the night, where they joined Capt. Alexander Fruman, with thirty-eight regular soldiers from the garrison at Fort Washington, and thirty-three volunteer citizens under Lieut. Scott Fraverse, all mounted.

Luke Foster was one of the early settlers of Columbia. He had been appointed a lieutenant by Governor St. Clair. In 1789, General Harman sent Captains Strong and Kersey from Fort Washington to Columbia to procure corn for the soldiers. They applied to James Flinn, but he refused to sell to the army, alleging that the previous year, while residing at Bellville, below Marritta, he had furnished corn for the supply of the troops at Fort Harmar, and had never been paid for it, in consequence of the removal to some other station of the officer who made the purchase. Captain Strong stated that if they could not get corn the garrison must retreat or starve, as they had been on half rations for nine days, and their supply was nearly exhausted. Mr. Foster on hearing this statement, immediately offered to lend the garrison one hundred bushels, to be returned the next season. How poorly these frontier posts were provisioned may be inferred from the fact that Mr. Foster the next season had to ride to Cincinnati six times to get nineteen bushels of his corn. He gave the following account of his crop, which enabled him to relieve the garrison, at Fort Washington. He had run out of seed-corn, and the only person who could supply him happened to be out of corn-meal. Mr. Foster having a small quantity of that article, exchanged thirteen pints of corn-meal for the same quantity of corn, and with it planted two acres and a half in Turkey-bottom. The crop was put in late, and the season was dry; yet, such was the fertility and condition of the soil, that turning up the earth on the hills kept it moist and gave him an excellent crop.

Mr. Foster afterward settled on a farm in Springfield Township, Hamilton County, about two miles south of Springfield, where he spent the remainder of his days. He was one of the first associate judges of the court of common pleas, which office he held many years. Enfeebled by age, he lost his hearing, and on the 25th of August, 1851, was killed by a gravel train, while walking on the track of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad, which passed through his farm. He was eighty-eight years of age at the time of this accident. During his residence at Columbia, a warm friendship commenced between him and Mr. Riley, which only terminated by the death of the judge. He d. Aug. 28, 1851. Res., Columbia, O.

8045. i. JOHN CLEAVIS SIMS, b. March 25, 1794; d. July 3, 1800.
8046. ii. SENECA, b. March 16, 1797; m. Paulina Terrill.
8047. iii. AMANDA, b. Dec. 8, 1792; m. Edward Foster (son of Asa).
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2. ASA, b. Jan. 21, 1820; m. Nov. 26, 1839, Phila Burkh Wise, of Vincennes, Ind. She d. Oct. 10, 1897. They had five children:


      i. Eleanor, b. Jan. 12, 1898.
      ii. Daniel, b. May 12, 1899.
      iii. Mary, b. Aug. 21, 1899.
      v. Sarah, b. June 20, 1892.

b. Rush, b. Jan. 12, 1867; m. Oct. 31, 1890, Sarah L. Johnson. She d. Dec. 2, 1897. They had five children:

      i. James, b. June 21, 1892.
      iii. Arkansas, b. Nov. 16, 1896.


3. ASA, b. Feb. 14, 1813; m. Cora E. Wray.


5. William J., b. ---; m. Jane Banister.


7. Nancy, b. ---; d.

8. Elizabeth, b. ---; m. --- Bassett. She d.


10. Zebulon Foster (Timothy, Thomas, John, John, Christopher), b. ---; m. --- Wingate. He d. ---; Res., ---.
7927. WILLIAM FOSTER (Thomas, Abraham, John, John, Christopher), b. East Windsor Hill, Conn., Oct. 27, 1781; m., Manchester, Conn., Jan. 9, 1806, Eunice Dart, b. March 23, 1786; d. April 29, 1860. He was always a farmer, living and dying on the farm of his father, which he inherited in time from his father. He d. June 9, 1870. Res., South Windsor, Conn.

8069. i. HORACE, b. Oct. 27, 1806; m. Mary A. Bailey.


8071. iii. ELIZABETH, b. March 25, 1809; d., s. p., March 6, 1871.

8072. iv. HARRIET, b. Sept. 29, 1810; m. ——.

8073. v. SALLY, b. July 7, 1813; m. ——.

8074. vi. LORING, b. Jan. 30, 1815; d., s. p., April 12, 1848.

8075. vii. EDWIN, b. Dec. 26, 1816; m. Maria Risley.

8076. viii. NORMAN, b. Oct. 17, 1818; m. Maria Buckland, Naomi B. McIntosh and Louise Luce.

8077. ix. EMILY, b. May 20, 1820.


8079. xi. RALPH, b. July 3, 1824.

8080. xii. CHRISTIEANN, b. Nov. 11, 1827; d. Nov. 26, 1844.


7937. WARHAM FOSTER (Abel, Abraham, John, John, Christopher), b. Ellington, Conn., Oct. 8, 1757; m., July 15, 1781, Lucretia Hill, of Windham, Conn. He was a farmer and tavern keeper. It is said he served in the Revolutionary war. At any rate his widow made application for a pension in 1852, and this notation was made on the application: "A definite statement of the soldier's service, grade, officers and duration is required in order to an inspection of the rolls." He d. Jan. 23, 1817. Res., Ellington, Conn.

8082. i. LYMAN, b. Sept. 16, 1789; m. Laura Converse.


8084. iii. HARRIET, b. October, 1785; d. March 2, 1788.


7938. "CHAUNCEY FOSTER (Abel, Abraham, John, John, Christopher), b. East Windsor, Conn., Jan. 15, 1759; m. Charlotte Hill, b. 1764. He was in the Revolutionary war, going from Windsor. He was at Valley Forge when the army endured such privations, and was disabled from the effect of those hardships. Res., Ellington, Conn.

8086. i. CLARK, b. ——; m. Sarah Bartlett.

8087. ii. PHILENA, b. ——; m. Lemuel Warner.

8088. iii. LORA, b. ——; m. Ephraim Ely.


8089. i. LOIS, b. March 4, 1810; m. —— Moseley.

8090. ii. HARVEY, b. July 28, 1796; m. Laura Alden.

8091. iii. MARVIN, b. 1794; m. Betsey Chapin.

8092. iv. CHLOE, b. ——; m., April 18, 1822, Rodney Holt, of Springfield.

8093. v. LAURA, b. ——; m., Nov. 6, 1822, Silas Dimock, of Springfield.

8094. vi. MILTON, b. 1805; m. Mary Markham.
7943. PHINEHAS FOSTER (Palatiah, Abraham, John, John, Christopher), b. East Windsor, Conn., May 13, 1763; m., Sept. 22, 1796. Hannah Kilburn, b. Bolton, Conn., May 17, 1768. Mrs. Foster, the widow. m. Elihu Mills, Esq., of Windsor, in December, 1823. He d. in 1835. She d. in 1851, ae. eighty-three years. He d. April 7, 1812. Res. Barkhamsted, Conn.

8095. i. ELECTA, b. in Barkhamsted, Conn., in 1797; m. Ebenezer Strong, of Bolton, in 1827; removed to Bloomington, Ill., where she d. in 1840, having three children: Phineas R., Lewis F. and Mary E.

8096. ii. LEMUEL, b. in Barkhamsted, Nov. 24, 1799; graduated at Yale College in 1828; m. Lydia Cowdry, of Hartland, in 1831. In 1833 he was employed by the American Home Missionary Society to labor as a Congregational clergyman in Illinois, where he remained.

8097. iii. CHESTER, b. in Barkhamsted, April 12, 1802; m. Elvira E. Cornish, of that town, in 1837, and removed to the State of Ohio.

8098. iv. LUCY, b. ——; m. Ichabod Warner, of Bolton, in 1829. He d. in 1835. Their children are Harriet E., Samuel F. and Lydia Ann.

8099. v. LEWIS, b. in Barkhamsted, Feb. 5, 1807; graduated at Yale College in 1831; m. Elizabeth G. Harrison, of New Haven, in 1835. The following is the inscription on his gravestone, in Clinton, Conn.: "The Rev. Lewis Foster, Pastor of the First Church in Clinton, ordained Dec. 4, 1834; triumphed over Death Oct 27, 1839, aged 33 years. In remembrance of his ministry, short but greatly blessed by God, the members of his church, hoping to meet him on a joyful resurrection, have placed this stone to guard his dust."


8101. i. JAMES PHELPS, b. Jan. 31, 1800; m. Eunice Rose and Frances Manning.

8102. ii. EUNICE, b. ——; m. 1822, Leverett Millard.

8103. iii. RALPH HENRY, b. ——; m. Hannah Spencer, Lucy Mosley and Carrie House.

8104. iv. PHEBE, b. ——; m. —— Millard.

8105. v. HARRIET NEWELL, b. ——; d. young.


8107. vii. JULIA ADELLINE, b. ——; m. Edwin Spencer. Had three children, one living, Mrs. William Converse, 270 Farmington Ave., Hartford, Conn.
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8108. i. SELDEN, b. ——; m. and had dau. Mary, who m. Robert E. Tapping.

8109. ii. WILLIAM, b. April 5, 1798; m. Mary Ann Sayre.

8110. iii. ANN, b. ——; m. William Hunting, his first wife.

7949. DAVID FOSTER (Ephraim, William, Benjamin, Benjamin, Christopher), b. Southampton, L. I.; m. there ——. Res., Southampton, L. I.

8111. i. NANCY, b. 1805.

8112. ii. DAVID, b. 1807; m. Mary ——.


8113. i. BENJAMIN HALSEY, b. 1796; m. Fanny Sayre.

8114. ii. STEPHEN, b. 1797; m. Ann Eliza ——.

7955. VINCENT FOSTER (Josiah, Josiah, Joseph, Joseph, Christopher), b. Ridgefield, Conn., Sept. 18, 1754; m. Jemima Vendover. He was b. in Ridgefield, Conn., in which place his ancestors were early settlers. With his parents he moved to Malta, N. Y. During the latter part of the Revolutionary war he served as a soldier in the New York Continental line, and, Jan. 26, 1833, was granted a pension for such services. He was then in his seventy-ninth year. An examination of the papers on file in the pension office, in Washington, in the claim for pension of Vincent Foster, show that he was born at Ridgefield, Conn., Sept. 18, 1754. His wife's name was Jemima (formerly Jemima Vendover). The names of their children are not stated. He d. ——. Res., Malta, N. Y.

8115. i. WILLIAM CUMMINGS, b. Nov. 1, 1811; m. Permelia C. Wilson.

8116. ii. WALTON, b. ——; m. ——.


8117. i. JAMES SEARS, b. March 10, 1774; m. Betsey Miles.

8118. ii. ARNOLD WASHINGTON, b. Sept. 21, 1776; m. Susan Demming.

8119. iii. SALLY, b. May 22, 1781; m. John Kendall. She d. Dec. 27, 1832.

8120. iv. ABIGAIL, b. March 20, 1785; m. Moses Budlong. She d. Feb. 10, 1833.

8121. v. NATHANIEL, b. Sept. 21, 1773; m. Theodosia Nelson.


8122. i. DANIEL, b. Jan. 17, 1779; drowned July 28, 1798, while attempting to swim across Burr's Pond.

8123. ii. JOEL, b. Nov. 8, 1780; m. Esther Seymour.

8124. iii. SARAH, b. Jan. 20, 1783; m. and removed to Sullivan County, N. Y. She d. April 26, 1835, s. p.


8126. v. EBENEZER, b. Oct. 3, 1787; m. ——.


8129. viii. JONAH, b. Dec. 8, 1793; m. Sally Hunt.

1781. TIMOTHY FOSTER (Timothy, Josiah, Joseph, Joseph, Christopher), b. Ridgefield, Conn., — m. — Susan Adams, dau. of David, of Weston, Conn. He settled in Brookfield, Conn., in 1800; was born in Ridgefield; removed to Danbury; thence to Brookfield; was a soldier in the Revolutionary war in 1776.

8131. i. TIMOTHY, b. —. 8132. ii. SAMUEL L., b. —.

8133. iii. DAVID A., b. —; m. —.

8134. iv. RHODA, b. —. 8135. v. CORNWALL, b. —.

8136. vi. SUSAN, b. —. 8137. vii. FLORINDA, b. —.

1783. AARON FOSTER (Christopher, Joseph, Joseph, Christopher), b. Madison, Conn. March 16, 1746; m. there, Sarah —. He d. May 12, 1773. Res., Madison, Conn.

8138. i. RHODA, b. Oct. 29, 1766.

8139. ii. MOLLY, b. Oct. 12, 1772.


8140. i. ORRON, b. March 18, 1776; m. Rachel Crampton.

8141. ii. TITUS, b. in 1778; m. Sally Crampton.

8142. iii. GEORGE, b. —; d. unm.

1795. JOHN SAWERY FOSTER (Wakeman, Jonas, Daniel, Joseph, Christopher), b. Canoe Place, L. I., April 12, 1780; m. Dec. 15, 1812, Phebe Penny, dau. of Joseph, b. May 6, 1795; d. Oct. 25, 1881.

John Sawyer Foster was born in the village of Po'Quoque, town of Southampton, Suffolk County, N. Y. His father, Wakeman Foster, was one of the first settlers in that locality. John S. Foster married Phebe Penny. He began farming early in life by cutting off the timber and clearing the land for cultivation. He was an energetic and successful farmer, owning at the time of his death nearly one hundred acres of tillable land, all of which he had cleared and reduced to cultivation by his own untiring industry and perseverance. He d. Jan. 15, 1853. Res., Quoque, L. I.

8143. i. EDWARD H., b. Jan. 20, 1815; m. Mary Bellows.


8146. iv. JOHN H., b. March 16, 1820; m. Mary Smith.

8147. v. JOSEPH L., b. Feb. 7, 1822; m. Deborah H. Davis.

8148. vi. WILLIAM S., b. Oct. 14, 1824; m. Mary A. Penney.


8152. x. JAMES R., b. Jan. 1, 1832; m. Sarah L. Phillips.


8156. xiv. ALONZO, b. Oct. 15, 1842; m. Mrs. Georgiana (Squires) Penney.


8157. i. ABIGAIL; w. of David Carter.

8158. ii. MARY; w. of Uriah Raynor.

8159. iii. CLARRISA; w. of Lewis Wells.

8160. iv. JULIA; w. of Ransford Wells.

8161. v. JOSIAH, b. —; m. Susan Jacobs.
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8001. JABEZ FOSTER (Rufus, Daniel, Daniel, Joseph, Christopher), b. 1795; m. Cynthia Tuthill. Res., Quoque, L. I.

8162. i. HENRY R., b. 1830.

8163. ii. MARY K., b. 1834; m. —— Dobson. Res., Quoque, L. I.

8164. iii. LYDIA H., b. ——; m. —— Halsey. Res., Quoque, L. I.


8165. i. WARREN, b. June 20, 1826; d. Aug. 20, 1846.

8166. ii. NATHANIEL WOODHULL, b. Sept. 24, 1835; m. Fanny Miller.


8168. i. JULIUS, b. 1845; m. Susan Goodall.

8006. SILAS H. FOSTER (Luther, Christopher, Daniel, Joseph, Christopher), b. ——; m. Fanny Smith. Res., Warsaw, N. Y.

8169. i. HARRIET; w. of Dr. Rowley Morris, of Wisconsin. She d. s. p.

8170. ii. ESTHER; w. of Lucien Putnam, of Warsaw. She d. Freeport, Ill.

8171. iii. CELINDA; d. unm.; ae. twenty-six.

8172. iv. ALFRED J., of Cherry Valley, Ill.

8173. v. MARY; a graduate of Mt. Holyoke; a teacher in Ohio.

8174. vi. LAURA; w. of William B. Manly, of Hebron, Ill.

8175. vii. ELIZABETH, b. ——.

8176. viii. HELLEN; w. of G. Miller, of Flora, Ill.

8177. ix. SUSAN; w. of M. M. Howe, of Cherry Valley, Ill.

8011. REV. JULIUS FOSTER (Luther, Christopher, Daniel, Joseph, Christopher), b. ——; m. Oct. 19, 1840, Priscilla Brunette. Julius was a graduate of Hamilton College, 1833, and of Princeton Theological Seminary, 1837; pastor at Tonawanda, N. Y., November, 1837, to 1865, when he died. He d. Jan. 16, 1865. Res., Tonawanda, N. Y.

8012. LUTHER FOSTER (Luther, Christopher, Daniel, Joseph, Christopher), b. ——; m. Lamira M. Lyon; m. 2d, Calista Smith. Res., New York.

8178. i. CARSON A., b. ——.

8179. ii. ROXIE. By second wife he had children.

8180. iii. LAMIRA M., b. ——; d. July 27, 1854, ae. seventeen.

8181. iv. SAMUEL, b. ——.

8182. v. JOSIAH, b. ——.

8183. vi. SYDNEY, b. ——.

8184. vii. CHARLES H., b. ——.


8189. i. JOSIAH, b. March 25, 1827; m. Mary Ann Fanning.

8190. ii. FRANCES CORDELIA, b. March 21, 1829; d. July 8, 1832.

8191. iii. WILLIAM HENRY, b. May 8, 1830; m. Elizabeth A. Davis.


8017. HORACE FOSTER (Justus, Josiah, John, John, Christopher), b. ——; m. Nov. 11, 1823, Joanna Howell. Res., Southampton, L. I.

8193. i. ELIZABETH A., b. Aug. 11, 1824; m. April 2, 1845, Isaac C. Halsey.

8193½. ii. WILLIAM GEORGE, b. May 26, 1843; d. May 2, 1846.
8018. JOSIAH FOSTER (Justus, Josiah, John, John, John, Christopher), b. in 1804; m. Elizabeth —. Res., Southampton, L. I.

8019. i. JOSIAH, b. about 1839.

8020. ii. NANCY, b. about 1841.

8021. iii. SUSANNAH, b. about 1845.

8022. iv. HARRIET H., b. about 1847.


8024. i. MARGARET, b. about 1835 —.

8025. ii. SOPHIA W., b. about 1839; w. of Rev. Samuel (E. Herrick, D. D., of Boston.

8026. iii. FANNY, b. about 1848.

8027. BENJAMIN HUNTING FOSTER (Josiah, Josiah, John, John, Christopher), b. Southampton, July 6, 1808; m., Nov. 16, 1841, Phebe Post, dau. of Oliver; d. May 7, 1881. Res., Quoque, L. I.

8028. i. OLIVER POST, b. April 27, 1814.

8029. ii. BENJAMIN, b. May 16, 1816.

8030. iii. JAMES EDWARD, b. July 8, 1819.


8032. i. GEORGE BENNETT, b. Aug. 27, 1848.

8033. ii. MARIA LOUISE, b. Aug. 23, 1855.


8035. ALBERT FOSTER (James, Josiah, John, John, Christopher), b. Quoque, L. I., Dec. 19, 1805; m. Nancy Rogers, dau. of Captain Mathew, b. March 24, 1808; d. Aug. 30, 1861. He d. —. Res., Southampton, L. I.

8036. i. MARY FRANCES, b. —; d. unm.

8037. ii. JAMES HENRY, b. —; d. unm.

8038. ISAAC POST FOSTER (James, Josiah, John, John, Christopher), b. Southampton, L. I., Dec. 8, 1815; m., May 12, 1842, Mary Rogers Herrick, b. Sept. 15, 1819; d. Sept. 10, 1865. He was a farmer.

Isaac Post Foster, youngest son of James; worked with his father improving the farm, etc.; early a member of the church; many years a ruling elder; assisted in organizing the first Sabbath School; one of the founders of the Southampton Academy; filled a number of town offices; was a quiet and unobtrusive citizen; sought after for advice and counsel; a friend to all. His death was mourned by the community. Had children, Edward H., and Clara R., who married Charles E. Benton, of Sharon, Conn., and died about two years after she married.


8039. ii. EDWARD HERRICK, b. June 17, 1844; m. Adelaide E. Sayre.


8042. i. JULIA P., b. about 1848.

8043. ii. ABBY R., b. 1850.

8044. iii. SARAH, b. about 1856.


8047. ii. BENJAMIN, b. —.

8048. iii. CHARLES SYDNEY, b. —.

8049. THOMAS FITCH FOSTER (Asa, Timothy, Thomas, John, John, Christopher), b. — —; m. — —. He d. —. Res., Ohio.

8050. i. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, b. —; m. — —.
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8218. i. ALONZO, b. — ; d. s. p.

8219. ii. ALONZO, b. — ; d. s. p.

8220. iii. LAURA, b. — .

8221. iv. AMANDA, b. — .

8222. v. NARCIS S A, b. — .

8223. vi. SOPHRONIA b. — .


8224. i. EMILY ANN, b. Jan. 14, 1837.


8227. iii. JENNIE, b. — ; Parks. Res., Round Grove, Okla.

8228. iv. CHANNING B., b. Oct. 10, 1844; m. Lizzie Kimler.


8056. ASA FOSTER (Gabriel, Timothy, Thomas, John, John, Christopher), b. in Ohio, Feb. 14, 1813; m. in Indiana, in 1833, Cora E. Wray, b. 1812; d. Newton, Iowa 1879. He was a farmer; was respected in the community where he resided and was often called on to fill local offices.

Asa Foster was born in Hamilton County, Ohio. He was the youngest of the family of six children. His father, Gabriel Foster, removed to Jefferson County, Indiana, in 1815, where his childhood and early manhood were spent. In youth he was precocious, exceedingly fond of books, and soon became "the scholar of the family." His father being a man of considerable means, was of great assistance by way of procuring books, but the schools of those days were few and inferior, and his time was spent for the most part in the beech-wood clearing, his studying being done chiefly by the light of beech-wood fire. He was married to Miss Cora Ellen Ray, a native of Fayette County, Kentucky. He moved to the then Territory of Iowa, in 1839, his family consisting of wife and two children, Elizabeth A., b. in 1834, and Gabriel Q., b. in 1835. He made his Iowa home in Scott County, near the town of Davenport, on the Mississippi river. Here he bought wild lands of the government, receiving the original patents thereto, and engaged in farming. Scarcely could he have gone into a business less congenial to one of his nature. He was, by instinct, bookish, habitually grave, silent, thoughtful, though alone he was never lonely. He would have made a professor, but a successful farmer he was not, nor could he have been. To such a man the "Iowing kine" had no charm, and the sun shining on fruitful fields shone in vain. Indeed, he never was quite so well satisfied with his surroundings as when alone with his books, which were illy adapted to the life of a pioneer, to whom the rifle and hunting knife would have been of far more service. Here on this western border of civilization he raised his family, three more children being born in Iowa. William A., now an attorney in Chicago, being one of them, born in 1842; the others, George and Albert, dying in childhood. Notwithstanding his retiring, studious disposition, he was a genial companion and steadfast friend, and in his family was kind and affectionate. His appearance without a book or paper was hailed by his children with shouts of joy, and they flew to him for a romp, when, probably on all fours, with a child astride his neck, and another on his back, he would "make believe to trot it," to their infinite delight. Though his word was law, and his children were accustomed to prompt obedience, yet he was so uniformly kind they had no fear of him. This kindness of disposition extended through all the acts of his life, even to the care of inferior animals. He was extremely conscientious, scrupulously exact in all his dealings, and never went in debt. In politics he was a Whig, but he took little interest in political affairs; to
him it seemed an unclean field. In his honest, plain, unpretentious manners there
could be no room for chicanery, no wire-pulling, no dirt eating, and, above all, no
promises made that were never to be fulfilled. He never made a political speech in
his life, nor asked a man to vote for him. Notwithstanding his disgust for politi-
cians, and their ways, he was identified in the interests of his county and in terri-
torial affairs. He served his county as one of its commissioners for many years,
and was a member of the convention, in 1846, which framed the Constitution of the
State, just prior to its admission into the Union, in December, of that year. To
pursue this biography further in this direction would be to write a history of the
early settlers of Iowa, their trials, hardships and privations, which he shared and
labored to mitigate as far as mitigation was possible; of the loneliness and desola-
tion of a new country, with neighbors miles away, with only Indians for visitors
(the Sac and Foxes occupied the country when he settled there); such would be
the task and such the scenes pictures would represent were one to follow his life for
the first half score or more years following his settlement in Iowa. He was a great
lover of justice, of right, and the golden rule pretty much made up his creed.
He believed in practical religion, to him it was not a theory, but the eternal prin-
ciples of right and justice. To him the book of nature was the book of Revelation.
He saw God in the universe, if not in the Book. He died of typhoid fever, leaving
three children still living, and his wife, who survived him twenty-five years. His
wife was every whit his peer, and worthy to be transplanted into this family. Of
old Kentucky stock, a small woman with a fine head, a broad forehead and a dark
gray blue eye, a person of great energy and a world of good sense. He d. spring
8230. i. WILLIAM ALLEN, b. July 24, 1832; m. Lucy N. Birchard.
8231. ii. GABRIEL F., b. January, 1839; m. Lucy Board.
Four children.

8057. HIRAM FOSTER (Gabriel, Timothy, Thomas, John, John; Christopher),
b. Clermont County, Ohio, June 21, 1797; m., Jefferson County, Indiana, Polly
8233. i. ELVIRA, b. 1839; m. —— Whitesill. She d., Deputy, 1871. A
son, Crawford Whitesill, resides at Deputy, Ind.
8234. ii. WILLIAM, b. 1821; d. s. p., 1820.
8235. iii. JACOB T., b. 1822; m. Margaret Fear.
8236. iv. HENRY CLAY, b. March 12, 1825; m. Louisa Barkman; d. 1870.
8238. vi. BELINDA, b. 1827; m. Samuel Dixon. Res., North Vernon, Ind.
8239. vii. STEPHEN, b. March 17, 1836; m. Maria M. Tobias.
8240. viii. B. F., b. 1838. He was a clergyman and died in 1886; was at one
time grand secretary of the Indiana Odd Fellows.
8241. ix. EDWARD, b. July 31, 1843; m. Callie Phillips and Alice Lafeter.

8058. WILLIAM J. FOSTER (Gabriel, Timothy, Thomas, John, John, Chris-
topher), b. Hamilton County, Ohio, ——; m. Jane Barrister. He d. ——. Res.,
Madison, Ind.
8242. i. HARVEY B., b. Aug. 25, 1837; m. Eliza B. Page and Genevieve
Ritchie.

8065. MILTON FOSTER (Zebulon, Timothy, Thomas, John, John, Chris-
25, 1872; was a farmer. He d. April 14, 1881. Res., Prairie City, Ill.
8243. i. ALGEBURON SIDNEY, b. ——; unm.; d. in war, Jan. 28, 1862.
8244. ii. ZEBULON A., b. Sept. 10, 1845; m. Hettie E. White.

8066. HORACE FOSTER (William, Thomas, Abraham, John, John, Chris-
topher), b. Windsor, Conn., Oct. 27, 1806; m. ——, Mary A. Bailey. He was a
8245. i. WILLIAM B., b. March 10, 1831; m. Ellen M. Russell.
8246. ii. MARY, b. ——; d.
8247. iii. AMOS M., b. ——; d. Sept. 25, 1864, at Florence, S. C., a prisoner
of war.
8248. iv. PHILLIP, b. ——; d. Sept. 17, 1862; killed at the battle of Antietam.

8249. i. FRANKLIN W., b. March 18, 1848; m., April, 1874. Res., Manchester, Conn.


8251. iii. EDWIN C., b. Jan. 22, 1854; m. Lizzie Noble and Mary A. Hollister.


8252. i. NORMAN DWIGHT, b. July 28, 1851; m. Mary Ella Morgan.


8254. iii. WALTER, b. 1875.

8255. iv. WILIAM, b. 1875.

8256. v. MARY NAOMI, b. 1877.

8257. vi. LUCIUS, b. 1880.

8258. vii. HOWARD, b. 1883.


8260. ix. HENRY B., b. January, 1850; d. March 10, 1850.


8082. LYMAN FOSTER (Warham, Abel, Abraham, John, John, Christopher), b. Ellington, Conn., Sept. 16, 1759; m., March 6, 1818, Laura Converse, of Stafford, Conn. He was a farmer. He d. Feb. 22, 1853. Res., Ellington, Conn.

8262. i. FRANCES AURELIA, b. October, 1819; m., September, 1837, Levi A. Risley, of Farmington, Conn. She d. July 23, 1847, s. p.

8263. ii. CHARLES, b. September, 1821; d. December, 1823.

8264. iii. CHARLES, b. April 23, 1823; d. September, 1826.

8265. iv. MIRANDA, b. Feb. 7, 1827; m., March, 1847, J. F. Ranson, of Vernon, Conn.


8086. CAPT. CLARK FOSTER (Chauncey, Abel, Abraham, John, John, Christopher), b. Ellington, Conn.; m., Jan. 1, 1816, Sarah Bartlett; d. Sept. 21, 1864. Capt. Foster was born, lived and died in Ellington, Conn. He was a man of sterling qualities and a strict disciplinarian. He was a farmer, county surveyor, and taught school for twenty years during the winter months; was a captain of the Ellington company of militia during the war of 1812—his command being stationed at New London, Conn., for a short time. He d. Sept. 11, 1857. Res. Ellington, Conn.

8269. i. SAMUEL II., b. Feb. 3, 1828; m. Amelia M. Flint.


8271. iii. SARAH A., b. Sept. 18, 1818. Address, 64 Johnson Park, Buffalo, N. Y.

8272. iv. PHILENA, b. March 18, 1821; m., Jan. 19, 1859, Joshua Griggs. Address, Tolland, Tolland County, Conn.

8273. v. AUGUSTA, b. Nov. 22, 1822; m., Nov. 14, 1850, Samuel Manning. Address, Seward, Seward County, Neb.


8275. vii. MARLOW CHAUNCY, b. April 19, 1832; m., Feb. 22, 1865, Mary V. Cuyler; m., 2d, April 2, 1889, Amanda H. Mayell. Address, 32 Eagle St., Albany N. Y.


8276. i. FESTUS HARVEY, b. Dec. 17, 1832; m. Mrs. Edwm Knight and Harriet A. Moore.
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1827. iii. CYRUS A., b. Feb. 18, 1830; m. Mary J. Warner.
1827. iv. NATHAN A., b. Nov. 23, 1841; m. Sarah A. Best.
1828. vi. RALPH H., b. March 1, 1834; m. ——.
1828. vii. WALTER, b. March 5, 1826; m. and d. Sept. 4, 1876, in Springfield, Mass. A son William, resides Ansonia, Conn.
1828 viii. GEORGE H., b. Aug. 9, 1830; m. Ellen ——, Matilda J. Cowan Smith, and Ida M. Porter.
1829. iii. ALDEN H., b. ——.


1824. i. JAMES M., b. 1829; m. Julia A. Bruce and Maria S. Kimpton.


1825. i. FREDERICK ROSE, b. 1827; m. ——.
1826. viii. JAMES PHELPS, b. ——.

1828. iv. RALPH ROSE, b. ——.
1829. v. GEORGE BUSHNELL, b. ——.
1830. vi. CHARLES GRANT, b. ——, 8292. viii. ALICE, b. ——.
1831. vii. WILLIAM MANNING, b. ——.
1832. ix. EUNICE PHELPS, b. Nov. 25, 1851; unm. Res., Prospect Avenue, Hartford, Conn.

1829. x. JULIA MARIA, b. ——; d. ae. two.
1829. xi. JULIA, b. ——; d. ae. nineteen.

1813. RALPH HENRY FOSTER (James, Hackalah, Abraham, John, John, Christopher), b. Manchester, Conn., ; m. Hannah Spencer; m., 2d, Lucy Moseley; m., 3d, Carrie House. She is living in Ohio or New York. Will of Ralph H. Foster, Dec. 17, 1879. —To my beloved wife, Caroline H. Foster, the use of household furnishings and $15,000 in trust for use during her natural life; to my daughter, Helen Sophia, and to my son, James Moseley, $8,000; to my sister, Eunice Millard, $1,000; to my sister, Eliza Harding, $1,500; to my sister, Zelia Spencer, $2,000; to my sister, Phoebe A. Millard, $1,500; to my sister, Mary A. Dickinson; to my three sons, Timothy Spencer Foster, George H. Foster, James Moseley Foster. Ralph H. Foster (Seal). Proven April 16, 1877. Witness, I. P. Saylord, George B. Foster, H. F. Smith. George B. Foster was appointed administrator. He d. in 1877. Res., Hartford, Conn.

1826. i. MARY, b. ——; m. Dickinson. Res., Hartford, Conn.
1827. ii. GEORGE H., b. ——; m. ——.
1828. iii. TIMOTHY SPENCER, b. ——; m. Agnes M. ——.
1829. iv. HELEN SOPHIA, b. ——; m. Smith.
1830. v. JAMES M., b. ——.
FOSTER GENEALOGY.


HENRY, b. Nov. 27, 1837; d. Feb. 11, 1866. DAVID FOSTER (David, Ephraim, William, Benjamin, Benjamin, Christopher), b. Southampton, L. I., 1807; m. Mary —. Res., Southampton, L. I.

BENJAMIN, b. 1836. HARRIET, b. 1844.


JAMES R., b. 1833; m. Sarah L. —. ANN ELIZA, b. 1835; m. Andrew Jennings. SAMUEL R., b. 1849; m. Mary H. Rogers.


CHARLES HENRY, b. April 14, 1835; m. Harriet Fulton and Caroline Van Innagen. PERMELIA ETTIE, b. —. Res., 52 West Avenue. Buffalo, N. Y.

DAUGHTER, b. —; m. Samuel T. Smith. Res., 1423 Independence Avenue, Kansas City, Mo. ALBERT WILLIAM, b. 1837; d. May 21, 1870. GEORGE EDGAR, b. 1845; d. March 13, 1862. ALBERT AUGUSTUS, b. April, 1851; d. Sept. 12, 1851.

WALTON FOSTER (Vincent, Josiah, Josiah, Joseph, Joseph, Christopher), b. Malta, N. Y.; m. —. He d. —. Res., —.

JOHN R., b. —. Address, 90 Front St., Portland, Ore. JANE, b. —; umm. Res., Schenectady, N. Y.

—, b. —; m. W. Hunter. Res., Schenectady, N. Y.

JAMES SEARS FOSTER (Timothy, Jonah, Josiah, Joseph, Joseph, Christopher), b. Ridgefield, Conn, March 10, 1774; m. Catskill, N. Y., March 2, 1797, Betsey Miles, of Wallingford, dau. of Capt. Daniel and Olive (Hall), b. March 3, 1774; d. July 12, 1856. James Sears Foster, Sr., was born in Ridgefield, Conn. Later he removed to what is now Hartford, Oneida County, N. Y., and lived in a house (still standing) in Washington Mills, near Saquoy Creek. He was a farmer, but afterward became a foreman in the cotton mill. In religion he was a Quaker. He is buried in Forest Hills cemetery, near Utica, N. Y. He d. Nov. 1, 1858. Res., Ridgefield, Conn., and Litchfield, N. Y.
8331. i. JAMES SEARS, b. Dec. 26, 1807; m. Lucy Risley.
8332. ii. GILBERT ARNOLD, b. June 3, 1803; m. —.
8335. v. CATHERINE, b. March 9, 1800; m. — Stacy. She d. Nov. 11, 1852.
8336. vi. HARRIET, b. June 17, 1815; d. Sept. 18, 1885.
8339. ix. DESIRE, b. Aug. 30, 1801; d. 1802.
8340. x. WILLIS N., b. Aug. 1, 1813; d. June, 1817.
8341. xi. CHAPLIN D., b. Feb. 6, 1817; d. August, 1819.

8118. ARNOLD WASHINGTON FOSTER (Timothy, Jonah, Josiah, Joseph, Christopher), b. Ridgefield, Conn., March 19, 1776; m. Susan Demming, b. 1782; d. 1855. He was a farmer. Arnold W. Foster, born 1776 came with his father Timothy Foster, to Herkimer County as an uneducated young man, but applied and acquired an education to become township clerk and justice and died in 1825, then considered as an aged man as before. He married Susan Demming and raised four sons and two daughters. The mother died 1825, at seventy-three years of age. Oldest brother, Ashley, died at La Salle, Ill., in 1838; Sheldon died at Utica, in 1835; Timothy died in 1834, married, no children. One sister died a maiden. One married; no children. William is the last of the family with Hortense M., his daughter, who is the last of the family, and last of her mother's. He d. July 28, 1825. Res., Litchfield, N. Y.

8342. i. WILLIAM, b. Oct. 16, 1813; m. Mary E. Montague.
8343. ii. ASHLEY, b. —; unm.; d. La Salle, Ill., 1838.
8344. iii. SHELDON, b. —; unm.; d. Utica, N. Y. 1851.
8345. iv. TIMOTHY, b. —; m., and d. s. p., 1874.
8346. v. TWO daughters.


8347. i. FRANKLIN, b. Jan. 30, 1805; m. Maria Segar.
8348. ii. JULIUS C., b. —; m. Ruth Peck and Sarah Shear.
8349. iii. EMILY, b. —; m. — Burns. A son is Dr. E. H. Res., Durhamville, N. Y.
8350. iv. ORSON, b. June 26, 1809; m. Dulina Smith.

8123. DEACON JOEL FOSTER (Jonah, Timothy, Josiah, Joseph, Christopher), b. Ridgefield, Conn., Nov. 8, 1780; m. there, March 30, 1802, Esther Seymour, dau. of Daniel, of Norwalk, Conn., b. July 23, 1779; d. Dec. 16, 1839. He was born in Ridgefield, but always resided in Redding, Conn.; was a mechanic and owner of woolen mill in Redding for many years, which was in operation at the beginning of the war of 1812. He was justice of the peace for many years and deacon of the Congregational church for twenty-five years.

He made his purchase in Redding, as stated above, in 1803; of Moses Fox. It was a small place, on which there was a fulling mill and other conveniences for cheapening cloth. The mill was below the present bridge, and the remains of its old dam are still to be seen. The following year he made an addition to the mill, and leased it to Zabeon Taucy. Foster, however, re-engaged in business and continued until 1812, when the firm was Comstock, Foster & Company. They built a woolen mill and manufactured woolen goods during the war, and were quite successful. After the war the business was conducted by Mr. Foster until his death, Nov. 3, 1854. Res., Redding, Conn.

8351. i. DANIEL, b. April 23, 1801; m. Lucy Chapman.
8352. ii. BETSEY, b. June 6, 1811; m. May 11, 1829, Lazarus Beach. She d. Brooklyn, N. Y., Aug. 21, 1861, s. p.
8353. iii. ELIZA, b. April 2, 1816; m. April 22, 1839, Warren W. Sellick. She d. in Bridgeport, June 28, 1850. He was b. Sept. 3, 1803, in Danbury, Conn.; d. Bridgeport, February, 1884; was a teacher. Ch.: 1. Joel Foster Sellick, b. March 13, 1841; m. in 1865. P. O. address, Redding, Conn. 2. Eliza. 3. Henry Beach. 4.

JOHN BENEDICT FOSTER (Jonah, Timothy, Josiah, Joseph, Joseph, Christopher), b. Ridgefield, Conn., Jan. 17, 1785; m. 1818, PHEBE BURCHARD, b. March 13, 1782; d. April 27, 1813; m. 2d, Oct. 31, 1814, PHEBE HODGSON, b. Oct. 19, 1792; d. May 31, 1871, in Elizabeth, N. J. Was brought up to the business of cloth dressing by his father in his mill. Later he moved to Sullivan County, New York, and conducted a cloth dressing establishment of his own. Removed to South East, Putnam County, N. Y., where he carried on a woolen factory until his decease. He d. Oct. 10, 1833. Res., South East, N. Y.

ANSON, b. Nov. 19, 1806; m. Mary Atwater.


JONAH H., b. Nov. 11, 1815; d. March 13, 1828.

VAN WYCK, b. Feb. 17, 1818; m. Clementine Hallock and Margaret Louise Demilt.

DANIEL D., b. March 22, 1820; d. Sept. 9, 1832.

HENRY L., b. Feb. 28, 1822; m. Pheobe Elizabeth Hall and Emma Gertrude Hoyt.

WILLIAM, b. June 1, 1824; d. Sept. 15, 1832.


JUDGE EBENEZER FOSTER (Jonah, Timothy, Josiah, Joseph, Joseph, Christopher), b. Redding, Conn., Oct. 3, 1787; m. — — —. He was born in Redding, on the old place. Learned the mason’s trade; was a builder and contractor, and did some difficult work on the City Hall in New York. He had a fall which injured him for several years, he latterly entered mercantile life; was judge of the County Court of Putnam County for many years. He d. June 30, 1869. Res., South East, N. Y.


EBENEZER FRANCIS, b. March 8, 1826, m. Harriet Platt.


8369. vi. JOEL GRANGER, b. March 24, 1832; m. Sarah M. Crofutt.

8370. vii. TIMOTHY HUNT, b. Aug. 11, 1836; m. Louise Northrup.


8132. DAVID A. FOSTER (Timothy, Timothy, Josiah, Joseph, Joseph, Christopher), b. Brookfield, Conn. —; m. ——. Res., Brooklyn, Conn.

8372. i. JOHN G., b. ——. Removed to New Haven, Conn.

8373. ii. S. NOBLE, b. ——.

8374. iii. FRED'K H., b. ——.

8375. iv. MARY E., b. ——.

8376. v. CHARLES M., b. ——.

8377. vi. HENRY W., b. ——.

8378. vii. SUSAN, b. ——.

8379. viii. FLORINDA, b. ——.

8140. ORRIN FOSTER (Saul, Christopher, Christopher, Joseph, Joseph, Christopher), b. Madison, Conn., March 18, 1770; m. there, June 10, 1798, Rachel Crampton.Res., Meriden, Conn.

8380. i. CHLOE MARIA, b. Jan. 24, 1800; m., Oct. 4, 1821, Simeon Dee. They went to Utah and joined the Mormons.

8381. ii. DAVID STONE, b. April 11, 1802.

8382. iii. CAROLINE, b. March 13, 1804; m. Harlow Redfield. Went to Utah and joined Mormons.

8383. iv. LEANDER, b. March 19, 1806.

8384. v. ELIZA ANN, b. Feb. 19, 1805; m., Sept. 17, 1829, Luman Johnson, b. 1797; d. May 17, 1872.

8385. vi. SOPHIA MANERVA, b. April 12, 1810.

8386. vii. CLARISSA AMELIA, b. Dec. 18, 1812.

8387. viii. ALPHA LURANDA, b. May 12, 1816; m. Harlow Redfield. Went to Utah.

8388. ix. ALFRED, b. May 12, 1816; d. April 26, 1817.

8389. x. MARIETT, b. July 18, 1818.

8390. xi. DANIEL ALFRED, b. July 24, 1821.


8392. i. MARVIN, b. April 10, 1805; m. Eliza Ann Shelley.

8393. ii. ALANSON, b. Jan. 22, 1810; m. Rhoda Shelley.

8394. iii. HENRY, b. April 22, 1816; m. Catharine Benton.

8395. iv. NELSON, b. 1801; m. Parmel E. Field.

8396. v. ORPHA, b. 1803; m., Nov. 22, 1827, Joel Norton.

8397. vi. ALPHONSO, b. 1808. 8398. vii. SANFORD, b. 1817.

8399. viii. LUCINDA, b. 1813; m., Jan. 2, 1832, Zenas Norton.

8400. ix. CHARLES, b. 1822; m. Eliza ——.

8401. x. HIRAM, b. 1819.


8402. i. GEORGE, b. ——.

8403. ii. EMELINE, b. ——.

8404. iii. ANNA, b. ——.

8405. iv. CHARLES, b. ——.

8406. v. NELLIE, b. ——.
FOSTER GENEALOGY.


8407. i. MARIA D., b. ——.

8408. ii. ADELAIDE J., b. ——.

8409. iii. ANNA B., b. ——.

8410. iv. LELIA S., b. ——.

8411. v. LAURA F., b. ——.

8412. vi. ANTONINETTE S.

8413. vii. BERTHA L., b. ——.

8414. viii. FREDREICK H.

8415. ix. MILLENTA A., b. ——.


8416. i. BENJAMIN D., b. ——.

8417. ii. MARIA L., b. ——.


8418. i. HENRIETTA, b. ——.

8419. ii. ANNA M., b. ——.

8420. iii. MARIA E., b. ——.

8421. iv. CORA B., b. ——.

8150. SARAH F., b. ——.


8422. i. SARAH F., b. ——.


8423. i. JAMES N., b. ——.

8424. ii. EUGENE W., b. ——.

8425. iii. FRANCES E., b. ——.

8426. iv. ROBERT L., b. ——.

8427. v. EDWARD L., b. ——.

8428. vi. JOHN P., b. ——.

8429. vii. MARY E., b. ——.

8430. viii. SARAH E., b. ——.

8156. ALONZO FOSTER (John S., Wakeman, Jones, Daniel, Joseph, Christopher), b. Oct. 15, 1842, Southampton, L. I.; m., Good Ground, L. I., Mrs. Georgiana (Squires) Penney, b. 1844.

Alonzo Foster was born in the village of Pon Quoque, Suffolk County, N. Y.; spent his early years on his father's farm. He was attending school, at the New York Conference Seminary when the civil war began. He enlisted in the Sixth New York Cavalry in 1861; re-enlisted in 1863, and served during the entire war; was twice wounded, last wound resulting in loss of left hand. After the war he taught public school for some years. In 1871 he was appointed to a position in the United States Treasury Department, and is still in that department. Res., Brooklyn, N. Y., No. 33 Clifton Place.

8431. i. GRACE H., b. Aug. 17, 1867; m., April 27, 1886, E. E. Kimball.

8432. ii. CLARENCE D. S., b. June 10, 1870; M. D. Res., home.


8434. i. WARREN W., b. July 26, 1859; unm; attorney at law, 31 Nassau St., New York City. Is secretary of Tammany Hall organization.

8435. ii. MILLENTA FANNING, b. March 17, 1862. Res., Riverhead, 58
8436. iii. SYLVESTER MILLER, b. Jan. 30, 1865; m., June 8, 1889, Alice M. Swezey, dau. of Holmes W., of Armityville, L. I.

8437. iv. FANNIE ESTELLE, b. November, 1870.

8168. JULIUS FOSTER (Josiah, Paul, Christopher, Daniel, Joseph, Christopher), b. Southampton; m. Susan Goodall, b. 1843, dau. of Alanston. Res., Southampton.

8438. i. WILLIAM, b. 1869.

8189. JOSIAH FOSTER (Halsey, Justus, Josiah, John, John, Christopher), b. March 25, 1827; m., April 25, 18—, Mary Ann Fanning. Res., Southampton, L. I.

8440. i. ALICE, b. ——.

8441. ii. CLIFFORD, b. ——.

8442. iii. MARTIN, b. ——.

8443. iv. FLORA, b. ——.


8444. i. WICKHAM, b. ——.

8445. ii. ELIZABETH, b. ——; m. George Rockefellow.

8446. iii. EVERLETT, b. ——.

8447. iv. HORACE, b. ——.

8209. EDWARD HERRICK FOSTER (Isaac P., James, Josiah, John, John, Christopher), b. Southampton, L. I., June 17, 1841; m., Nov. 19, 1874, Adelaide E. Sayre, of Flying Point, b. March 2, 1844, dau. of Thomas F. He is justice of the peace.

Edward H. Foster, only son of Isaac P., was born at Southampton; educated at the Southampton Academy and Williamstown, Mass.; assisted on the farm in his younger days; teaching school winters; gradually drifted into local business; improved the old homestead of his grandfather and father's; built a cottage adjoining; both rented to summer residents; purchased a lot in the village and erected a house thereon, where he now resides. Opened roads through the farm, making the land convenient for building purposes, and disposed of several tracts for cottages. Has been life and fire insurance agent; executor for several large estates; assignee, bank director and vice-president, secretary of Water Company, treasurer of village library, village trustee, member and secretary of board of education, town road commissioner and justice of the peace, notary public, trustee and elder in Presbyterian church; has represented the Presbytery at general assembly; Sabbath school superintendent and several times a member of the Republican town and county conventions. Res., Southampton, L. I.

8448. i. CLARA ROGERS, b. Sept. 20, 1875.

8449. ii. GRACE HERRICK, b. Feb. 25, 1879.


8450. i. ALGERNOM O., b. June 27, 1869; d. Aug. 7, 1870.


8452. iii. SADDIE B., b. April 21, 1874; m., Oct. 21, 1896, John Gerhold.


8455. vi. ANNICE R., b. March 5, 1887.

8230. HON. WILLIAM ALLEN FOSTER (Asa, Gabriel, Timothy, Thomas, John, John, Christopher), b. Davenport, Iowa, July 24, 1842; m. there, June 12, 1867, Lucy N. Brechard, b. Troy, N. Y., Aug. 13, 1843.

William A. Foster, attorney and counselor at law, was born in Davenport, Scott County, Iowa, and is one of the few members of the Iowa bar-claiming the "Hawk-eye" as their native State. His parents were Asa and Cora (Wray) Foster, who moved from Indiana and settled in Scott County, Iowa, in 1838, soon after the organization of the territory. The Foster family date their residence far back in the colonial history of New England, whence some of the descendants removed to Long Island, New York, and thence the grandparents of our subject removed to the west, and were among the pioneer settlers of Ohio and Indiana. The early
education of our subject was such as the log school-houses of a sparsely settled, imperfectly organized new country afforded. During his minority he resided upon the farm on which he was born. His father died when he was but thirteen years of age, and much of the responsibility of the care of the farm and the support of his widowed mother fell upon him. His tastes in early life were not averse to farming, but he was influenced by a desire to improve his limited opportunities for education and observation, and accordingly on attaining his majority he entered the Davenport high school, where a part of his literary education was obtained. In the spring of 1865 he entered the law office of Davidson & True, of Davenport, as a student, without any fixed intention, however, of adopting the law as a profession, but thought he might gather some practical knowledge that would be important to him in after life. He soon, however, became enthusiastically fond of both the study and practice of the law; a sentiment which has grown with his growth and strengthened with his strength, until he has come to regard it as one of the noblest vocations on earth. He was admitted to the bar in October, 1866, and during the short interval he has risen to the very highest ranks of his profession. Early in his career he developed not only a fondness but a passion for criminal practice, especially on the side of the defense. A prisoner behind the iron bars of a cell, protesting his innocence, and imploving his assistance, appealed to his innermost sympathies, and nerved him to the most determined action. He makes the cause of his client emphatically his own, and acts as though he himself must rise or fall, sink or swim, with the accused. For several years past he has been the acknowledged chief in this department of the practice, not only in his own district, but throughout the State, and in other States. Among the celebrated capital cases in which, during the last few years he conducted the defense to a successful issue, were the following. Henning Lorenzen and two others, charged with the killing of William Schuman, in 1873; Lewis Johnson, charged with the murder of Mrs. Browler and child, in 1874; Dr. Alberti, charged with the murder of F. E. Ehrlig, in 1875; Charles Herman, charged with the murder of Russell, of Le Claire; Samuel C. Prichard, charged with the murder of John Helmus, and Elizabeth C. Hervey, charged with the poisoning of Mrs. Mary Bruce; in every one of which by his eloquence and consummate ability he either cleared his clients, or secured for them a greatly mitigated punishment, and that where the evidence seemed to be overwhelming against them. In referring to the Prichard case, which was that of a youth of sixteen, charged with the murder of John Helmus, a farmer, of Colfax County, Nebraska, and describing the effects of the eloquence of Mr. Foster on the court and spectators, the Fremont Tribune, of the 3d of June, 1876, employed the following language: "The argument of Mr. Foster was a studied effort of four hours' duration. It was a masterly appeal, and it carried its effects. It carried the hearts of the crowded court-room to the gallows to witness the last agonizing farewell of the stricken mother. . . . The scene was so graphically described that the wretched mother, who was in court, ran frantically to her boy, and clasping him around the neck, rocked him to and fro in a very transport of agony. Ladies wept, and strong men's hearts gave way at the scene. And when at last the orator closed his eloquent appeal a murmur of subdued applause was heard above the sobs of women and the rustle of handkerchiefs. The jury retired, and in half an hour returned with a verdict of acquittal."

As an illustration of his extraordinary influence over the minds of the jury, this extract must suffice, through the columns of the Davenport press, during the past five years furnish numerous instances of a similar character: "He is emotional—one of the absolute requisites of a successful criminal lawyer; but he talks in that familiar way which is free from dithyrambic flights, but never wearies the audience. His talents as a criminal lawyer are not, however, confined to his ability as an orator. He is an adept at cross-examination; has a very insinuating, affable and pleasant manner, and a witness is led into a snare so gradually, but so surely, that he is not conscious of where he is drifting till he is overwhelmed with confusion. Nor has he attained his success without diligent and laborious study. He has never appeared as counsel in any case, whether in the lowest or the highest court, which he had not thoroughly studied and mastered. Almost from the outset of his career he has found himself pitted against the ablest and most experienced lawyers of the bar, and with a success rarely paralleled by men of his years. Another important element in his strength is his earnestness; the sincerity of his manners and the momentum of his well-considered words tell powerfully on a jury. Added to all, he is a gentleman of impeachable moral character and of the highest social standing. He is blessed with a robust constitution, which he invigorates by healthful out-
door exercise and athletic sports, being especially fond of hunting and fishing. To all human appearance, there is yet in store for William A. Foster a career of brilli-

3. He was married on the 12th of June, 1867, to Miss Lucy M. Burchard, daughter of Backus Burchard, Esq., a large farmer of Scott County, Iowa." The above is taken from a history of Iowa, published before Mr. Foster came to Chicago, in 1886.

While living in Iowa he was elected to the State Senate, serving for four years, from 1877 to 1881, being the youngest member of that body. He served on the judiciary committee and other important committees. On coming to Chicago he at once secured a lucrative practice, and has been engaged in some of the most impor-

tant criminal cases ever tried in the west, viz.: in the Cronin murder case and the celebrated anarchist cases. Res., Chicago, Ill. Address, 609 Stock Ex. Bldg.

8456. i. FRANK, b. August, 1868; d. 1872.
8457. ii. CORA, b. 1870; d. 1873.

8231. DR. GABRIEL F. FOSTER (Asa, Gabriel, Timothy, Thomas, John, John, Christopher), b. Jefferson Co., Ind., January, 1836; m. in 1851, Lute Board. His parents removed from Jefferson County, Indiana, in 1839, bringing with them their two children, Elizabeth A., now Mrs. Brown, of Newton, Iowa, who was born in 1834, and Gabriel, born in 1835, settling in the then territory of Iowa, near Dav-

enport, in Scott County. Here his younger brother, William A., now an attorney of Chicago, was born, and here among the wilds of the west he was raised—growing up with something of the self-reliance and energy so characteristic of the people of the west. His parents were careful educators, seriously studying the best of each child’s mind, carefully directing it in the proper channel, not so much with the view of winning the “almighty dollar,” for the subject of finances was one seldom heard discussed in his father’s family. In fact they were taught that, aside from the inconvenience of the thing, honest poverty was not so serious a matter after all, and that a man could be a man “for a that.” The period of his mental adolescence was spent in teaching. As a bee wheels about as he rises above the trees of the forest in order to get his bearings, so this is a studying process for the young man before beginning the serious concerns of his life, a breathing place on the road, which leads to fame or oblivion. Here, in this formation process he spent five years of his early manhood, when as a life-work he began the study of medicine, making the faculty of Miami Medical College, of Cincinnati, O., his preceptors, taking the degree of Doctor of Medicine, however, at the Long Island College Hospital, in Brooklyn, N. Y., in the class of 1865. He began the general practice in the city of Ottumwa, Iowa, in the fall of 1866, relinquishing it in 1875, to accept a position with his old friend and former teacher, Dr. A. D. Williams, of Cincinnati, an oculist with a national reputation, now in St. Louis, Mo. His relations with Dr. Williams were most pleasant, and continued sixteen years. He was married in 1891 to Miss Lute Board, of Missouri. His wife is a native of Missouri, and his present home is in Memphis, Mo. They have no children. In politics he is a Republican of the variety which believe the war with Spain for humanity was a just one, and that we should retain all the territory we win. In religion, he is liberal and he is profoundly grateful to his parents that they taught him no dogma, to accept nothing by blind faith but to use reason and common sense in all things. Res., s. p., Memphis, Mo.

8235. JACOB J. FOSTER (Hiram, Gabriel, Timothy, Thomas, John, John, Christopher), b. Deputy, Ind., in 1822, m., Barnes, Ind., 1844, Margaret Fear. She is living. Was a farmer. He d. August, 1864. Res., Newry and Barnes, Ind.

8458. i. BENJAMIN F., b. June 6, 1853; m. Allie J. Lewis.
8459. ii. LEONADAS. Res., Volcano, Cal.
8460. iii. ELVIRA (Hughes). Res., Barnes, Ind.
8462. v. JOHN, m., Res., Seymour, Ind.

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8464. i. ALBERT S., b. April, 1848; m., March, 1869, Callie C. James.

8465. ii. LOUISA E., b. February, 1852; d. July, 1870.

8466. iii. EUNICE C., b. March, 1855; m. Dr. W. M. Casey, Seymour, Ind.

8467. iv. OLIVER M., b. June 22, 1853; m., June 12, 1890, Maude Robertson.

8468. v. EDWARD E., b. Oct. 17, 1867; m., June 12, 1895, Willetta Robertson.


8469. i. ALGERNON F., b. Indiana, July 7, 1857; m., Aug. 7, 1881. P. O., Kansas City, Kans.

8470. ii. ETTIE M. FESSENDEN, b. Feb. 15, 1859; m., 1st, 1879; m., 2d, 1886. P. O., Portland, Me.

8471. iii. VIOLA, b. July 31, 1864; m., Nov. 25, 1881, J. W. Miller. P. O., Kansas City, Kans.


8473. v. CORA M., b. Dec. 24, 1872; m. — Cornwell, 1891.


8241. EDWARD FOSTER (Hiram, Gabriel, Timothy, Thomas, John, John, Christopher), b. Deputy, Ind., July 31, 1845; m., Oct. 10, 1868, Callie Phillips, b. March, 1845; d. Feb. 26, 1879; m., 2d, July 4, 1880, Alice Lapeter. He is a farmer. Res., Deputy, Ind.

8475. i. ALVA CLAY, b. —; unm. Res. at home.


844. ZEBULON AMOS FOSTER (Milton, Zebulon, Timothy, Thomas, John, John, Christopher), b. near Canton, Ill., Sept. 10, 1845; m., Prairie City, Ill., Hettie E. White, b. Nov. 6, 1852. He is a clerk at 706 Sixty-third St. Res., 6352 Jackson Ave., Chicago, Ill.


8478. iii. MARY ELLA, b. April 20, 1878.


84831/2. iii. WELLS C., b. Sept. 28, 1876. Res., N. B.


8486. vi. HOLLIS, b. April 26, 1891. Res., N. B.

8487. vii. BERTHA, b. Nov. 2, 1892; d. March 2, 1893.

8252. NORMAN DWIGHT FOSTER (Norman, William, Thomas, Abraham, John, John, Christopher), b. July 28, 1851; m., Dec. 25, 1873, Mary Ella Morgan, dau. of Griswold E., of Lebanon, Conn. He owns and occupies the Foster homestead, which his great-grandfather occupied of one hundred and seven acres. Res., Manchester, Conn.
8488. i. WALTER NORMAN, b. ——.

8489. ii. WILLIAM MORGAN, b. Sept. 23, 1874.

8490. iii. MATHEW, b. ——. 8490½. v. HOWARD, b. ——.

8490¼. iv. LUCIUS McINTOSH, b. Nov. 12, 1879.


8491. i. PAUL ETHAN, b. Aug. 20, 1895.

8269. SAMUEL HOYT FOSTER (Clark, Chauncey, Abel, Abraham, John, John, Christopher), b. Ellington, Conn., Feb. 3, 1828; m., New York City, May 11, 1859, Amelia M. Flint, b. Dec. 22, 1834, in Quincy, Ill. He is a veteran railroad man, having been in the employ of the N. Y. C. & H. R. R. Co. for forty-five years—thirty-eight years of that time in the capacity of station agent at their Union Station, in Albany. His conscientious discharge of duty at all times together with his correct life and habits have won for him many friends, both in a personal and business way. Res., 45 Steuben St., Albany, N. Y.

8492. i. CORA ELIZABETH, b. July 18, 1860; unm. Res., 45 Steuben St., Albany, N. Y.


FESTUS HARVEY FOSTER (Harvey, Eli, Pelatiah, Abraham, John, John, Christopher), b. Springfield, Mass., Dec. 17, 1832; m. there, May 14, 1871, Mrs. H. Almira (Moore) Knight, dau. of Reuben and Sarah, b. Nov. 22, 1835; d. ——; m. 2d, Harriet A. Moore. He is a mechanic at Smith & Wesson's revolver factory. Res., 50 Union St., Springfield, Mass.

8495. i. FESTUS H., Jr., b. April 27, 1874. Graduated at Amherst College, class of 1890.

8496. ii. LAURA A., b. July 9, 1872. Res., 52 Union St., S.


8497. i. BOY, b. Oct. 10, 1871.

RALPH HARVEY FOSTER (Harvey, Eli, Pelatiah, Abraham, John, John, Christopher), b. Springfield, Conn., March 1, 1834; m. ——. He d. Aug. 22, 1870. Res., New Britain, Conn.

8498. i. WILLIAM H., b. Jan. 14, 1863; m. Harriet L. Van Riper.

8499. ii. NELLIE LAURA, b. Nov. 16, 1867; m., September, 1890, —— Sweeney. Res., Winsted, Conn.


8500. i. ELLA M., b. April 2, 1857.

8501. ii. BOY, b. Nov. 30, 1868.
8284. DR. JAMES M. FOSTER (Milton, Eli, Pelatiah, Abraham, John, John, Christopher), b. Springfield, Mass., 1829; m. there, Nov. 24, 1859, Julia A. Bruce, dau. of Timothy, of Hardwick; m., 2d, Aug. 1, 1866, Maria G. Kimpton, b. Canada, 1832, dau of Truman. Res., Springfield and Wilbraham, Mass.

8502. i. MINNIE L., b. Feb. 25, 1861.


8503. i. CLARENCE H., b. —. 8504. ii. HARRY J., b. —.

8301. HENRY COOKE FOSTER (William, William, Ephraim, William, Benjamin, Benjamin, Christopher), b. Montrose, Pa., Dec. 4, 1839; m., Ripon, Wis., Oct. 19, 1865, Anna M. Catlin, b. Sept. 12, 1841. He is a dealer in fancy goods on Fifth Av. Res. (Rogers’ Park), 404 Farwell Ave., Chicago, III.

8505. i. WILLIAM HENRY, b. Aug. 22, 1866. Res. at home; unm.

8506. ii. ELIZABETH CATHIE, b. Feb. 29, 1873.

8507. iii. FREDERICK WARNER, b. Sept. 13, 1877; d. Dec. 5, 1892.

8313. WILLIAM SAYRE FOSTER (Benjamin H., Mathew, Stephen, Benjamin, Benjamin, Christopher), b. Southampton, 1831; m. Harriet Amelia Silliman. Res., Southampton, L. I.

8508. i. WILLIAM C., b. 1859.

8509. ii. THOMAS H., b. 1863.

8510. iii. MARY G., b. 1868.


8511. i. JAMES N., b. 1857.

8512. ii. EUGENE W., b. 1861.

8513. iii. FRANCIS E., b. 1863. 8514. iv. A. G., 1865.

8321. SAMUEL P. FOSTER (Stephen, Mathew, Stephen, Stephen, Benjamin, Benjamin, Christopher), b. Southampton, 1840; m. Mary H. Rogers, dau of Benjamin F., of Bridgehampton. Res., Southampton, L. I.

8515. i. MELANIA G., b. —. 8516. ii. JAMES R., b. 1867.


Charles H. Foster, for nearly twenty years secretary and treasurer of the Alton road, died of peritonitis at his residence, 466 Dearborn avenue. He had been ill and absent from his office only three or four days. Two sons and a daughter survive him. They are Harry C. Foster, paying teller of the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank; Eugene Foster and Mrs. Gertrude Bliven. His wife died on Nov. 7, 1884. She was Miss Caroline Van Inwagen, the daughter of Anthony Van Inwagen. Mr. Foster would have celebrated the sixty-third anniversary of his birth had he lived until to-morrow. He was born on April 14, 1835, at Rochester, N. Y., and was educated in the public schools of that city. At the age of seventeen he started out to make his own way in the world. He went to Albany, N. Y., and became agent of the Mercantile line of canal boats between that city and Rochester. In 1851 he moved to New York City and engaged on his own account, in the business of forwarding coal and lumber from there and Philadelphia to the market in his native town. In 1855 Mr. Foster came to Chicago and took a position as check clerk in the freight department of the old Galena and Chicago Union Railroad. He advanced steadily, and in 1857 was promoted to the more responsible station as assistant cashier in the same office. In 1859 he was made chief clerk in the general ticket office, and from 1860 to 1863 was general bookkeeper in the secretary’s office. In January, 1865, he went with the Alton road as general accountant under W. M. Larrabee, then secretary and treasurer of the company. When the latter resigned
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in 1870 Mr. Foster became his successor. He filled the position with marked ability, and was highly esteemed by all the officers and employees of the company. Mr. Foster was also secretary and treasurer of the Mississippi Bridge Company, as well as secretary to the Joliet & Chicago and the Louisiana & Mississippi River Railroad Companies, both of which are auxiliary to the Chicago & Alton. He was a man of genial social qualities. He was a member of the Chicago Athletic Association, and also belonged to the National Union and the Fox Lake Club, of which he was once secretary. He d. April 15, 1898. Res., 465 Dearborn Ave., Chicago, Ill.

8517. i. GERTRUDE, b. Feb. 22, 1866, m. —— Bliven. Res., Evanston, Ill.

8518. ii. HARRY CHARLES, b. March 14, 1871; m. and resides Evanston, Ill. Is employed in Illinois Trust and Savings Bank, in Chicago.

8519. iii. EUGENE VAN INWAGEN, b. Nov. 5, 1884. Res., 52 West Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

8520. iv. FRANK LARRABEE, b. May 18, 1869; d. Sept. 28, 1870.


James Sears Foster, Jr., married Lucy, daughter of David Risley, and after the death of his father-in-law, he and his wife moved to the farm which Captain Risley had bought from George Washington, in New Hartford, Oneida County, N. Y. This farm and the original deed are still in the possession of Mary Foster Carpenter, daughter of James S. Foster, Jr. The subject of this sketch was a farmer of considerable education, and very successful in agriculture, particularly in the raising of choice pears and apples, his farm being largely laid out in orchards of those fruits. He was a man of tall stature and fine appearance. He was noted for his skill in marksmanship. In religion he was a Presbyterian, afterward becoming an Episcopalian. In politics he was a Republican. He is buried in Forest Hill cemetery, near Utica, N. Y. He d. Dec. 24, 1884. Res., New Hartford, N. Y.

8521. i. WILLIAM ALLEN, b. May 17, 1837; m. Anna, Born, d. Nov. 23, 1840.

8522. ii. MARY E., b. Nov. 23, 1840; m., June 20, 1861, Charles H. Carpenter. Charles Henry Carpenter was born in Fleming, Cayuga Co., N. Y., and was the son of William Henry and Ann (Walker) Carpenter. He completed his education at Utica Academy, Utica, N. Y. When quite young he became engaged in the carriage business and has followed that line ever since. Shortly after the war he removed to Chicago and became a member of the firm of Buchanan & Carpenter, carriage goods and woodstock. This was afterward changed to Barrows, Carpenter & Company, and at present he is a member of the firm of Charles H. Carpenter & Company, manufacturers of buggy cushions and harness specialties. In politics he is a Republican. He is a life member of Blaney Lodge, in the Masonic order. Mrs. Carpenter still has possession of the old Foster farm of New Hartford, N. Y., which was deeded to her ancestors (Risleys) by George Washington. He was born Oct. 4, 1839. Res., 1535 Fulton St., Chicago, Ill. Ch: 1. Anna W. Carpenter, b. June 25, 1865; d. Feb. 9, 1893. 2. Charles Foster Carpenter, b. July 4, 1867; m., Nov. 27, 1894. 3. Richard Vernon Carpenter, b. Nov. 22, 1871. He was born in Chicago; graduated from Chicago West Division High School in 1891; instructor of physics in that institution in 1892-5; graduated from Chicago College of Law and admitted to the bar in 1897; member of legal fraternity, Phi Delta Phi; is now practicing in Chicago as a member of the firm of Carpenter & Appleton, with offices in the Title and Trust Building; Republican in politics. 4. Edward Clinton and 5 Robert Sherman Carpenter, twins, born Jan. 28, 1883. Address of R. V., 1535 Fulton St., C. F., 307 Sixty-first Place, Chicago, Ill.

8523. iii. HENRY CLARK, b. January, 1836; d. July 2, 1836.

8532. DR. GILBERT ARNOLD FOSTER (James S., Timothy, Jonah, Josiah, Joseph, Christopher), b. Ridgefield, Conn. June 3, 1803; m. —— ——. His father, James Sears Foster, came from Connecticut to Litchfield, Herkimer County, N. Y., where the subject of this sketch was born, June 3, 1803. Gaining a
better education than was common to farmer boys in those days, at the Paris Hill Academy, then a prominent high school, he learned the trade of a machinist at Willowvale, and acquired marked skill. For some years was employed at Auburn, in superintending the construction of the machinery at the State prison. He came back to farm in New Hartford, Oneida County, and in 1827, married Miss Sophia Eliza, daughter of Rev. Publius Virgilius Bogue, then of Sauquoit, a pioneer clergyman, born March, 1764. Her father was a graduate of Yale College, in the class of 1757, and her grandfather, Ebenezer Bogue, was a graduate of the same institution of learning in the class of 1748, and the first clergyman that ever settled in Farmington, Conn.

The family is descended from the emigrant, John Bogue, a native of Scotland, born and brought up in the city of Glasgow; came to this country about the year 1680, settling at East Haddam, Conn. Mr. Foster became a resident of Utica in 1832, and entered here upon the practice of dentistry, to which he had already successfully devoted himself, and in it he became recognized as one of the most scientific and adroit operators. He studied his profession zealously, and labored long and earnestly to elevate it. His associates in it recognized him not only as a father in it, but as a leader in the improvements which have been introduced. His remarkable skill, mechanism, and his inventive faculty, enabled him greatly to improve the rude methods which he found in dentistry, and he was one of the first to devise and manufacture teeth. He was one of the first members of the American Society of Dental Surgeons, and one of the earliest permanent members of the State Dental Society, and when the fifth District Dental Society sought for its first president Dr. Foster was the natural and obvious choice. In 1853 he was one of the commissioners at the World’s Fair, in New York, on dentistry. Dr. Foster was a man of natural taste and refinement. He loved nature and the sports of the woods and waters, and his annual pilgrimage to the north woods had the zest of poetry and religious feeling. He was passionately fond of music, was well versed in it, and did much to promote it here. In painting and engraving he would not style himself a connoisseur, but he had a quick eye for good work, and when such things were more rare in our community than now, he aided not a little in cultivating and disseminating a taste for art. For archeology, and all that relates to the beginnings of our local history, he had an intelligent and suggestive interest. In social intercourse he was genial and attractive, unselfish, anxious for the enjoyment of others, and with a cheery word for everybody. He was in practice and profession a Christian, without cant and self-assertion, and at the time of his death was a member of the Reformed church. He was connected with the Masonic fraternity from his twenty-first year, and was one of the first members of Amicable Lodge and Horeb Chapter of New Hartford. For thirteen years he had been a member of Utica Commandery Knights Templar. He was a life-long member of the Utica Mechanics’ Association, and one of the originators of the Oneida County Historical Society. In none of these organizations did he aspire to anything but active membership, preferring faithful service in the ranks to the honors of office. In politics he was a Whig, and subsequently a Republican, and was earnest in his convictions and faithful to them. He was an alderman of the city in 1846, but political office was not to his taste. All his life a resident of Utica and its immediate vicinity, he had, during the period of nearly three-quarters of a century, observed the growth of the city and country, and had a warm affection for them and their people. He knew how to discriminate, and he loved his friends, but his heart had no room for
hate. He never sought notoriety, but he delighted in kindliness, and in what is sweet and bright in life. That is the memory which he left to family and friends.

He d. Dec. 7, 1877. Dr. Foster's wife of his youth survived him with three children

—Dr. Charles B. Foster, of Utica, N. Y.; Mrs. Sophia Ingalls, of Utica; and Miss Kittie E. Foster, of Utica, N. Y. He d. Dec. 7, 1877. Res., Utica, N. Y.

§524. i. SOPHIA, b. —; m. F. C. Ingalls. Res., 14 Faxon St., Utica,

§525. ii. CHARLES B., —. §526. iii. KITITTIE E., b. —.

§342. WILLIAM FOSTER. (Arnold W., Timothy, Jonah, Josiah, Joseph, [Joseph, Christopher], b. Ridgefield, Conn., Oct. 16, 1813; m., Dec. 10, 1834, Manlius, N. Y., Mary Eliza Montague, b. Feb. 19, 1814; d. Oct. 13, 1892. He was a farmer. Resided twenty-nine years in Herkimer County, New York, two years in Wisconsin and fifty-one years in Indiana. His life has been one that many Yankee boys pass through from a farm to a clerkship; then at twenty commenced business, and of course failed. Manufactured salt at Syracuse, N. Y.; came West in 1842; in Wisconsin two years; came through Chicago in 1845, and settled in Franklin County, Indiana; merchandizing and pork packing; moved to La Fayette, Ind., in 1852; commenced railroad building and management on the New Albany & Salem, now the Monon, or Chicago, Louisville & Indianapolis, with a new road bonded with nearly two million of floating debt, which with good management was wiped out in 1855. In 1860 become interested in a road from Logansport to the Illinois line, and managed it for six years, then it was absorbed by the Columbus & Indiana Central. He bought, in 1860, a large amount of land and laid out the town of Goodland, bought and sold land and organized and built the central part of the Chicago & Great Southern, now owned by Chicago & Eastern Illinois, connected at Mone, and through Goodland, Oxford, and Attica to Brazil. No great event in his life, except to do a great amount with small capital, and at almost eighty-five wait for orders.

"This I write without glasses, and am proud of being a resident of Indiana for fifty-two years."  
Res., Goodland, Ind.

§527. i. HORTENSE M., b. May 22, 1836; unm. Res., G.

§347. FRANKLIN FOSTER (Nathaniel, Timothy, Jonah, Josiah, Joseph, [Joseph, Christopher], b. Litchfield, N. Y., Jan. 30, 1805; m., New York Mills, N. Y., Oct. 29, 1829, Maria Segar, b. June 6, 1809; d. July 12, 1876. Was a farmer. Franklin received a common school education, and learned the carpenter trade. He worked at this until 1828, when he bought, in the town of Verona, Oneida County, N. Y., the farm that his grandson now resides on. The country was then a mere wilderness. He cleared the farm of timber, and when he died he left it in first-class farming condition. He d. June 12, 1878. Res., Durhamville, N. Y.

§528. i. NATHANIEL W., b. May 10, 1832; m. Lucy A. Clark and Rebecca A. Smith.

§529. ii. MARY S., b. March 10, 1836. Res., Oneida, N. Y.

§530. iii. ELNORA, b. July 6, 1839; d. Dec. 12, 1841.


§531. i. MYRON N., b. Feb. 5, 1841; m., Syracuse, N. Y., Oct. 19, 1864, Mary DeGraff; d. July 17, 1895.

§532. ii. GEORGE W., b. Sept. 11, 1842. P. O. address, Yankton, S. Dak.

§533. iii. MARTHA J. HALL, b. Aug. 29, 1844. Address, Racine, Wis.


§535. v. MILO A., b. May 14, 1856; m. Marion Taft.


§537. i. ALBERT NELSON, b. Oct. 10, 1840; d. Sept. 22, 1862.

§538. ii. OSCAR SMITH, b. Feb. 19, 1842; m. Clara Smith.

§539. iii. CHARLES M., b. Sept. 12, 1843; m.

§540. iv. THEODORE, b. April 17, 1845; m.

§541. v. WILLIAM SMITH, b. Feb. 14, 1848; m.

§542. vi. NILES HIGENbotham, b. Feb. 1, 1849; m.
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8351. DANIEL FOSTER (Joel, Jonah, Timothy, Josiah, Joseph, Joseph, Christopher), b. Redding, Conn., April 23, 1804; m., Dec. 13, 1831, Lucy Chapman, dau. of Joshua, b. Redding, May 1, 1805. He removed to Benton, Yates County, N. Y., and resided there for twelve years; thence to Penn Yan, same county, where he engaged in the purchase of grain and forwarding by freight and by canal for eleven years; thence to New York; engaged in commission business and sale of grain and other county produce, which he followed until 1871, when he retired. He d. Feb. 10, 1873. Res., Brooklyn, N. Y.

8543. i. ELIZA M., b. May 5, 1836; m., April 23, 1867, Edward P. Post. Res., 128 Hooper St., Brooklyn, N. Y. Have one son.

8354. CHARLES T. FOSTER (Joel, Jonah, Timothy, Josiah, Joseph, Joseph, Christopher), b. Redding, Conn., March 2, 1818; m. in Wilton, Nov. 27, 1839, Cordelia Darling, b. March 7, 1816. Res., Brooklyn, N. Y., and East Norwalk, Conn.

8545. i. ESTHER, b. Nov. 21, 1840; m., Oct. 15, 1862, Jesse N. Jennings. Res., East Norwalk, Conn.

8546. ii. ISABEL, b. April 14, 1842; m., May 14, 1873, T. G. Underwood. Res., 520 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

8547. iii. MARY F., b. Jan. 4, 1844; m., Oct. 6, 1869, G. W. Hebard. Res., 100 McDonough St., Brooklyn, N. Y.


8548. i. MARY GAZETTA, b. April 13, 1856; m. John Foster Keeler (see). They have two children. Res., 75 Hart St., Brooklyn, N. Y.


8549. i. JAMES ANSON, b. Oct. 29, 1841.

8550. ii. LEONA, b. June 7, 1845; d. Nov. 6, 1867.

8551. iii. WILLIAM, b. March 27, 1856.


8552. i. JOHN BENEDICT, b. May 20, 1847.

8553. ii. GEORGE HENRY, b. ——; d., ae. two.

8554. iii. ELIZABETH, b. November, 1851; d. in infancy.

8555. iv. GEORGE HALL, b. March 11, 1853.

8556. v. ANSON, b. ——; d. in infancy.

8557. vi. THOMAS, b. ——; d. in infancy.

8558. vii. MINNA G., b. May 14, 1861.

8559. viii. LILIAN HOYT, b. Feb. 23, 1866.

8560. ix. HARRY KEELER, b. March 27, 1869; d. June 15, 1875.

8561. x. MABEL HOYT, b. Aug. 22, 1876; unm. Res., 130 W. One Hundred and Twelfth St., New York, N. Y.

8365. HON. EBBENEZER FRANCIS FOSTER (Jonah, Jonah, Timothy, Josiah, Joseph, Joseph, Christopher), b. Ridgefield, Conn., March 5, 1826; m., Dec. 4, 1857, Harriet Platt, dau. of David and Elizabeth (Keeler). Born in Ridgefield; he resided there, attending the public schools. At the age of eighteen he went to Sommerstown, N. Y., remaining there three years, and learning the business of wheelwright. For eight years he resided in Danbury, Conn., and was afterward employed in the iron works at Binghamton, N. Y. After his marriage he resided in Redding continuously. Is quite an extensive farmer. In 1871 he was elected to the Legislature, and in 1874 a county commissioner. Both of which positions he filled with ability and credit. He took an active part in several town and State fairs. He injured himself in the great blizzard in 1888, in trying to preserve his stock; he then lost his health. He d. Aug. 6, 1890. Res., Redding, Conn.
JOEL GRANGER FOSTER (Jonah, Jonah, Timothy, Josiah, Joseph, Joseph, Christopher), b. Ridgefield, Conn., March 24, 1832; m., Danbury, April 12, 1859, Sarah Marilla Crofut, b. Sept. 10, 1832. He is an architect and builder.

Joel G. Foster was born and brought up in Ridgefield. At the age of ten years his father died, leaving to the mother the care of eight children. He went to live with an uncle, where he stayed four years. At this time his oldest brother, Francis, went to his trade. He went back to help his mother, where he remained until he was eighteen years old. He then went to his trade of carpenter and builder. After he had learned his trade he went to New Haven, where he joined the Young Men's Association, in the winter. There was a night school in many branches, which he attended, and there he paid special attention to architecture. For several years he worked in the surrounding towns and spent one year in Hudson, O. In 1857 he worked in Danbury, Conn., where he found his wife, Sarah M. Crofut. At the time the civil war broke out he was in Stamford, Conn., where he enlisted in the Twenty-eighth Connecticut volunteer regiment, in Company B. This regiment was sent south in the Banks' expedition, and was one year in service, their principal service was guard duty at Pensacola, Florida, Brasher City and the siege and battle at Port Hudson. On his return north he settled in Danbury, Conn., where, with his brother, Timothy, he bought out the old firm of builders, Barnum & Starr. They added to it sash, doors, and blinds. They soon had their hands full of drawing and building, and there they are to-day. In 1881 they purchased an island of eighteen acres in Norwalk harbor, making of it a summer resort. His brother, Martin, has been with him as book-keeper, and Joel's life, as a whole, has been filled up with things and events. He has done what he could for the church and the community in which he lives. Res., s. p., Danbury, Conn.


EMILY ANN, b. July 8, 1834; m., June 13, 1852, Henry De Koven Knowles, b. in Durham, Conn., Oct. 19, 1830; educated in Middletown, Conn.; was a marble cutter, but in later years, owing to injuries received in the late war, gave up his business, and engaged in light farming. He was a soldier in the civil war, Company G, Fourteenth Connecticut volunteers; enlisted as a corporal Aug. 4, 1862; wounded at Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 13, 1862, and discharged for injuries received Jan. 15, 1863. Married Emily Ann Foster. Three children were born to them. He was a member of the Congregational church at Madison, for over forty years, and a member of Admiral Foote Post, No. 17, G. A. R., of New Haven. He died Feb. 25, 1893. Ch.: 1. Kate Estelle Knowles Norton, b. March 12, 1853; m., April 8, 1876, Alonzo Lorenzo Norton; d. July 3, 1878; no children. 2. Elmer Leffingwell Knowles, b. Feb. 26, 1864; m., Nov. 15, 1885, Isabelle Colcom Munger, b. Aug. 31, 1864; m., Dec. 21, 1876, Freida Brunhilda Marsch, b. Dec. 21, 1876. Address, 390 Lenox St., Fair Haven, Conn. He attended the common schools and academy, and finished his education at the Guilford Institute, Connecticut. After leaving school, in 1884, he was engaged in the printing business; sold out in 1889; took civil service examination, and in June, 1880, was appointed mail clerk, running between New York and Boston; was the first clerk in New England to receive appointment under the new civil service act; March, 1891, was transferred to the sea post service, running between New York and Bremen, Germany. He crossed the
ocean one hundred and twenty-three times, on seventeen different ships; traveling 453,000 miles on the sea. Being a lover of home he resigned in April, 1896, and was transferred back to the Boston, Spring, and New York Railway Postoffice, his present line; member of the National Association of Railway Postal Clerks, secretary and treasurer of the Postal Clerk's Mutual Association, Nathan Hale Camp Sons of Veterans of New Haven, Young Men's Republican Club of New Haven, and is a Mason. His present home is in New Haven. 3. Herbert Foster, b. May 30, 1874; unm.; is a music teacher. Res., East River, Conn.


8569. iii. HENRY AUSTIN, b. December, 1832; m. Harriet Maria Meigs and Bessie Norton Stevens.


8571. i. HARRIET ADELAIDE, b. Dec. 12, 1833; m. 1860. She d. 1866.


8573. iii. SANFORD, b. Oct. 19, 1839; unm. He enlisted in Company G, Fourteenth Connecticut volunteers Aug. 4, 1862; wounded Sept. 17, 1862, at Antietam; was promoted to corporal Sept. 1, 1863; captured Sept. 18, 1864, at Wilderness, Va.; paroled March 3, 1865; died March 12, 1865, from effects of imprisonment. Address, Mrs. Nathan Gladwin, East River, Conn.

8574. iv. RENA ESTELLE, b. May 2, 1842; d. unm., Aug. 6, 1866.

8575. v. FRANK, b. Aug. 13, 1844; d. May 7, 1873; unm.

8576. vi. MONIFISS, HATTIE M., b. April 12, 1847; d. Dec. 9, 1882.


8578. i. HENRY EDWARD, b. June 18, 1840; m. Lydia M. Post.


8581. i. PHILANDER, b. ——; d. unm., July 26, 1863.
8582. ii. RUSSELL, b. ——. 8583. iii. HENRY, b. ——.


8594. i. MARVIN OLIVER, b. ——; d. Sept. 26, 1861.


8596. ii. HERBERT. 8590. vi. KASPER.
8597. iii. JACOB M. 8591. vii. HARRISON.
8598. iv. ARGUS M. 8592. viii. EMERSON.
8599. v. ARTHUR B. 8593. ix. FRANK.

8607. OLIVER M. FOSTER (Henry C., Hiram, Gabriel, Timothy, Thomas, John, John, Christopher), b. Seymour, Ind., June 22, 1863; m., Cortland, Ind., June 12, 1890. L. Maude Robertson, b. March 9, 1869. He is a farmer and stock raiser. Res., Seymour, Ind.

8609. i. CHARLES O., b. June 26, 1891.
8611. iii. MARY LOUISE, b. Dec. 22, 1895.


8613. i. RALPH EDWARD, b. Dec. 11, 1894.

8614. WILLIAM ALLEN FOSTER (James S., James S., Timothy, Jonah, Josiah, Joseph, Joseph, Christopher), b. New Hartford, N. Y., May 17, 1837; m. Anna Booth. She resides Cleveland, O. William served in a New York artillery regiment during the Civil war, and was wounded at the battle of Cold Harbor, Va. He is now dead. His wife is living in Cleveland, O. He was a farmer and lived in New Hartford, N. Y. He d. Aug. 15, 1883. Res., New Hartford, N. Y.

8615. i. LUCY BELLE, b. ——. Res., 2729 Center St., Denver, Col.

8617. NATHANIEL W. FOSTER (Franklin, Nathaniel, Timothy, Jonah, Josiah, Joseph, Joseph, Christopher), b. Vernon, N. Y., May 10, 1832; m. there, Nov. 23, 1862. Lucy A. Clark, b. 1823; d. July 16, 1864; m., 2d, March 18, 1874, Rebecca A. Smith, b. Sept. 13, 1842. He is a farmer and traveling salesman. He was born on his father's farm, and it has been his home to the present time. He has been employed one-half of his life as traveling salesman for different firms. He was with the last firm he worked for fourteen years, and had entire charge of the State of New York, employing men that worked different parts of the State under his instruction. Res., Oneida, N. Y.

8619. i. FRANK C., b. Aug. 14, 1864; m. Anna N. Currie.


8622. ii. HARRY JULIUS, b. June 18, 1892.
8623. iii. GEORGE ARTHUR, b. Feb. 12, 1894. P. O., Vernon, Oneida County, N. Y.


8627. ii. ALBERT ORSON, b. Dec. 14, 1875.
8628. iii. MABEL LOUISE, b. Nov. 2, 1881.
8629. iv. IRENE HAINES, b. Jan. 28, 1884.
HENRY AUSTIN FOSTER (Marvin, Titus, Saul, Christopher, Christopher, Joseph, Joseph, Christopher), b. East River, Conn., December, 1832; m., April 16, 1854, Harriet Maria Meigs, b. 1832; d. March 1, 1875; m., 2d, Bessie Norton Stevens. He was a farmer. He d. January, 1892. Res., Madison, Conn.

HENRY AUSTIN FOSTER (b. East River, Conn., December, 1832; m. April 16, 1854, Harriet Maria Meigs, b. 1832; d. March 1, 1875; m., 2d, Bessie Norton Stevens). He was a farmer. He d. January, 1892. Res., Madison, Conn.


MARVIN OLIVER, b. Sept. 3, 1859; d. young.

CHARLES MONROE, b. Dec. 31, 1861.


MARY FRANCES, b. June 17, 1868.

EMERSON, b. ——; d. young.


EDWARD RUSSELL, b. Aug. 27, 1870; d. May 22, 1872.

MARY ELIZABETH, b. July 20, 1877.


LUCY MARY, b. Sept. 24, 1890.

EVA LENA MILDRED, b. Sept. 10, 1893.

EDGAR LOUIS FOSTER (b. Madison, Conn., April 16, 1868; m., Nov. 20, 1894, Mary Ellen Johnson, b. Nov. 29, 1870. Res., 35 Perkins St., New Haven, Conn.

FLORENCE MAY, b. March 7, 1896.
8621. TIMOTHY FOSTER b. (prob.) Devonshire, England; m., — — ; d. England; m., 2d, in England, Mrs. Eglin (Hatherly) Hanford. She m., 3d, in America (Savage says) Deacon Richard Sealis, who d. in Scituate, in 1656. Eglin Hatherly was a sister of the venerable Timothy Hatherly who arrived in Plymouth in the "Ann" in 1623. His home was destroyed by fire and he returned to England in 1625, returning hither in 1632 in the "Charles" from Barnstable. Landing in Boston he went to Plymouth and to Scituate in 1633. He was a large property owner and bought and sold many houses and was considered the guardian and patron of Scituate. He was assistant in the government for thirteen years, treasurer of the colony and commissioner of the United Colonies for three years. He d. in 1666, issueless. After the death of her second husband, Timothy Foster, she came to America with her children. She had three children: Eglin Hanford and Lettie Hanford (Mrs. Edmund Foster) and Rev. Thomas Hanford, pastor of the church of Norwalk, Conn., "being the only son of Eglin Sealis, by her first husband." See Colony records, 1666. Her third husband was Deacon Sealis, a member of Mr. Latrope's church. He went to Scituate in 1644. He had a house Lathrope's, which he turned over to Eglin Hanford, his wife's daughter by a former husband. In 1646 he had a house north of Scituate brook. He was one of the Conihassett parties in 1646. He was an estimable man. His will dated 1656; he gives to wife Eglin and daughter Pannah, wife of John Winchester, and Hester, wife of Samuel Jackson, Winchester; v as of Hingham. Jackson resided in Scituate and succeeded to Sealis residence. They had one son Jonathan, b. 1647; was a soldier in King Philip's war and was granted land for his services. A Mr. Foster, in looking over Worthy's Devonshire wills, London, 1696, happened upon the following abstract of a will which helps throw some light on the English ancestry of the mother of the wife of Edward Foster: "1637—The last will of Elinor Mortimer, otherwise Tanner, of Freemington, widow. She desires to be buried in the parish churchyard, just by the chancel door, near to the sepulcher of her husband William Mortimore, alias Tanner, and leaves 10s to the poor of the parish. Mentions sons Matthew and Henry Mortimore, alias Tanner, and daughter Elinor Friend; also son Tymothy Hatherly and Eglin Hanver. This will was proved Aug. 30, 1637. In her husband's will, proved Sept. 12, 1615, I find no mention of any Hatherly or Hanver, and this lends color to the surmise that the two mentioned above were her children by a former marriage. Nicholas Mortymer, in his will, proved Dec. 11, 1615, leaves to "Elizabeth Hatherleigh my second best dublett and jerky, my best Waiscoatt, and one canvas Shirt" and "to John Hatherleigh my best hatt." Mr. Henry F. Waters, said that he had no doubt that Timothy Hatherly and his sister Eglin Hanford, of Scituate, Mass., were the persons mentioned, Eglin Hanford came with two daughters in the "Planter" in 1635. Another daughter, Lettie, seems to have arrived earlier, for she married Edward Foster, of Scituate, April 5th, of the same year. Timothy Hatherly, though married twice, left no children. He d. in (prob.) Kent, England. She resided Scituate, Mass.

8622. i. EDWARD, b. (prob.) 1610, in England; m. Lettie Hanford.

8623. ii. EGLIN b. (prob.) — — ; m. — — , Isaac Robinson, Jr., the grandson of the founder of Congregationalism, the venerable John Robinson. Isaac's father was a highly venerable man; resided in Scituate and moved to Barnstable; was assistant in the government, but on account of his opposition to the laws against the Quakers he was disfranchised, but was restored by Governor Winslow, in 1673. Isaac, Jr., received a legacy in Mr. Hatherly's
will in 1668, and was unfortunately drowned at Barnstable "in going into a pond to fetch two geese, the pond being full of weedy grasse," Col. Rec.

[Written by Mary L. F. Power.] Deane says: "Edward Foster, lawyer, was one of the 'men of Kent,' and settled in Kent street at the corner near Satuit brook (now Capt. Webbs) in 1633. He was Freeman, 1636; he had also sixty acres on the North river between Annables and Humphrey Turner's lot (now owned by John and Timothy Foster) near King's Landing."

He also says, "It is certain that Edward Foster was in Scituate before 1628." That being the case, I believe that he came from England in the ship "Ann" in company with his uncle, Timothy Hatherly in 1623.

Timothy Hatherly has often been called the "Father of Scituate." He was a wealthy and educated man, and used his money freely for the advancement of the colony at Scituate. Edward Foster's mother was Eglin Hatherly, sister to Timothy. She first married in England a Mr. Hanford, then Edward Foster's father, and for a third husband, Deacon Richard Sealis, all before she left England. There was a daughter Eglin Hanford mentioned in her uncle Hatherly's will, also in that of her stepfather, Deacon Richard Sealis.

It is thought probable that Edward Foster had two own sisters, one of whom married (according to Deane) Isaac Robinson, son of the founder of Congregationalism, and another named Lettice, who married Samuel Thompkins (afterward of Bridgewater) in 1639.

There were two half-sisters, Hester and Hannah Sealis. Hester married Samuel Jackson in 1639, and Hannah married John Winchester. Edward Foster practiced law in England and we find no record of his marriage here. He probably came from Devonshire, but Timothy Hatherly was a merchant in London before coming to this country. Edward Foster's wife was named Lettice. His will dated 1644 gives "To wife Lettice all my cattle and movable goods (except my books, which are to be my son Timothy's) and also the use of my house, and three parcels of land, viz: at the North River,—at the end Cliff—and at Satuit Brook, until Timothy come of age. To son Timothy one third of all my property at 2 years of age. To an infant yet unborn, another third part, whether male or female, at 21 years of age. Timothy Hatherly, Father Richard Sealis, Edmund Edenden, and brother Isaac Robinson to hold the same in trust."

It is said that he died early, but date of his death is not in Scituate records. (Many of the early records were burned, I am told.)

He was constantly employed in public affairs. He was assistant to the first colony court in 1637, and (with Anthony Annable) deputy in 1639.

A strong family pride, and in most cases an acquaintance, has kept up the connection so that I think it is a remarkably complete family record.

This town is called Scituate later (So.) Scituate, and later still Norwell. Scituate and South Scituate were one town until the year 1849, when the southerly portion was incorporated under the name of South Scituate. In 1837 the name was changed to Norwell for Henry Norwell, of the firm of Shepard & Norwell, Boston, one of our prominent citizens.

"— 8622. HON. EDWARD FOSTER (Timothy), b. Kent, England; m., April 8, 1635, Lettice Hanford. "The town record says Edward Foster and Lettice Hanford marr att Mr. Cudworths by Captain Standige April 8 ye 4th Day of the weeke." Lettice Hanford was the daughter, probably, of Timothy Foster's second wife by her former husband. It is my opinion that after Edward Foster's death she married, second, Samuel Thompkins and removed to Bridgewater. He settled in Kent street, Scituate, near Satuit brook, in 1633, and was taxed June 2, of that year by the colony court. He was a farmer in 1636. He had sixty acres of land on the North river near Humphrey Turner's lot near King's Landing. He was a lawyer and a young man of good repute and one of the founders of the church there Jan. 8, 1635; was representative 1639-1640. His will, dated Nov. 24, 1643 provides for his wife and son. In February following his uncle Hatherly and father-in-law Sealis took his inventory. See Gen. Reg. Vol. iv, p. 281. He was constantly employed in public affairs and doubtless would have risen to importance had he not died early. By his will he gave his wife, Lettice, all his cattle and movable goods, except his books, which he gave to his only son Timothy, and also the use of his house and three parcels of land, at the North river, at the Second cliff and at Satuit brook, until Timothy came of age. To son Timothy one third of all his property at twenty-one years of age. To an infant, yet unborn, another third part,
whether male or female, at twenty-one years of age. "Timothy Hatherly, Father Richard Sealis, Edward Edenden and brother Isaac Robinson to hold the same in trust."

Abstract of earliest wills in probate office, Plymouth, Edward Foster; his will, dated Nov. 24, 1643, makes his wife executrix and bequeaths to her his lands at North river and Stony brook. He names his son Timothy.


8624. i. TIMOTHY, b. March 7, 1640; d. mother, 1649; married, March 7, 1650; buried Dec. 5, 1637.

8625. ii. TIMOTHY, b. April 22, 1638; d. young.

8626. iii. TIMOTHY, b. 1640; m. Mrs. Ruth (Tileston) Denton, and Relief Dowse.

8627. iv. ELIZABETH, b. 1644; m. 1666, Ephraim Hewitt, of Hull. He was son of Thomas, of Hingham, and was born 1649; resided for a short time in Scituate, then Hingham and finally to Hull. Ch.: 1. Thomas, b. 1667. 2. Ruth, b. 1669. 3. Susanna, b. 1672. 4. Joel, b. 1673. 5. Ephraim, b. 1676. Ephraim's uncle, Rev. Ephraim, resided in Windsor, Conn. After Ephraim's death she m., 2d, Jan. 17, 1681, James Ray, of Hingham. She d. Feb. 15, 1682. He d. June 5, 1723. They had ch.: Margaret, b. Feb. 6, 1682; m., May 20, 1709, Nathaniel Sutton, of Scituate.

8626. SERGT. TIMOTHY FOSTER (Edward, Timothy), b. Scituate, Mass., in 1640; m., Oct. 13, 1663. Mrs. Ruth (Tileston) Denton, dau. of Thomas Tileston and widow of Richard Denton. Her father was a freeman in 1636 and was an enterprising and useful man. Ruth d. Dec. 5, 1677; m., 2d, March 9, 1680, Mrs. Relief (Holland) Dowse.

He sold part of his house lot in Scituate to Edward Jenkins, in 1662, and moved to Dorchester, but returned to his farm at North river. He sold the west part of his house lot and the house at the harbor to John Allen in 1679. In 1671 he purchased one-half of the Edward Breck mill with land adjoining of Mrs. Isabella Fisher, widow of Edward Breck, and now wife of Anthony Fisher, of Roxbury. She was the widow of John Rigby when Breck married her. Breck was from Ashton, Lancaster, England; was a freeman in 1639, selectman in 1642, and for many years afterward. The land his widow sold to Foster was purchased by him of Jonathan Burr. Timothy Foster's second wife was Relief, the daughter of John Holland, one of the first settlers of Dorchester. She m., 1st, Oct. 31, 1672, John Dowse, son of Lawrence, b. 1649; d. Nov. 28, 1677. By him she had four children and resided in Charlestown. Her third husband was Henry Leadbeater, b. Oct. 16, 1664, whom she married March 9, 1692. She had four children by Foster. She d. July 7, 743.

Will—Timothy Foster, of Dorchester, Dec. 15, 1688; son, Hatherly to have lands in Scituate and profits from same until he comes to age of twenty-one years. Hatherly's eldest sister, Ruth; wife, Relief Foster; six youngest children—Rebecca, Timothy, Edward, Prudent, Thomas and Elizabeth; daughter Naomy. Wife, executrix until Hatherly reach twenty-one, then he to join with her; mentions his tide-mill. Lib. 11, fol. 129-131. Inventory made Dec. 26, 1688. Relief Foster appeared before assistants, March 20, 1689, and made oath as to inv. of estate of her husband, Timothy Foster, deceased. Suffolk Prob., Lib. 9, fol. 366.


8628. i. RUTH, b. Sept. 4, 1644.


Sketch of Charles Heber Walden, a descendant of Hopestill Foster and also of Edward Foster: Charles Heber, b. June 4, 1839, remained at home until nineteen years of age, acquiring his education in public schools. He then taught in district school for several terms. During the war he was employed for two years getting out timber for government. For eleven years he had charge of Fitch's stock farm in New London, noted as ranking one of the first in the State in products and blooded stock. Appointed superintendent of the almshouse of New London in 1881, his careful and efficient management received the highest commendation from the State board of charities. Earnest and indefatigable in his work, in the spring of 1888 his health began to fail under its load of care and responsibility. After a lengthy illness he entered into rest Sept. 9, 1898. This stroke inflicted by his
removal would have been more than could be endured but for the sustaining grace of God and the confident belief that our loss is his everlasting gain. Few, in a noiseless and unobtrusive way, accomplished more good than he in his position for the good of his family and of others who came in contact with him. His record is on high! "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord; yea, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." "And it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that when he shall appear we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is."—First John 3:2. "All these things are against me."—Gen. 42:36.

8632. v. REBECCA, b. Sept. 12, 1675; m. B. Mounefort. She d. 1725.
8633. vi. TIMOTHY, b. Jan. 8, 1681; m. —.
FOSTER GENEALOGY.

8635. viii. THOMAS, b. Nov. 3, 1686; m. Ann Bossenger and Mrs. Zibiah (Sumner) Neal.


8637. x. PRUDENCE, b. Dec. 3, 1684; m., Dec. 23, 1707, Capt. Ebenezer Swan, b. May 12, 1668; he d. at sea, 1716; m., 2d, Rev. John Prentice. He was captain of a brigantine from Boston to Nevis. Admr. was granted to Prudence Oct. 8, 1716. In the estate was a negro servant and a home at Roxbury.

8638. DEACON HATHERLY FOSTER (Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Scituate, Mass., Aug., 1671; m. Dec. 4, 1698, Bathshua Turner, dau. of Joseph, b. 1675. She d. March 16, 1744. He settled on a farm at North River. His house was built in 1697 and was standing a few years in good condition. Deacon Hatherly Foster, son of Timothy, b. 1671, came to Scituate about 1698, at which date he married Bathshua, dau. of Joseph Turner (Dec. 1, 1698) and settled on the farm at North River. Bathshua Turner was a cousin to Jemima whom his brother Edward married. He built the house, called the old Foster place, in 1697. This house was torn down about two months ago (Aug., 1898), it being at that time two hundred and one years old. Bathshua Turner was a great-great-granddaughter of Elder William Brewster. Jonathan Brewster, son of Elder William, m., Thanksgiving Day, 1644 or 5, Lucretia, dau. Mary Brewster, who m. John Turner, of Scituate, son Joseph Turner, b. 1648, m. Bathshua Hobart; dau. Bathshua m. Deacon Hatherly Foster.

Will—In the name of God Amen the First Day of August A. D. 1748 I Hatherly Foster of Scituate in the county of Plymouth in new England yeoman being aged but of Sound mind do make this my Last Will & Testament first I Recommend my Sole to God that gave it and my Body to the Earth to Decent Burial at the Discretion of my Executors Hereafter named and Touching my Worldly Estate I Give the Same as follows.

Imprinds. I Give & Bequeath unto my Son Joseph Foster his heirs & assigns for Ever the one Half of the Farm whereon he now Dwells which was my Fathers Joseph Turners Said Farm in the whole being about fifty acres more or Less which said Half I Bought of My Brother Joseph Stockbridge & His Wife; also five acres I Lade out in the Division of Scituate commons adjoyning thereto & about Eleven acres on ye North Side of ye Road going to Barkers Being all my Land there. Also about Sixty acres on the East Side of ye country Road at a place called Gilmans plain also fore acres & an Half of Land being Salt March Lying Joyning to ye North River & my Island of upland & Deacon Kings Land Extending from said Kings Land Betwixt Said River & Said Island So far as to make up Said fore acres & Half of an Equal Breadth at Said River & Said Island To Have & to Hold all said parcels of Land to him said Joseph Foster his heirs & assigns for ever and all which said lands are Lying in said Scituate. Item I Give to My Son Elisha Foster his heirs & assigns for Ever about fifty acres of Land at Barswouls Hill So called on ye West Side of ye county Road also ye Farm Whereon I Now Dwell on both sides of ye Road being Eight acres More of Less Joyning to the north River only Excepting the Said Salt Marsh given herein to said Joseph & the Wood & Timber Growing & Being on that part of ye Swamp Joyning to John Turners Land (viz) one five acres thereof at that End next to said Turners Land & ye libertie of Taking it off any Time Within Twenty years next coming & so much Longer as my sd son Joseph shall Live Which I do hereby Give to my said son Joseph. Item I Give to my Daughter Elizabeth Barstow all My Indower Household Stuf and Tow Hundred pounds Old Tenor Bills one Hundred & fifty Pounds of it to be paid by said Elisha and ye Other Fifty by said Joseph Within one year after My Decease which I hereby order them to pay accordingly which with what I Have Here-tofore Given to Said Elizabeth is in full of Her Portion Lastly I give to said Joseph and Elisha & there heirs all ye Rest of My Estate Real & Personal & Do hereby appoint them Executors to this my will In witness whereof I have herunto Sett my Hand & Seal ye Day & year first before written,

Hatherly Foster (Seal)

Signed Sealed Published & Declared by said Hatherly to be his last will in presents off Jesse Turnor William Wilson Willim Otiss

Plymouth Ls. Septr. the Fourth A. D. 1751 the aforesaid Written Will being Presented by the Executors therein named for Probate the Said Jesse Turnor William Wilson & William Otiss Made Oath that they Saw Said Hatherly Foster Sign and Seal and Heard him Declare this Instrument to be his Last Will and Testament and
that they at ye Same Time in his presents Subscribed as Witnesses & that he Was then of Sound Mind.

Before Me John Cushing Judge of Probate.

The grave stones have this:

Mr. Hatherly Foster d. 1751, ae. 79 years and Mrs. Bathshua Foster, ye virtuous wife of Mr. Hatherly Foster, d. 1744 in her 66th year.


8638. i. MARGARET, b. 1699; prob. m. a son of Nathaniel Tilden; d. before 1748.

8639. ii. JOSEPH, b. 1702; m. Abigail Steel.

8640. iii. RUTH, b. 1704; m. 1735, Richard Turner. They had a son, Consider, who was in the Revolutionary army and was noted for his repartee.

8641. iv. TIMOTHY, b. 1706; d. 1730.

8642. v. ELISHA, b. May 28, 1708; m. Temperence Freeman.

8643. vi. JOHN, b. 1711; (prob.) d. before 1748.

8644. vii. ELIZABETH, b. 1721; m. Feb. 28, 1740, Joshua Barstow, of Hanover.


8645. i. TIMOTHY, b. 1715; m. Molly May, Keziah Lyon and Mary Payson.

8646. ii. WILLIAM, b. 1706; m., Jan. 10, 1733, Huldah Holland.

8747. iii. LYDIA, b. 1710; m., Jan. 10, 1733, Joseph Willet.

8648. iv. HANNAH, b. 1708; m., Dec. 29, 1731, Joseph Hartshorn.


8649. i. EDWARD, b. April 6, 1706; d. Aug. 3, 1710.

8650. ii. TIMOTHY, b. April 12, 1709; m. Abiel Williams.

8651. iii. MARY, b. Aug. 13, 1711; m. — Jacob, of Scituate.

8652. iv. JEMIMA, b. Aug. 8, 1713; m. — Hatch, of Bridgewater.

8653. v. RUTH, b. Feb. 4, 1716; m. — Turner, of Scituate.

8654. vi. ALICE, b. Jan. 4, 1719; m. in 1761.

8655. vii. RELIEF, b. Aug. 31, 1722; unm. in 1761.

8635. THOMAS FOSTER (Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Dorchester, Mass., Nov. 3, 1686; m., June 1, 1711, Ann Bossenger. He d. Boston, pub., 1746; m., 2d, pub., July 14, 1748, Mrs. Zibiah (Sumner) Neal. She d. 1782.

Administration of estate of Thomas Foster, late of Boston, gentleman, deceased, granted to son Thomas Foster, of Boston, brasier, May 1, 1752. Suff. Prob. Lib. 46, fol. 118. Inventory of estate of Thomas Foster, late of Boston, shopkeeper, deceased, mentions former wife, Ann Foster, deceased, administrator, Dec. 21, 1753. Lib. 47, fol. 250. In list of debts against estate name of Zibiah Foster mentioned; also son Edward Foster's estate. Nov. 23, 1753. Lib. 48, fol. 548. Order of distribution mentions widow, Zibiah; eldest son, Thomas; daughters, Anne Salter, wife of Mathew Salter, and Elisabeth Foster. Son Edward's share to be paid to his widow and children. Jan. 1, 1754. Lib. 48, fol. 549. Administration of estate of Ann Foster, deceased, former wife of Thomas Foster, late of Boston, gentleman, deceased, granted to son, Thomas Foster, of Boston, brasier, Dec. 21, 1753. Lib. 48, fol. 573. Warrant for division mentions his son, Edward Foster, deceased, and daughter, Ann Salter, wife of Mathew Salter. Lib. 49, fol. 964.
Administration of estate of Zebiah Foster, late of Milton, granted to Nathaniel Fisher, of Stoughton, yeoman, Oct. 15, 1782. Lib. 81, fol. 573. Inventory mentions her as Zebiah Foster, late of Milton, widow, deceased. Lib. 82, fol. 63. Administrator's account mentions her right in her mother's real estate as appraised and settled on the sons, received of David and Daniel Sumner. Lib. 83, fol. 136-7-8.

Distribution of estate to brothers, Daniel Sumner, Samuel Sumner, Abijah Sumner, and David Sumner, Feb. 10, 1784. Lib. 83, fol. 217.


8656. i. THOMAS, b. July 15, 1713; m. Abigail Howell and Sarah Banks.
8657. ii. MARY, b. Oct. 26, 1715; d. young.
8658. iii. EDWARD, b. Nov. 16, 1717; m. Abigail Wolcott and Martha Henderson.
8659. iv. ANN, b. Dec. 19, 1721; d. in infancy.
8660. v. TIMOTHY, b. Feb. 1, 1722; d. in infancy.
8661. vi. ANN, b. April 29, 1724; m. Mathew Salter.
8662. vii. TIMOTHY, b. Nov. 8, 1725; d. young.
8663. viii. JOSHUA, b. Feb. 16, 1727; d. young.
8664. ix. WILLIAM, b. May 9, 1730; d. young.
8665. x. PRUDENCE, b. June 28, 1731; d. young.
8666. xi. ELIZABETH, b. Oct. 1, 1732; m. John Hurd, of Boston. He was a member of the Massachusetts Assembly, and married second, Mary, daughter of Richard Russell, of Charlestown, widow of Dr. Isaac Foster, director-general of hospitals Continental Army, 1776-50. (See.)
8667. xii. BOSSENGER, b. Jan. 21, 1719; d. young.

8639. JOSEPH FOSTER (Hatherly, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Scituate, Mass., 1702; m. 1713, Abigail Steel.

Old Joseph Foster, of Topsham, had a large dog that he had trained to attack an Indian whenever he met one. During the French and Indian war the women and children were sent to the blockhouse for safety. One afternoon the children wanted to go the riverside berrying. As no Indians had been seen about for sometime, permission was given, but the dog was sent with them. While the children laughed and picked the berries the big dog became excited and getting between a pile of brush and the children, growled and showed his teeth, as if there was mischief lurking there. Mrs. Foster was nearest the pile. Her attention being called by the unwonted fierceness of the dog, saw an Indian there. She screamed, and all the children ran up the hill to the blockhouse, the dog protecting the rear. Several years after the same Indian was in the vicinity, and referred to the incident, by saying if it had not been for the big dog he would have "made a great haul of papoose." This was about 1717. The Foster house, on "Fireside" road, near "Narrows," was built in 1775, by Joseph Foster, the door-hinges and fastenings were picked up in Portland by him when that town was burned, in 1775, and used in the new house. Res., Scituate, Mass., and Topsham, Me.

8668. i. MARGARET, b. 1734.
8669. ii. HATHERLY, b. 1737; m. Martha —
8670. iii. ABIGAIL, b. 1738. 8671. iv. ELIZABETH, b. 1741.
8672. v. JOSEPH, b. 1742. 8673. vi. TIMOTHY, b. 1744.
8674. vii. STEEL, b. 1750; m. Martha Potter.


Temperance Freeman, a descendant of Elder Brewster and Gov. Thomas Prence, in the following manner: (1) Elder William Brewster, married Mary ——; (Mayflower). (2) Daughter, Patience Brewster, married Thomas Prence (Fortune), Aug. 5, 1625. (3) Daughter Mary Prence, married John Freeman, son of Edward. (4) Son John Freeman, married Sarah Merrick, daughter of William. (5) Son Benjamin Freeman married Temperance Dimick, daughter of Thomas. (6) Daughter Temperance Freeman married Deacon Elisha Foster, through Temperance Freeman the Scituate Foster's trace a third time to Elder Brewster.

Captain Elisha was a member of the committee of Confidence, Inspection and Safety.
Elisha Foster, of Scituate; John Foster was appointed administrator May 28, 1771. In the settlement of his estate, made in 1772, the following children were named: John, eldest son; Barsheba, wife of Seth House, of Hanover; Elisha, Temperance, Sarah, Mary and Ruth (the last two minors, Temperance Foster, guardian), and wife Temperance.—Plymouth Probate.


8672. i. JOHN, b. March 25, 149; m. Sarah Jacobs and Mary Jacobs.
8673. ii. BATHSHTA, b. 1712; m. Seth House, of Hanover.
8674. iii. ELISHA, b. April 28, 1715; m. Grace Barstow.
8675. iv. TEMPERANCE, b. 1717; m. Deacon Francis Cushing, and removed to Maine.
8676. v. SARAH, b. 1740; m. Deacon Elisha James (his first wife).
8677. vi. MARY, b. 1751; m. Elijah Turner, Esq.
8678. vii. RUTH, b. 1754; m. Nathaniel Chittenden; m., 2d, in 1774, Deacon Elisha James. Chittenden was son of Nathaniel; was born 1751; resides at the mouth of the second Herring brook. Deacon Elisha James succeeded to the residence of his grandfather. Ch.: 1. Staunton. 2. Sarah, m. Capt. Thomas Southworth. 3. Elisha; resides Roxbury. 4. Temperance, m. Mr. Wild, of Hingham.
5. Deacon Joshua, of Scituate.

8685. TIMOTHY FOSTER (Timothy, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Walpole, Mass., about 1715; m., 1739, Molly May; m., 2d, May 17, 1754, Keziah Lyon; m., 3d, 1755, Mary Payson. He was a cordwainer; came from Walpole to Oxford, where he bought land in 1748, in the southeast part of Dudley. He had sixteen children. He served in the Revolutionary war with his thirteen sons, in an aggregate over sixty years. He had also been a soldier in the Colonial service. (See history of Sutton, p. 779.) His will was proved at Worcester, May 5, 1795. It mentions wife, Mary, and children, Sarah, John, Hannah, Jacob, Joseph, and Rebecca.

The Dudley records say that "Timothy Foster and his fourteen sons were in the Revolutionary forces together," but I only found eight recorded at Boston, viz: Ensign Timothy Foster, Jr., Ebenezer Foster, John Foster, Johnathan Foster, Samuel Foster, Joseph Foster, and Corporal William Foster.

8681. x. EBENEZER, b. Jan. 1, 1740; m. Mary Jenkins.
8682. xvii. JOSEPH, b. April 29, 1762; m. Chloe White and — — —.
8683. xv. TIMOTHY, b. June 20, 1741; m. Rachel Robinson.
8684. i. MARY, b. June 5, 1748; m. — — Rhodes.
8685. ii. HANNAH, b. March 18, 1750; m., March 10, 1768, Amos Hooker. Res., D. Had four children, three sons and one daughter. Samuel enlisted on board a privateer; was killed in battle. Two of the sons were Parker, b. June 16, 1770, and Samuel, b. July 20, 1772.
8686. iii. JONATHAN, b. Aug. 19, 1752; n. f. k.; was in Revolutionary war.
8687. iv. BENJAMIN, b. Dec. 13, 1754; n. f. k.; was in Revolutionary war.
8688. v. JACOB, b. Aug. 27, 1756; m. Susannah Fairbanks.
8689. vi. AARON, b. Oct. 10, 1758; m. Sarah Town.
8690. vii. WILLIAM, b. July 26, 1760; m. Mary Brown.
8691. viii. JOHN, b. April 29, 1762; m. Ruth — — —.
8692. ix. SAMUEL, b. April 30, 1764; m. Dolly Davis.
8693. x. SARAH, b. March 21, 1766; m., June 26, 1796, Ephraim Upham, of Thompson, Conn. Ch.: 1. Lucy, b. Dec. 7, 1796; m., July 9, 1817, Baxter Ellis. 2. Matilda, b. Aug. 9, 1789; m., March 9, 1820, Henry Davis. 3. Danford, b. Aug. 8, 1800; m., March 17, 1824, Betsey Brackett. 4. Walter, b. July 22, 1802; m., 1827, Electa Carpenter. 5. Ephraim, b. March 28, 1804; m., 1829, Almira Jacobs. 6. Sally, b. Dec. 9, 1806; m., April 3, 1831, Joshua Davis.
8694. xi. REBECCA, b. Nov. 19, 1768; m., March 20, 1790, Gamachel Newell, of Woodstock, Conn.; moved to Georgia and had a large family.
8695. xii. RICHARD, b. Nov. 21, 1744; m., Dec. 6, 1770, Lydia Titus. They went to New Salem and moved to New York State and had a large family.
8697. xiv. SAMUEL, b. Dec. 4, 1746. He enlisted on board of a privateer and was killed in battle on board ship. He was a good looking young man.

8698. xvi. JOHN, b. Walpole, April 10, 1743; d. before 1762.


Huldah Foster, of Walpole, widow, appointed guardian of son, William Foster, a minor under age of fourteen years, to take into custody part of estate as accrues him in right of his father, William Foster, late of Walpole, husbandman, deceased, dated Oct. 15, 1756. Lib. 51, fol. 663. Also appointed guardian of Margira, under fourteen years of age, Oct. 15, 1756. Lib. 51, fol. 663. Also guardian of Sarah Foster, above fourteen years of age, Oct. 15, 1756. Suff. Prob. Lib. 51, fol. 662.


8699. i. HULDH, b. June 25, 1733; m., Oct. 21, 1756, James Plimpton.

8700. ii. MARY, b. May 27, 1735.

8701. iii. JONATHAN, b. Feb. 11, 1737; d. Feb. 10, 1750.

8702. iv. SARAH, b. Sept. 5, 1739; m., Aug. 20, 1761, John Boyden, Jr.

8703. v. ANNA, b. Aug. 22, 1741; m., June 21, 1764, Thomas Petty.

8704. vi. ELIZABETH, b. May 14, 1743.

8705. vii. WILLIAM, b. May 25, 1740.

8706. viii. MARGERY, b. June 16, 1749; m., Oct. 27, 1768, Daniel Boyden.

8650. TIMOTHY FOSTER (Edward, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Dorchester, Mass., April 12, 1709; m. Abial Williams, of Roxbury, Mass., b. 1720; d. March 23, 1810.

Administration on estate of Timothy Foster, late of Dorchester, yeoman, deceased, intestate, granted to Edward Foster, of Dorchester, December, 1776. Lib. 75, fol. 357. Lib. 76, fol. 73-4-165.

Abial Foster, of Dorchester, widow, appointed guardian to Mary Foster, a minor above fourteen years, daughter of Timothy Foster, late of Dorchester, housewright, deceased. Edward Foster, of Dorchester, housewright, bound with her in said trust, April 11, 1777. Lib. 76, fol. 42. Also appointed guardian of Timothy, a minor under fourteen years of age, son of Timothy Foster (as above), April 11, 1777. Lib. 76, fol. 41. Also appointed guardian of Relief, a minor under fourteen years of age, daughter of Timothy Foster (as above), April 11, 1777. Lib. 76, fol. 44.

Tradition says that his house consisted of but an ell, without a cellar, and that the front and principal part of the dwelling was erected later. This portion was two stories in height, with the gabled roof and small-paneled windows of the period in which it was built. It was, as has been said, removed at the time of the building of Lonsdale street. He d. Aug. 28, 1775. Res., Dorchester, Mass.

8707. i. ABIGAIL, b. Jan. 20, 1743.

8708. ii. JEMIMA, b. Jan. 27, 1745; d. May 26, 1770.

8709. iii. ÉLIZABESTH, b. March 1, 1748.

8710. iv. EDWARD, b. March 22, 1752; m. Polly Blake.

8711. v. SARAH, b. March 1, 1754.

8712. vi. TIMOTHY, b. Nov. 12, 1755; d. May 24, 1761.


8714. viii. MARY, b. Dec. 12, 1759; d. ——, 1778.

8715. ix. TIMOTHY, b. Aug. 21, 1763.

8656. THOMAS FOSTER (Thomas, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Boston, Mass., July 15, 1713; m. there, July 14, 1737, Abigail Howell, dau. of Henry, of Boston; m., 2d, there, Jan. 8, 1740, Sarah Banks, dau. of John, b. 1721. He was a brazier. Res., Boston, Mass.

8716. i. THOMAS, b. July 4, 1738; m. Lucy Dwight.

8717. ii. JOHN, b. Nov. 28, 1741; m. Elizabeth ——.

8718. iii. BOSSANGER, b. June 3, 1742; m. Elizabeth Craigie and Mary Craigie.

8718a. iv. WILLIAM, b. Sept. 28, 1746; m. Grace Spear.

8718b. v. TIMOTHY, b. 1754; m. Elizabeth Dane.

8718c. vi. JOSEPH, b. 1745; m. Miriam Cutler and Mrs. Mary Sohier.
8718½. vii. SARAH, b. —; m. John Gare, of Boston, who d., ae. seventy-nine. Seven ch. She d. in London, England.

8718½. viii. MARY, b. —; m. Rev. Timothy Hillard, of N. H.

8718½. ix. HANNAH, b. —; m. Capt. Nathaniel Byfield Lyde, of Boston, who d. in that city April 6, 1808.

8718½. x. ELIZABETH, b. —; m. — Morrill.

8658. EDWARD FOSTER (Thomas, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Boston, Mass., Nov. 16, 1717; m. there, Oct. 11, 1739, Abigail Wolcott; m., 2d, there, March 7, 1744, Martha Henderson. He was a goldsmith.


Administration of estate of Abigail Foster, late of Boston, widow, deceased, granted to brother-in-law, Thomas Foster, of Boston, brazier, Jan. 5, 1753. Lib. 47, fol. 290.

Hopestill Foster, of Boston, gentleman, appointed guardian of Zibiah Foster, a minor aged about four years, and given authority to take into custody such part of estate as accrues to her in right of her father, Edward Foster, late of Boston, goldsmith, deceased, June 22, 1753. Suff. Prob. Lib. 48, fol. 188. Also appointed guardian of Abigail Foster, a minor under fourteen years of age, daughter of Edward, June 22, 1753. Lib. 48, fol. 187. Also appointed guardian of Ann Foster, a minor, aged about eight years, daughter of Edward, June 22, 1753. Lib. 48, fol. 188.


8719. i. ZIBIAH, b. 1745.

8720. ii. ABIGAIL, b. Dec 8, 1739. 8720½. iii. ANN, b. Feb. 3, 1744.

8721. iv. MARTHA, b. May 26, 1747; d. young.

8690. HATHERLY FOSTER (Joseph, Hatherly, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Scituate, Mass., 1737; m. Martha ——.

Hatherly Foster, late of Bath, administrator, March 15, 1792 (vol. xxiii). Consider Turner and Caleb Marsh, both of Bath, sureties; inventory by Joshua Philbrook, Ephraim Titts and Joseph Lombard, all of Bath; June 2, 1792; £1760.19 0 (vol. xxiv). John, minor son, and Martha, minor daughter, chose Dummer Sewall, of Bath, to be their guardian, May 26, 1797 (vol. ii, p. 55). Dummer Sewall, guardian unto Benjamin, Alexander and Thomas, minor sons, May 26, 1797 (vol. ii, p. 55-56). Yearly value of real estate appraised at $42, by Joshua Philbrook, Christopher Cushing and Laban Loring, all of Bath, Sept. 8, 1797 (vol. ii, p. 157); account filed Sept. 19, 1797 (vol. ii, p. 171); division of personal estate among Charles, Hatherly, William, John, Benjamin, Martha, Alexander and Thomas, Sept. 19, 1797 (vol. ii, p. 211-12); division of real estate among same by Joshua Philbrook, Christopher Cushing and Joseph Sewall, all of Bath, April 19, 1798 (vol. ii, p. 70); account of Dummer Sewall, guardian of Alexander, filed Aug. 24, 1804 (unrecorded).

He d. 1792. Res. Scituate, Mass., and Bath, Me.

8722. i. HATHERLY, b. May 10, 1769; m. Oliver Bussey.

8723. ii. JOHN, b. ——.

8724. iii. MARTHA, b. ——. 8726. v. ALEXANDER, b. ——.

8725. iv. BENJAMIN, b. ——. 8727. vi. THOMAS, b. ——.

8729. vii. WILLIAM, b. ——. 8728. viii. CHARLES, b. ——.

8674. STEELE FOSTER (Joseph, Hatherly, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Scituate, Mass., in 1750; m. Jan. 18, 1777, Martha Potter, in Georgetown, Me. She was of Topsham, Me. He d. ——. Res., Georgetown and Bath, Me.

8730. i. ——; m. Peter Green. He was high sheriff.

8731. ii. DAVID, b. Sept. 30, 1779; m. Susan Haley.

8732. iii. TIMOTHY, b. ——; m. Esther Haley.

8675. JOHN FOSTER (Elisha, Hatherly, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Scituate, Mass., March 29, 1740; m., Dec. 15, 1764, Sarah Jacobs, b. 1741. She d. 1788, and he m., 2d, Mary Jacobs, b. 1752; d. 1810. He was a soldier in the French and Indian war. He succeeded to his grandfather's residence; was at Crown Point in 1759.

John Foster, of Scituate; will probated Jan. 1, 1816; written April 4, 1809; wife, Mary; sons, John, Jacob, Joseph, Timothy, Josiah; daughters. Abigail Briggs, wife
of Elisha Briggs; Sarah Foster. He appointed sons John and Timothy his executors. His wife, Mary, was adjudged insane Jan. 1, 1816.

Mary Foster, of Scituate, wife of John, adjudged insane Jan. 1, 1816; administration taken out of her estate Dec. 6, 1819; Edward Foster Jacobs, administrator. Her estate was divided among her heirs, namely: heirs of Elisha Jacobs, deceased; heirs of Lydia Whiting, deceased; Nathaniel Jacobs; heirs of Sarah Foster, deceased; heirs of Joseph Jacobs, deceased; Abigail Silvester, wife of Caleb Silvester, and heirs of Hannah James, deceased.


8734. ii. JOHN, b. April 14, 1768; m. Abigail Southworth.

8735. iii. JACOB, b. May 16, 1770; m. Joanna Stevenson and Hannah Pierce.

8736. iv. JOSEPH, b. July 5, 1772; m. Katy Davenport.

8737. v. TIMOTHY, b. Dec. 3, 1775; m. Hannah Clapp and Mrs. Deborah Turner.

8738. vi. SARAH, b. May 23, 1778; d. unm., July, 1832. Sarah Foster of Scituate adjudged non compos mentis, April 12, 1830. Her brother Timothy made the complaint. Her estate was administered upon in 1832; Joseph Foster appointed executor July 3, 1832. Her will was written May 9, 1816, and proved July 3, 1832. She left brothers Jacob, Timothy, Josiah, Joseph and John, and sister, Abigail Briggs, niece, daughter of said Abigail, and the wife of Elijah Lewis (her name not given); Harriet, daughter of her brother Joseph; Sarah, daughter of her brother John; Katy, wife of her brother Joseph. Said Sarah Foster was a singlewoman and lived in Dorchester at the time that her will was written.

8739. vii. JOSIAH, b. April 1, 1782; m. Mrs. Kingsbury, of Dorchester. They had one son who d. young. Res., Dorchester.

8677. LIEUT. ELISHA FOSTER (Elisha, Hatterly, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Scituate, Mass., April 28, 1745; m. Hanover, Mass., 1766, Grace Barstow, b. 1747; d. Dec. 17, 1835. He built a house on the road to Hanover, which stood on the spot of that of the late Warren Briggs. Another daughter of Joseph Turner, Margaret, married Joseph Stockbridge. Their daughter Margaret, b. 1708; married, Nov. 26, 1731. Deacon Samuel Barstow, and their daughter, Grace, m., Oct. 19, 1769, Deacon Elisha Foster, as will be shown later, so that the present family trace twice to Elder Brewster through the Turner family.

Elisha Foster was the first of the name to build ships on North river. Together with his sons he carried on the business for many years, and built some of the largest ships ever built on the North river. One of them, the ship "Globe," built in 1815, became famous the world over. A horrible mutiny occurred on her in 1824 off Fannings Island in which captain and mates were killed.

Elisha Foster served his country during the Revolutionary war. The record, as found in Massachusetts archives, is as follows: Elisha Foster, rank sergeant, on muster rolls of Capt. Joseph Stetson's Company, Col. Anthony Thomas' Regiment, enlisted March 24, 1776; discharged March 20, 1776; marched on alarm from Scituate to Hingham, after taking of Dorchester Heights.—Various Service, Vol. xxiii, p. 51. Elisha Foster, rank sergeant, on Lexington Alarm rolls, Capt. Galen Clapps second company, Col. Anthony Thomas' Regiment; marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, from Scituate. Res., Scituate.—Lexington Alarm Rolls, Vol. ii., p. 258. Elisha Foster appears among a list of officers of the Massachusetts militia as second lieutenant in Capt. Joseph Stetson's Company (second Plymouth company regiment company from Scituate.—Books, Militia Officers, etc. Vol. xxviii., p. 115 and p. 20. Elisha Foster appears rank lieutenant on muster and pay rolls of Capt. (Lt.) Anthony Waterman's Company, Col. John Cushing's Regiment, for service at Rhode Island
on alarm of Dec. 10, 1776. Time of enlistment Dec. 10, 1876; time of service fifteen
days; marched to Bristol, R. I.—Rhode Island Service, Vol. iii., p. 231. Elisha
Foster, rank lieutenant, on a pay abstract of Capt. Heyward Pierce's Company,
Col. Theophilus Cotton's Regiment for service one month, six days; drafted from
Scituate and Hanover, Sept. 25, 1777, and marched to Tiverton R. I., on a secret ex-
599. The name of Elisha Foster appears in rank of private, on pay abstract of
Capt. William Turner's Company, Col. John Bailey's Regiment, for travel allow-
Rolls, Vol. xvi., p. 47. Elisha Foster was appointed one of a committee of corres-
pondence, inspection and safety, March 17, 1777.
Elisha Foster, of Scituate; will written Jan. 2, 1824; proved Sept. 4, 1827; chil-
dren, Seth, Elisha, Samuel Charles, Daniel, Walter, Freeman, Peggy Tilden, wife of
Samuel, Jr.; Elisha's wife mentioned, but name not given.
8740. i. SETH, b. June 2, 1770; m. Abigail Otis.
8741. ii. MARGARET, b Aug. 15, 1772; m. Nov. 4, 1790, Capt. Samuel
Tilden. She d. June 9, 1824. Ch.:  
1xx. Margaret b. Aug. 23, 1791; m., Oct. 18, 1812, Capt. Ben-
jamin Smith, of Duxbury, d. Nov. 8, 1851. Benjamin Smith
b. Sept. 24, 1818. There were thirteen children in this fam-
25, 1813. 2. Benjamin, Jr., b. March 4, 1815; d. at New
4. Margaret Tilden, b. Feb. 26, 1819; m. Franklin, b. June 20,
1821; d. March 29, 1834. 5. Sarah Peterson, b. March 8, 1823.
Feb. 16, 1827; d. March, 18-7. 10. William Hichborn, b. Feb. 8,
1829; d. at St. Thomas, W. l., Dec. 22, 1859. 11. George W., b.
Dec. 6, 1830; d. Dec. 12, 1854. 12. Helen Louise, b. Nov. 21,
1832. 13. Morris Tobias, b. June 12, 1836. Of these children,
Hambleton E., m., Sept. 16, 1869, Harriet K. Barstow. No
children. Margaret Tilden m. Charlestown, Mass., Oct. 30,
1836, Nathaniel F. Prothingham. Their children were: 1. Fran-
24, 1842. 3. Margaret S., b. Dec. 28, 1845; m. Joseph W.
Foster, N. children. Sarah Peterson m. Samuel Lapham, of
Medford, May 21, 1845. Their children were: 1. George B.,
b. Feb. 28, 1846; d. June 4, 1849. 2. Samuel, b. April 5, 1850,
who m., March 10, 1861, Annie Soule, of Duxbury, and has one
child, Samuel. Samuel Lapham, 2d, lives in Charleston, S. C.
He has been chairman of the board of alderman and member of
the Metropolitan Park commission. 3. Luther, b. June 13,
1853. Sarah P. Lapham d. in St. Michael's church, Charleston,
Dec. 15, 1859. Helen Louise, m., Oct. 5, 1859, Hon. Ebenezer
T., b. Feb. 26, 1860; m., Dec. 24, 1887, Fannie M. Studley,
and have one child, Harry Thayer, b. Nov. 16, 1888. 2. Helen
Hambleton, b. Sept. 9, 1863, who m., June 18, 1887. Walter R.
Torrey, and has a son, Wendell, b. May, 1890. 3. George H.,
b. Aug. 26, 1867; d. Aug. 29, 1867. 4. Horace T., b. Oct. 29,
1869; graduated from Harvard College 1890. LL. B. 1893.
Morris Tobias, m., Jan. 3, 1867, Lydia B. Collamore. Children:
11, 1876. 2. Evelina dau. of Margaret and Samuel Tilden, m.,
December, 1876. m. Howard Bowker. Children were: 1. How-
1, 1892; m. November, 1894, David Torrey, and had two chil-
dren: 1. Emma H., b. 1856, who m. G. Edgar Bates and has
one child, E. Clifford. 2. Edwin B., b. April 13, 1856. 3. How-
ard, b. May 12, 1854; m., 1st, Sophia Connor; m., 2d, Marietta
Mayo and had two children. By 1st wife, Frank Howard, by 2d
wife, Watson Mayo. Howard Bowker d. Jan. 29, 1892, ae. sixty-
eight. 4. Davis W., b. Dec. 4, 1830; m. Lucia Fannie and has
five children: Julia E., Eliza W., Jennie, Ella and Quincy. Of

8742. iii. ELISHA, b. June 17, 1775; m. Sally Turner.
8743. iv. FREEMAN, b. June 8, 1777; m. Esther Palmer.
8744. v. SAMUEL, b Jan. 27, 1779; m. Sarah Delano.
8745. vi. CHARLES, b. Feb. 21, 1781; m. Eunice Ruggles.
8747. viii. DANIEL, b. May 25, 1787; m. Relief Sampson.
8748. ix. WALTER, b. Jan. 24, 1789; m. Betsey Pierce.

1802. EBENEZER FOSTER (Timothy, Timothy, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Dudley, Mass., Jan. 1, 1740; m.there, Mary Jenkins, of Scituate. He was a teacher both of common and singing schools. He located in Dudley, removed to Oxford, where he resided for several years and finally moved to Union, Conn., where he died. He was in the Revolutionary war with his father and brothers. Res., Dudley and Oxford, Mass., and Union, Conn.

8749. i. MARY, July 28, (July 7, town records), 1770; m., Dec. 5, 1793. Joseph Davis, Jr., of Dudley. Ch.: 1. James, b. 1795; unm. 2. Hannah, b. 1797; d. 1803. 3. Sally, b. 1795; m. Adam Hubbard. She d. 1862. 4. Polly, b. 1801; m. Elijah Pratt. 5. Joseph, b. 1803; unm. 6. Hannah, b. 1806; unm. d. 1847. 7. Juliet Pratt, dau. of Elijah. 8. Ebenezer, b. 1811. He was a prominent citizen in Dudley; was State senator for several years.

8750. ii. EBENEZER, b. Jan. 13, 1778; m. Anna Davis.
8751. iii. PELEG, b. Oct. 13, 1775; m. Mary Harris.
8753. v. CALVIN, b. Aug. 4, 1782; m. Lucy Dickinson.
8754. vi. ANNA, b. April 20, 1780; m. Joseph Stone, of Pomfret and Dayville.
8755. vii. LUTHER, b. Aug. 2, 1791; m. Mrs. Patty (Briggs) Stiles.
8756. viii. SAMUEL, b. Nov. 12, 1784.

1803. JOSEPH FOSTER (Timothy, Timothy, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Dudley, Mass., April 29, 1762; m. there, March 18, 1784. Chloe White, dau. of Adams White, of Dudley. She d. Hampton, Conn., 1806; m., 2d. ——. He moved to Mansfield, Conn., about 1795, and soon after to Hampton, where he was farmer and cooper, living with his children in his old age, dying in Chaplin, adjoining Hampton, at the age of eighty-three. He also served in the Revolution, enlisting at the age of thirteen. He was stationed at New London; served in the "Jerseys," also north of New York, being present at the execution of Andre, a fifer in the escorting columns which went to the gallows. By his marriage to Chloe White daughter of Adams White, this branch received a strain of blood from the Brenton and Quincy stock, also from Peregrine White, the first born of Plymouth. On his
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grave stone is the following: "He enlisted in the Revolutionary army when but thirteen years of age and was one of thirteen brothers, who, together with their father, served in the war in the aggregate over sixty years."


8757. i. WILLIAM, b. Dec. 7, 1790; m. Olive Chilson and Hannah C. Eddy.

8758. ii. LYMAN, b. May 14, 1784; m. Nabby Cady. He was a carpenter. Res., Hampton, Conn.

8759. iii. ASPENATH, b. Nov. 2, 1783; d. Hampton, Conn; unm. May 29, 1813.

8760. iv. SAMUEL P., b. Sept. 13, 1793; m. Miss Mather. He was a carpenter. Res., Brooklyn, N. Y.

8761. v. SOPHIA, b. Feb. 6, 1796; d. unm., Hampton, July 7, 1824.


8764. viii. JOSEPH, b. March 22, 1803; m. Christiana Bock. He was a farmer. Res., Chaplin, Conn.

8765. ix. MARY ANN, b. Sept. 22, 1805; d. unm., Sept. 29, 1827.


8684. LIEUT. TIMOTHY FOSTER (Timothy, Timothy, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Dudley, Mass., June 20, 1741; m., Dudley, Dec. 9, 1762, Rachel Robinson, dau. of Silas, of Webster, Mass., b. June 5, 1744, d. Feb. 20, 1839. Timothy, Jr., entered the militia service at the age of sixteen and served in the English army in the French and Indian war; afterward in the Revolutionary army as a private; was promoted to a lieutenantcy; served to the close of the war and was wounded in the arm. He married Rachel Robinson, daughter of Silas Robinson, who lived near Lake Chaubunagungamaug, now in the town of Webster. He was a weaver by trade. He d. Feb. 3, 1822. Res., Dudley, Mass.

8768. i. SILAS, b. Aug. 8, 1763; d. before 1770.


8770. iii. ABEL, b. Oct. 2, 1767; m. Mary Tucker.

8771. iv. PHEBE, b. Aug. 15, 1769; m., July 5, 1789, Asa Hall, of Thomson, Conn. Moved to Chautauqua County, N. Y., and had four sons and two daughters.

8772. v. GEORGE, b. Nov. 7, 1771; m. Willoba Chamberlin.


8774. vii. SUSANNAH, b. Sept. 15, 1775; m., Nov. 4, 1796, Arcelus Towne, of Thomson, Conn. She d. Dec. 7, 1856, s. p.

8775. viii. JONATHAN, b. May 23, 1777; m. Hannah Turtelott.

8776. ix. SILAS, b. Aug. 23, 1779; m. Lucina Pickering.

8777. x. RACHEL, b. July 15, 1785; d. young.


8689. JACOB FOSTER (Timothy, Timothy, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Dudley, Mass., Aug. 27, 1756; m. (in Thompson) Kellingly, Conn., April 12, 1781, Susannah Fairbanks, of Thomson, Conn., b. Dec. 24, 1763. He was a blacksmith; was in the Revolutionary war from Connecticut and was granted a pension. (See pension rolls.) He d. after 1833. Res., Sharon, Vt.

8779. i. JONATHAN FAIRBANKS, b. in 1787; d. in Warren, Aug. 12,
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1813: m., 1st, Lydia Foster; m., 2d, Mrs. Bellows, who left no children.

8780. ii. MIRIAM FAIRBANKS, b. July 12, 1812; m. Augustus Townsend, of Royalston, Mass. They had one daughter, Martha, now dead, who married — Foster, of Royalston. She is now living with her granddaughter, Mrs. — Holmes, in Orange, Mass.

8781. iii. HENRY FAIRBANKS, b. Dec. 25, 1824; m. Mary Foster.


8782. i. BETSEY, b. Dec. 15, 1781.

8783. ii. POLLY, b. Aug. 15, 1788.

8784. iii. AARON, b. Aug. 28, 1793.


8785. i. ALVAN, b. Aug. 28, 1781; d. young.

8786. ii. ARMINDA, b. May 23, 1783; m. Samuel Freeman.

8787. iii. PERLEY, b. July 1, 1785; m. Mary Willard.

8788. iv. BETSEY, b. 1788.


8789. i. LATHROP, b. Aug. 24, 1780.

8790. ii. CYRENIA, b. Oct. 23, 1784.

8791. iii. HARRY, b. Dec. 15, 1786; d. before 1789.

8792. iv. HARRY, b. Nov. 9, 1789.


8793. i. EDEN, b. —. He was a very prominent citizen in Batavia, N. Y. Clinton, James, and Fannie, his children, reside in Fort Branch, Ind.

8794. ii. LEMUEL, b. 1797; m. Abi Fenn.

8795. iii. AMASA, b. June 4, 1796; m. Jane Braselton.

8710. CAPT. EDWARD FOSTER (Timothy, Edward, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Dorchester, Mass., Nov. 22, 1752; m., there, Nov. 26, 1778 (Mrs. ?) Polly Blake. She d. Sept. 17, 1832. His home was at 552 Adams street, built in 1794 by Capt. "Ned" Foster. Long the home of the Foster family and for a generation or more the home of the late Charles E. Folsom, father of the present senator. The personality of this Mr. Foster has come down to us in an amusing incident connected with the introduction of stoves into the Second church. There was strong opposition to the new innovation, and Mr. Foster was among those who most seriously objected. Captain John Codman relates the outcome of the matter as follows: "At last the stove party was victorious. 'Uncle Ned Foster' was foremost in the opposition. He threatened to sign off, but finally he concluded to remain loyal, and sit it out. So on the first Sunday after the stoves had been introduced, the old gentleman occupied his pew as usual, the stove pipe being directly over him. There he sat with no very saintlike expression throughout the sermon, a red bandanna handkerchief spread over his head and his face corresponding to it in color. A general smile circulated through the house, the minister himself catching the infection; for almost everybody excepting Uncle Ned was aware that, the day being rather warm, no fires had been lighted." He d. Aug. 31, 1834. Res., Dorchester, Mass.

8796. i. POLLY, b. Sept. 21, 1779; d. Aug. 28, 1828.

8798. iii. JEMIMA, b. Jan. 29, 1783.
8800. vi. JOSEPH, b. November, 1786.
8801. vi. JAMES, b. March 30, 1790; m. Rachel Lambert.
8804. ix. FLAVEL, b. October, 1796; d. November, 1798.
8805. x. FLAVEL, b. August, 1799.

8716. THOMAS FOSTER (Thomas, Thomas, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Boston, Mass., July 4, 1738; m. Lucy Dwight, dau. of Captain Dwight. He was clerk in the British naval office at Halifax, N. S.

Thomas Foster, Jr., a minor, aged upward of fourteen years of age, names father, Thomas Foster, of Boston, guardian, to take into custody estate accruing to him in right of grandfather Henry Howell, late of Boston, blacksmith, deceased, dated Aug. 16, 1754. Lib. 49, fol. 501. Account of guardian mentions cash paid to Hopestill Foster for carting goods. Lib. 59, fol. 473.

He d. 1770. Res., Halifax, N. S.

8805 1/2. i. THOMAS, b. —. 8805 1/2. ii. WILLIAM, b. —.


8806. i. JOHN, b. July 31, 1768.

8718. BOSSENGER FOSTER (Thomas, Thomas, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Boston, Mass., June 3, 1742; m. (pub.), Nov. 6, 1766, Elizabeth Craigie; m., 2d (pub.) Feb. 26, 1779, Mary Craigie. He resided on what is known as the Batchelder estate, on the south side of Brattle street, west of Ash. He was a gentleman of leisure, and died of the gout.

Bossenger, of Cambridge; letter of administration dated May 14, 1805; wife, Mary; children, George, James, Thomas, Mary C.—Middlesex Probate.

From a charming paper, entitled, "Old Cambridge and New," by the late Thomas C. Amory, of Boston, the following description of famous houses, formerly the houses of Bossenger Foster and Joseph Foster, is here reprinted: "Farther along on the road to Mount Auburn, beyond where Judge Story so long resided, and opposite the above mentioned church (St. John's), stands, in admirable preservation, one of the most interesting, as it is one of the most ancient mansions in Cambridge. It is now owned and occupied by our excellent and venerable fellowcitizen, Samuel Batchelder, whose generous hospitalities often throng its many apartments with youth and beauty, the worth and wisdom of Cambridge and its neighborhood. It is still as elegant as it is a commodious dwelling, and presents toward the lawn and river, as toward the road elevations of unusual stateliness. Its large dimensions, sombre tints and venerable appearance suggested to college companions something uncanny, which impression was heightened by the rumor afloat in its neighborhood of tragedies that had taken place beneath its roof. An acquaintance from the south, in the law department, had taken up his abode in what is now the dining-room, and sitting by the summer moonlight, at its windows, it was not difficult to conjure up, out of what was known or conjectured, many a weird vision of its ancient inhabitants. Early in the last century it belonged to the Belchers. The estate passed from the Belchers, in 1720, through Mercy Tibbetts, in 1736, to John Vassall, son of Leonard, who, two years after his first wife died, in 1739, conveyed it to his brother, Henry. Henry died in 1769. John Vassall was born in West Indies, Sept. 7, 1713 (H. C., 1732); m. Elizabeth, daughter of Lieut.-Gov. Spencer Phips (1734) and m., 2d, Lucy, daughter of J. Barron; was descended from John, an alderman of London, who (1588) fitted out and commanded two ships of war to oppose the Spanish Armada. He erected the 'Batchelder House,' and sold it to his brother, Henry, Dec. 30, 1741. He died at Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 27, 1747, and is supposed to have been buried in the tomb which he erected in the graveyard at Cambridge. The monument over it is a massive freestone slab, resting upon five columns. It bears no inscription, only the heraldic emblems of the family—the vase and sun,—and forms one of the most conspicuous features in the cemetery. It passed with the estate into the hands of Andrew Craigie, Esq., and is now owned by his heirs. An examination was made June 24, 1862. Twenty-five interments have been made in the vault, and in almost every case the coffin was found to be entire. Those which, from their position at the farthest end of the vault, were supposed to contain the remains of Colonel Vassall and his first wife were in fine preservation. Besides,
this tomb is known to contain the remains of John Foster, died Nov. 1, 1836, ae. fifty-two; Andrew Foster, M. D., died May 17, 1831, ae. fifty; Thomas Foster, M. D., died Feb. 4, 1831, ae. forty-six; James and George Foster, died August and September, 1817; Elizabeth C. Haven, died Feb. 10, 1826; Mrs. Lydia G. Haven, died March 10, 1836, and Andrew Craigie, Esq."—N. E. Gen. His., Reg. vol. xvii, p. 114.

The Craigie house passed through James Pitts, in 1779, Nathaniel Tracy and Thomas Russell, in 1792, to Andrew Craigie, who owned and occupied the Longfellow mansion, opposite, while his brother-in-law, Mr. Bossenger Foster, for several years, was the occupant of this, which was purchased by Mr. Batchelder, in 1842.

"Thomas Russell conveyed to Andrew Craigie, Jan. 1, 1792, "a piece of land, in Cambridge, containing nine acres, . . . being the late homestead of Henry Vassall, Esq., with the dwelling house, barn and out-houses thereon standing." Craigie continued to own the estate until his death. During this time, by some agreement between Bossenger Foster and Craigie, whose sister Mary was the wife of Foster, and Craigie having no children, the children of Foster would be his legal heirs. Mr. Foster and family moved from Boston and resided in this house some years, until the death of Foster, which probably took place before that of Craigie, who died intestate about 1820. After the assignment of dower to his widow an agreement was executed, Oct. 4, 1821, between Samuel Haven, of Dedham, and Elizabeth, his wife, in her right, and Andrew Foster, of Roxbury, physician, and John Foster, of Cambridge, gentleman, and Thomas Foster, of the same Cambridge, physician, being the heirs at law of Andrew Craigie, late of Cambridge, deceased, intestate, for the partition of the real estate of said intestate in the County of Middlesex, except such parts thereof as have been assigned to his widow as dower. In the execution of the agreement, the property was divided into four parts, and 'share No. 1 fell by lot to Elizabeth Haven, consisting of the Henry Vassall estate, so-called' . . . The present proprietor, Samuel Batchelder, purchased the estate of Messrs. Greenleaf and Hilliard, representing the several parties in the interest, in December, 1841, just one hundred years after it was conveyed to Henry Vassall, in December, 1741."—Title and Hist. of the H. Vassall Estate, N. E. H. G. Register, July, 1891.


8807. i. BOSSENGER, b. Dec. 9, 1767; d. unm., Jan. 17, 1816. He was graduated at Harvard College, in 1787; studied law; admitted to the bar and practiced his profession until his death.
ELIZABETH CRAIGIE, b. Jan. 23, 1770; m., in Dedham, March 6, 1799, Hon. Samuel Haven, of Dedham. He was born April 5, 1771; died Sept. 4, 1847, in Roxbury, and she died there in 1849. Samuel Haven, son of Jason Haven and Catharine Dexter, born in Dedham, Mass., in 1771; lawyer, judge, horticulturist, mechanician; was a man of commanding talents and influence. His stately mansion built about 1800, on a part of the land of his father, Jason Haven, and grandfather, Samuel Dexter, was noted as one of the most hospitable houses of the day in Massachusetts. There were entertained by Judge and Mrs. Haven many distinguished guests,—Richard H. Dana and his sisters, Elizabeth Peabody, Nathaniel Hawthorne and his wife, Horace Mann and his wife, Oliver Wendell Holmes and his father and mother, Washington Allston and his wife, Worcester, the author of the dictionary, and his wife, Charles Folsom and his wife. Judge Theron Metcalf and his wife were among the intimates and guests of Judge and Mrs. Haven. The house is mentioned in the life of Nathaniel Hawthorne, by Julian Hawthorne. Judge Haven died in 1847, at the home of his daughter, Catharine Dexter Haven Hilliard, in Roxbury, Mass., Ch.: 1. Elizabeth Craigie, b. Jan. 26, 1800; d. 1856. 2. Catharine Dexter, b. Jan. 4, 1802; m. July 26, 1827, Judge Francis Hilliard, of Cambridge, b. Mar. 1, 1806; d. Worcester, 1878. She d. Morristown, N. J., March 10, 1888. Catharine Dexter Haven, daughter of Samuel Haven and Elizabeth Foster, married Francis Hilliard, of Cambridge, son of William Hilliard, founder of the publishing firm of Hillard & Gray, now Little, Brown & Company, of Boston. Francis Hilliard was an eminent lawyer of Norfolk County, Massachusetts, and was judge of the municipal court of Roxbury, and also of the court of insolvency of Norfolk County. He was a brilliant and successful author of law books. His works on mortgages, real property, torts, etc., were for many years standards in the law schools of the whole country, and still retain their reputation. Ch.: ix. Francis William, b. July 18, 1832; m., May 12, 1857, Maria Nash Johnstone. He is a clergyman. Res., Edenton and Oxford, N. C. Ch.: (a) Francis, b. March 3, 1858; d. Cheyenne, Wyo., Feb. 3, 1876. (b) Margaret Bergwin, b. June 25, 1859. (c) Catherine Haven, b. Jan. 15, 1861. (d) Samuel Iredell Johnstone, b. May 1, 1862; d. Erie, Pa., Feb. 20, 1878. (e) George Johnstone, b. April 4, 1864; d. Pocomoke, Md., Aug. 20, 1881. (f) Haven, b. August, 1866; d. same day. (g) Elizabeth Haven, b. Oct. 3, 1867. (h) Foster Haven, b. Oct. 1, 1869. (i) Maria Nash, b. Aug. 16, 1871. (j) Iredell, b. Dec. 1, 1872. 2x. Elizabeth Craigie Haven, b. Oct. 2, 1873; d. 1879. 3x. Catharine Lydia, b. May 17, 1875; m., April, 1859, Frederick G. Burnham, of Morristown, N. J., s. p. 4x. Samuel Haven, b. Dec. 13, 1838; m., May 19, 1870, Alice Anne Johnstone, of England, b. April 25, 1850. Passed his boyhood in Roxbury, Mass., fitted for Harvard College at the Roxbury Latin school; entered college March, 1856; graduated July, 1859; taught a private school in New York City from September, 1859, to June, 1861; spent two years at the General Theological Seminary, New York City, graduating June, 1863; was ordained deacon of the Protestant Episcopal church in St. Luke's church, New York, by Bishop Horatio Potter, in March, 1863, and priest in Grace church, Boston, by Bishop Barton Eastburn, in September, 1863; in charge of Grace church, Boston, 1863-64; St Barnabus church, New York, and superintendent of the Protestant Episcopal Mission, 1865-68; Christ church, North- Conway, N. H., 1870-72; St. John's church, Erie, Pa., 1874-75; Trinity church, Washington, Pa., 1876-79; St. Mark's church, Pittsburgh, 1879-81; St. George's church, Lee, Mass., 1881-85; secretary New England Department of the Church Temperance Society, Boston, 1885-88, and to the present time. Alice Anne
was dau. of James Johnstone, Esq., proprietor of the London Standard, has had four sons: 1i. Haven Johnstone Hilliard, b. Aug. 6, 1871. 2i. Frederick Burnham Hilliard, b. Sept. 22, 1872; d. Oct. 18, 1895. 3i. Herbert Beeton Hilliard, b. Dec. 6, 1875. 4i. Edmund Bayfield Hilliard, b. Feb. 5, 1878. Res., 1 Joy St., Boston, Mass. 5x. Sarah McKeon b. Dec. 21, 1840; m., May, 1871, Frederick S. Pratt. Res., 53 West St., Worcester, Mass. Ch.: iv. Francis Hilliard, b. 1872; d. 1872. 2v. Fred'k Haven, b. 1873. 3v. Catherine Chase, b. 1875. 4v. Robert Gage, b. 1878. 5v. Elizabeth, b. 1882. 3. Samuel Foster Haven, b. May 25, 1806, was graduated at Harvard College in 1826; was admitted to the bar in Middlesex County, and for some time practiced law in Lowell. He was appointed librarian of the American Antiquarian Society of Worcester, Mass., Sept. 23, 1837, a position held by him until his death, Sept. 5, 1881. He received from Amherst College (1826) the degree of Doctor of Laws, and from Harvard (1852) that of Master of Arts. He was a very scholarly man, a learned archaeologist, and the author of several able works, including "The Archaeology of the United States," and a history of Dedham. He was a member of many scientific and historical societies. He married, May 10, 1830, Lydia Gibbs Sears, daughter of Rev. Freeman Sears, of Natick. She d. March 10, 1836. "On the day following the last monthly meeting of this society, the remains of our late honored associate, Dr. Samuel Foster Haven, of Worcester, were committed to Mount Auburn cemetery. Our esteem for him, our estimation of his high and attractive character, and of his many virtues, and our appreciation of his devoted labors and his great accomplishments in his chosen fields of history, archaeology and bibliography, require of us a further sympathetic reference. ... If the word librarian means merely a custodian of books, it is a wholly inadequate title for Dr. Haven, for he was himself the catalogue, the interpreter, the commentator, the appraiser of the contents and value of that rich collection of treasures which had so largely gathered under his administration. Among the portraits of all the worthies which adorn the walls of the library in Worcester, beginning with that of the discoverer of the continent, there is not one which more becomes its place than does that of Doctor Haven."—[Memoirs, Mass., Hist. Society, 1857.] Ch.: Samuel Foster, b. May 20, 1831. D. Oct. 3, 1869, in Fredericksburg, Va. Samuel F. Haven, Jr., M. D., was graduated Harvard College in 1852, and Boston Medical College in 1855; continued his studies in London, Paris, Vienna and Berlin, and settled in Worcester. When the war for the Union broke out he joined the Fifteenth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry as assistant surgeon. He was regardless of personal exposure, and in the engagement at Fredericksburg, Dec. 13, 1862, was killed by a shell while engaged in performing an operation. "In him the army will mourn the loss of a surgeon of unwonted skill and fidelity; his profession, a member certain to attain distinction, and his intimate acquaintance, a pure-minded, simple-hearted, devoted friend." 4. Edward, b. —. 5. William, b. —; m., and d.; left ch., Julia and Miriam. Res., 116 Mt. Vernon St., Boston, Mass. 6. Sarah, b. —; m. —. Little. Left five children, one of the children is Mrs. Rachel A. McCurdy. Res., Morristown, N. J. 8809. iii. ANDREW, b. Sept. 7, 1780; m. Mary Conant. 8810. iv. THOMAS, b. Nov. 9, 1784; d. Feb. 4, 1831, unm. He graduated at Harvard College in 1805; was a physician. "Thomas; Cambridge; will dated Feb. 3, 1831; probated March 7, 1832; wife not given; brothers, Andrew, John; sister, Elizabeth Haven."—[Memoirs, Middlesex Prob. 8811. v. JAMES, b. April 23, 1786; d. unm., Aug. 27, 1817. He was graduated at Harvard College in 1806; was an attorney at law in Boston. "James; Cambridge; will dated Oct. 31, 1816; probated Nov. 12, 1817; brothers, John, Thomas, George (sole legatee.
Sarah Ann Dana, third daughter of Hon. Judge Dana)."—Middlesex Prob. James and George Foster, brothers, were engaged to be married to Elizabeth and Sarah, daughters of Richard Dana, Esq., of Boston. Both brothers died within a week of the day fixed for the wedding.

8812. vi. GEORGE, b. May 6, 1790; d. unm., Sept. 4, 1817. He was graduated at Brown University in 1811; was a lawyer by profession. "George, Cambridge: will dated Oct. 3, 1816; probated Nov. 12, 1817; brothers, James and Thomas; legatee, Elizabeth Dana, daughter of Judge Dana."—Middlesex Prob.


8814. viii. JOHN, b. July 4, 1782; d. unm, Nov. 3, 1836. He was graduated at Harvard College in 1802. "John; Cambridge: will dated April 22, 1836; probated Jan. 10, 1837; brother, Andrew Foster; Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Haven, heir; brother, Thomas."—Middlesex Prob.

8793s. WILLIAM FOSTER (Thomas, Thomas, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Boston, Mass., Sept. 28, 1716; m., Sept. 29, 1768, Grace Spear, dau. of Nathan, b. 1751; d. June 12, 1816. Nathan Spear was born May 29, 1728; died Jan. 7, 1796; m. Grace Willis; their daughter Grace married William Foster, Sept. 29, 1768; their daughter Sally married H. G. Otis in 1795. Nathan was son of Joseph, b. May 14, 1701; died May 26, 1738. His wife was Mary Collier, of Hull. He married her Dec. 12, 1720. She was born March 7, 1703. See "Binney." Joseph was son of Nathaniel and Hannah Holman, and Nathaniel was son of George and Mary—the earliest settlers living in Braintree, 1644.

William Foster was in London, England, April 8, 1783, the date at which letters patent were issued to him, authorising certain changes in his coat of arms. He was a prominent merchant and public-spirited citizen of Boston about the time of the Revolution, and from the minutes of the selectmen of Boston, Feb. 14, 1776, it appears that William Foster has imported seven hundred barrels of flour for the use of the inhabitants (being one of six persons agreeing to supply three thousand barrels during the siege of Boston). The following extract from the minutes of the selectmen of Boston (Oct. 31, 1798) illustrates the dawn of an anti-slavery feeling in Massachusetts: "The several constables of watch directed by the selectmen, to be watchful of the negroes and to take up those of them that may be in gangs at unreasonable hours; Zachary Johnnot, Esq., Messers. Nathan Spear, William Foster and others, enter their complaint with the selectmen against John Wilson, Esq., of the Fifty-ninth Regiment of Foot for practicing on their negro servants to induce them immediately to enter into a dangerous conspiracy against their masters, promising them their freedom as a reward. Whereupon Mr. Justice Ruddock was desired by the selectmen to take the several affidavits relative to the above mentioned complaints. In consequence of the above the selectmen lodge a complaint in writing with the Worshipful Richard Dana, Esq., and John Ruddock, Esq., two of his majesty's justices of the peace for the County of Suffolk and quorum." Nathan Spear, born in Boston, 1728, married Grace Willis; died Aug. 30, 1800; was grandson of George, the emigrant, who settled at Braintree, Mass., about 1650. Nathan had seven children. In 1768 he, William Foster and others complained to the selectmen of Boston against John Willso, Esq., of the Fifty-ninth Regiment of Foot, for inducing our negro servants (slaves) to enter into a dangerous conspiracy against their masters, promising them their freedom as reward." Nathan was foreman of a jury, 1779. His brother, Gresham, a sea captain, commanded (1760) the first British brig, Anson, and, in a contest with a French ship, in the Mediterranean, handled his ship so skilfully and gallantly that he was received at Gibraltar with public honors. In 1784 Nathan Spear visited France, in company with William Foster (who had married his sister Grace), Mrs. Adams (the wife of John Adams), in a letter to her friend, Mrs. Granch, dated July 6, 1784, describing passengers on board the ship Active, in which she sailed for London, writes of Mr. Foster, a merchant, a gentleman soft in his manners, very polite and kind, loves domestic life and thinks justly of it. I respect him on this account. . . . Mr. Spear brings up the rear, a single gentleman, with a great deal of good humor, some wit, and much drollery, easy and happy, blow high and blow low; can sleep and laugh at all seasons. . . . Mr. Spear reading 'Thomson's Seasons' with his hat on."—N. E. H. G. R. xviii, p. 160.

Will—William Foster, of Boston; three sons, William Foster, Charles Chauncey

Petition for division mentions Charlotte W. Van Rensselaer, one of residuary legatees of William Foster, late of Boston, deceased; April 7, 1823. Lib. 121, fol. 349. Warrant mentions Charlotte W., wife of Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, formerly, Charlotte W. Foster. Lib. 121, fol. 349-50.

Division mentions parcel of land in Andover, conveyed by Bossinger Foster to William Foster, the deceased. Lib. 121, fol. 354.

Inventory of estate of Charlotte W. Foster, now Charlotte Van Rensselaer, of New York; William Foster and Leonard Foster, trustees; April 14, 1823. Lib. 121, fol. 276. Trustees account mentions Charlotte Foster, now Mrs. Van Rensselaer and Doctor J. Van Rensselaer; April 2, 1828. Lib. 126, fol. 20.

Petition mentions Charlotte W. Van Rensselaer; Dec. 27, 1822. Lib. 120', fol. 489. Certificate of probate mentions Charlotte W. Foster, late Charlotte W. Van Rensselaer, and Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, the late husband of said Charlotte; William Foster and Leonard Foster, trustees; April 23, 1832. Lib. 130, fol. 405.


8814-2. i. WILLIAM, b. Jan. 10, 1772; m. Marie Hortense Perron.
8814-3. ii. CHARLES CHAUNCEY, b. Feb. 18, 1785; m. Catherine Borland and Susan Cabot.
8814-4. iii. LEONARD, b. July 24, 1787; m. Lydia Geaubert.
8814-5. iv. SALLY, b. Jan. 10, 1770, m., March 3, 1790, Harrison Gray Otis, of Boston. In a letter to Hon. Charles S. Davies, of Portland, Me., 1815, giving his recollections of General Knox, of the Revolution, Mr. Perkins writes: "I notice the postscript respecting Henry Otis and Sally Foster. The prediction contained in it was fulfilled and followed by five and forty years of conjugal happiness. Hinc illae lachrymæ. The family of Mr. Otis was remarkable for great intelligence and personal beauty. I well remember numerous parties at the fine old mansion-house in Beacon street, with its spacious halls and the beautiful rooms en-suite, decorated with pictures by Copley, Blackburn and Smybert, which threw over the place the air of the good old colony times. Then Mr. Otis, surrounded by his children and grandchildren and their friends, moved, the ruler of the revels. After an experience of more than forty years in such matters I have never seen Mr. Otis surpassed in the perfection of his dress, his equipage, his entertainments or his manners. He always reminded me of a fine old French nobleman, one of those we read of as uniting wit with learning, and great elegance with profound acquisitions." — Aug. T. Perkins, A. M., in Mem. Biog. He was born Oct. 8, 1765; died Oct. 28, 1818. She died Sept. 6, 1838, at the residence, on Beacon street, Boston. Ch.: 1. Elizabeth Gray, b. 1791; m. George Lyman and had three sons and two daughters. She d. 1821. 2. Harrison Gray, b. 1792; m. Eliza Boardman and had four children; one was Arthur; in United States navy. 3. Sally, b. 1793; m. Israel Thorndike; had one son and three daughters. 4. Mary Foster, b. 1795; d. 1796. 5. Alleyne, b. 1796; drowned 1806. 6. Sophia Harrison, b. 1799; m. Andrew Ritchie and had two sons and one daughter. 7. James William, b. 1800; m. Martha Church; had five children and in 1850 resided in New York. 8. William Foster, b. 1804; m. Emily Marshall; had three
George Harrison, b. 1810.

8814-6. v. MARY SPEAR, b. Sept. 22, 1774; m., Jan. 15, 1797, Col. John T.
Apthorp. She d. Dec. 9, 1854.

8814-7. vi. CHARLOTTE WILLIS, b. 1792; m., April 25, 1822, Dr. Jeremiah
Van Rensselaer. She d. March 7, 1852.

She d. Dec. 30, 1795. Colonel Apthorp, b. Dec. 24, 1770; d. April 7,
1840. In 1796 he was one of the wardens of Christ church,
Cambridge, Mass. By his second marriage he had nine children.


871854. TIMOTHY FOSTER (Thomas, Thomas, Timothy, Edward, Timothy),
b. in Cambridge, Mass., in 1754; m., in Andover, Nov. 16, 1780, Elizabeth Dane.
Timothy Foster was born in Cambridge, Mass., and was very well connected. He
received an excellent education, but, according to tradition, married beneath
his station. It was evidently displeasing to his father to have him marry the
girl he did, for he was disinherited, and after his marriage had no further
communication with his Cambridge relations. After his marriage he resided
in Andover and died there. After his death his children were placed under
the care of "Master" Billy Foster, a celebrated teacher in Andover, and re-
ceived excellent educations. Not a single descendant of Timothy knows anything
of his ancestry back of Timothy. In the memorials which have been printed of this
branch of the family, nothing has been known of Timothy's marriage or of his
descendants. The relationship is determined by the fact that Timothy was born in
Cambridge. No other Foster of this name was contemporaneous with our Timothy.
It will be seen that Timothy's mother's maiden name was Sarah Banks and that he
gave one of his daughters his mother's name. When Timothy's brother, Joseph,
died, he made bequests in his will to his brother Timothy's children, which see,
871854. Elizabeth Dane was born in Andover, Aug. 6, 1745, the daughter of
Deacon John Dane, Jr., and his wife Elizabeth Chandler. Deacon John (John,
Lieutenant Francis, Rev. Francis John, of Barkhampstead, England). Hannah was
dughter of Thomas (William, William). Deacon John was deacon of the South
church in Andover, in 1755, and held the office for nearly forty years. He was
accustomed to read the psalm line for line for the choir to sing. He resided half
a mile west of where stands the meeting-house in the West Parish. Timothy d.

8814-10. i. TIMOTHY, b. Feb. 16, 1781; d. young.

8814-11. ii. ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 25, 1782; m. Dec. 12, 1823, Isaac Poor.

8814-12. iii. SARAH BANKS, b. July 12, 1784; m. Aaron Stevens.

8814-13. iv. TIMOTHY, b. July 12, 1786, m. Lydia A. Moor.

8814-14. v. THOMAS CHANDLER, b. Sept. 27, 1789; m. Abigail Abbott
and Mrs. Lucy B. (Moor) Shattuck.

871855. JOSEPH FOSTER (Thomas, Thomas, Timothy, Edward, Timothy),
b. Cambridge, Mass., in 1745; m., April 10, 1783, Miriam Cutler, dau. of John Cutler;
m., 2d, Mrs. Mary Sohier of Boston.

John Cutler (1725-1805) was the grandson of "Johannus de Mesmaker, chirurg-
eon," who came from: Holland in 1674, settled at Hingham, subsequently took the
name of Cutler (English translation of Mesmaker) and removed to Boston where he
established a profitable practice. John, father of Miriam, fell heir to part of his
grandfather's estate including the "splendid mansion on Marlboro street, built in
1693, three stories high, the rooms being fitted with leather hangings." He was
a prominent and public-spirited citizen, hospitable and charitable. He was a good
musician and frequently played the organ in Christ church, of which his son-
in-law was rector. He was grand-master of the Masonic order. His children inter-
married with the families of Appleton, Foster, Hopper, Sullivan, Fansuille, Parker,
Prince, Lawrence, Sumner, Ward and McAllister. The Craigie house was later
occupied by one of the best of men, Mr. Joseph Foster. The first Mrs. Foster
was daughter of John Cutler, the popular grand-master of the Masons, who, as
such officiated at the funeral solemnities in Boston when Washington died in 1799.
She was one of the numerous family noted for personal attractions largely re-
presented in their descendants. The second, when he married her, was the widowed
mother of the late William D. Sohier, long a prominent leader of the Suffolk bar,
and well remembered for his professional attainments, practical sagacity, ready
wit, and kind heart. Mr. Foster had several brothers, one of whom, Bossenger,
occupied the Batchelder mansion. A daughter of William married Harrison Gray Otis, nephew of James, both as pre-eminent for eloquence as the former for the elegance of his manners and social graces; her two sisters were successively wives of Colonel Apthorp, and their brothers were William, Leonard and Charles, the latter of whom, at the age of eighty-seven, is the only survivor. The house in his time was especially attractive for its cordial welcome and pleasant ways, and one to many of agreeable associations and frequent resort. It was a large and roomy structure, possessing no peculiar feature for remark; but when flung wide open in the summer noon-day, the air laden with fragrance from field and garden, hum of insects, and song of bird, its fair proportions, simple grace, and exquisite order and freshness combined to render it a fitting abode for the genial host and hostess who dispensed its hospitalities. Its ancient memories were carefully cherished, and on a window frame was to be seen an inscription with a diamond by Baroness Riedesel, when she was its occupant. These several dwellings, occupied by members of the English establishment and attendants of Christ church, were known as "Church row." Tradition informs us that at each of them, annually, were given social entertainments to the president, professors and tutors of the college, and this from a sense of propriety rather than congeniality or inclination, for the rest of the year they lived among themselves or with their acquaintances and kinsfolk from other places. They were men of education and large fortune. Productive plantations in the West Indies contributed to the princely revenues of some of them, others were rich in lands, or other property nearer home. Their houses abounded in rich plate, valuable paintings and furniture of the best; their shelves were laden with books; capacious and well-arranged wine cellars denote their abounding hospitality; the long distances and scanty public conveyances would compel the inference, if tradition were wanting, that their stables were stocked with the best of steeds. Close by Charles river and Fresh Pond, Mount Auburn with its forests near at hand and the country beyond of great picturesque beauty, their lot was indeed cast in pleasant places.

"The Church row costume in 1783 of full dress for elderly persons was as follows: A coat of some light cloth, small clothes, diamond or paste buckles at the knee or in the shoes, silk stockings, powdered hair and a cocked hat; in cold weather a scarlet cloak. A scarlet cloak and a white head were, in the last century, to be seen at the end of every pew in some of the Boston churches." —(N. E. H. G. R. Vol. ix., p. 14.)

Joseph, of Cambridge, will date March 4, 1835; Prob. Aug. 13, 1835: wife, Mary; no children given; next of kin given, Elizabeth Morrill, sister; Hannah Lyde, sister; son-in-law (or step?), William D. Sohier; nephews, Thomas C. Foster, Timothy Foster; nieces, Sally and Betsey Foster; nephew, William Foster.

THE OLD CLOCK ON THE STAIRS.
Henry W. Longfellow.

In the following verses he describes the home of the Fosters:

Somewhat back from the village street
Stands the old-fashioned country-seat;
Across its antique portico
Tall popular trees their shadows throw;
And from its station in the hall,
An ancient timepiece says to all,—
"Forever—never!
Never—forever!"

Half-way up the stairs it stands,
And points and beckons with its hands
From its case of massive oak,
Like a monk who, under his cloak,
Crosses himself and sighs, alas!
With sorrowful voice to all who pass,—
"Forever—never!
Never—forever!"

By day its voice is low and light;
But in the silent dead of night,
Distinct as a passing footstep's fall,
It echoes along the vacant hall,
Along the ceiling, along the floor,
And seems to say at each chamber-door,—
"Forever—never!
Never—forever!"
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Through days of sorrow and of mirth,
Through days of death and days of birth,
Through every swift vicissitude
Of changeable time, unchanged it has stood,
And as if, like God, it all things saw,
it calmly repeats those words of awe,—
"Forever—never!
Never—forever!"

In that mansion used to be
Free-hearted Hospitality;
His great fires up the chimney roared;
The stranger feasted at his board;
But, like the skeleton at the feast,
That warning timepiece never ceased,—
"Forever—never!
Never—forever!"

There groups of merry children played,
There youths and maidens dreaming strayed;
O precious hours! O golden prime,
And affluence of love and time!
Even as a miser counts his gold,
Those hours the ancient timepiece told,—
"Forever—never!
Never—forever!"

From that chamber clothed in white
The bride came forth on her wedding night;
There, in that silent room below,
The dead lay in his shroud of snow,
And in the hush that followed the prayer,
Was heard the old clock on the stair,—
"Forever—never!
Never—forever!"

All are scattered now and fled—
Some are married, some are dead;
And when I ask, with throbs of pain,
"Ah, when shall they all meet again?"
As in the days long since gone by,
The ancient timepiece makes reply,—
"Forever—never!
Never—forever!"

Never here; forever there,
Where all parting, pain, and care,
And death, and time shall disappear,—
Forever there, but never here!
The horology of Eternity
Sayeth this incessantly,—
"Forever—never!
Never—forever!"


8815. i. BENJAMIN B., b. June 15, 1798; m. Sally Whitton.
8816. ii. DAVID, b. Jan. 3, 1801; m. and resides Newburg, Me.

8731. DAVID FOSTER (Steel, Joseph, Hatherly, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Topsham, Me., Sept. 30, 1779; m. there, Susanna Haley, b. Oct. 8, 1783.

In 1806 he signed a protest against the unfair management of the polls. In 1808 he resided in the Second Parish. Res., Topsham, Me.

8817. i. BENJAMIN STEELE, b. Oct. 3, 1813; m. Mary Fay.
8818. ii. HORATIO H., b. June 21, 1805; d. May 29, 1866.
8819. iii. DAVID H., b. April 2, 1807; m. Mary Frost and d. Dec. 26, 1850, leaving Edward Fuller Foster, George H. Foster and Jane B. Foster. David was a professor of music and d. in Richmond, Va.

8820. iv. SAMUEL T., b. April 21, 1809; m. Julia A. Brown.
8821. v. HORATIO, b. Oct. 10, 1816; m. Mary N. Waters. He d. A daughter is Mrs. David W. Chelas, Brockton, N. Y.
8823. vii. SARAH, b. June 6, 1824; m. Benjamin F. Upton. She d. Feb. 25, 1886, in Connecticut. He was b. Dixmont, Me., Aug. 3, 1818; was a photographer. Ch.: 1. Frank Upton, Shelton, Conn. 2. Ernest Upton, Hartford, Conn. 3. Mrs. Paul Rehnborg, Hotel Hygeia, Old Point Comfort, Va. 4. Herbert H.

8824. viii. JOHN, b. Nov. 10, 1818.


8825. i. JOHN, b. 1795. n. f. k.

8826. ii. JAMES, b. 1799; m. Mrs. Jerusha Burt Proctor.

8827. iii. SARAH SOUTHWORTH, b. 1804; m., Dec. 25, 1828, Luther Albert Tilden. She d. 1894. Ch.: 1x. Julia, b. 1829; m., 1853, John Turner, son of Hon. Samuel D. Turner, of South Scituate, and has three children: (a) Emma F., b. 1855; m., in 1872, Charles W. Tilden, and has children: 1. Grace, b. 1873; m., 1890, William L. Healey, and has two children—Frank, b. 1891, and Edward Demarth, b. 1894. 2. Albert Clarence, b. 1875. (b) Nellie, b. 1858; m., 1884, Edward Oakman, of Marshfield; lives in Brockton. Had one child, Helen, b. 1889; d. same year. (c) John Franklin, b. 1861; m. Caroline Croucher, 1895, who died, 1897, leaving no living children. 2x. Charles Albert, m., 1861, Kate Glover; lives in East Boston, and has two children: (a) Albert, b. 1862; m., 1896, Marie Emily Schuler, of Charlestown. (b) Ruth Glover, b. 1864; m. Elmer Fowle.

8735. JACOB FOSTER (John, Elisha, Hatherly, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Scituate, Mass., May 16, 1770; m., March 24, 1793, Joanna Stevenson, of Pembroke, b. 1774; d. Jan. 20, 1831; m., 24, April 3, 1833, Hannah Pierce, dau. of John, and sister of Rev. Dr. John, of Brookline, b. Oct. 14, 1783; d. Aug. 10, 1877. Jacob Foster's ancestors for several generations were farmers and ship-joiners, living on the North river in that town, and, with their other occupations, spending considerable time upon the sea in navigating and fishing. Jacob learned the carpenter's trade and became a house builder. He married and moved to Dorchester, where he bought considerable land, and took up farming as well as building. At the time of his death, in 1856, he owned a large tract which is now intersected by streets and covered with houses and stores. He was a true descendant of the Puritans, punctilious in his observance of all the customs peculiar to them, although identified with the Unitarian wing of Congregationalism in N. E. He had two sons and three daughters by his first wife, Joanna Stevenson, of Pembroke. He afterward married Hannah Pierce, of Dorchester, who survived him several years, dying at the age of ninety-three.


8828. i. JOANNA S., b. July 23, 1799; d. unm., 1881.

8829. ii. IRA, b. June 15, 1804; m. Sarah W. Crane and Catherine Cushing.

8830. iii. JACOB, b. Sept. 27, 1808; m. Elizabeth A. Bird, and Mrs. Martha Ann (Lewis) Harris.

8831. iv. LUCINDA, b. March 11, 1796, d. 1813.

8832. v. LUCINDA REBECCA, b. 1815; d. 1861.
8736. JOSEPH FOSTER (John, Elisha, Hatherly, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Scituate, Mass., July 5, 1772; m. in Canton, 1804, Katy Davenport, b. 1757; d. 1875. He was a carpenter. He d. 1856. Res., Dorchester, Mass.

8833. i. HARRIET, b. —; d. s. p.
8834. ii. ALBERT, b. —; d. s. p.
8835. iii. HANNAH, b. —; m. —— Tolman. d. s. p.


8737. TIMOTHY FOSTER (John, Elisha, Hatherly, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Scituate, Mass., Dec. 3, 1775; m. there, Nov. 13, 1803, Hannah Clapp, of Hanson, b. in 1773; d. there in 1827; m., 2d, May 24, 1829, Mrs. Deborah Turner, widow of Charles H., b. May 12, 1790; d. June 25, 1854. He resides in the Hatherly Foster house. "Timothy Foster, of South Scituate; will written March 4, 1853; probated June 6, 1854; wife, Deborah; son, William; grandson, Timothy, son of William; daughters, Mary J. Tilden, wife of William P. Tilden; Temperance Turner, Hannah C. Clapp and Ellen Foster." He d. April 28, 1854. Res., Scituate.

8839. i. WILLIAM, b. March 30, 1807; m. Lydia Ann Ripley.
8840. ii. CHARLES, b. July 15, 1809; d. August, 1826.
8841. iii. TEMPERANCE FREEMAN, b. Oct. 5, 1804; m., Nov. 17, 1828, Francis Turner, of Charlestown. She d. 1831. Ch.: 1. Henry, b. 1830; d. 1838. 2. Edwin, b. —; m. Lydia Blodgett. 3. Francis Henry, b. —; m. Harriet Curtis. 4. Kate, b. 1842; d. 1850. 5. Anna Maria, b. 1843; m. Peleg Ford and had one son, Frank. She d. 1889. All lived in Brookline and Charlestown.


8843. v. JOSEPH, b. Aug. 18, 1814; d. in 1826.


Seth Foster, of Scituate; will probated June 5, 1827, written Feb. 13, 1827; wife, Abigail; children, Alfred B., James O., Charlotte O., Harriet and Jane Foster. Harriet, Jane and James are minors at the time of administration; Abigail, the wife, appointed executrix.—Plymouth Probate.

Abigail Foster, of Scituate, widow; Benjamin F. Delano, of Portsmouth, N. H., husband of Jane Delano; the only surviving child of Abigail, was appointed administrator, Oct. 3, 1848.—Plymouth Probate.


8846. i. JANE, b. Scituate, Mass., Oct. 1, 1810; m., Nov. 3, 1835, Benjamin F. Delano, b. 1809; d. 1882. He was a naval constructor. She resides 114 St. Marks Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. Benjamin F. Delano, naval constructor at Portsmouth navy yard from 1847 to 1850, and chief naval constructor at Brooklyn from 1850 to 1873, when he was retired, and lived in Brooklyn, N. Y. B. F. Delano died April 30, 1882. Ch.: i. Alfred O., b. Jan. 19, 1839; d. 1891; unm. 2. Charlotte, b. April 22, 1845; d. unm.


8848. iii. JAMES OTIS, b. May 19, 1813; d. May 1, 1838.

8849. iv. CHARLOTTE O., b. April 4, 1806; d. June 29, 1831.


8851. vi. CAROLINE, b. Sept. 18, 1801; d. Jan. 28, 1822.

8742. CAPT. ELISHA FOSTER (Elisha, Elisha, Hatherly, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. July 17, 1775, Scituate, Mass., m. there, May 21, 1803-4, Sally Turner, dau. of Philip, b. March, 1785; d. Feb. 5, 1864. He built house near that of his father. It is now owned by L. P. Howland.

Elisha Foster, of South Scituate; no will; heirs named in petition; wife, Sally; children, Philip, of South Scituate; Elisha, of South Scituate; Joshua T., of Medford, Mass.; George and Henry, supposed to be in California; Sally, wife of Isaac Haskins, and Mary, wife of William Talbot. Estate settled in 1852.—Probate records. He d. June 28, 1852. Res., Scituate, Mass.

8852. i. ELISHA, b. Sept. 27, 1805; d. unm.

8853. ii. JOSHUA TURNER, b. Jan. 31, 1810; m. Eleanor G. Sprague.

8854. iii. GEORGE, b. May 9, 1812; m. Francis Burr.


8858. vii. PHILIP, b. Oct. 28, 1818; m., April 25, 1866, Augusta C. Litchfield. He d. March 8, 1885. She d. 1879, s. p. Augusta C. Foster, of South Scituate; will written Nov. 18, 1878; probated Aug. 25, 1879. She was the wife of Philip. Heirs mentioned, Mary L. Young, wife of Edwin Young, of Scituate, and Angeline Curtis, wife of Roswell Curtis, of South Scituate, sisters; and Perez L. Litchfield and Abner Litchfield, both of Scituate, brothers. Philip Foster, of South Scituate; Joshua T. Foster appointed administrator March 23, 1885; next of kin, Joshua T. Foster, of Medford, Mass.; Mary Talbot, of South Scituate; Henry Foster, of Oakland, Cal., brothers and sisters; Grace Barstow, of South Scituate; Esther Barnard, of Boston; Edward Haskins, of Waverly; George A. Foster, of Boston, nephews and nieces of said deceased.—Plymouth Probate.

8859. viii. HENRY ARTHUR, b. May 2, 1823; m. Mary Wyllie.

8713. DR. FREEMAN FOSTER (Elisha, Elisha, Hatherly, Timothy, Edward, Timothy, b. Scituate, Mass., June 8, 1777; m., Nov. 4, 1799, Esther Palmer. He resided in the house now owned by Charles David, on Church Hill. He was graduated at Harvard College, in 1799, and practiced his profession until his death.

Freeman Foster, of South Scituate; physician; will written Sept. 13, 1856; codicil May 18, 1863; heirs mentioned in will, daughter, Temperance F. Foster; son, Joseph Foster, of Iowa; grandson, Joseph Foster. In a paper of later date, filed with the papers, is mentioned his great-grandchildren, Arthur I. and Ethel F. He d. July 8, 1863. Res., South Scituate, Mass.


8861. iii. JOSEPH T., b. April 17, 1804; m. and resides Lyons, Iowa.

8862. ii. FREEMAN, b. July 14, 1800; d. unm., Providence, R. I.

8863. ii. BENJAMIN PALMER, b. Feb. 12, 1802; d. in New Orleans, La., of yellow fever in October, 1827.


8744. MAJOR SAMUEL FOSTER (Elisha, Elisha, Hatherly, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Scituate, Mass., June 27, 1779; m., Jan. 10, 1805, Sarah Delano, dau. of William; d. Dec. 8, 1854. Lived in Delano homestead, on Dwelley Creek Brook, now owned by William Rand. Samuel was a major in the militia.

Samuel Foster, of South Scituate; will written July 2, 1858; proved April 5, 1859; heirs, daughter, Sarah Delano Nash, wife of John K. Nash. He left a widow, but her name is not given.

Sarah Foster, of South Scituate, widow of Samuel, deceased, left daughter, Sarah D. Nash, wife of John K. Nash, who was appointed administratrix, May 8, 1865.—Plymouth Probate.


ii. Samuel Foster, b. June, 1885; d. June, 1885.

8866. ii. MARY LOUISE, b. May 23, 1823; d. unm., July 23, 1841.


8867. i. CHARLES T., b. Feb. 22, 1813, m. Julia —, and resided for a time in South Scituate, but did not have any children. "Charles Foster, Jr., of Kingston; David Beal, Jr., appointed administrator, Aug. 6, 1821; wife, Julia."—Plymouth Probate.

8868. ii. EUNICE, b. Feb. 9, 1817; d. in 1817.

8869. iii. WALTER, b. July 31, 1823; m. Ruth B. —.


8870. i. SETH, b. Feb. 14, 1830; m. Mary E. Lincoln and Eulalie B. Lincoln.

8871. ii. HELEN MARIA, b. July 8, 1838; m. Joseph Merritt, of Scituate.

8872. iii. BENJAMIN PALMER, b. Dec. 17, 1842; m., June 25, 1866, Sarah Sampson, of Pembroke. No children living. She d. July 16, 1867.

8748. WALTER FOSTER (Elisha, Elisha, Hatherly, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Scituate, Mass., Jan. 24, 1759; m. there Oct. 1, 1817, Betsey Pierce, dau. of Captain Haywood and Judith (Bailey). Betsey was sixth in descent from Capt. Michael Pierce. She d. July 17, 1876.

Captain Seth, Major Samuel, Elisha, Charles and Walter were all associated with their father in the building of ships, as before stated, at the Wanton yard, so called.

Walter Foster, of South Scituate; will written July 11, 1867; probated Oct. 14, 1867; wife, Betsey Foster; brother, Charles Foster; niece, Helen Foster; nephews, Benjamin P. Foster and Seth Foster. Besides these whom he mentions in his will he leaves nephews, Joseph T. Foster, of Lyons, Iowa; Joshua T. Foster, of Medford, Mass.; George Foster, of Cambridge, Mass.; Philip Foster, of South Scituate; Henry Foster, of San Francisco; Freeman Tilden, of Charlestown, Mass.; Samuel Tilden, of Auburn, Mass.; nieces, Jane, wife of Benjamin Delano, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Sally, wife of Isaac H. Haskins, of Medford, Mass.; Mary, wife of William H. Talbot, of South Scituate; Sarah D. Nash, wife of John K., of South Scituate; Mary Smith, of East Bridgewater, Mass.; Evelina Bowker, of South Scituate; grandnieces and nephews, Grace Barstow, of Hanover; Lucy, wife of Silas Wild, of Medford, Mass.; Sarah, wife of Samuel Lapham, of Medford, Mass.; Margaret, wife of N. F. Frothingham, of Charlestown; Hambleton E. Smith, of Boston; Helen, wife of E. T. Fogg, of South Scituate, and Morris T. Smith, of Boston.—Plymouth Probate.

Betsey Foster, widow, of South Scituate; will written June 29, 1874; probated Sept. 25, 1876; heirs, Silas Pierce, of Boston, brother; Nathan Cushing, of South Scituate; Jane Cushing, of South Scituate; Eliza T. Barrill, Newburyport; Sarah T. Cole, of Boscum, Me.; Abby C. Pierce, of Boston; Caroline P. Kelley and C. H. Pierce, of Winterport, Me.; Arthur Pierce, of Maine; Jane P. Stetson, of Bangor, Me.; Maria P. Cushing, Lucilla P. Kelley, Silas Pierce, Jr., of Boston; E. Foster Pierce, Sarah B. Pierce and Elizabeth B. Pierce, of Scituate, all nephews and nieces of said Betsey Foster.—Plymouth Probate.


8873. i. DAVID, b. March 11, 1807; m. Lois Knapp.
8874. ii. REUBEN, b. Feb. 21, 1809; m. Nancy Murdock.
8875. iii. OTIS, b. Aug. 26, 1814; m. Susan Hoyle.
8876. iv. RUFUS, b. March 15, 1818; m. Sarah Amidown.
8878. vi. WILLIAM, b. Aug. 30, 1831; m. Martha A. Shumway.


Peleg Foster was born in Oxford in 1775; boyhood days spent in Dudley; he then lived in Oxford; was a clothier and dyer; married in 1805, Mary Harris, daughter of Jonathan Harris; in 1808 built the house at the south end of Oxford Plain. They settled in Oxford. He died, aged ninety, in Oxford. They had five children. He d. Nov. 10, 1865. Res., Oxford, Mass.

8882. i. BETSEY, b. Sept. 23, 1806; m., Nov. 28, 1839, Joel Jamison, of Newton. She d., s. p., Sept. 2, 1841.
8883. ii. LOUISA, b. Oct. 6, 1808; d. young.
8884. iii. ALFRED, b. Dec. 21, 1812; m. Susan West.
8885. iv. ALPHEUS, b. Dec. 21, 1812; m. Mary M. Lathrop.
8886. v. JONATHAN H., b. July 21, 1821; m. Philena S. Shepardson.


8887. i. CALVIN, b. Sept. 10, 1810; m. Martha P. Childs, Caroline Cutler and Anna L. Gage.
8889. iii. LUCY, b. ——; d. unm.
8890. iv. FRANCIS, b. March 23, 1812; m. Susan W. Packard.
8891. v. CAROLINE, b. ——; m. ——, Arnold, of Providence, R. I. She d. in New York. A daughter is Emily Arnold, of Providence, R. I.
8892. vi. MARY ANN, b. Sept. 1, 1817; m., April 4, 1837, Forester Rice, of Barre. He d. in Sterling, Mass., Dec. 13, 1878. She resides 14 Cherry St., Fitchburg, Mass. Ch.: 1. Ewing Foster, b. Nov. 17, 1838; d. Dec. 21, 1866; m., June 17, 1862, Sarah Jane Lund, and resided at 25 Hollywood St., Worcester. 2. Calvin Norman, b. Jan. 10, 1841; d. Aug. 30, 1865. 3. Frank Henry, b. July 14, 1845; m., Sept. 13, 1866, Lucretia A. Stuart. Address, 75 William St., Worcester, Mass. Ch.: (a) Minnie Lucretia Rice, b. Worcester, July 11, 1871; unm., and now of Worcester. (b) Henry Norman Rice, b. Worcester, March 12, 1868; unm., and now of Boston; occupation, a lawyer. He was born at Worcester, Mass., March 12, 1868; attended the public schools until thirteen years of age; then entered the Worcester High School, in 1882, for his college preparation. In September, 1887, he entered Harvard College, being graduated with the degree of A. B., in June, 1891; entered the Harvard Law School in the fall of 1891, and was graduated with the degree of LL. B., in June, 1893. In the fall of 1893 he began the practice of law in Boston, where he is now practicing at 53 State St. 4. George Forester, b. April
HENRY NORMAN RICE.


8757. WILLIAM FOSTER (Joseph, Timothy, Timothy, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Dudley, Mass., Dec. 7, 1790; m. Olive Chilson; d. Brooklyn, Conn., Dec. 16, 1814; m. 2d, Hannah C. Eddy. William Foster, son of Joseph, was born in Dudley, Mass.; removed thence in 1794 or 1795 to Mansfield, Conn., with his father, and subsequently to Hampton, Conn. Desirous of learning a trade, he went to Brooklyn, Conn., and apprenticed himself to Henry T. Franklin, blacksmith, and, serving his time, set up in business for himself in Brooklyn. He became a very expert workman, and had a large clientage from his own and adjoining towns. He was an “all round man,” that is, an adept on all lines, turning his mind and hands to any kind of work. This trait was marked in the family, though I think more pronounced in him than in the others. Early in the thirties, rheumatism forced him to abandon blacksmithing and the remainder of his active life he cultivated his land of which he had possessed himself, also for several years managing the land of Adams White, his uncle (brother of his mother). He served in the war of 1812, being stationed at New London, Conn. He was pensioned. He married, at Brooklyn, Olive Chilson, of Mendon, Mass., daughter of Ruth Chilson. Her death occurred at Brooklyn. He married a second time, Hannah C. Eddy, a niece of his first wife at Brooklyn. She was also born in Mendon. She is still living; her age eighty-four or eighty-five. He d. Nov. 23, 1877. Res., Brooklyn, Conn.

8895. i. WILLIAM, b. April 5, 1817; m. Mary S. Anthony.


8896. i. LAURA, b. Jan. 25, 1795.

8897. ii. POLLY, b. Dec. 21, 1796.

8898. iii. JOHN ADAMS, b. Dec. 7, 1793.

8899. iv. BETSEY, b. Feb. 12, 1801.


8902. i. GEORGE, b. Aug. 23, 1799; m. and resided Sharon, Vt., where he d. April 3, 1867.

8775. JONATHAN FOSTER (Timothy, Timothy, Timothy, Timothy, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Dudley, Mass., May 23, 1777; m. Jan. 22, 1802, Hannah Turtelott,
of Thomson, Conn. His wife deserted him and he was divorced. Res., Dudley, Mass., and Chautauqua, N. Y.


8903. i. DAVID JONES, b. March 14, 1806; m. Charlotte Fowle.

8904. ii. SUSANNAH PHILLIPS, b. July 4, 1808; m. Jan. 8, 1825, Dr. Ebenezer Lindsay. Ch. i. Silas Foster, b. Aug. 18, 1828; m. Saloma Chapman. 2. Abby May, b. April 30, 1830; d. ae. three years, eight months, and five days.

8905. iii. LUCIAN, b. ——; d. ae. twenty.

8906. iv. ABIGAIL, b. ——; d. ae. two years, eight months.

8907. v. EMELINE AMES, b. ——; m. Charles B. Moseley.

8781. HENRY FAIRBANKS FOSTER (Jacob, Timothy, Timothy, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Dec. 25, 1824; m. in, Hermon, Sept. 26, 1848, Mary Foster. In 1853 he emigrated to California; his wife and two children following in 1855. They settled in Manchester, Cal., where he d. May 15, 1873. He was killed by a shot from outlaws which came through a window in his own home.

8908. i. JOSEPH WARREN, b. in New York, in 1850; accidentally drowned Oct. 31, 1870.

8909. ii. HARRIET AMELIA, b. in N. Y., June 22, 1852; d. in San Francisco, in 1855.

8910. iii. FRANK HENRY, b. in San Francisco, July 3, 1856; resides in Manchester; is a farmer. He m., 1st, in 1884, Lavina Johnson; m., 2d, in 1886, Mary Moss. They have five children:

8911. iv. WILLIAM WALLACE, b. in Point Arena, Cal., in 1858; m., 1st, in La Fargeville, N. Y., in 1884, Lida Turner; m., 2d, in 1893, Addie O'Connor, of San Francisco. He is an artist. Res., Usal, Cal. No children.

8912. v. HARRIET AMELIA, b. in Manchester, Jan. 18, 1864; m., in 1889, Harry E. Bishop, of Manchester. Three children.


vives her. His present address, Attleboro Falls, Mass. 7. Henry
Thompson, b. Oct. 11, 1848; d. March 11, 1880; m. Mary E.
Moffitt, of Oxford, Mass., who survives him. Her present ad-
dress, Spencer, Mass. Second married name, Mary E. Forrest.

8915. iii. SYLVA M., b. Dec. 1, 1816; unm.
8916. iv. WILLIAM EDWIN, b. June 12, 1825; m. Sarah Ann Davis.

8704. LEMUEL FOSTER (Lemuel, Timothy, Timothy, Timothy, Edward,

8917. i. GUSTAVUS LEMUEL, b. ——; was a clergyman and d. Sept. 9,

8918. ii. ULYSSES TITUS, b. Oct. 6, 1819; Sept. 7, 1848, Helen Tebbits,
b. July 10, 1825. Res., s. p., 302 North Blackstone St., Jackson,
Mich.


8920. iv. PERLINA ABI, b. ——; d. June 26, 1841.

8921. v. ISAAC N. S., b. Dec. 10, 1827; m. Almira Green.

8922. vi. JOHN JONES, b. July 10, 1832; m. Julia A. Hill.

8795. AMASA DAVIS FOSTER (Lemuel, Timothy, Timothy, Timothy,
Edward, Timothy), b. near Deerfield, Mass., June 4, 1796; m., in Princeton, Ind.,
in 1819, Jane Braselton, b. 1800; d. 1880. He was a farmer. He d. in 1881. Res.,
Gibson County, Indiana.

8923. i. JULIENN, b. 1820; m. 1849. She d.

8924. ii. CHARLES, b. 1823; d. 1824.

8925. iii. JOHN M., b. May 20, 1827; m. Louisa D. Hill.

8926. iv. EDEN L., b. Nov. 11, 1829; m. Louisa J. McFadden.

8927. v. JAMES D., b. 1833; m., 1860; killed in battle of Chickamauga,
September, 1863.

8928. vi. ELLEN L., b. 1836; m. 1862; d. 1866.

8929. vii. MARGARET, b. 1842; m., 1864, Mr. Strain. Res., Fort Branch,
Ind.

8797. COL. EDWARD FOSTER (Edward, Timothy, Edward, Timothy,
Edward, Timothy), b. Dorchester, Mass., March 24, 1781; m., Oct. 20, 1825, Ann
Howe Baker, b. Aug. 7, 1806, dau. of David and Polly (Howe). He was a tanner
by trade; was colonel of a regiment and died in Dorchester, Sept. 10, 1849.

8930. i. EDWARD JOSEPH, b. Oct. 29, 1826.

8931. ii. ANNIE R., b. June 10, 1829.

8932. iii. MARY BAKER, b. May 10, 1832.

8933. iv. GEORGE HERBERT, b. May 15, 1837.

8801. JAMES FOSTER (Edward, Timothy, Edward, Timothy, Edward,
Timothy), b. Dorchester, March 30, 1790; m., Nov. 19, 1821, Rachel Lambert, b.
Dec. 26, 1801, dau. of Paul, d. July 6, 1879. He was a farmer. It was Mr. James
Foster, son of Captain Edward Foster who built, in 1826, the two-story white frame
house on Centre street, and who received the house in deed from his father. This
deed, which is a quaint and interesting document, is still preserved in the family.

James Foster, J.r. of Boston, appr. adm. of estate of James Foster, Sr., of Boston,
deceased, Nov. 3, 1873, leaving a widow, Rachel Foster, and as only next of kin,
James Foster, of Boston; Rachel Ann Jaques, wife of Edmund Jaques of New-
buryport; Subiah L. Elder, of Boston; Mary Hersey, wife of George E. Hersey,
of Boston; Elizabeth G. Foster, of Boston; Martha Foster, of Boston; Sarah M.
Steams, wife of James W. Stearns, of Andover; Samuel Foster, of San Francisco,
Cal.; are all the children and next of kin to said deceased. Dec. 8, 1873, Lib.
466, fol. 276; Lib. 467, fol. 649; Lib. 451, fol. 315; Lib. 468, fol. 462; Lib. 468, fol. 411.

Will—Rachel L. Foster, of Boston, widow of the late James Foster; daughter,
Elizabeth G. Foster; son James Foster, of Boston. Dated Nov. 1, 1875. Lib.
Rachel L. Foster, died July 6, 1879, heirs at law being, James Foster, of Boston;
Rachel A. Jaques, wife of Edmund Jaques, of Newburyport; Subiah L. Elder, of
Andover; Sarah M. Steams, wife of James W. Stearns, and Elizabeth G. Foster,
both of North Reading; Mary Hersey, wife of George E. Hersey, of Gilroy, Cal.;

8934. i. JAMES, b. Sept. 9, 1822; m. Mary Ayres and —.
8935. ii. RACHEL ANN, b. Feb. 19, 1825; m., June 28, 1854, Edmund Jaques. He is a clerk in a manufacturing company and resides in Newburyport.
8940. vii. MARTHA, b. May 31, 1839; m., June 10, 1874, Dr. Charles E. Blake.
8941. viii. SAMUEL, b. June 14, 1842; m. Helen L. Dickerman and Mary Ann Sanford.

DR. ANDREW FOSTER (Bossenger, Thomas, Thomas, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Cambridge, Mass., Sept. 7, 1780; m., in Dedham, Nov. 19, 1813, Mary Conant, b. July 17, 1785, dau. of Samuel and Mary (Parker); d. Nov. 4, 1854. He was graduated at Harvard College in 1800 and became a physician in Dedham. He was at one time professor of botany at Harvard College and is said to have first demonstrated the value of the tomato as an article of food. His wife was a descendant of Roger Conant.

Andrew, of Roxbury, afterward of Cambridge, will date April 16, 1831. Prob. Aug. 9, 1831; wife, Mary; children, Andrew, Samuel C., James and George.—(Middlesex Probate.)


8942. i. ANDREW, b. Jan. 5, 1815; m. Mrs. Delia H. (Montgomery) Foster.
8943. ii. SAMUEL CONANT, b. Oct. 24, 1816; m. Mary B. Bogert.
8944. iii. JAMES, b. Nov. 20, 1818; m. Delia H. Montgomery.
8946. v. GEORGE, b. Oct. 5, 1820; m. Louisa Adeline Gibbons.

HON. WILLIAM FOSTER (William, Thomas, Thomas, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Cambridge, Mass., Jan., 10, 1772; m., there, 1792, Marie Hortense Perron, b. 1780; d. Feb. 14, 1838, in Morlaix, France. The subject of this sketch attended the Boston schools until he was about fourteen years of age, when he was sent by his father to be employed in the counting house of his correspondent, Barry & Co., of Cadiz, Spain. William remained in Cadiz some years. While there he became acquainted with a Jesuit priest who took a great fancy to the boy. From this priest he obtained the chief part of his education and became well versed in the Spanish language. After his return to America, when about twenty years old, his father sent him with an assorted cargo to Morlaix, France. He arrived safely at the port and put his business into the hands of M. Perron, a merchant of that place. William became acquainted with the family of M. Perron and concluded to send his vessel home and remain awhile in France, for he had become much interested in Mile. Hortense Perron, a young lady about fourteen years of age. In about a year from that time he married her and continued to reside in France some twenty years. He was there during a part of the French revolution, and was drawn as a conscript in the army of Napoleon the First. He was an active participant in many of the exciting events of that bloody period (1790-1793) and was at one time the president of a Jacobin club.

"He first met Mile. Perron in the humble garb assumed by her to escape persecutions to which at that time all the wealthier classes of society were exposed. Her father, proprietor of valuable estates in Normandy, had fled from the fury of
the 'Red Republicans,' leaving his daughter in charge of one of his tenants, in whom he placed confidence she would escape observation. Mr. Foster, who at once penetrated her disguise, was attracted by her beauty and loveliness of character and the acquaintance ripened into mutual regard. When her guardian discovered the interest she betrayed for the young American, he revealed her identity, imploring him to desist from attentions which, if noticed, might subject them all to serious consequences. He, of course, felt bound to acquiesce in the prudence of this course. Mrs. Foster, after returning before the popular agitation had subsided, his chateau was attacked by the Republicans. Mr. Foster rendered such efficient service in defending it that all farther objection was removed and they were married. Long after the death of his wife Mr. Foster erected on the borders of Spot Pond, in Cambridge, a handsome stone mansion, beautifully situated, which he said resembled in material and arrangement, as nearly as prevailing modes of construction permitted, the chateau of his wife's parents in Normandy."—(Thos. C. Armory N. E. and Gen. Reg. vi, xxv.)

At the suggestion of Mr. Foster, the late Francis Sales, for many years instructor of French and Spanish in Harvard College, was induced to come to the United States with Mr. Foster, in 1792. The first pair of Merino sheep imported into this country was brought here by Mr. Foster in the same year, and by so doing he rigid of the ship in which he brought them. The wool of these sheep was manufactured into cloth with great pains and far excelled any woolen fabric that had yet appeared in America. It was spoken of in the papers of the day, and samples of it were exhibited in the principal cities. In bringing them over, Mr. Foster violated a law of Spain, more than one thousand years old, prohibiting the exportation of Merino sheep under penalty of hard labor in the mines for life. It was not until 1807, during the war between France and Spain, that the American consul at Lisbon, Hon. William Jarois, was able to purchase 3,500 confiscated sheep and send them to his farm in Wethersfield. To Mr. Foster also brought with him several valuable paintings into which is called 'Rebecca at the Well,' was afterward presented to the Boston Athenaeum, where it now is.

While in France he met with a singular adventure in which he came near losing his life. He had taken up his abode at Morlaix, near the English Channel, where spies from England frequently came. One of these persons landed here, and, having made himself acquainted with the place and the people, learned that an American gentleman resided at Morlaix, by the name of William Foster, and he immediately resolved to assume his name.

Soon after, as Mr. Foster was traveling a short distance from his home, he was accosted by the police and inquiry was made as to his name. He replied innocently, "My name is William Foster." He was taken before the authorities and questioned. What is remarkable he had exchanged on the same house in England known to be in possession of the spy. At that time spies were promptly dealt with, and Mr. Foster was placed in a disagreeable situation. His protestations and statements were of no avail, but recollecting that a M. Moreau, a lawyer and brother of General Moreau, was attending to some legal business in that neighborhood, he referred the mayor to him. M. Moreau was introduced, and, being interrogated, replied that the person under trial was his brother-in-law! This settled the question and Mr. Foster was liberated, M. Moreau had married Mrs. Foster's sister. Mr. Foster was in business in Bordeaux for several years in partnership with a Scotch gentleman, named Davidson, under the firm name of Davidson & Foster. He returned to Boston with his wife and two children in 1807. His wife died some years since; his two daughters survived him. One of them, Fanny H., married Henry J. Tudor, Esq., of Boston.*

Mr. Foster spoke and wrote French, Spanish and Italian equally as well as his own language and was frequently called into court to translate and explain difficult

*1 Charles Stewart Parnell (b. 1816; d. 1891), was the son of Henry and Delia Tudor (Stewart) Parnell. His mother was the daughter of Admiral Charles Stewart, United States navy, and of Delia, daughter of Frederic Tudor, Esq., of Boston. Miss Stewart was a great favorite with President Andrew Jackson, who at her request (endorsed by Hon. William Foster) appointed her cousin, James Foster, a cadet at the United States Naval School. Her son, Charles Stewart, Parnell, was born at Avondale County, Wicklow, Ireland, in 1846; educated at Magdalen College, Cambridge, England; entered public life as high sheriff of Wicklow (1874); was elected M. P. (1875), and became an acknowledged leader, brilliant orator and successful legislator. In 1878 he was elected president of the Home Rule Confederation, in 1879 secured the repeal of the laws permitting flogging as a punishment and initiated measures to reform the relations between landlords and tenants. While at the height of his prosperity, certain disclosures regarding his private life, caused a great sensation and ruined his career. He died after a brief illness at Brighton, England, Oct. 6, 1891.
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and obscure passages in said languages. He translated a complicated specification of forty pages from the English into the French from Professor Treadwell, respecting his improvements on common schools. He had to coin many of the words as they were not to be found in any French dictionary. When the specification was received in France, it was perfectly understood, but the wonder was expressed that the mechanical terms known only to those interested in such pursuits should be so faithfully given by an American, especially where words and terms had to be manufactured by the translator. Mr. Foster was a prominent politician in the Democratic party, and was a State senator from Suffolk County in 1834. He wrote articles frequently in the Transcript and Courier under the nom de plume of "Franklin." It is a matter of great regret that he did not write his autobiography. It would have been exceedingly interesting and romantic. He could probably have given us some light, as well as dark shades, in his touches on the history of the French revolution.


Will—William Foster, of Boston; daughters, Fanny H. Tudor, Virginia Joel Coppinger (now of France); Dr. Charles F. Foster, of Cambridge brother, Charles C. Foster brother, Leonard Foster, deceased. Dated Aug. 20, 1856. Lib. 101, fol. 169-201. Prob. March 16, 1863. Lib. 268, fol. 120.


8947-3. ii. VIRGINIA JOLE, h. —; m. April, 1845. — Coppinger.

8947-4. iii. MILLITE, b. —. Died young.


8947-5. i. CATHERINE BORLAND, b. April 29, 1817; d. unm., Sept., 1887. Catherine B., of Cambridge, will date April 7, 1877; prob. Oct. 25, 1887, single, next of kin, Susan C. Batchelder, sister; Charles F. Batchelder, Charles C. Foster, nephews; Charles F. Foster, brother, deceased, all of Cambridge.

8947-6. ii. SARAH LLOYD, b. Feb. 10, 1820; d. unm., in 1877. Sarah L., of Cambridge, will date Aug. 30, 1875; prob. March 15, 1877, single kin, sisters, Catherine B. Foster, Susan C. Batchelder, of Cambridge.—(Mid. Prob.)

8947-7. iii. SUSAN CABOT, b. Aug. 10, 1823; m., Dec. 2, 1851, Francis Lowell Batchelder (Samuel, Samuel, Jonathan, Jonathan, John, John), b. April 2, 1825, Chelmsford, Mass.; d. in Hibernia, Fleming's Island, Fla., where he had gone for the benefit of his health, Feb. 9, 1858, age thirty-two. He was son of Samuel and Mary (Montgomery). He was fitted for college at Thornton Academy, Saco, Me., where his father's family resided for several years. On leaving college he entered the law school at Harvard, where he pursued his legal studies and received his degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1848. He opened an office in Boston, and there practiced his profession the remainder of his life, having his residence in Cambridge. Of a modest and retiring disposition, he had no ambition to gain distinction by forensic eloquence, but devoted his attention to the business of conveyancing, a branch in which he obtained an honorable reputation. Without pretension, without affectation or disguise, his manners and constantly increasing circle of friends were witnesses of his simple and well-spent Christian life. His tastes were refined and cultivated, and an ardent love of music always afforded an agreeable relaxation to the routine of daily toil. He married and had a son and daughter. He d. Feb. 9, 1858. Res., Cambridge, Mass. Ch. — 1. Charles Foster, b. —. Res., 7 Kirkland St., Cambridge, Mass. 2. One dau.

8947-8. iv. CHARLES FRANCIS, b. May 16, 1818; m. Emma Sumner and Mary Jane Wells.


Petition of Francis C. Foster, of Cambridge; to be appointed trustee with Charles C. Foster (in place of William Foster, deceased) under will of Leonard Foster (allowed March 12, 1855) said will gave estate in trust for benefit of his children, Francis C. Foster, Mary G. Foster, now wife of Edward G. Daves, and William L. Foster. June 13, 1864. Lib. 340, fol. 216.


LYDIA LOUISA, b. Nov. 11, 1818; m., April 8, 1839, Rev. Philo C. Pettibone. She was the oldest daughter of Timothy Foster, of Andover, Mass., resided in Andover until her marriage in 1839 to Rev. Philo C. Pettibone, a Congregational clergyman. She shared the labors of her husband in his pastorates at Mercer, Pa., Fitchburg, Mass., Stockholm, N. Y., Kenosha, Wis., and Burlington, Wis. Her husband was a strong Abolitionist and lived to see the colored race liberated from their bondage. He died in Chicago, Ill. She survived her husband just fifteen years, making her home for some years at Beloit, Wis., and subsequently with her eldest son, Philo Foster Pettibone, in Chicago, where she died. She left surviving her, four sons and one daughter. He was born Nov. 7, 1815; died in Chicago, Sept. 9, 1870. She died Sept. 9, 1885. Res., Stockholm, N. Y., and Burlington, Wis. Ch.: 1. Philo Foster Pettibone, b. April 28, 1841. Res., 159 Warren Avenue, Chicago. 2. George Whitefield Pettibone, b. July 26, 1846; d. Sept. 24, 1848. 3. Robert Sweetser Pettibone, b. Sept. 6, 1849. Res., 217 South Prairie Avenue,
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Austin, Ill. 4. Luman Augustine Pettibone, b. Oct. 5, 1852. Address of daughter, Louise Pettibone, Burlington, Wis. 5. Florence Amelia Pettibone, b. Jan. 26, 1855. Res., 115 North Prairie Avenue, Austin, Ill. 6. Howard Culver Pettibone, b. April 8, 1864. Res., 145 Ashland Blvd., Chicago. Philo C. Pettibone was born in Stockholm, N. Y.; was educated at the Andover Theological Seminary; was married to Lydia Foster, daughter of Timothy Foster, of Andover; preached in Congregational churches Mercer, Pa., Stockholm, N. Y., and Burlington, Wisconsin. He was connected with Beloit College for a number of years as financial agent, and at the time of his death was connected with the Chicago Theological Seminary, in the same capacity. Philo Foster Pettibone, son of Philo C. Pettibone and Lydia Foster, was born in Mercer, Pa.; graduated at Beloit College in 1862; was married to Mary Carter Talcott, at Rockford, June 28, 1866. He has been many years settled in Chicago, in business at the head of a large stationery house; is a member of the board of education of that city, and a trustee of Beloit College.

Florence Amelia Pettibone, born at Stockholm, N. Y., was married in Chicago, April 21, 1881, to Robert F. Pettibone, a lawyer, associated with H. S. & F. S. Osborn, Chicago.

Luman Augustine Pettibone, the fourth son of Rev. Philo C. Pettibone and Louisa Foster Pettibone, was born at Stockholm, N. Y. At the age of eighteen, he entered the preparatory department of Beloit College, having in view the ministry, and graduated from that institution in the class of 1877, and from the Divinity school of Yale University in 1880. He was ordained as a Congregational minister at Burlington, Wis., and for upward of fifteen years, was a pastor. He was married in 1885, to Alma Meinhardt, of Burlington. His only pastorate was limited to a
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few months at Tucson, Ariz. His death occurred at his old home in Burlington, Wis., Aug. 27, 1896. A wife and three young daughters survive him. 1. Louise Cornelia. 2. Dorothy Foster, and one other.

Robert Sweetser Pettibone, son of Rev. Philo C. Pettibone and Louisa Foster Pettibone, was born in Stockholm, N. Y. He removed with the family to Wisconsin in 1856, where most of his boyhood life was spent. He has resided in Chicago since 1866, and has been identified with the stationery and printing business during this entire period. He was married, in 1874, to Anna Luella Lawrence, of Chicago, who lived only about three years, her death occurring in 1877. Mr. Pettibone was again married in June, 1882, to Mary Helena Bailey. Their first born son, Foster Philo Pettibone, born July 5, 1883, only lived a little more than two years. They have two daughters, Charlotte. Louise, born Nov. 6, 1885, and Florence, born Aug. 2, 1883.

Howard Culver Pettibone was b. April 8, 1864, at Burlington, Wis. His early boyhood was spent in Beloit, Wis. At fourteen years of age he moved to Chicago with his mother and sister, living with his oldest brother, Philo Foster, until his marriage, March 7, 1889, to Miss Grace Van Alstyne, of Louisville, Ky. For seventeen years he has been associated with his brothers in the firm of P. F. Pettibone and Co. (incorporated), stationers and printers, Chicago. He resides at Evanston, a suburb of Chicago, located twelve miles north of the city on the lake shore.

ISAAC MOOAR, b. Oct. 28, 1821; d. April 12, 1822.
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A Newburyport (Mass.) paper says of Moses Foster Sweetser: "His parents, Moses and Elizabeth Dane Foster Sweetser lived in this city for a number of years, where the father carried on an extensive business, and is known by the older people of the present as one of our most enterprising and public-spirited citizens. Here Moses Foster Sweetser was born on Sept. 22, 1848. He studied at the Highland Military School, Drummer Academy, and graduated at the Putnam Free School in this city in 1867. His college course was at Beloit College, Wisconsin, Columbian College, Washington, D. C. Immediately after leaving college he made a tour of the old world, visiting Great Britain, France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Egypt, Palestine, Turkey and Greece, observing the Franco-German war, the rule of the Commune, and the Italian siege of Rome. While in Switzerland the excellence of Baedeker's guide books impressed him, and on his return he prepared four guide books on the Baedeker plan, 'New England,' (1873), 'The Middle States' (1874), 'The White Mountains' (1875), 'The Maritime Provinces' (1876). In all he has produced nineteen guide books, which are the standard in use. In 1879, he began the preparation of a series of biographies of artists which have reached eighteen volumes, each devoted to one of the great artists of the world. He has also written histories and other books, more than forty volumes in all, brought out by a well-known publisher in the United States. Besides these, Mr. Sweetser published many articles, stories and letters, contributed to the magazines and newspapers, and was for some years assistant editor of the Atlantic Monthly. The letters of condolence of literary friends of the deceased to the bereaved family, testify to the affectionate esteem in which he was held, to his high moral worth, the amiability of his temperament, and to his talent and industry. Mr. Sweetser was not in Newburyport much during the later years of his life, though both he and his wife were natives."


Thomas Chandler Foster was born in Andover, and always resided there. He married Abigail Abbott, who died Oct. 24, 1844; he married, second, Mrs. Lucy B. (Mooar) Shattuck. She d. Feb. 22, 1872. He was a respected and useful citizen, serving the town as selectman, assessor, overseer of the poor, representative to the general court and as moderator of town meetings. He was fifty years an auctioneer, seven years landlord of the Eagle Hotel, and was, for many years, a director of the Merrimack Mutual Fire Insurance Company. He was in the war of 1812, and subsequently for a considerable time commanded the Old Andover Light Infantry Company. He always had many friends and no enemies, and had the sincere respect of his numerous acquaintances. He d. April 3, 1875. Res., Andover, Mass.

SARAH JANE, b. Dec. 13, 1815; d. Andover, unm., April 18, 1855.

ABIGAIL CAROLINE, b. June 14, 1814; d. March 7, 1818.

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8947-22. iv. THOMAS B., b. Dec. 16, 1820. He was a clergyman, but his health failed and he d. March 17, 1851, unm.


8815. BENJAMIN BUSSEY FOSTER (Hatherly, Hatherly, Joseph, Hatherly, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Lincolnville, Me., June 15, 1798; m., Montville, Sally Whitten, b. 1790; d. 1847. He was a farmer; d. 1849. Res., Newburgh, Me.

8948. i. BENJAMIN ORRIN, b. May 3, 1833; m. Augusta Daisey.

8817. BENJAMIN STEELE FOSTER (David, Steele, Joseph, Hatherly, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Topsham, Me., Oct. 3, 1813; m. in New York City, in 1856, Mary Fay. He was a wholesale dealer in foreign fruits in New York City. He d. Feb. 3, 1886. Res., Brooklyn, N. Y.

8949. i. BENJAMIN, b. Jan. 23, 1857; d. Aug. 11, 1866.


8952. iv. KATHERINE STEELE, b. July 16, 1859; unm. She is a purchasing agent at 97 Washington St., Chicago, Ill. Res., "The Vincennes."

8820. SAMUEL JORDEN FOSTER (David, Steele, Joseph, Hatherly, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Topsham, Me., April 21, 1809; m., Vassalboro, Me., Julia A. Brown, b. April 21, 1812; d. July 9, 1897, in Newtonville, Mass. He was a lumber dealer and died in Weston, Me. He d. June 5, 1857. Res., Bangor, Me.

8953. i. GEORGE, b. June 18, 1834; d. s. p., 1862.


8955. iii. HENRY B., b. March 25, 1839; m. Hattie M. Hinman.


8957. v. JOHN, b. Feb. 24, 1843; m. Annie Beste.


8959. i. CUSHING, b. —; d. at sea, returning from South America; n. f. k.

8960. ii. ALBERT, b. —; d. young.

8961. iii. KATE, b. 1830; d. unm.
8829. DEA. IRA FOSTER (Jacob, John, Elisha, Hatherly, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Dorchester, June 15, 1804; m., May 17, 1829, Sarah Watts Crane, of Milton, b. July 6, 1809; d. April 29, 1849; m., 2d, Aug. 4, 1851, Catherine Cushing, of Boston, b. 1820; d. August, 1897. Her mother's maiden name was Foster.

Ira Foster was the oldest son of Jacob, and was born in 1804. He served his apprenticeship with his father, and was married, in 1829, to Sarah W. Crane, of Milton. He and his brother Jacob were extensive contractors and builders in Dorchester for many years, and there are hundreds of buildings now standing in that district of Boston, which remain as the evidence of their handicraft. In later years, when his health began to fail, Ira abandoned his trade and went into the grocery business, in which he signally failed, meeting with many losses. His integrity, however, was never questioned. He was deacon of the Baptist church for many years, and contributed liberally to its support. His honesty, his open-hearted benevolence, and his piety are the prominent features by which he is remembered. He was married a second time, in 1850, to Catherine Cushing, of Boston. He had four children, only one of whom lived beyond the period of infancy; and, to complete the thorough educating of this one in school and college, as well as to the edifying of the church of God, he consecrated all the energies of a laborious life.


8962. i. CHARLES F., b. May 27, 1830; m. Catherine S. Hovey and Rebecca S. Gladwin.

8963. ii. GEORGE HENRY, b. March 11, 1835; d. March 17, 1835.


8965. iv. ROLAND FRANKLIN, b. May 10, 1853; d. Feb. 10, 1854.

8830. JACOB FOSTER (Jacob, John, Elisha, Hatherly, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Dorchester, Mass., Sept. 27, 1808; m. Elizabeth Andrews Bird; m., 2d, 1857. Mrs. Martha Ann (Lewis) Harris. He was a contractor and builder. Martha was b. Hingham, Sept. 27, 1821; m., 1851, J. Sidney Harris. He died and left Mary Foster Harris, who died in childhood in New Orleans, La.

Will—Jacob Foster, of Boston; wife; grandson, Henry Foster Lewis, and his sister, Bertha Lewis; daughter, Mary Elizabeth Lewis; dated Aug. 16, 1879. Probated June 14, 1886. Lib. 579, fol. 20, t. Lib. 581, fol. 421. Petition for administrator, Jacob Foster; died May 17, 1886, leaving widow, Martha Ann Foster, and daughter, Mary Elizabeth Lewis. Lib. 584, fol. 421. Lib. 678, fol. 311.


8966. i. MARY ELIZABETH, b. April 4, 1840; m., Nov. 5, 1862, Joseph B. Lewis. Res., 56 Forty-seventh St., Kenwood, Chicago, Ill. He was b. March 31, 1839; d. Jan. 5, 1895; was a wholesale dealer in paints, oil and glass. Ch.: 1. Dr. Henry Foster, b. Feb. 15, 1864. Res., 4426 Lake Ave., Chicago. 2. Bertha, b. Nov. 4, 1866; m. C. E. Gifford, Jr.

8839. WILLIAM FOSTER (Timothy, John, Elisha, Hatherly, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. South Scituate, Mass., March 30, 1807; m., Nov. 10, 1831, Lydia Ann Ripley, of Hingham, dau. of Justin, b. July 24, 1800; d. March 16, 1892. He was a carpenter and builder.

William Foster, of Hingham; administrator appointed Nov. 12, 1877; wife, Lydia A. Foster; children, Abby J. Leavitt, of Boston, wife of Albert Leavitt; Lydia S. Jones, of Hingham, wife of William Jones; Hatherly Foster; grandchildren, Walter B., William and M. Adie Foster.

Lydia A. Foster, of Hingham, died March 16, 1892; Hatherly Foster appointed executor, May 9, 1892; heirs, Abbie J. Leavitt, wife of Albert L. Leavitt, of Boston, daughter; Hatherly Foster, of Brookline, Mass., son; Willie L. Foster, Walter B. Foster and Albert M. Jones, of Hingham, grandchildren. Said Lydia A. Foster was daughter of Justin Ripley, of Hingham. She mentions in her will Ellen F. Leavitt, granddaughter; Emma C. Foster, wife of Hatherly; Minnie R. Leavitt, granddaughter; Ellen F. and Minnie R., children of Abbie J. Leavitt, and grandson Albert W. Jones, son of deceased daughter Lydia Jones. He d. Jan. 8, 1877. Res., Hingham, Mass.
8967. i. LYDIA ANN, b. Jan. 1, 1833; d. in infancy.
8969. iii. TIMOTHY, b. Sept. 1, 1837; m. Emma F. Burr.
8970. iv. LYDIA, b. March 19, 1841; m. --- Stowers. She d. Aug. 15, 1891.
8971. v. HATHERLY, b. Oct. 29, 1844; m. Emma C. Bickford.


Turner Foster, as he was called, succeeded his father-in-law, Mr. Sprague, of the firm of Sprague & James, as a shipbuilder, in Medford. He held many positions of trust. He was made ensign at nineteen, and captain at twenty-four years of age of the old Medford military company. He was selectman of Medford for eleven different years, and representative to the Legislature in 1883-4—the latter year being the oldest man in the House.

Up to the time of the civil war shipbuilding in Medford was the most important industry, and gave to that place a world-wide reputation. Hundreds of men were employed in the ship yards and a more respectable body of mechanics never helped to make up the population of any town. The leading ship-builders ranked among the most influential citizens of Medford, and were men of strong sense and great practical ability. Captain Foster went to Medford in 1826 and learned the trade of ship carpenter. In 1852 he went into business for himself with a partner, and a few years later engaged alone. In 1873 he built the last ship constructed in Medford. He was always an active and public spirited citizen, and always took great interest in town affairs. He was chosen captain of the Medford militia as early as 1834; was elected to many public offices in the town, and for seven years was selectman—part of the time being chairman. For many years he was assessor, and in 1883-4 was representative in the Legislature. He was president of the Malden and Medford Gas Company, and a director of the Bay State Brick Company. Few men in Medford were better known or more kindly regarded. He d. in Malden, Nov. 21, 1895. Res., Medford, Mass.

8972. i. ELLEN ATHENIA, b. July 3, 1837; d. Sept. 3, 1847.
8973. ii. WILLIAM TURNER, b. Feb. 22, 1839; m. Kate P. King.
8974. iii. HENRY FREEMAN, b. May 28, 1842; d. Nov. 2, 1843.
8975. iv. LOUISE ADDIE (twin), b. July 14, 1845; d. Sept. 27, 1856.

8941. CAPT. GEORGE FOSTER (Elisha, Elisha, Elisha, Hatherly, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Scituate, Mass., May 9, 1812; m., April 6, 1843, Frances Burr, b. 1816; d. 1865. He was a master mariner. He d. 1874. Res., Charlestown and Bedford, Mass.

8977. i. WINFIELD SCOTT, b. —--; d. in infancy.
8978. ii. MARY FRANCES, b. —--; d. in infancy.
8979. iii. GEORGE ALBERT, b. Jan. 30, 1844; m. Annie M. Fox.


8980. i. HARRY WYLIE, b. Nov. 26, 1861; unm. Address, Berkeley.
8981. ii. GRACE TURNER, b. March 23, 1865; unm. Address, Cornwall, Cal.
8982. iii. GEORGE HALE, b. May 1, 1867; unm. Address, Berkeley.
8983. iv. JENNIE POLLOCK, b. April 28, 1869; married; present name, Mrs. George H. Stricker. Address, Berkeley, Cal.
8984. v. CHARLES TILDEN, b. March 7, 1871; unm. Address, Berkeley.
8985. vi. FRANK EUGENE, b. Jan. 10, 1873; m. Irene Bither. Address, Avon, Cal.

8969. WALTER FOSTER (Charles, Elisha, Elisha, Hatherly, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Scituate, Mass., July 31, 1823; m. Ruth B. —--; He was in the civil war and died in the service.
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Walter Foster, of South Scituate; estate administered upon May 27, 1872; wife, Ruth B. Foster; son, Charles A. Foster, and daughter, Mary (or Marie) L. Foster. Plymouth Probate. He d. Oct. 8, 1864. Res., South Scituate, Mass. 1856. i. CHARLES A., b. ——; m. Eva Prouty. 1857. ii. MARY LOUISE, b. ——; unm.

1870. SETH FOSTER (Daniel, Elisha, Elisha, Hatherly, Timothy, Edward, Timothy) b. Scituate, Mass., Feb. 14, 1830; m. Jan. 1, 1867, Mary E. Lincoln, of Boston. b. March 13, 1842; d. Aug. 2, 1872; m., 2d, April 13, 1875, Evelina B. Lincoln—both daughters of Warren Lincoln, of Boston—b. March 22, 1835. He had a common school education. At the age of eighteen he attempted to learn the carpenter trade; worked at it six months; then cold weather coming on, his employer gave up until warm weather should come again, and went to shoemaking, offering to teach him the same. He declined the offer. After a few days he went to Boston to learn the tailoring business with Jacobs & Deane. It was not suited to him, so that was given up; then he learned slipper making; after two weeks he became a proficient in the business, and worked at it two years and a half on his own account. Finally, in 1854, he went into the express and stage business, driving from North Marshfield, through to South Scituate, and Hingham to Boston, a four-horse coach, also running an express and passenger coach to Marshfield. This he continued to do until the steam-cars and steamboats ran from Boston to Hingham; then he drove to Hingham, two coaches daily, four horses each, one driven by himself, the other by his brother, Benjamin B. Foster, for a number of years. He finally gave up the Hingham route, and the steam-cars, coming to Greenbush, two and a half miles from South Scituate (which has since been called Norwell, in honor of Mr. Henry Norwell, who has a fine residence in the town), he started a route in that direction, which he still continues to run. His express and stage business covers a period of forty-four years, up to the present time. He has carried the mail all the time until this year, when he gave it up. He is still hale and hearty, and bids fair to continue many years in the business. He has been one of the bank directors of South Scituate Saving Bank for several years; would have held town offices but has no time to attend to them. He lives in Norwell; has one of the finest residences there, and is a man well known about everywhere; very much respected by his friends and neighbors. Res., Norwell, Mass.


1892. ii. JOEL KNAPP, b. March 4, 1833; d. 1856.


1895. i. CHARLES, b. ——. He was a soldier in the civil war and was killed at Antietam. Reuben Foster, of Webster, as principal, William Foster, of Oxford, and Rufus Foster, of Webster, as sureties, are administrators of the estate of Charles G. Foster, late of Webster; Dec. 30, 1864; Henry Chapin, judge.—Worcester Probate.
8996. i. OLIN O., b. Sept. 25, 1850; m. Jane S. Wetherell.
8997. ii. ELLA S., b. Dec. 31, 1861; m., Dec. 11, 1881, Fred O. Cortis, son of Daniel R. Res., O.

8998. i. THEY had two children.


9004. i. EDWARD N., b. Oct. 25, 1843; m. Helen E. Westgate.

9008. iii. ANNE JANE, b. March 20, 1855.
9009. iv. GEORGE A., b. 1858; d. young.

8886. JONATHAN HARRIS FOSTER (Peleg, Ebenezer, Timothy, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Oxford, Mass., July 21, 1821; m., Nov. 1, 1852, Philena S. Shepardson, b. July 11, 1827, dau. of Deacon Moses. She d. Fall River, Nov. 25, 1874. Mr. Foster was born in Oxford, and his boyhood days were spent in Oxford. At the age of twenty-eight he went to Fall River, Mass.; was a dyer for many years at Fall River, Worcester and Webster, Mass., and Rockville, Conn. Res., 326 Bank St., Fall River, Mass.
9100. i. ELLEN E., b. Feb. 1, 1853; m., Oct. 11, 1877, James H. Miniken. Res., Fall River, and moved to South Manchester, Conn.
9102. iii. JESSIE L., b. May 30, 1867.

8887. COL. CALVIN FOSTER (Calvin, Ebenezer, Timothy, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Sept. 10, 1819; m., Martha P. Childs, dau. of Colonel Moses; m., 2d, Dec. 1, 1841, Caroline Cutler, of Amherst, dau. of Hon. Samuel, b. May 14, 1820; d. s. p., June 24, 1847; m., 3d, June 2, 1867, Anna L. Gage, dau. of Dr. Leander and Ann (Sargeant), of Waterford, Me. She d. —

Colonel Foster was born in Worcester in a frame house on Court hill, where the First Unitarian church now stands, and which was removed to the rear of the church. When he was seven years old his parents removed to Rutland, and a little later
went to Barre. At the age of sixteen years he came to Worcester to visit relatives, and he secured a position with Caleb Newcomb, a dealer in stoves and hardware, and a manufacturer of tinware. He became Mr. Newcomb's apprentice, and remained with his employer until he was twenty-one years old. He learned the business thoroughly during that time, and in 1844 he purchased an interest in the hardware store of Horace Newton, at Fitchburg. The firm continued only a few months, and in April, 1834, Col. Ivers Phillips manifested his interest in the young man by appointing him on his staff as adjutant of the (light infantry) regiment in the second brigade and sixth division of the militia of the commonwealth. The appointment was accepted and was confirmed by a commission from Gov. John Davis. The old compulsory militia system had just before given place to the volunteer system, and Colonel Foster was one of the officers who assisted at its inauguration. His first muster field was in Leominster, where his first regimental line was formed. In 1835 he was elected major of his regiment; in 1837 he became lieutenant-colonel and a little over a year was made colonel. Before occasion for service under his highest title came, he obtained his discharge, which ended his military career. He resumed his position with Mr. Newton in Worcester and continued as a clerk until 1840, when he bought the business and formed a partnership with Amos Brown, under the name of C. Foster & Co. After several changes in the firm, David Whitcomb bought the business in 1855. In 1836 the business was removed from Harrington corner to the corner of Main and Pearl streets. In 1854, Colonel Foster erected a new block, which was occupied by his firm. In constructing the building he had plans for a banking room. He proposed a plan to friends of organizing a new bank and they immediately subscribed $75,000 worth of stock, which was increased later to $400,000, the capital stock proposed. The new bank, called the City Bank, was opened for business on September 1854, at Harrington corner, and removed to the new building Colonel Foster erected, on the Pearl street corner Colonel Foster refused the honor of being president of the bank, although it was the wish of all the directors who had been chosen. Several years later he was elected president and the bank continued to flourish under his guiding hand. Colonel Foster was prominent in organizing various other corporations. Of the Worcester Safe Deposit & Trust Co. he was a projector. He helped to organize the People's Savings Bank at the time he was a director in the Worcester County institution for savings. A law was enacted which prohibited a person from holding office in two Savings Banks at the same time. Colonel Foster decided to remain with the bank he was the father of. He was one of the originators of the Bay State Fire Insurance Company, the second company of its kind in Worcester. The company went down with the great Boston fire, as did many others. Colonel Foster identified himself from the first with the railroad system of Worcester. He helped to organize the Nashua, Norwich and Providence roads, but his main efforts were devoted to the Gardner road. To retain the northern trade of Worcester and to prevent the division of the county, were two objects which Colonel Foster worked hard to accomplish. Interested with him were Levi Heywood, Stephen Salisbury and Ivers Phillips. Building the road was slow work, but after months of hard work the road was completed. Colonel Foster was elected president, but he declined to serve. During his active business career he did not lose sight of municipal affairs, for he took a keen interest in city government matters from 1848, when Worcester became a city. He was a member of its first common council, Governor Lincoln
being the first mayor. Under the mayoralty of Isaac Davis, Colonel Foster was elected a member of the board of aldermen. Colonel Foster was the last surviving member of the first common council, which started the city of Worcester. The other members were the elder Stephen Salisbury, B. F. Thomas, Isaac Davis, John W. Lincoln, James Estabrook, W. B. Fox, Parley Goddard, James S. Woodworth, as aldermen, and B. F. Heywood, A. H. Bullock, W. T. Merrifield, Freeman Upham, Darius Rice, Thomas Chamberlain, Horace Cheney and Albert Curtis, as councilmen. Colonel Foster died a widower, although he was married three times. His first wife was Miss Martha Childs, daughter of Col. Thomas Childs, of Worcester. His second wife was Miss Caroline Cutler, of Hardwick, and the third was Miss Anna Gage, a sister of Dr. Thomas Gage, of Worcester. He had five children, two of whom survive, Mrs. Frank C. Huidakoper and Mrs. Charles D. Wheeler, of Worcester. The death of Colonel Foster takes away one of the best known financiers, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of Worcester. He was a man ofsterling qualities, kind in manner, keen in business, and possessing a judgment which few men have. His advice was sought by associates, who admired the character of the man who was prominently identified with prosperity of Worcester for nearly three quarters of a century. He d. Nov. 11, 1898. Res., Worcester, Mass.

9013. i. NORMAN, b. ——; d. 1850.
9015. iii. PRESCOTT WOODBURY, b. Oct. 12, 1861; d. Sept. 1, 1879.


9019. iii. MARY CAROLINE, b. Aug. 15, 1841; m., June 26, 1867, Rev. Silas P. Cook (deceased), widower. Res., Keene, N. H.

8895. WILLIAM FOSTER (William, Joseph, Timothy, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Brooklyn, Conn., April 5, 1817; m., there. Sept. 7, 1841, Mary S. Anthony, b. July 7, 1820; d. Dec. 31, 1898. He was born in Brooklyn, Windham Co., Conn. Being an only child, his parents endeavored to give him ample opportunities for an education, and kept him at the district schools winter and summer, and in
1831 sent him to Brooklyn Academy, which he attended some four years. Besides the common English branches he attended to mathematics, French, Latin and Greek, with an idea of entering Harvard University. The Rev. Samuel J. May, then pastor of the Unitarian church in Brooklyn, thought so much of him that he offered to pay half of his expenses. About this time a chum at the Academy entered West Point Academy, and was anxious that his friend should also take up the line of a military training. Probably would have entered the University or the Academy, but his mother intervened, being opposed to his leaving home, and listening to her he remained at home, assisting his father in his farming operations, having left the Academy in 1835. In 1837, having purchased the Windham County Gazette, then published at Thomson, it was removed to Brooklyn, in August, 1837, and thereupon as editor he endeavored to bring the people up to the standard of Jackson Democracy, at the same time attending to the mechanical department of the paper, also to the job department. Selling out in 1841, he returned home again, assisting his father. Married Mary S. Anthony, of Pomfret, Conn. He entered the role of pedagogy, and taught fifteen years in his native town and adjoining places, with a good measure of success. Desiring a wider theater of activity, he removed to Providence, R. I., in 1856, and entered upon a newspaper career, becoming editor of a daily paper, The Transcript, where he remained some three years. He was soon after connected with several other papers, as reporter and editor; with the Evening Press twelve years and a half. He later was appointed to the night police of the city, where he served four years and a half, and subsequently was connected with the office of the overseer of the poor fifteen years and a half, when, at the instance of his eldest son, James A., who said he had worked long enough, and was entitled to a vacation the remainder of his life, he resigned his position, and for some four years now has moved along life’s highway, combining otium cum dignitate,-pacedly awaiting the time when the mortal shall release him to enter a sphere of light and bloom.

"Translated to the realm of the spirit, on the evening of December 31st, my wife, Mary A. Foster, at the age of seventy-eight, after an illness of nearly one year. We joined hands in the springtime of our lives, and after a journey of fifty-seven years, in our wintry days the mortal ties are severed. It was fitting that the spirit laid down the weary, worn-out body in the lap of the dying year, to pass over the rainbow bridge, spanning the river of death, to a New Year which has no ending; to meet father, mother, brothers, sisters, friends and neighbors gone before; to receive a joyful welcome to the New Life, where sufferings are no more, cares forever dismissed, the memories of the mortal sphere not painful because recalled with a full knowledge of their significance in the economy of the immortal life. As we, husband and children, who for so many years had known her virtues at the hearthstone, and elsewhere when duty pointed the way, could not see her form put out of sight without grief and tears, yet serenely meet the ordeal, and if she could have heard our voices, exclaimed"

"Dear one, say not good-night, but in some brighter clime,
Bid us good-morning."  William Foster, Jr.

Warwick, R. I.

Res., 12 Peace St., Providence, R. I., and Warwick, R. I.

9024. i. JAMES A., b. May 6, 1846; m., Hattie E. Hooker, at Providence.

9025. ii. FRANK MORTIMER, b. Jan. 1, 1850; unm. Born in Brooklyn, Conn.; was educated in the district schools of his native town; went to Providence in 1856. He never engaged in business for himself, but clerked most of the time; for a time was a confectioner, then a jeweler; finally entering the store of his brother, James A., as a salesman, where he now is. He has an aptitude for whatever he undertakes. Politics, Republican.

9026. iii. ALICE LEE, b. in Brooklyn, Conn., Sept. 7, 1856; unm. P. O. address, 12 Peace St., Providence, R. I.

8903. DAVID JONES FOSTER (Silas, Timothy, Timothy, Timothy, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Dudley, Mass., March 14, 1806; m. Charlotte Fowle. She d. April 1, 1893.

Albert J. Foster, of Boston, appointed administrator of estate of David J. Foster, of Boston; died July 13, 1881, leaving widow, Charlotte Foster; and next of kin, Albert J. Foster, a son; George E. Foster, of Boston, a son; Charlotte F. Foster, of Boston, a daughter; Lucina F. Tripp, widow of Frank Tripp, of Boston, a daughter; Julia A. Howard, wife of Charles R. Howard, of Boston, a daughter; July 25, 1881.
William—Charlotte Foster, of Boston, widow; daughter-in-law, Anna S. Foster; grandchildren, Lucy B. Chandler and Helen F. Foster: sister, Mehitable A. Coolidge; daughter, Lucina F. Tripp; son, Albert J. Foster; daughter, Julia A. Howard, now wife of Charles R. Howard; dated June 1, 1891. Codicil—Daughters of Mehitable A. Coolidge, Helen, Julia and Anna; niece, Mrs. Grace Dakin; Doratha Chandler and John Chandler, minor children of granddaughter Lucy B. Chandler; dated May 10, 1894; probated April 25, 1895. Lib. 699, fol. 36-7-8. Lib. 700, fol. 325. Petition for administrator; Charlotte Foster died April 1, 1895, Boston, leaving next of kin, Lucina F. Tripp, of Roxbury, daughter; Albert J. Foster, of Roxbury, son; Julia A. Howard, of Roxbury, daughter; Lucy B. Chandler, of Newton, and Helen F. Foster, of Roxbury, children of George E. Foster, deceased, and grandchildren of deceased. Lib. 700, fol. 325.

9027. i. GEORGE EDWARD, b. October, 1839; m. Anna S. Brigham.
9028. ii. ALBERT J., b. ——. Res., Winthrop St., Roxbury.
9029. iii. LUCINA F., b. ——; m. Mr. Tripp. Res., 27 Whiting St., Roxbury.


9033. ii. GEORGE N., b. Aug. 27, 1857; m. Anna S. Page.

9033 1/2. i. LEMUEL H., b. July 13, 1853; m. Mary A. Bates.
9033 1/2. iii. CADDIE M., b. Oct. 11, 1857; m. —— Farrington. Res., D.
9033 1/2. iv. EDWARD G., b. ——. Res., Detroit.
9033 1/2. v. ROBERT F., b. ——. Res., Louisville, Ky.

9034. i. EMMA, b. Aug. 23, 1853; d. Aug. 28, 1854.
9035. ii. MARY D., b. Oct. 31, 1854; m. May 27, 1873.
9036. iii. SUSAN, b. Oct. 11, 1856; m. April 20, 1876.
9037. iv. ELLA H., b. Aug. 19, 1858; m. Nov. 15, 1877.
9038. v. JULIENN, b. June 14, 1860; m. Nov. 27, 1886.
9042. x. ALVIN and ALICE (twins), b. April 14, 1870; both dead.
9043. xii. MAGGIE, b. Sept. 4, 1874; d.

9044. i. MAGGIE, b. May 6, 1860; d. May, 1864.
9045. ii. FANNIE STEWART, b. Sept. 27, 1875.
FOSTER GENEALOGY.

9046. iii. DEWITT CLINTON, b. Nov. 2, 1853; m. Octavie Brokaw.

9047. iv. JAMES DAVIS, b. Sept. 9, 1860; m. Isabel Wallace.

8934. JAMES FOSTER (James, Edward, Timothy, Edward, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Dorchester, Mass., Sept. 9, 1822; m., Nov. 25, 1847, Mary Ayres; m., 2d, — He was a farmer. The house, corner of Dorchester avenue and Centre street, Dorchester, built in 1750; was bought by Mr. James Foster, and where he lived when first married. The Foster homestead, with which the average Dorchetsian is most familiar, is the large two-story house, opposite the high school. This house, which was built in 1750, is the only Foster homestead which was not erected by some member of the Foster family. Here Mr. Frank A. Foster was born. Prior to this dwelling coming into the possession of the Foster family it had been the home of the Withington family, and Miss Withington, who died in 1897; completed her century of life under its roof. No. 1644 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester; was built in 1858 by, and the home of, James Foster. Res. 1644 Dor. Ave., Dorchester, Mass.

9048. i. ARTHUR JAMES, b. July 16, 1849; Res., San Francisco, Cal.

9049. ii. ANNA MARIA, b. July 19, 1851; d. Sept. 6, 1853.

9050. iii. MARY ELLEN, b. Aug. 11, 1854; m. G. M. Mansfield, Melville Ave., Dorchester.

9051. iv. FRANK A., b. Feb. 15, 1859; m. Nettie S. Lapworth.

9052. v. EDWARD H., b. July 10, 1865; Res., at home.

8941. SAMUEL FOSTER (James, Edward, Timothy, Edward, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Dorchester, Mass., June 14, 1812; m., Jan. 22, 1847, Helen Louise Dickerman, dau. of Deacon Lyman and Vienna, b. March 8, 1828; d. July 28, 1851; m., 2d, Sept. 8, 1852, Mary Ann Sanford, b. Sept. 1, 1842. He was born in Dorchester and went to San Francisco in March, 1862. He was brought up on his father's farm; educated at the public schools; then finishing with the high school. Later, went to Brookline, Mass., and served two years apprenticeship in the grocery business with J. M. Seaman & Company, and then at the age of nineteen he left for San Francisco, where he has since lived, and been engaged in the same business —first four years as clerk, the balance as proprietor. His son was born there, or in Oakland; educated in the San Francisco schools, and since graduation was first clerk in real estate house one year, then in Alaska as assistant manager of a salmon cannery, and since associated with his father. Res., 26 California St., San Francisco, Cal.

9053. i. HELEN LOUISE, b. Oct. 18, 1868; d. April 2, 1876.


8942. ANDREW FOSTER (Andrew, Bossenger, Thomas, Thomas, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Dedham, Mass., June 5, 1815; m., Sept. 16, 1849, Mrs. Deila Henry (Montgomery) Foster, dau. of Rear Admiral John Berrin Montgomery. He was graduated at Harvard College in 1833 and became a manufacturer. John Berrin Montgomery (Thomas W., Alexander, James, William, Hugh, John, William, Neil) was born at Allentown, N. J., Nov. 17, 1794; educated there, and upon the outbreak of war with Great Britain received (June 4, 1812) a warrant as midshipman in the United States navy. He served with distinction under Commodore Perry and in several affairs on Lake Erie; received a sword of honor and a share in the thanks of Congress at the close of hostilities. Midshipman Montgomery was actively engaged (1815) in punishing pirates in the Mediterranean under Commodore Decatur; promoted lieutenant April 1, 1818. He was stationed on the African coast until 1820, when he was ordered to the Erie, and for several years served in the Mediterranean. In 1835 he became executive officer of the famous frigate Constitution, and was promoted commander Dec. 9, 1839. In 1844 Commander Montgomery was appointed to command the new sloop of war Portsmouth, twenty-two guns, and during the cruise of three years and seven months which ensued, took possession of and permanently established the flag of the United States at San Francisco, Sonoma, New Helvetia and Santa Clara, Upper California; maintained the blockade of Mazatlan, Mexico, and in March and April, 1847, hooted the first United States flags at Cape St. Lucas, San José and La Paz, Lower California, which ports were held until the close of the war. In October, 1847, in company with the frigate Congress, he bombarded and captured the fortified town and port of Guaymas, Gulf of California. His admirable conduct of the blockade of Mazatlan
won him the thanks of the British government. In April, 1849, Commander Montgomery was ordered to the Washington navy yard as executive officer. He was promoted captain Jan. 6, 1853, and in 1857 was assigned to the command of the new steam frigate Roanoke. In April, 1859, he was ordered to command the Pacific station, hoisting his flag on the United States steam corvette Lancaster. Captain Montgomery was relieved as flag officer Jan. 2, 1862, and ordered to take charge of the Charlestown navy yard, one of the most important supply stations of the service. He was promoted commodore July 16, 1862; transferred to the command of the Washington yard Dec. 31, 1863, and remained there until Oct. 13, 1865. He was promoted rear admiral July 25, 1866, and on his own request was placed on waiting orders Sept. 1, 1869. After a brilliant public career of fifty years (he was retired from active sea service Dec. 21, 1861), he died at Carlisle, Pa., March 25, 1873. Admiral Montgomery married, in 1821, Mary, born July 9, 1801, daughter of William Henry, of New York. He d. September, 1879, Res., Brooklyn, N. Y.

8943. DR. SAMUEL CONANT FOSTER (Andrew, Bossenger, Thomas, Thomas, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Jamaica Plain, Mass., Oct. 24, 1816; m., Sept. 23, 1857, Mary Benezet Bogert, of New York City; b. Sept. 14, 1832; d. Feb. 4, 1880. Samuel Conant Foster, M.D., second son of Andrew and Mary (Conant) Foster, was born at Jamaica Plain, Mass., Oct. 24, 1816. He received his academic education at Mr. Green's school and at Harvard College (graduated 1831), being one of the youngest men in his class. After studying medicine under Doctors Lewis, Ware and Otis, in Boston, he entered Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and after receiving his diploma spent two years in Europe, studying in the hospitals of Dublin, Edinborough, London, Vienna and Paris. On his return to this country, he practiced in New York City, up to within a few months of his death, which occurred at Nassau, N. Y., April 18, 1873. He was eminent in the medical profession, holding many positions of importance, among them that of visiting physician to Bellevue Hospital for four years. He was at one time vice-president of the New York Academy of Medicine; one of the organizers of the Sanitary Commission, and one of the earliest members of the Union League Club. He married, in 1857, Mary Benezet, oldest daughter of Theodore P. Bogert, of New York, and had five children. His second son, Conant, was born July 6, 1860, and died July 13, 1870. Dr. Foster's widow died Feb. 4, 1880. His other children survive. He d. April 18, 1873. Res., New York City, N. Y.

8944. JAMES FOSTER (Andrew, Bossenger, Thomas, Thomas, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Boston, Mass., Nov. 20, 1818; m., there, July 14, 1833, Delia Henry Montgomery, dau. of Commander (later Rear Admiral) John Berrin Montgomery. He was midshipman in the United States navy. She m., 2d, Sept. 16, 1849, Andrew Foster. She d. July 22, 1894.

He was educated at the noted schools of Green of that place, and Wells of Fresh Pond. At an early age he manifested a taste for the sea, and while a mere lad, made a voyage "before the mast" on board a merchant vessel belonging to an uncle sailing between Boston and Calcutta. Upon his return he received from President Jackson (through the influence of his cousins, Hon. William Foster, of Boston, and Mrs. Delia Tudor Stewart4, daughter of the late Admiral Charles Stewart, United

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4Miss Stewart soon after married Henry Parnell, the father of Charles S. Parnell, the "Home Rule" M. P.
States navy) an appointment to the United States naval school (then at Philadelphia), from which he was graduated (1838) second in his class. He was commissioned midshipman March 2, 1838, and passed midshipman May 20, 1844, and served on board the Erie in 1838, Grampus in 1839, and St. Louis in 1840-42, on the West India station. During part of this time he was employed on coast survey duty, for which he had a special aptitude, and for his services received the highest commendation of his superiors, Lieutenant (afterward Rear Admiral) C. R. P. Rodgers and Lieut. Com. (afterward Real Admiral) Charles H. Davis, United States navy. While serving on the coast of Mexico, in the United States steamship Grampus and in command of the ship's launch, he was seriously injured (Sept. 29, 1838) by the capsizing of the boat, in crossing the bar, off the mouth of the Rio del Norte, near Matamoras. He remained in active service for several years, but eventually succumbed to the effects of this accident, and died at New York, Nov. 11, 1847. The letters of officers of high rank, who knew Mr. Foster, contained evidence of the universal esteem in which he was held for his unselfish devotion to duty, and express sincere sorrow at the untimely death of one who "gave promise of the highest standing in his profession."

Will—James Foster, passed midshipman in United States navy; wife, Delia H. Montgomery Foster; children, Mary Foster and Elino Frances Foster; brothers, Andrew Foster, Samuel Conant Foster and George Foster; dated New York, Nov. 5, 1847; Jan. 17, 1848.—Suff. Prob. Lib. 146, fol. 25.

S. Conant Foster and George Foster, guardian of children after the marriage of Delia H. Foster, widow, which occurred on the 16th inst. Boston, Sept. 17, 1849.—Suff. Prob. Lib. 147, fol. 304. Lib. 243, fol. 176. Lib. 263, fol. 304. Shows Delia H. Montgomery Foster, widow, and George Foster, broker, of Boston, that there is occasion for a guardian for Mary Foster and Elino Frances Foster, minors under fourteen years of age, and children of James Foster, late of Boston, midshipman in United States navy, deceased, and that petitioners are mother and one of the uncles of said minors, and were nominated in will of said deceased, Feb. 23, 1848. Appointed March 6, 1848. Bond—Delia A. M. Foster, widow, and George Foster, broker, principals, and Mary Foster, widow, one of sureties. Witness to Mary Foster, S. Conant Foster. Lib. 413, fol. 89. Inventory of minors' estates mentions parcel of land situated in Wayland, Mass. Lib. 285, fol. 75. Lib. 364, fol. 56, 256, 158. Account of George Foster, guardian of Elino Frances Foster, late of Boston, minor, now of city of New York. June 11, 1855. Lib. 1531, fol. 411. Samuel Conant Foster conveyed real estate to George Foster in trust for Elino Frances Foster, by deed, dated April 8, 1851. Lib. 1532, fol. 145.

Will—Delia Henry Foster, of New York, but at present residing in Jamaica Plain, Mass.; daughter, Eleanor Frances Rodenbough; daughter, Kate McCrea Foster; son, Andrew Foster; son-in-law, Theo. F. Rodenbough, at Governor's Island. May 22, 1893. Prob. Aug. 16, 1894. Lib. 685, fol. 69-70. Lib. 693, fol. 168. Petition for administrator, Delia Henry Foster, died July 22, 1894, leaving no husband; next of kin being Eleanor Frances Rodenbough, of New York, daughter; Andrew Foster, of Toyama, Japan, son; Kate McCrea Foster, daughter.—Suff. Prob. Lib. 693, fol. 198.


9063. i. MARY, b. March 14, 1846; d. Feb. 14, 1849.

9064. ii. ELINO FRANCES, b. April 3, 1847; educated at schools of Madame Ogden Hoffman, of New York, and at Geneva, Switzerland; m., Sept. 1, 1866, Col. Theophilus F. Rodenbough. Colonel Rodenbough was born at Easton, Pa., Nov. 5, 1838. He attended private schools; had special tutors, and took a course of mathematics and English literature at Lafayette College, in 1856-7. Upon the outbreak of the war of the Union, President Lincoln, at the request of the Hon. Andrew H. Reeder, appointed him (March 27, 1861) a second lieutenant in the Second United States dragons. He served (1861-2) as post adjutant and quartermaster United States Cavalry School of Practice, Carlisle, Pa., and with his regiment in all the campaigns of the Army of the Potomac in 1862-1; promoted first lieutenant in 1861 and captain July 17, 1862. He was slightly wounded and had two horses shot under him at Beverly Ford, Va., June 9, 1863; the great cavalry fight, in which nearly 20,000 Union and Confederate cavalry crossed sabres. He commanded his regiment at Gettysburg, having two horses killed during the campaign; was severely wounded at Trevilian
Station, Va., June 11, 1864, and while in command of his regiment lost his right arm and had his horse killed at the battle of the Opequon, Va., Sept. 19, 1864. Upon the recommendation of General Sheridan, he was granted leave of absence from the regular army to accept the colonelcy of the Eighteenth Pennsylvania cavalry, and on July, 1865, by direction of the President, was specially assigned, with the rank of brigadier-general, to command a brigade, consisting of regulars and volunteers, and the district of Clarksburg, W. Va. He was honorably mustered out of the volunteer service Oct. 31, 1865. He served during the winter of 1864 as inspector general United States forces in Kansas and the territories, with headquarters at Leavenworth, and later, with the Second cavalry, at Fort Ellisworth, Kans. Upon the reorganization of the army he was appointed major, July 28, 1866, of the new Forty-second infantry, commanding it and the posts of Plattsburg and Madison barracks, New York, 1866-9; also serving on various boards for the selection of a magazine gun, the examination of officers and the investigation of the case of the first colored cadet at West Point. He received brevets to the rank of brigadier-general United States army "for gallant and meritorious services" at the battles, respectively, of Trevilian Station, the Opequon, Todds Tavern and Cold Harbor, Va., and was, at his own request, retired from active service Dec. 15, 1870, "with the full rank (colonel of cavalry) of the command held when wounded." In recommending this officer for his highest brevet, General Sheridan wrote the War Department as follows: "Colonel Rodenbough was one of the most gallant and valuable young officers under my command in the cavalry corps, Army of the Potomac. He was constantly in the field with his regiment, the Second United States cavalry (a portion of the time in command of it) from the spring of 1862 up to the time of his being wounded, whilst gallantly leading his regiment at the battle of Opequon, Sept. 19, 1864. Military commissions: Second lieutenant, Second United States dragons, March 27, 1861; first lieutenant, May 14, 1861; captain Second United States cavalry, July 17, 1862; colonel Eighteenth Pennsylvania volunteer cavalry, April 29, 1865; major Forty-second United States infantry, July 28, 1866. Breveted as follows: Major battles of Trevilian Station and Opequon, Va.; lieutenant-colonel United States army during the war; colonel United States army battle of Todd's Tavern, Va.; brigadier-general United States volunteer during the war; brigadier-general United States army battle of Cold Harbor, Va.; assistant inspector-general S. N. Y., in 1879-82. He was in the following battles in 1862: New Bridge, Va., May 2d; Manassas, Second Bull Run, Aug. 29-30th, 1862; Stoneman Raid, April 25-30th; Beverly Ford, June 9th, slightly wounded; Aldie, June 17th; Middleburg, June 8th; Upperville, June 27th; Gettysburg, Pa., July 3-13th; Williamsport, July 6th; Boonesboro, Md., July 8th; Funkstown, July 10th; Falling Waters, July 14th; Manassas Gap, Va., July 21st; Brandy Station, Aug. 1-2d; Culpeper C. H., Sept. 13th; Bristoe Station, Oct. — 1864. The Furnaces, May 6th; Todd's Tavern, May 8th; Ground Squirrel Bridge, May 10th; Yellow Tavern, May 11th; Meadow Bridge, May 12th; Hawes' Shop, May 28th; Old Church, May 30th; Cold Harbor, May 31st to June lst; Trevilian Station, June 11-12th, severely wounded; Winchester, or the Opequon, Sept. 19, severely wounded; Occupation of New York after retirement. United States Soldiers' Home, Washington, D. C., 1870-71; general eastern agent Pullman Car Company, 1872-3; associate editor Army and Navy Journal, 1870-7; corresponding secretary Society Army of the Potomac, 1878; secretary and editor of the Journal, 1878-90, and vice-president, 1891-3; military service Institution of the United States; chief of the Bureau of Elections, city of New York, 1890-2; author of several essays, sketches, and the following books: "From Everglade to Canon with the Second Dragons"
(1875); 'Afghanistan, or the Anglo Russian Dispute' (1852); 'Uncle Sam's Medal of Honor' (1857); 'The Bravest Five Hundred of Sixty-one' (1801), and 'Autumn Leaves from Family Trees' (1801). His children are: 1. Mary McCullagh, b. Detroit, Mich., Jan. 7, 1870; d. New York, Feb. 11, 1872. 2. James Foster, b. Washington, D. C., Aug. 7, 1871; educated at Dr. Calhoun's Academy, New York City; St. Austin's School, Staten Island, and by special tutors. Is engaged (1891) as a member of civil engineer corps of Lehigh Valley Railroad Company (Pa.). 3. Nina, b. New York, Oct. 8, 1874; educated at St. Mary's P. E. School (1881); Miss Comstock's Seminary (1888-9), in New York City, and at Bishop Thorpe School, Bethlehem, Pa. (1890-91).

8946. COL. GEORGE FOSTER (Andrew, Bossenger, Thomas, Thomas, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Roxbury, Mass., Oct. 5, 1820; m. New York City, Nov. 30, 1843, Louisa Adeline Gibbons, dau. of George Miller and Mary D. (Billings) Gibbons. He was a broker in New York City. He was educated at Harvard College and became a manufacturer. He served during the war for the Union, as captain and colonel of the Sixty-seventh New York regiment (1861-4); was twice wounded, and died in New York, Nov. 28, 1866. Res., Brooklyn, N. Y.

9065. i. EDITH, b. Aug. 29, 1843; m., Feb. 25, 1875. — — —. She d. April 27, 1887.

9066. ii. GEORGE CRAIGIE, b. Oct. 30, 1850.

9067. iii. SAMUEL CONAN, b. April 15, 1852; d. New York City, March 8, 1855.

9068. iv. FITZ GIBBONS, b. April 3, 1860; m. Aug. 4, 1884.

8947. 8. DR. CHARLES FRANCIS FOSTER (Charles C., William, Thomas, Thomas, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Cambridge, Mass., May 16, 1815; m. Emma Sumner, dau. of Bradford; m., 2d, — —, Mary Jane Wells, dau. of Judge Wells, of Greenfield, Mass. He was graduated at Harvard College in 1838 as M. D., and practiced his profession until his death in 1865.

Charles F., of Cambridge; will dated Sept. 4, 1856; probated Nov. 9, 1865; wife, Mary Jane (individual names of children not given).


90681. i. CHARLES CHAUNCEY, b. — — —. Res., Elmwood St., Cambridge, Mass. He is a graduate of Harvard College, of the class of 1880, and of the medical school. During the Spanish-American war he acted as surgeon.


90681. i. LEONARD, b. Nov. 17, 1858; d. Oct. 27, 1884.

90682. ii. CAROLINE PADELFORD, b. April 7, 1861.

90683. iii. FRANCIS A., b. Sept. 21, 1872. [Refused to furnish any details of his family or ancestors. He was in Cambridge, Mass.]


9068-2. i. WILLIAM ABBOTT, b. — — —.


9069. i. ULA D., b. June 1, 1857; m. in Boston, and d. there, Aug. 8, 1890.
8055. HENRY BROWN FOSTER (Samuel J., David, Steele, Joseph, Hatherly, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Bangor, Me., March 25, 1839; m. there, April 9, 1866, Hattie M. Hinman, b. Jan. 16, 1843. He is a lumberman and general manager of the Tracadie (New Brunswick) Lumber Company. Res., Tracadie, N. B.


9071. i. SAMUEL JARDINE, b. May 18, 1881.

9072. ii. GAIL FRANK, b. Oct. 21, 1886.

8062. REV. CHARLES FREEMAN FOSTER (Ira, Jacob, John, Elisha, Hatherly, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. May 27, 1830, Dorchester, Mass.; m., Woburn, Mass., Nov. 4, 1857, Catharine Stone Hovey, of Cambridge, b. 1837; d. 1871; m. 2d, East Haddam, Conn., May 5, 1875, Rebecca Stiles Gladwin, of East Haddam, Conn., b. Dec. 14, 1850. Charles Freeman Foster is a native of Dorchester, Mass., and a graduate of Colby University, Me. After pursuing a course of professional study at the Baptist Theological Seminary, Newton, Mass., he was ordained to the ministry in 1857. His settlements as pastor were at Merri- ma-port, Mass., Biddeford and Yarmouth, Me. He served eleven years in two of the public institutions of Massachusetts as principal and chaplain. At this period, in conjunction with Dr. S. G. Howe, F. B. Sanborn, of the State Board of Charities, and Miss Elizabeth Peabody, of Cambridge, he introduced into these schools many features then little known, but now recognized as essential parts of the common school system. One of the first kindergartens in America was established through this agency at the Monson State Primary School, and Mr. Foster at the same time assisted Professor Wiebe, of Springfield, in translating and bringing before the American public Froebel's "Paradise of Childhood." The English "half-time" system was first adopted in these institutions, and its utility under such conditions was demonstrated in a book published by Mr. Foster, entitled, "Life in a Public Institution."

Since August, 1877, he has been superintendent of public schools in the city of Chester, Pa. Res., Chester, Pa.

9073. i. ANNA REBECCA, b. July 17, 1876.

9074. ii. ROLAND HOWARD, b. Sept. 10, 1878.

9075. iii. HELEN FREDERICA, b. March 28, 1881.

8069. TIMOTHY FOSTER (Timothy, Jacob, John, Elisha, Hatherly, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Hingham, Mass., Sept. 1, 1837; m., May 1, 1862, Emma Frances Burr, b. March 17, 1839. He was a tailor. Timothy Foster, living at that time in Hyde Park, Mass., disappeared in May, 1869, and the family has never been
able to get any trace of him. A year ago last summer a Timothy R. Foster, from some town in Missouri, was a delegate to the convention of the National League of Co-operation Banks, I think held at Cleveland, Ohio. The name attracted the attention of Mrs. Foster, the more so from the fact that her son, Walter, was a delegate to the one held the previous year. Walter, William, and Marion Foster, of Hingham, children of Timothy, late of Hyde Park, and Emma F. Foster, guardian appointed Dec. 8, 1873. Emma F. Foster, of Hingham, daughter of Robert Burr, of Hingham, and wife of Timothy Foster, of Boston, married May, 1862; petitioned for leave to convey real estate in the absence of her husband, who had disappeared.


9077. ii. WILLIAM LAFAYETTE, b. April 14, 1865; m. Nellie Briggs.

9078. iii. MARION ADELAIDE, b. June 29, 1867; d. unm., Aug. 12, 1890.


9079. i. SUMNER HATHERLY, b. Nov. 5, 1873.

9080. ii. HERBERT (twin), b. March 17, 1876.

9081. iii. IRA (twin), b. March 17, 1876.


9083. v. HATHERLY, b. July 14, 1885.


9084. i. WILLIAM TURNER, JR., b. Sept. 4, 1871.

9085. ii. LINSEY KING, b. May 30, 1876.


9086. i. ALBERT RUSSELL, b. Charlestown, Feb. 11, 1871; m., Norway Me., Nov. 20, 1894, Irene Isabel Merrow. He is a police officer.

Present address, 71 Pearl St., Charlestown, Mass. One child
—Marion Effie, b. Charlestown, Sept. 6, 1895.

9087. ii. PHILIP, b. Charlestown, Nov. 23, 1875; unm.


9088. i. CHARLES A., JR., b. —. Res., 63 Everett Avenue, Chelsea.

9089. ii. MARION, b. —.


9001. i. HAZEL GERTRUDE, b. Aug. 5, 1892.


9003. i. HERBERT W., b. 1869. 9004. ii. EDITH G., b. 1871.

9004. iii. HELEN E., b. 1873. 9005. iv. HENRY A., b. 1851.

9006. CHARLES FRANKLIN FOSTER (Jonathan H., Peleg, Ebenezer, Timothy, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Fall River, Mass., Sept. 26, 1860; m., Aug. 5, 1879, Martha J. Parkinson, of Fall River. He spent his boyhood
days in Fall River, and after his marriage moved to Rockville, Conn. He was a dyer and was employed by the Rock Manufacturing Company; was thrown from his horse and his death followed, July 20, 1897. Res., Rockville, Conn.

9095. i. MARY E., b. —. 9096. ii. L. LAURA, b. —.

9024. JAMES ANTHONY FOSTER (William, William, Joseph, Timothy, Timothy, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Brooklyn, Conn., May 6, 1841; m., June 14, 1874, Hattie E. Hooker. James Anthony Foster was born in Brooklyn, Windham County, Conn. He was educated in the district schools of his native town, and, at an early age, possessing much mechanical ingenuity, chose for his occupation the manufacture of jewelry at which he became an adept. At the age of sixteen he enlisted for three months in the Tenth Rhode Island infantry, stationed most of the time at Terminaltown. Returning, he resumed his occupation, but the military fever again came upon him, and Jan. 1, 1865 he again enlisted and was assigned to the Seventh Rhode Island infantry, then in front of Petersburg. He participated in the final battle which resulted in the occupancy of Richmond, pushed on in the column pressing the Confederates some forty miles, where a courier met the army announcing the surrender of the rebels, with an order to fall back to City Point. A portion of the Seventh recently enlisted was organized as a battalion and returned to Washington, being discharged in July. On his return he engaged in the jewelry manufacture, which he dropped in a year or two, opening a store for the sale of jewelry, diamonds, watches, and kindred goods, enlarged from time to time with the increase of business, till now it rivals many metropolitan establishments. He has a farm of two hundred acres a few miles out of the city, at Warwick Neck, through which he relieves the tediumness of the store. He is a thorough business man and an extensive farmer. He was married at Providence, R. I., June 13, 1874, to Harriet Emeline Hooker, who was born in Worcester, June 10, 1852. No children. Res., Providence, R. I.

9027. GEORGE EDWARD FOSTER (David, Jr., Silas, Timothy, Timothy, Timothy, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Oct. 25, 1839; m., Roxbury, Mass., June 8, 1854, Anna Scammell Brigham, b. Aug. 3, 1834. He was in the insurance business. George Edward Foster, b. in Petersham, Mass., lived in Roxbury, Mass., the greater part of his life, entering the insurance business at an early age, being connected with the Atlantic Mutual Marine Insurance Company of New York, for many years, afterward representing some of the most important insurance companies in the country and in England under the firm name of Foster, Scull & Company. He was a man interested in many things outside of his business, being at the time of his death a director in the Boston Art Club, and also a member of the board of the Cecelia, a musical organization to which he belonged for many years. George E. Bullard, of Boston, app. adm. of est. of George E. Foster; died Sept. 6, 1881, leaving widow, Anna Scammell Foster, next of kin being Lucy Brigham Foster, b. March 24, 1865, and Helen Fowle Foster, born May 12, 1878, daughters. Sept. 19, 1881. Lib. 531, fol. 595; Lib. 534, fol. 296-210; Lib. 548, fol. 327; Lib. 570, fol. 367; Lib. 577, fol. 266. Anna S. Foster app. guardian of Lucy Brigham Foster and Helen Fowle Foster, children of George E. Foster, Oct. 3, 1881. Lib. 534, fol. 421; Lib. 536, fol. 490; Lib. 631, fol. 338.


9098. i. LUCY BRIGHAM, b. March 24, 1865; m., April, 1888, John Chandler. Res., Chestnut Hill.

9099. ii. GEORGE BLANCHARD, b. Aug. 4, 1873; d. October, 1874.

9100. iii. HELEN FOWLE, b. May 12, 1878.


9101. i. GEORGE L., b. Feb. 14, 1887.

9102. ii. ROBERT P., b. Jan. 21, 1891.

9103. iii. RUTH, b. Sept. 14, 1893, Ann Arbor.


9104. i. FRANK LEMUEL, b. March 14, 1882.

i. CHARLES AMAßA, b. Sept. 27, 1874; d. April 14, 1895.


i. EDEN CECIL, b. July 29, 1893.

ii. ELIZA, b. Sept. 22, 1894.

FRANK AYRES FOSTER (James, James, Edward, Timothy, Edward, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. Dorchester, Mass., Feb. 15, 1859; m. there, Feb. 3, 1885, Nettie S. Lapworth, b. May 15, 1868. Frank A. Foster was born in Dorchester, at the corner of Centre street and Dorchester avenue, of one of Dorchester's oldest families, being the seventh generation in direct descent from Timothy Foster, a resident of the old town in 1663. The heads of the several branches of the family for successive generations have been residents and householders with a vital and active interest in the affairs of the town. He was educated in the Dorchester schools, and at the completion of his school life in 1878 and 1880 he voyaged around the world, visiting notably China, the Philippine Islands, Java, and Sumatra. On his return, March 1, 1880, he entered the employ of the city of Boston, serving faithfully and efficiently in various capacities for fifteen years in the city engineer's department. Here he gained valuable experience, qualifying him for success in his professional and civil duties, and of special value to one dealing with public affairs. He has had additional experience in his connection with the Metropolitan Park Commission, having had charge of the two important preliminary surveys—Saugus River Valley and the Mattapan Parkways. Since 1894 he has followed his profession as civil engineer and surveyor at his present office, 34 School street, Boston, the duties of which latterly have been in the development of large tracts of unimproved land, many of them located in Dorchester. In the work of preliminary surveys, and the construction of streets and sewers, Mr. Foster has gained a practical knowledge. Politically, Mr. Foster has always been a staunch Republican, taking active interest in ward, municipal and national affairs. He has been working for the candidacy of others in previous campaigns, and labored for local improvements. He is familiar with current legislation. Socially well-met, he was president of the Dorchester Central Club during its first and most flourishing period, and is at present honored with the presidency of the Dorchester Centre Improvement Association. In domestic qualities he is the worthy head of an attractive and interesting family. Res., 16 Linsay St., Dorchester, Mass.

i. RACHEL LAMBERT, b. Oct. 26, 1859.

ii. DOROTHY, b. Feb. 27, 1893.

REV. THEODORE BOGERT FOSTER (Samuel C., Andrew, Bossenger, Thomas, Thomas, Timothy, Edward, Timothy), b. New York City, N. Y., Aug. 10, 1855; m., June 15, 1886, Sarah E. Wells; d. Oct. 27, 1887; m., 2d, April 9, 1890, Ellen Lincoln Fessenden, dau. of Hon. T. A. D. Fessenden, and niece of William Pitt Fessenden, United States senator from Maine. She was born May 9, 1863. Theodore Bogert Foster, oldest son of Dr. S. Conant and Mary Benzet (Bogert) Foster, was born in the city of New York. He received his education in the public and private schools of the city, and was prepared for college at Trinity school. He was graduated from Columbia College with honors in the class of 1879, and from the General Theological Seminary in 1882. Ordained to the deaconate by Bishop Horatio Potter in 1882, and to the priesthood by Bishop G. F. Seymour, of Springfiel, Ill., in 1883. He held curacies at St. James' church, New York (1882-1884), and St. Luke's church, Brooklyn (1884-1886). His first rectorship was that of St. James church, Gt. Barrington, Mass. (1886-1891) which he resigned to accept St. Paul's church, Pawtucket, R. I., holding that rectorship till March 1, 1896, since which time he has been rector of Trinity church, Rutland, Vt. He represented Vermont in the last general convention of the Episcopal church at Washington, D. C., (October, 1898), and is at present a member and the secretary of the standing committee of the Vermont diocese. Res., Gt. Barrington, Mass., and Rutland, Vt.

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9111. i. KATHARINE, b. Aug. 24, 1895.

9112. ii. MARION, b. Nov. 23, 1897.

FOSTER COAT OF ARMS.
THE CHELMSFORD BRANCH.

9113. HON. SAMUEL FOSTER b. England, in 1619; m., in Dedham, Mass., May 30, 1647, Esther Kemp, dau. of Edward, of Wenham; d. April 10, 1702. He went to Dedham and married his wife there. In 1650 he disposed of his property, which included some acres of upland on the plain, and moved to Wenham. He was a freeman in 1650, and after a five years’ residence in Wenham moved to Chelmsford in 1655. He was one of the leading men in the town, deacon of the church and representative to the Great and General Court in 1672. Samuel Foster who settled first in Wenham, Mass., and removed to Chelmsford, brought from England a parchment upon which was painted his coat of arms, precisely as represented in another part of this book. This was handed down as an heirloom, but was lost a few years ago. A descendant has a painted copy taken before the loss or more likely theft.

23 of the first moneth 1652. Richard Petingall of Wenham hath sold to Samuel Foster all his howses and lands in Wenham and alsoe myne tene acres of upland Joyning to the Howse and 10 acres of upland lying in Ipswich bounds Joyning to Wenham and one acre and an halfe of medow lying in the great medow as by a writing dated the first day of the second moneth 1650 apeth. 10th of the 7th moneth 1652 Alice Johnes of Wenham widow hath sold unto Samuel Foster of the same his house with 10 acres of land lying in the neck in Wenham for 7th as by Indenture dated the 20th day of April 1651 apeth.

Samuel Foster while living in Wenham was a member of the church of which Rev. John Fiske was pastor. He was also one of the petitioners from that town for the incorporation of a new town on the west side of Concord river, afterward Chelmsford. When the latter church was organized he was chosen its first deacon which office he ever after held. The original Foster homestead was on the lower edge of the northeasterly corner of Robbins Hill, not far from the center of the village and is now the home of the town clerk, George A. Parkhurst. In 1663 a grant of eight acres was given Deacon Foster besides his first grant. In 1666 he was styled lieutenant and was appointed with two others to lay out land and to state to each proprietor his proportion of fence. Deacon Samuel Foster, son Samuel and grandson Edward, with a few others, purchased of Jonathan Tyng, in 1675, their interest in five hundred acres of land in Wamesit, bordering on Concord and Merrimack rivers—all but Wanalaneett’s old planting ground. Of this land in 1697 they gave twenty acres to encourage the erection of a mill (in the vicinity of Hale’s mill).

The whites and Indians lived peaceably together in Chelmsford for many years, but 1675, about the time of King Phillip’s war, the whites, while the Indians were away, destroyed their village and killed their old men. Samuel Foster and a few others were opposed to this kind of butchery, and sought to have the vandalic whites brought to justice, but no jury could be found that would convict them. Upon Wanalaneett’s return home after many moons he found his lands taken up by the whites and he had no place to pitch his tent, until the general court assigned him a place, now known as Tyng’s Island; there he remained a few years and finally retired to Canada.

Samuel Foster’s will—In the Name of God Amen I Samuel Foster Senr of the town of Chelmsford in the County of Middle within theire Majesty’s Collony of the Massachusetts Bay in New England being at this present Time of Good & perfect memory thro the mercy of God yet in Expectation of my approaching Dissolution, do make this my last Will & Testament in manner and form following: First I Comit my Imortal Soul into the hands of my gracious God & Father in Christ Jesus who
I trust hath Redeemed it by his precious blood & will receive it to himself when the appointed time of its separation from my mortal Body cometh: For my Body I will yt it be committed to the earth in a decent manner there to rest till the Day of ye resurrection of all Flesh. ... For that temporall Estate yt God hath lent mee I dispise as followeth: First I will yt all those which I owe in right or Conscience to any person shall be in Convenient Time after my disease discharged by my Executrix hereafter named;

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Beloved Son Samuel Foster such Tracts of lands and meadows as I formerly possessed him of & which are in a deed of Gift under my hand more particularly specified declaring yt 'ye same shall be his full share & Interest in my Estate & Inheritance so yt he shall not have power to lay a further Claim thereto or to any part thereof

Item I give & Bequeath unto my beloved son Eli Foster such tracts of lands and meadows as I have formerly possessed him of by a deed of Gift ye same being his full share of my Inheritance which I allow to him.

Item To my Beloved son Nathaniell Foster I give and Bequeath as his full share in my estate and Inheritance such Tracts of lands & meadows as I have possessed him of by a deed of Gift under my hand, one(e)y it is my will yt my Executrix shall witnecsee after my decease deliver to him one Cow — Item To ye eldest son of my son Samuel I give my share of ye land in Wamessit neck not yet divided. Item To my nephew Methalab Kemp I give a Cow to be payd to her upon her marriage Day. Item I give and Bequeath to my Beloved Daughter Esther Foster Twenty pounds in Country pay, i.e. either in Corn or Cattle which shall include the legacy of Ten pounds given to her by her Grandfather & left in my hands, the whole to be payd within four years i.e five pounds per annum till ye sum is payd — To Esther my Dear wife I give the use of the West end of my dwelling hous with the Conveniency of ye yard for Egress & Regress: during her natural life, to her also I give all the furniture in my hous and Three Cows, both furniture & Cows to be at her Sole Dispose at her death: It is also my will yt my wife shall live with my Executrix iff shee shall choose to so do, but if she see cause to remove to some other place for her greater convenience ym it is my will yt my executrix shall pay or cause to be payd to my Beloved wife yearly and each year of her life out of my Estate ye sum of Eight pounds viz Three pounds in money and five pounds in corn and other provision at money price: To my Beloved wife I also give my wearing Apparel which shee may dispose as shee pleaseth onely among my children Finally my whole estate both real and personal (not before given) I give & Bequeath to my Beloved son Edward Foster, & him I constitute ye sole Executor of this my last will and Testament willing and requiring him to Express Speciall Dutifulness Care and Tenderness to his aged mother. In witness whereof & for the confirmation of this my last Will and Testament I have hertto set my hand & seal the ult. of April Anno Domini 1692. 

Samuell Foster Senr


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9114. iii. ELLI, b. Wenham, 1653; m. Judith Keyes.
9115. i. HANNAH, b. Dedham, 1649; m., in Chelmsford, June 18, 1705, Benjamin Barrett.
9116. ii. SAMUEL, b. Wenham, 1650; m. Sarah Keyes.
9117. iv. EDWARD, b. April 30, 1657; m. Rebecca —.
9118. v. ESTHER, b. Nov. 1, 1659; m., July 13, 1681, Abraham Foster, of Andover (see).
9119. vi. ANDREW, b. April 30, 1662; d. Dec. 20, 1671.


9123. i. SOLOMON, b. Feb.14, 1684; (prob.) d. young.
9124. ii. RUTH, b. April 9, 1689; d. Dec. 23, 1704.
9125. iii. PHEBE, b. June 20, 1691.
9126. iv. ANDREW, b. March 28, 1694.
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9127. v. HEPSEBAH, b. March 12, 1696.
9128. vi. HANNAH, b. May 11, 1698.
9129. vii. ESTHER, b. Aug. 5, 1700; (prob.) d. young.
9130. viii. STEPHEN, b. Jan. 20, 1702; (prob.) d. young.
9131. ix. DORCAS, b. Sept. 24, 1705.

9136. v. SARAH, b. Aug. 16, 1694.
9137. vi. ANDREW, b. March 28, 1695; m. Mary Blodgett.
9138. vii. JEAN, b. Oct. 8, 1696; m. April 8, 1717, John Senter. Ensign John Senter was one of the proprietors who settled Londonderry in 1719. He spent his life in town and held offices of trust. He married Jean Foster in Chelmsford, in 1717. She died in Londonderry, July 10, 1765, aged sixty-seven years (grave stone). The name of John Senter appears in 1735 as one of the original grantees of the Narragansett townships of New Hampshire on account of his father, John, who was in the Narragansett war of 1675-76. The town records of Londonderry give the birth dates of Samuel, Joseph, and Jean children of Ensign John and Jean Senter. John and Moses are also named in the record as sons and think Benjamin, Reuben and Asa were of this family, the names being handed down. Joseph, their son, b. March 2, 1723; m. Elizabeth Johnson, who was b. in Dunstable, Oct. 3, 1728. Joseph Senter was a town officer in 1744 and served in the French war as lieutenant in 1746, for which services he was granted by the governor and council of New Hampshire, in 1771, 2,500 acres of land in the town of Albany, where he was one of the proprietors. In 1776 he was commissioned justice of the peace for Strafford County which then included Moultonboro and what is now Center Harbor. The same year he was commissioned lieutenant-colonel in Colonel Wyman's regiment and sent to reinforce the Canada troops and later was stationed in Rhode Island. Colonel Senter died in Holderness in 1798. His widow Eliz. survived him, and his children who were living at the time were David, Joseph, Edward, Eliz., Isaac, and Noah Johnson Senter. His son, Joseph m. Mary Kelsey, who were the parents of Priscilla Kelsey Senter Warren. Ch.: Priscilla Kelsey, b. 1799; m. Windham, Me., 1813, William Warren. He died in Oregon. She died in Plattsburg, N. Y., July 6, 1876. Ch.: 1. Vilera Walker (dead), dau. Mrs. L. R. DeLong, Salem, N. Y. 2. Eliz. Gillett (dead), dau. Mrs. F. J. Leaver, Malone, N. Y. 3. Luthera Doggett (dead), dau. Mrs. J. N. Marvin, 299 Madison Avenue, Albany, N. Y. 4. Charles 5. Henry. 6. Edgar; all dead.

9139. viii. SAMUEL, b. —-; d. Dec. 17, 1698.
9140. ix. SAMUEL, b. —-; d. Feb. 18, 1718.
9141. x. JOSEPH, b. —-; m. Thankful Walker. ELIZABETH, b. —-; Elizabeth Foster's will—In the Name of God, Amen I Elizabeth Foster of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex, Spinster, being in good Health of Body & of perfect Mind and Memory (Thanks be given unto God) do make & ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and Form fol-
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lowing. In the first place I do Will and Order that all my just Debits and Funeral Charges be paid and satisfied by my Executor herein after named. Item I give and devise to Robert Foster of Chelmsford afores'd Husbandman the Son of my Brother Joseph Foster late of Chelmsford afores'd Husbandman deceased & to his heirs and Assigns forever, all my Real and personal Estate, of what name or Nature forever, and wheresoever the same is, or may be found. And I do hereby make, Ordain and appoint the s'd Robert Foster my sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament, and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke & disannull all and every other former Testaments, Wills, Legacies and Bequests and Executors by me in any ways before named, willed Bequeathed, ratifying this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I the s'd Elizabeth Foster have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this Eleventh Day of November Anno Dominione thousand seven hundred & sixty & in the thirty fourth year of his Majesty's Reign.

her

Elizabeth Foster

Signed, sealed published and declared by s'd Elizabeth Foster the Testatrix as & for her last Will & Testament in the presence of us, who have in her presence Subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto Benjamin Fletcher Abel?] Fletcher Oliver Fletcher Prob. Oct. 29, 1771.


9113. i. REBECCA, b. March 25, 1690.

9114. ii. JOHN, b. July 30, 1694; m. Elizabeth Duren.

9115. iii. EBENEZER, b. — ; m. Lydia —, and Mary —.

9116. iv. ELIAS, b. —; m. Hannah.


9117. i. LYDIA, b. Nov. 17, 1702.

9118. ii. NAOMI, b. July 15, 1708; d. June 10, 1728.

9134. EDWARD FOSTER (Samuel, Samuel), b. Chelmsford, Mass., Jan. 29, 1689; m. Remembrance Fletcher. Edward of Chelmsford, letter date Oct. 13, 1710, ex. Aug. 3, 1717; wife, Remembrance ]; children, William, Edward, Samuel, Remembrance. Sarah, Josiah, Mary, Bridget. Mary, Bridget, and Josiah, of Chelmsford, minors. Josiah guardian bond 1741; children of Edward, Sept. 3, 1746, Bridget, guardian, June 8, 1741. Mary [non compos] Nov. 3, 1757. Remembrance Foster's will—in the name of God Amen the sixteenth Day of May Anno Domini 1752 I Remembrance Foster of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex, Widow being very Sick and weak in Body, but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God: Therefore calling unto Mind the mortality of my Body and knowing that it is very Sick and weak in Body, but of perfect mind and memory therefore I give and Recommend my Soul into the Hands of God that gave it and my Body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executor; Nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty Power of God. And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this Life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form. Imprimus It is my Will and I do Order that in the first place all my just Debts and Funeral Charges be paid and Satisfied. Item I give and bequeath to my well beloved Son Josiah Foster five Shillings Lawful money to buy him a Bible. Item I give and bequeath to my well beloved Son Samuel Foster one good Feather Bed under Bed one pair of Sheets and Covering for the same Bed. Item I give and bequeath to my well beloved Daughter Remembrance Fletcher my red Petticoat. Item I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Daughter Mary Foster the use and improvement of all the rest and residue of my Real Estate and personal Estate of every Species and Sort during her natural Life and my will is that my said Daughter Mary Foster shall live with and be taken
care of by my well beloved Daughter Remembrance Fletcher and Sarah Parker by
turns as they shall agree so long as they or either of them shall live and that they
the Remembrance Fletcher and Sarah Parker shall have the Household Goods
equally divided between them and delivered to their possession for the use and
improvement of my said Daughter Mary Foster during the natural life of the s'd
Mary. Item I constitute make and Ordain Deacon John Warren of Chelmsford
aforesaid Yeoman my sole Executor of this my last will and Testament whom I
likewise constitute and make Trustee of the same will to manage and improve the
Estate above given to my Daughter Mary Foster in the best manner he can for her
use as afores'd (she being non compos mentis) to pay the Interest and income that
shall arise from the Estate to the Remembrance Fletcher and Sarah Parker from
time to time in proportion to the time she the said Mary shall live either of them) he
the s'd John Warren also to have Power to Oversee that the s'd Mary be well pro-
vided for and kindly treated. Item I give and bequeath at the Death of my said
Daughter Mary Foster, unto my well beloved Children all the afores'd Real and
Personal Estate which I give the use and improvement of to the s'd Mary Foster
during her natural life, namely to my Son Edward Foster, William Foster, Josiah
Foster and Samuel Foster and to my Daughters Remembrance Fletcher and Sarah
Parker to be equally divided amongst them. Item My will is that my Executor
herein before named shall join (and is accordingly fully impowered to join) with the
Heirs of the Estate of my Brother Ezekiel Fletcher late of Nottingham in the
County of Middlesex Husbandman in the making sale of my part and share of the
Estate as the s'd Heirs shall agree to sell the same and that he shall let the money
from the same arising for my part or share out upon Interest for the use and improve-
ment of the s'd Mary as aforesaid. And I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and
disannul all and every other former Testaments Wills Legacies and Bequests and
Executors by me in anyway before named willed and bequeathed Ratifying and
Confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament in Witness whereof
I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the Day above written.

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Remembrance X Foster
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Signed sealed published pronounced and declared by the s'd Remembrance
Foster as her last will and Testament in presence of us the subscribers Jares ?
Chamberlin Nathaniel Barrit Thomas Meed.

No probate given but a letter of administration given with date of June 29, 1752;
on back of will says the "executor refuses to accept his trust." May have been
contested.

9149. i. EDWARD, b. Jan. 28, 1714; m. Rachel ——.
9150. ii. WILLIAM, b. Nov. 11, 1716; m. Hannah Colburn.
9151. iii. REMEMBERACE, b. March 2, 1718; m., Oct. 25, 1742, Robert
Fletcher.
9152. iv. MARY, b. April 25, 1725, non compos mentis.
9153. v. JOSIAH, b. July 25, 1728; m. Sarah Proctor.
9154. vi. SAMUEL, b. March 23, 1731. He d. in the army Feb. 28, 1756.
9155. vii. BRIDGET, b. June 12, 1739.
9156 viii. SARAH, b. ——.
9135. MOSES FOSTER (Samuel, Samuel), b. Chelmsford, Mass., Oct. 4, 1692;
m. Mary ——. He resided in Chelmsford until 1719 when he moved away. Res.,
Chelmsford, Mass.
9157. i. SAMUEL, b. Oct. 31, 1718.
9158. ii. MOSES, b. 1720; m. Hannah Lee.
9137. ANDREW FOSTER (Samuel, Samuel), b. Chelmsford, Mass., March
28, 1695; m., Feb. 25, 1721, Mary Blodgett. Was a carpenter by trade. He was in
the colonial service and probably killed on the Canadian frontier.

Andrew Foster's will—In the Name of God Amen I Andrew Foster of Groton
in the County of Middlesex and Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England
Yeoman, Being Now well and of a Sound and Disposing mind and Memory, and
Going into His Majesty's Service for the Reduction of Canada) And Calling to mind
the Mortality of my Body and Knowing that it is appointed for all men once to
Die Do for Avoiding Controversies after my Decease make Publish and Declare
this my last Will and Testament in Manner Following that is to say, First of all I
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 Recommend my Preaceous and Em mortal Soul into the Hands of God that gave it me Through the Merrets of Jesus Christ is ? ] Son and my Body I Commit to the Earth to be Buried in Sum Christian Burring Place at the Descretion of my Executors hereafter Named or other ways as God in his Infinite Wisdom Shall ordain Nothing Doubting But at the General Resurrection I shall Receive the Same again By the Mighty Power of God] And as for and Concerning all my Worldly Estate Which it Hath Pleased God to Bless me with I give Bequeath and Dispose thereof as Followeth that is to say after my Just Debts are Paid &c Imprimus I Give and Bequeath unto my Dean and Loving Wife Mary all my Household Goods Beds and Beding and all my Wearing apparel and Wages that may be Due and owing to me or Coming &c Item I Give my Eldest Son Stephen Foster my Carpenter Squairs and Compases and Auger and this with what I have Before Given him is to be his full and Part and Portion of my Estate. Item I give my Second Son Daniel Foster my Hand Saw and ades? ] and this with what I have Before Given him is his full Part and Portion out of my estate. Item My Will is and I Give my Third Son Namely Jonathan Foster my Broad Ax and Great Augers and to narrow Chisels and Husbandry Tools that I Have not other ways Disposed of &c and in his full part of my estate &c Item I give my Youngest Son Simon Foster my Great and Best Auger and this with what I have Given him Before is his full Part and Portion of my Estate Item I give my only Daughter Ester Foster my Great Bible, but not till after my now wife's death and my Loom and Tackling Belonging &c and this with what I have Before Given her to be his full Part and Portion out of my Estate &c I Do hereby Nominate and Appoint Josiah Bartell of Groton to be Sole Executor to this my Last Will and Testament and hereby Do Revoke all other Will and Testaments heretofore made by me and Declare this to be my Last Will and Testament and in Witness to this my said Will I have Hereunto Sett my Hand and Seal this Twenty third Day of May Anno Domini 1758.

Andrew Foster.

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced and Declared by the said Andrew Foster to be his last Will and Testament In ye Presents of us Witness Benjim Blood her

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9159. i. STEPHEN, b. April 6, 1724; m. Sarah Blood.
9160. ii. DANIEL, b. April 17, 1726; m. Sarah Barrett.
9161. iii. MARY, b. Feb. 11, 1728; d. young.
9162. iv. JONATHAN, b. ——.
9163. v. SIMEON, b. ——; m. Mary Larkin.
9164. vi. ESTHER, b. ——.

9141. JOSEPH FOSTER (Samuel, Samuel), b. Chelmsford, Mass.; m., April 21, 1733. Thankful Walker, b. Oct. 11, 1698; d. Jan. 8, 1750. Joseph Foster's will—In the name of God Amen the twentieth day of March 1740-41 I Joseph Foster of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex in his Majesties province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England being in Perfect mind and memory Therefore calling to mind the mortality of my Body and that it is appointed for me once to Dye do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament and first and Principally I give and Recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it Nothing Doughting but I shall receive the same again at the General Resurrection by the mighty Power of God and my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently buried in a convenient time after my disease by my Executrix hereafter mentioned and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath Pleased God to Bless me in this Life, I give, demis[e?] and dispose of the same in the following manner and form Firstly My will is that all the Debts and Duties which I do owe in Right or Title to any man or Person be Duly payed and performed in convenient time after my Decease by my said Executrix Item I do hereby make and ordain Thankfull my well beloved wife my only and sole Executrix of this my Last will and Testament. Item I do give and bequeath unto Thankfull my well beloved wife all my movable estate as my hors Chatels Sheep and Swine as also my Husbandry Tools as Cart, Sled Two Plows Hoes, Ax, Joynter, Holdfast] and all my movable Estate that is in my house as Beding Iron Pewter Earther Wood Glass or any other utenels not herein Particularly named whether in Possession or Reversion.] Item I give unto my well Beloved Children namely Robert Foster Lennard Foster and a Child not yet Born
which I expect will be born to me after my Decease Two Thirds of my Lands meadow and Buildings when they shall arrive at Twenty one years of age that is when my sons which are above named shall come to the above said age and shall be Equally divided amongst them. [Viz.] if the above said child shall live to the above said time of Division but if the said child which is to be born shall die to be divided betwixt them Item I give unto my well beloved wife Thankfull the whole use and Improvement of all my Lands Meadows and Buildings as long as Til such time as these my sons shall come of age.

Joseph Foster.

Signed sealed pronounced and declared and delivered by the s'd Joseph Foster as his last will and testament. Benjamin Chamberlin [Joseph Barrit Piner?]

WILLIAM FOSTER

9146. i. ROBERT, b. Jan. 4, 1735; d. April 14, 1737.

9146. ii. LEONARD (twin), b. July 12, 1738; m. Esther Blodgett.

9146. iii. ROBERT (twin), b. July 12, 1738; m. Mary Emery.

9146. iv. BENONI, b. Jan. 25, 1733; d. in infancy.

9146. v. SAMPSON, b. March 16, 1736; d. in infancy.

9146. vi. ABIGAIL, b. July 6, 1741; m., Oct. 17, 1761, Charles Barron.

9144. JOHN FOSTER (Edward, Samuel), b. Chelmsford, Mass., July 30, 1694; m., March 16, 1722, Elizabeth Duren, of Billerica. Middlesex Probate vol. 39, p. 385—John, of Billerica had come from Chelmsford and squatted, and sells land in his old place. He was selling land land Nov. 17, 1718 of Chelmsford. No. 25, p. 524, deed gives John of Chelmsford selling that old sawmill property near Hillethres, 1724. Then, 1727, Wm. Darrand and John Foster of Chelmsford, together buy land of John Blood—the Billerica land. 1728, John, of Concord (formerly the Chelmsford man), buys of Wm. Darrand this share of the Blood purchase. Dec. 17, 1729, John sells to Sam Blood this land and he is then called of Billerica. House and estate lay both sides the line and these Bloods like the Wymans down on the Woburn line of old Billerica refused to pay taxes in both Concord and Billerica. No. 31, p. 89. Dec. 1, 1729, Elizabeth signs with John in No. 32, p. 139; he jacent to Concord lately but now of Billerica, husbandman he sells land in Concord and a house on it No. 39, p. 388. John of Billerica and wife, Elizabeth, for £10 from John Cochran, of Boston, land in Chelmsford, in Westford section, etc. bought of Aaron Parker, of Westford, May 19, 1735, recorded 1738; Elizabeth, you see, was alive five years after the birth of the eldest child, John, of Ermine, in Stow. Middlesex Probate says: Henry and John Foster, 1743, children of John, of Chelmsford, Henry, ae. eighteen years; guardian paper given Feb. 29, 1743; John, ae. sixteen, guardian paper given Jan. 25, 1747.


9171. i. ELIZABETH, b. March 10, 1723.

9172. ii. HENRY, b. 1725.

9173. iii. JOHN, b. 1731; m. ——.

9145. EBENEZER FOSTER (Edward, Samuel), b. Chelmsford, Mass.; m. Lydia ——; d. March 19, 1756; m., 2d, Mary ——. She d. in 1758. He was born on the old place in Chelmsford where he always resided and followed farming. In 1718 he was one of three men to give $965 for the erection of a school house. Previous to this time the schooling was of a private nature and taught in a few private families. This first public school in Chelmsford was near the old burying ground. Middlesex Deeds, vol. 42 p. 345—Joseph Barker and Ebenezer Foster, both of Chelmsford, claims of Jonathan Barron on Suncook lands granted to Ebenezer Meloon—and Ebenezer Foster was one of the taxpayers named on Stowe records in a history of the Middlesex towns consulted. Ebenezer Foster's will,—In the Name of God Amen The tenth Day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred & fifty six I Ebenezer Foster of Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Yoeman being sick and weak in Body but of Perfect Mind and Memory, Thanks be given unto God therefor, do make & Order this my last Will & Testament. Imprimis, It is My Will & I do order that in the first Place all my just Debts & Funeral Charges be paid & Satisfied by my Executor herein after named Item I Give and Bequeath unto Mary my dearly beloved wife all my Personal Estate, Live Stock and Household Goods & Furniture forever except my wearing apparel Item I give and Devise to my said Wife Mary the Use and improvement of all my Lands Meadows, Pasturing Orcharding Dwelling House and the East End of my Barn which I have not disposed of by Deed so long as she shall remain my widow. and after that only one third Part of the Improvement of the house dur-
ing her natural Life I also give to my said wife a Piece of all wool Cloth now made for me by her for her own use forever. Item I give and Devise to my son Ebenezer Foster Jr all my River Meadow so called & all my uplands adjoining to & lying on each side of the same that is to say if my said wife marries again then immediately thereupon my said son shall have two thirds of the same meadow and uplands the other part at her decease I give their the same meadows and Lands to him and his Assigns forever after her decease, I reserve to my said wife Mary full Liberty & the Privilege of cutting wood & Fencing stuff from off the same so long as she shall remain my widow. Item I give and Devise to my son Ebenezer Foster Nathaniel Foster, my Daughters Rebecca Procter & Mary Foster forever to be equally divided between them after the decease of my said Wife Mary, all my Lands consisting of Orcharding Pasture land and Woodland on the North side of the Road near William Fosters on the South and North side of Beaver Brook so called, & at the time my said wife shall Marry again my children afores'd are to have the use and improvement of two thirds Parts of the afores'd lands last mentioned equally amongst them, & my said wife the use and improvement of the other third Part of the same during her natural life. Item I give & bequeath to my son Isaiah Foster five shillings, which with what I have already given him & shall herein after give him & shall herein after give him & order my son Ebenezer Foster to pay for him to Samuel Read of Lunenburgh on account of a Debt my said son Reuben owes to said Read as also to pay to John Tucker a Debt of One Pound twelve shillings Lawful money is in full of his share and Portion of my Estate Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Foster twenty six Pounds thirteen shillings and four pence Lawful money of the Province afores'd to be paid by my Executor herein after named to be be paid in manner following that is to say, thirteen Pounds six shillings and eight pence at her age of twenty one years or time of Marriage and the remainder of the s'd sum being thirteen Pounds six shillings & eightpence within three months after the decease of my said Wife Mary. Item I give & bequeath all my wearing Apparel to be equally divided between my sons Ebenezer Foster Isaiah Foster & Nathaniel Foster they paying equally between to my son Reuben eight shillings in the whole or else he shall have an equal share of the Apparel with them. Item in consideration of the lands herein before given to my said son Ebenezer Foster; & in Consideration of the value of the Sum of Fifty three Pounds six shillings & eight pence Lawfull money which he now owes to me by one certain Bond or Obligation being the only Obligation that he stands bound to me in & which said Obligation I now hereby forever release the same & the sum thereby due to me, and also in Consideration of the Lands that I have heretofore already given or sold to him by Deed (which said Lands last mentioned I now also give & confirm to him & to his Assigns by this my last Will according to the Tenor of the s'd Deed) I do Order that my said son Ebenezer Foster shall pay to Samuel Read of Lunenburgh or his heirs &c the sum of Thirty Pounds six shillings & eight pence Lawful money within one year after my decease which said sum I promised to pay or cause to be paid to him the s'd Samuel some time to come, on account of a debt my afores'd son Reuben Foster owes to him (upon this consideration that the s'd Samuel Read shall fully acquit the said Reuben and his heirs & from all debts and Demands forever and the Heirs & of me the s'd Ebenezer Foster from all and every promise made by me to the s'd Ebenezer Foster on the s'd Reuben's Account, and also shall pay to John Tucker of Chelmsford or his heirs &c the sum of One Pound twelve shillings Lawful money within one year next after my decease which said sum I promised to pay or cause to be paid to him the s'd John Tucker upon the Condition that the s'd John Tucker shall fully acquit the s'd Reuben Foster & his heirs &c from all Debts & Demands and the Heirs &c of me the s'd Ebenezer Foster from all and every promise made by me to the s'd Ebenezer Foster on the said Reuben Foster's account, And I also Order that my said son Ebenezer Foster shall pay all the Legacies &c herein above given & ordered to be paid, and all my Just Debts and funeral Charges & that all the Lands given him by this my will shall remain chargeable with the payment of the same Debts Legacies &c. Item My will is & I do order and fully impower my son Ebenezer Foster Executor of this my last Will and Convey the East End of my Home Field so called beyond John Parker so far as to the Draw barn? where I go into my said Field to pass directly north across the s'd Field by the Bank or cart way to the north side to the land late in the Possession of Jonathan Banon senior deceased. not
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with stand the use and improvement of the same is given to my said Wife as above, if need be to pay my debts &c. And I do make ordain & appoint my said son Ebenezer Foster my sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every other former Testament Wills Legacies & Bequests & Executors by me in any way before named willed & bequeathed ratifying this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I the said Ebenezer Foster have hereunto set my hand & seal the day and year above written his

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Signed Sealed Published & Declared by the said Ebenezer Foster as & for his last will & testament in presence of us who in is presence ave subscribed our names as witnesses thereto Oliver Fletch; Jonathan Bats; Isaac Hildreth

Prob. June 14, 1716

Mary Foster's will—In the name of God Amen I Mary Foster of Chelmsford in the county of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts widow. Calling to mind the Mortality of my Body, knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to Die. Do make and ordain this my last will and Testament and first of all I give my sole to God that gave it and my Body to the Earth to be Deasently Buried. By my Executor hereafter named and as touching the Worldly Estate wherewith God has Blessed me. I dispose of the same in the following manner—viz—I order that all my just debts and funeral Charges be paid in Covenent time after my Decease, by my Executor hereafter named, and in Consequence of the Love and Regard which I have for my Son in law Benjamin Adams of Chelmsford and in consideration of his having kept and provided for me for a number of last years past and provided he continues to keep and provide for me the Remander of my Days till my deceas. I give to him the said Benjamin Adams the whole and every part of me Estate Both Real and Personal of every kind with all Rents and Dower! and all my Dew Debts to him the said Benjamin Adams whom I make and ordain sole Executor of this my last will and Testament, Revoking all other Former wills Testaments and Executors by me heretofore named Establishing and Confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament in witness whereof I the said Mary Foster the testatrix do here set my hand and Seal this Tenth Day of October in the year of our Lord, one thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty five, and in the tenth year of the Independence of the United States of America

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Mary X Foster mark

Signed sealed published and Declared by Mary Foster the Testatrix to be her last will and Testament in presence of us who in her presents and at her request do here subscribe our names as witnesses Joseph Adams Jr Reubon S. Mullinger]

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9174. i. EBENEZER, b. Sept. 4, 1716; m. Mary — and Sarah Parker.
9175. ii. ISAIAH, b. Nov. 16, 1720; m. Anna Butterfield and Hannah —.
9176. iii. REUBEN, b. Feb. 19, 1726; m. —.
9177. iv. NATHANIEL, b. Dec. 23, 1730; in Revolutionary war.
9178. v. REBECCA, b. July 11, 1733; m. March 12, 1754, Simeon Proctor.
9179. vi. LYDIA, b. —; d. Nov. 8, 1745.
9180. vii. MARY, b. Feb. 7, 1742; m., Nov. 21, 1769, Benjamin Adams. He was born in Chelmsford, Mass., Nov. 5, 1744; was a soldier and officer in the Revolution; gave his sword and a book to his nephew, now in possession of Mrs. Atwell C. Ellis, of Keene, N. H.; he settled in Stoddard, N. H., and d. in Chelmsford about 1835, s. p.

9181. i. BENJAMIN, b. Feb. 18, 1712.
9182. ii. ELIAS, b. April 11, 1716; d. young.
9183. iii. DANIEL, b. Aug. 7, 1721; d. young.
9184. iv. ELIAS, b. April 11, 1726; m. Abigail Wheeler.

SARAH, b. April 6, 1744; m., Oct. 3, 1764, Col. Reuben Alexander, of Winchester, N. H. Col. Reuben Alexander was the sixth generation from John Alexander, who came from Scotland to America in 1650, bringing his family with him (John, George, John, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, and Colonel Reuben). One of the children of Reuben and Sarah was Sarah, b. Winchester, N. H., June 26, 1757; m., Jan. 16, 1791, Rev. Ezra Contant, b. Sept. 18, 1769 (Ezra, Lot, John, Lot, Roger); graduate at Harvard College in 1781; studied theology; was ordained at Winchester, Feb. 12, 1788; dismissed 1806; was then settled in Roxbury, Mass. She d. Nov. 27, 1801. 


REMEMBRANCE, b. Sept. 30, 1746; m., Feb. 21, 1775, Samuel Heaton, of Winchester, N. H.

EDWARD, b. May 14, 1749; m. Rachel Newell.

FLETCHER, b. Aug. 16, 1751; m. Lois Smith.

ALPHEUS, b. Aug. 16, 1753; d. Sept. 18, 1756.

MOSES, b. March 23, 1756; d. Dec. 2, 1775. He was a Revolutionary soldier and died at Roxbury, Mass., while in the service.


EDWARD, b. April 3, 1747; m. Phebe Pierce.


REMEMBRANCE, b. Feb. 23, 1753; m., April 6, 1776, Henry Fletcher.

WILLIAM, b. April 28, 1755; d. July 3, 1756.

NOAH, b. Aug. 28, 1757. He was killed in battle Oct. 7, 1777, at Bemis Heights.


OBADIAH, b. July 17, 1762; m. Mary Goodhue.

MARTHA, b. Feb. 10, 1765; m., Sept. 4, 1788, Silas Parker.


SARAH, b. Oct. 24, 1764.

REBECCA, b. Nov. 25, 1766.

MOSES FOSTER (Moses, Samuel, Samuel), b. in 1720; m. Hannah Lee. Moses Foster died of small-pox Aug. 27, 1776, ae. fifty-six. On March 8, 1777, fourteen shillings were paid John Porter, Jr., for cleaning the schooner Dolphin of small-pox where Moses Foster had died on board; fourteen shillings paid Capt. Josiah Woodbury for digging grave. He d. Aug. 27, 1776. Res., Beverly, Mass.


ZEJULON, b. Dec. 20, 1753; m. Molly Andrews.

EDWARD, b. Aug. 15, 1755; m. Anna Roberts.

AMOS, b. Oct. 5, 1757.

JACOB, b. Jan. 10, 1760.

JOSIAH, b. April 5, 1762; m. Catherine Herley.
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9159. STEPHEN FOSTER (Andrew, Samuel, Samuel), b. Chelmsford, Mass., April 6, 1724; m. in Groton, July 5, 1747, Sarah Blood. 

Stephen, of Groton; letter dated April 16, 1760; wife Sarah; incomplete. 


9161. i. SARAH, b. Oct. 6, 1750.

9162. ii. RUTH, b. Sept. 7, 1753.

9163. iii. JOANNA, b. Oct. 12, 1755.


9165. i. ESTHER, b. Oct. 16, 1763.

9166. ii. EUNICE, b. Dec. 31, 1764.

9167. iii. SIMEON, b. May 2, 1767.

9168. iv. ANDREW, b. April 16, 1769.

9169. v. WILLIAM, b. Feb. 23, 1773.

9170. LEONARD FOSTER (Joseph, Samuel, Samuel), b. Chelmsford, Mass., July 12, 1738; m. there, Oct. 21, 1758, Esther Blodgett. The Middlesex Probate has this: "Leonard, child of Joseph; 1754; Chelmsford; guardian paper date, fourteen years, Aug. 5, 1754." He was in Revolutionary war; was granted a pension June 11, 1818. He was then aged eighty. Res., Chelmsford, Mass.


9172. i. SAMUEL EMERY, b. March 19, 1751; m. Mary Byam.

9173. ii. JACOB, b. May 1, 1752; d. Sept. 8, 1791.

9174. iii. THANKFUL, b. March 9, 1754.

9175. iv. JOSEPH, b. March 4, 1766; m. Mary Adams.

9176. v. NOAH, b. Nov. 3, 1775.

9177. JOHN FOSTER (John, Edward, Samuel), b. Chelmsford, Mass., 1731; m. about 1760, ———. There is a very vague tradition in the family that John Foster had fifteen children and that he and his wife were prisoners in King's garrison, in Ireland, when John Foster, his son, was born; he was the oldest. Another tradition is that John Foster was born in the King's garrison, in Ireland. His father was an officer in the English army at the time of Cromwell, and fled to Ireland at the time of the Restoration. The family afterward came to America, and John settled in Royalston, Mass.; later he sold his farm and went to live with his son, Henry, in Winchester, N. H. John served three years in the Revolution at Bennington, Vt. His great-grandson, Charles Foster, of Winchester, N. H., has the powder horn with his name on the large end, which he carried through the war. Res., Winchester, N. H.

9178. i. HENRY, b. about 1761; m. Lucy Dana.

9179. ii. JOHN, b. Dec. 1, 1763; m. Sylvia Butler and Mrs. Pierce.

9180. iii. SETH, b. ———. Removed to New York State.

9181. iv. THOMAS, b. ———; n. f. k.

9182. v. WILLIAM, b. ———; settled at Genessee Flats, N. Y.

9183. vi. DAUGHTER, b. ———; m. Burrows. Res., Richmond, N. H.

9184. vii. DAUGHTER, b. ———.

9236. i. EBENEZER, b. July 23, 1744; m. Ruth Merrill and Hannah Foster.
9237. ii. SARAH, b. Jan. 1, 1746; m. March 28, 1771, Robert Fletcher.
9238. iii. REBECCA, b. Jan. 14, 1751.

9239. i. ANNA, b. April 4, 1744; m., Feb. 11, 1766, Willard Parker.
9240. ii. LYDIA, b. Aug. 10, 1747; m., Oct. 6, 1772, Jonathan Richardson.
9241. iii. ISAIAH, b. Feb. 8, 1749; was in the Revolutionary war. He was at Battle of Bunker Hill.
9242. iv. REUBEN, b. Sept. 23, 1753. He was in the Revolutionary war, and was shot in the battle on Bemis Heights, which battle resulted in Burgoyne's capture.

9243. i. ABIGAIL, b. March 16, 1747.
9246. iv. SAMUEL, b. Aug. 16, 1756.

9185. HENRY FOSTER, A. B. (Edward, Edward, Samuel, Samuel), b. Sturbridge, Mass., March 31, 1737; m., Winchester, N. H., Abigail Alexander. He was a soldier in the French and Indian wars, for a descendant, Dr. H. A. Foster, of Buffalo, N. Y., has a diary of his which he kept in 1758 through that campaign. Henry d. 1782. Res., Winchester, N. H.
9247. i. HENRY, b. April 13, 1779; m. Polly Hubbard.
9248. ii. HANNAH, b. Feb. 11, 1783; m. William Pomeroy.
9249. iii. ABIGAIL, b. Dec. 20, 1786.
9251. v. EDWARD, b. May 4, 1778; m. and resides New York.
9252. vi. MOSES, b. Aug. 31, 1781; m. Betsey Goodwin.
9253. vii. ELISHA, b. April 19, 1783; m. Res., Buffalo and Fredonia, N. Y. Had three children; one son in Peoria.

9190. DEACON EDWARD FOSTER (Edward, Edward, Samuel, Samuel), b. Sturbridge, Mass., May 14, 1749; m., Nov. 4, 1773, Rachel Newell, b. May 23, 1747, dau. of Timothy, of Needham, Mass.; d. June 6, 1835. Like his brother, Fletcher, he saw active service in the Revolutionary war; enlisting first in the company raised in the vicinity of Sturbridge. After the war he went at once to Union, Conn., and with the Continental money received purchased a farm. There he afterward resided, respected and esteemed by all. He d. March 1, 1818. Res., Sturbridge, Mass., and Union, Conn.
9254. i. WILLIAM, b. Aug. 17, 1774.
9255. ii. EDWARD, b. March 20, 1777; m. Rebecca Strong.
9256. iii. ELEAZER, b. 1779; m. Mary Pierrepont.

9257. i. EDWARD, b. April 4, 1785; m. Maranda Capron.
9258. ii. MOSES, b. Dec. 25, 1775; m. Chloe Clark.
9259. iii. SMITH, b. Nov. 24, 1777; m. Mrs. Susanna Kingsbury.
9260. iv. MIRIAM, b. May 2, 1779.
9261. v. RACHEL, b. March 26, 1781; d. Dec. 16, 1795.
9262. vi. ALPHEUS, b. April 12, 1783; m. Ruth Hayward and Mrs. Polly P. Inman.
9263. vii. ELIAS, b. March 10, 1787; m. Hannah Stiles.
9264. viii. LOIS, b. Feb. 27, 1789; m., Jan. 14, 1810, Enoch Lewis, of Sturbridge.
9265. ix. FLETCHER, b. May 13, 1791. He went to New London, Conn., and was a soldier in the war of 1812.
9266. x. HINSDALE, b. April 6, 1798; m. Hannah T. Brown.

*Two of these children died young; one May 8, 1796, and the other July 25, 1798.
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9165. EDWARD FOSTER (William, Edward, Samuel, Samuel), b. Chelmsford, Mass., April 3, 1747; m. there, Nov. 9, 1771, Phebe Pierce, b. Dec. 25, 1748, dau. of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Merrill); sister of Governor Pierce, of New Hampshire, and aunt of President Franklin Pierce. She was living in 1823. He d. before 1823. Res., Chelmsford, Mass., and Milford, N. H.

9267. i. HANNAH, b. Nov. 4, 1772; m. William Ayres.

9268. ii. EDWARD, b. in 1773; m. Lowly Nash.

9268 i. NOAH, b. Dec. 11, 1784; m. Chloe Burnham and Mrs. Betsey T. Conant.

9268 iv. SARAH, b. —; m. Joel Barker. She d. before 1823 and left children.

9268 v. ELIZABETH, b. —; m. Daniel Peacock. She d. before 1823; and left children.

9268 vi. PATTY, b. —; m. Isaac Wright.

9268 vii. WILLIAM, b. —. He resided in Boston, and d. February, 1823; probably unm. The following is from the Suffolk probate: "Will—William Foster, of Boston, hackman; brother, Noah Foster; cousin, Timothy K. Kendall; mother, Mrs. Phebe Foster; sister, Hannah, wife of William Ayres; children of late sister, Sarah, formerly wife of Joel Barker; children of late sister, Elizabeth Peacock, formerly wife of Daniel Peacock; sister, Patty Wright, wife of Isaac Wright. Dated Jan. 26, 1823; probated Feb. 24, 1823. Lib. 121, fol. 132-3. Petition for administration of estate of William Foster, late of Boston, hackman, by Noah Foster, of Milford, in County of Hillsborough, N. H., yeoman, executor of his last will, Feb. 24, 1823. Lib. 239, fol. 139.


9269. i. AARON, b. March 7, 1791.

9270. ii. COBURN, b. Dec. 13, 1792.

9271. iii. WILLIAM, b. Feb. 7, 1796.

9272. iv. NOAH, b. Dec. 21, 1797.

9273. v. HANNAH, b. July 1, 1800.

9274. vi. RACHEL, b. June 20, 1803.


9275. i. ZEBULON, b. May 28, 1786.

9276. ii. CHARLES, b. July 26, 1790.


9277. i. ANNA, b. Jan. 19, 1781.

9278. ii. HANNAH, b. Jan. 14, 1783; d. unm., Feb. 9, 1861.

9279. iii. EDWARD, b. Oct. 23, 1787.

9280. iv. MOLLY, b. Dec. 6, 1797; m., March 9, 1817, Nathaniel Roberts.


9283. iii. JOSHUA, b. September, 1797; d. Jan. 28, 1799.

9284. iv. JOSIAH, b. Aug. 17, 1800; d. March 5, 1837.

9285. v. JOSIAH, b. Aug. 21, 1802; m. Lydia B. Morse.

9286. vi. AMOS, b. September, 1804; d. Sept. 11, 1805.


9288. i. SAMUEL EMERY, b. May 10, 1804; m. Mary Childs Parker.


9289. i. MOSES, b. Feb. 14, 1790.
9290. ii. MARY, b. May 9, 1792.
9291. iii. ADAMS, b. May 5, 1794.
9292. iv. SARAH, b. May 3, 1796.
9293. v. FRANKLIN, b. Nov. 6, 1798.
9294. vi. RUFUS, b. Jan. 11, 1801.
9295. vii. ALMIRA, b. Sept. 13, 1803.
9296. viii. CALVIN, b. Dec. 1, 1805.

9229. HENRY FOSTER (John, John, Edward, Samuel), b. about 1764, in New Hampshire; m., May 28, 1787, Lucy Dana. She d. in Winchester, ae. ninety. He d. ae. eighty-four. Res., Winchester, N. H.

9297. i. JOHN FOREST, b. March, 1798; m. Betsey Shattuck.
9298. ii. EDWARD, b. May 23, 1812; m. Julia T. Fisk.
9299. iii. HENRY, b. July 20, 1799; m. Henrietta Cleveland.
9300. iv. DANIEL DANA, b. May 19, 1791; m. Elizabeth L. Hemenway.
9301. v. BENJAMIN DANA, b. Dec. 20, 1793; m. Lydia Harrington.
9303. vii. JOEL, b. —; m. —.
9304. viii. LUCY, b. Sept. 29, 1801; d. May 2, 1825.
9305. ix. JOHANNAH H., b. Sept. 29, 1801; m., Oliver Hawkins, of Troy, N. H. They had eight children, five daughters and three sons; two sons only survive and reside in the west; one, Marshall Hawkins, did reside in Minneapolis, and was connected with a railroad.

Seraph, Lexington; letter dated Sept. 2, 1809; ex. Jan. 16, 1811; next of kin, Edward Foster, brother.—Middlesex probate. Seraph, Lexington; kin of brother, Edward Foster; sister, Nancy R. Children of Lydia Ann Foster, daughter of Eben D. Foster, brother: Forest Pratt, grand nephew, Framingham; Charles Pratt, grand nephew, Lexington; Ella Pratt, grand niece, Lexington; Frank Pratt, grand nephew, unknown. Children of Daniel D. Foster, brother: Elizabeth Hazleton, grand niece, Newton; Lucy Stone, niece, Framingham; Fanny Cates, niece, Boston; Mrs. Richardson, of Wakefield, daughter of Daniel Foster, son of Daniel D. Foster; Joel Foster, nephew, Boston, son of John F. Foster, brother of Seraph; Charles Foster, of Winchester, N. H., nephew, son of Eben D. Foster, brother of Seraph. Children of Hannah Foster, deceased, sister of Seraph: Marsh P. Hawkins, nephew, Minneapolis, Minn.; John Hawkins, nephew, Minneapolis, Minn.; Susan A. Hawkins, niece, Minneapolis, Minn.; Johanna Hawkins, deceased, niece; Ella White, of Dedham, Mass., a daughter of Johanna Hawkins, deceased; sons of Fanny; a deceased daughter of Hannah Foster; Alfred Colony, Ashby, Minn.; Harry H. Colony, Keene, N. H.; Lawrence D. Colony, Keene, N. H. Annie A. Hall, Ashby, Minn.; Fanny Harris, Harrisville, N. H.; Grace Harris, Harrisville, N. H.; Jessie Harris, Harrisville, N. H., daughters of Anna L. Hawkins, a deceased daughter of said Hannah Foster; Fanny H. Colony, Ashby, Minn., daughter of Oliver P. Hawkins, deceased; son of said Hannah Foster; Leslie B. Boutewell, of Greenfield, Mass., son of Nancy E. Hawkins, deceased daughter of said Hannah Foster."
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9307. xi. NANCY RICHARDSON, b. Dec. 25, 1809; d. unm., in Lexington, Jan. 20, 1890.

The Middlesex probate court has this: "Nancy R., Lexington; letter dated Sept. 2, 1890, ex. Jan. 16, 1891; only kin, Seraph Foster, of Lexington, sister; Edward Foster, brother, of Burlington. Children of Daniel D. Foster, brother: Mrs. Elizabeth Hazleton, niece, of Newton; Mrs. Lucy Stone, niece, of Framingham; Mrs. Mary Cates, niece, of Boston; Mrs. Richardson, wife of Dr. Richardson, of Wakefield, grand niece; Joel Foster, grand nephew, of Boston; Charles Foster, grand nephew, of Winchester, N. H."


9308. i. SYLVIA, b. May 6, 1785; d. March 16, 1817.

9309. ii. JOHN, b. Feb. 5, 1787; d. March 10, 1812.

9310. iii. ANDREW B., b. May 24, 1789; d. March 4, 1821.

9311. iv. EPHRAIM, b. Aug. 21, 1790; m. Julia Ryder and Betsey Fisk.


9313. vi. SUSANNAH, b. July 19, 1795; d. April 12, 1850.

9314. vii. JAMES, b. July 29, 1798; d. October, 1804.

9315. viii. EMERSON, b. March 7, 1801; n. f. k.

9316. ix. ALONA, b. Sept. 2, 1802; d. —.

9317. x. NANCY, b. March, 1804; d. October, 1805.

9318. xi. NANCY, b. Aug. 7, 1806; d. April, 13—.

9319. xii. MARTHA, b. Dec. 9, 1809; d. —.

9320. xiii. ABIGAIL, b. Sept. 3, 1813; d. March 21, 1856.


9321. i. WILLIAM, b. Aug. 10, 1769.

9322. ii. RUTH, b. July 11, 1771; d. young.

9323. iii. OLIVER, b. Nov. 28, 1773; d. young.

9324. iv. SALLY, b. —.

9327. HENRY FOSTER (Henry, Edward, Edward, Samuel, Samuel), b. Winchester, N. H., April 13, 1779; m. Norwich, Vt., May 8, 1803, Polly Hubbard, b. June 21, 1785; d. Oct. 16, 1870. He was a manufacturer of linseed oil in Norwich, Vt., all the earlier part of his life. Later in life he was a farmer, first in Vermont, then in the vicinity of Rochester, N. Y., and later in the vicinity of Sandusky, O. He d. Oct. 29, 1859. Res., Winchester, N. H., and Milan, O.

9325. i. CHARLES, b. April 19, 1809; m. Susan H. Hillard.

9326. ii. HAMLIN HUBBARD, b. June 20, 1811; d. March 25, 1812.

9327. iii. HUBBARD, b. Dec. 31, 1812; m. Louise Collender and Sarah H. Wheeler.


9329. v. MARTHA ANN, b. Dec. 13, 1816; m. Norwalk, O., April 16, 1833, Rev. K. Darius Dodge, M. D. She resides Clifton Springs, N. Y. K. D. Dodge came from Winchester, N. H. He was a minister in the early part of his life; lost his health and was broken down; he afterward became a physician and was very successful in his practice. He was born Sept. 15, 1816; died Dec. 10, 1885. Ch.: 1. Harriet Dodge Allison, b. June 27, 1844; m., September, 1866; present address 100 Massachusetts avenue N. E., Washington, D. C. 2. Clementine L. Dodge, b. Ohio, Nov. 13, 1846; m. Nov. 5, 1866; present address, Clementine L. Cotton, Clifton Springs, N. Y. 3. Mary Corilla P. Dodge, b. Sept. 20, 1854; at Fremont, Ohio (not married); present address, Clifton Springs, N. Y.

9330. vi. WILLIAM, b. Sept. 16, 1818; m. Mary P. Tiffany.

i. FREDERICK M., b. July 27, 1813; m. Lucinda Lumbar and Harriet M. Cook.

ii. HARRIET, b. ——; m. —— Newell.

iii. WILLARD, b. April 6, 1806; m. Martha T. Field.

iv. HENRY, b. ——; d. ——.


vi. CHARLOTTE, b. ——; m. —— Robinson. She d. Oct. 22, 1897.

vii. EDWARD, m. Newell.

viii. MARY, b. ——; m. —— McConnell. She d.

ix. LURISSA, b. ——; d. ——.

Surviving children are in part Mrs. E J. Seymour, Box 319 Wauwatosa, Wis.; Mrs. Lewis Kent, Madison, Lake County, Ohio.

EDWARD FOSTER (Edward, Edward, Edward, Samuel, Samuel), b. Union, Conn., March 20, 1777; m. November, 1800, Rebecca Strong, b. June 22, 1780, dau. of Alexander and Abigail (Rice), of Brimfield, Mass., and Union, Conn.; d. Mar. 15, 1846. He was born in Union, Conn., where his father had gone during the Revolutionary War. The father was a farmer and Edward was brought up to an agricultural life. Soon after his marriage he moved to Springfield, Mass., about 1809, and two years later moved to Augusta, Oneida County, N. Y. In 1823 he moved to Stockbridge, Madison County, and afterward resided there farming and conducting a mill. He d. Oct. 13, 1837. Res., Augusta and Stockbridge, N. Y., and Fort Atkinson, Wis.

i. DWIGHT, b. April 16, 1801; m. April 27, 1801, Almira Horton, dau. of Deacon Ezra and Olive (May). He was a farmer in Fort Atkinson. He d. Appleton, Wis., Feb. 8, 1870. Ch.: 1. Alvin L. 2 Celeste, m. Henry Southwell.

ii. ALVIN S., b. March 23, 1805; m. December, 1829, Lydia Ann Phelps, of Stockbridge, N. Y., dau. of Samuel and Susan (Ives), of Hebron, Conn. She d. July, 1853, and he m. 2, December 19, 1833, her sister, Mary Ann Phelps. Hon. Alvin Strong Foster was one of the first settlers in Fort Atkinson, Wis., 1835, and was the first sheriff of Jefferson County, Wisconsin. He was one of three to settle and lay out the village of Mayville, Wis., and had a sawmill and flourmill there, 1847-57. In 1857, he moved to Appleton, Wis., he was soon chosen alderman and afterward mayor of the city. He was a man of staunch principles and earnestly devoted to the right. He died at Fort Atkinson, while on a visit there, July 16, 1867. Ch.: 1. Mary Ann, b. July 11, 1831; m. July 11, 1849, Francis Hammond, son of Dr. Shubael, of Union, Conn. Res., Miles, Mich. She d. April 22, 1858. Ch.: (a). Charles Foster Hammond, b. Aug. 19, 1854. 2. Edward Czar Foster, b. Jan. 15, 1837; m. March 15, 1858, Ida Letts. Res., Appleton, Wis. Ch.: 1. Francis Hammond Foster, b. Dec. 25, 1858; ii. Harriet Dell Foster, b. May, 1861. 3. Henry Alvan Foster, b. July 17, 1841.

iii. EDWARD N., b. July 9, 1810; m. Marietta Rankin.


HON. ELEAZER FOSTER (Edward, Edward, Edward, Samuel, Samuel), b. Union, Conn., 1779; m. in New Haven, Conn., Jan. 1, 1806, Mary Pierrepont, b. 1780; d. New Hampshire, Jan. 29, 1852. We notice with no ordinary emotions the death in this city of Eleazar Foster, Esq., attorney at law, in the forty-first year of his age. Mr. Foster was born in Union, Tolland County, educated at Yale College and received his first degree in 1802. His disease which was of long continuance and increased by his unremitting
application to business assumed an alarming appearance a few days since, and terminated his valuable life on Saturday morning at half-past nine o'clock. The deep concern felt at his illness and the still deeper regret visible through all classes of our citizens at his death form the best eulogy upon the character, and at the same time demand a tribute of respect to the virtues of this excellent man. Early after the admission of Mr. Foster to the bar he gave such decided proofs of industry, capacity, integrity and discretion that the public voice called him to sustain many offices of importance to the welfare of the community. For the same reason the concerns of individuals were committed to his management with confidence to an extent rarely witnessed. As executor of wills, administrator on the estates of deceased persons, assignee of debtors' agent for creditors and in the execution of many other trusts he was constantly employed and such was his undeviating rectitude that he uniformly merited the approbation of all interested in the trusts. For the higher stations of a magistrate a representative in the legislature, he was guided by that uprightness and impartiality which fully evinced his love of justice and his sacred regard to the true interest of the public. To the poor, the humble and the helpless, the widow and the fatherless, with whom in the discharge of duty he often associated, he was ever kind, attentive and generous. As a friend, a neighbor and a citizen, he was sincere, prudent and benevolent. In all the dear and interesting relations of domestic life he was always affectionate and faithful. It is unnecessary to add that he was universally beloved and respected. To society his life was eminently valuable, to a young and numerous family it was inestimable, and his death is a loss unspeakably great. Those who were most acquainted with Mr. Foster will most lament his departure, and by all such his memory will be cherished by the best affections of the heart. It ought especially to be subjoined that he was a very exemplary and useful member of the church of Christ, that he lived apparently under the steady influence of religious principle, and anticipated and met death with serene hope and joyful composure, relying alone on the merits of the Divine Redeemer for acceptance with God. His light, like that of the just, shone brighter and brighter, earnest of eternal day. For a few of the last days particularly, his conversation and interviews with his family and friends were especially tender, impressive and fraught with heavenly wisdom. "The memory of the just is blessed." "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth, yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."—New Haven Paper.

He d. May 1, 1819 Res., New Haven, Conn.

9345. i. ELEAZER K., b. May 2, 1813; m. Mary Codington.

9346. ii. PIERREPONT BEERS, b. September, 1811; m. Stella L. Bishop.

9347. iii. MARY ANN, b. ---; d. unm.

9348. iv. HARRIET, b. ---; d. unm.

9349. v. JANE, b. ---; d. unm.

9350. vi. CAROLINE, b. ---; unm. Res., 109 College St., N. H.

9351. vii. EDWARD WILLIAM, b. March 28, 1819; m. Harriet M. Partridge.

9257. EDWARD FOSTER (Fletcher, Edward, Edward, Samuel, Samuel), b. Sturbridge, Mass., April 4, 1785; m. Uxbridge, Nov. 20, 1808, Maranda Capron, b. Nov. 20, 1789; d. Nov. 5, 1846. Maranda was daughter of John and Asenath Capron, of Uxbridge. Edward Foster died with consumption at his home in Uxbridge. He was an earnest member of the Friends church (Quaker), an active abolitionist, having repeatedly assisted fugitive slaves enroute from the south to Canada; was short in stature, dark complexion, black eyes, quiet in manner, industrious and engaged in grist and woolen mills in Uxbridge. He d. May 10, 1833. Res., Uxbridge, Mass.

9352. i. GEORGE BANFIELD, b. Aug. 25, 1809; d. Oct. 1, 1812.

9353. ii. LUCY WALDO CAPRON, b. July 28, 1818; m. May, 1837, Rev. Enoch Hoag. She d. s. p., 1851.


iv. Frances Willard, b. Aug. 18, 1887. v. Clinton Foster, b.
May 28, 1890  None married; all under parental roof. Hepsiba's children: 2. Martha Beede Hoag, b. June 3, 1860; m. Eli T. Moore, living Americas, Kan. 3. John Howard Hoag, b. Oct. 20, 1862, d. May 30, 1864. 4. William P. Hoag, b. Nov. 4, 1865. P. O., Lawrence, Kan. 5. Laura Emma Hoag, b. May 27, 1872; m. Clarkson Pickard, living; present address, Marshalltown, Iowa. Enoch Hoag was the son of Stephen and Martha Beede Hoag, of Sandwich, N. H., was the youngest of twelve children and born May 25, 1812; received the benefit of the neighboring school in his younger years, especially the winter sessions. When seventeen or twenty years old by permission of parents attended "Friends Boarding School" at Providence, R. I.; being of an energetic nature he was proficient in his studies and was, after the first year, recommended as one qualified to teach. He then engaged in teaching a district school at thirteen dollars per month and board, and continued teaching for some years, thus paying his way at the boardingschool, and sending his father $100 from his hard-earned income. He was married to Lucy Waldo Foster, of Uxbridge; engaged in Lynn and continued in the boot and shoe and book business until 1855; was burnt out twice, which seriously crippled him financially, and he removed with his family to Iowa and settled at Muscatine in admirable locality where several New Englanders had located, engaging a tract of land with a view of inducing other eastern acquaintances westward. He resided at this place until 1868, when he received a good appointment. In religion, he was a Christian, a birth right member in the Friends (Quaker) church, an organization he greatly cherished and labored to build up wherever he was. His religion, he believed, required him to devote a portion of his energy to the assistance and the advance- ment of the weak, and while naturally in politics he was a Whig, yet he early found himself among those known as Free Soilers. He took an active part in the election of Free Soil candidates to the Legislature and to Congress. He supported the Republican party from its organization until his death, and his influence was exerted for the freedom of and the extension of equal rights to the slave through legislative, executive and church or ecclesi- astical channels. He was one of a committee of fifteen, appointed by seven of the American yearly meetings of Friends, who met in Baltimore, in December, 1865, to draft a memorial to Congress, and to the President in behalf of the freedmen, and one of a sub- committee of four to visit Washington and to make its most advantageous presentation. A sketch mentions as those interest- ed in the cause for equal rights and who rendered their serv- ices, Sumner, Wilson, Price, Chandler, Ramsey and others. Shortly after this his attention was drawn toward the condition of the Indians, and visiting several of the tribes in the far north- west, in 1866, for the purpose of gaining personal knowledge of their condition and enabling intelligent action, he presented the matter to the church for action. The result was a delegation by four of the American yearly meetings of Friends, memorializing the President, in behalf of the Indians, who were under the mil- itary branch of the government. In response to this action President Grant inaugurated what is known as his "Peace Poli- cy" in dealing with the Indian, placing them under the In- terior Department and supplying them with civil agents, instead of army captain. The central superintendency (one of eight) was assigned to the oversight of the Friends' Church, comprising the Indians in Kansas and the wild tribes of the Indian territory —some 20,000 (the balance of the Indian population was assigned to other churches). Enoch Hoag was recommended for appointment to this position and the same was made by President Grant which he occupied for seven years, during which period much progress was made in the education of the Indian youth and the general advancement of the Indians under his charge. Dur-
ing the last four years of this service there was added to his charge the southern superintendency, including the whole Indian territory. After release he lived in retirement a few years at the home of his birth in New Hampshire caring for an aged and dependent sister until his death in June, 1884, in his seventy-second year. His wife, Lucy, died without issue during 1850, and the following year he was united in marriage with her sister, Laura Waldo Foster. Of this union there were two sons, Edward Foster, who now lives at Muscatine, Iowa, and Charles Sumner, who died in infancy. His wife, Laura, died and he was again united in marriage in June, 1869, with Hepsy Howard, daughter of John and Susannah Howard, at Pleasant Plain, Iowa. Of this latter union there were four children, viz: Edward Foster Hoag, born at Uxbridge, Mass., removed with his parents to Iowa the following year and resided on a farm until fifteen years of age, attending the district school, during that time with the exception of a few summer terms, when he was required to work on the farm and herd the sheep and cattle. After leaving the farm he attended one winter each at a private boarding school and a college, after which he was engaged as an assistant to his father at Lawrence, Kan., while in the government Indian Service. After nine years continuous service, he removed with his family to Iowa, and engaged in farming and stock raising for a livelihood, where he now resides. In religion, he is a Christian, a member of the Friends (Quaker) Church. In politics, a Prohibitionist, having affiliated with and supported the Republican party until 1888, when he voted for Gen. Clinton B. Fisk, the prohibition candidate for President. He has been county chairman for that party in the county in which he resides for several terms and now occupies that position; has served on the state central committee and served his party as a candidate for state representative, believing that the prohibition of the liquor traffic is the great moral question that should receive public attention, together with equal suffrage and international arbitration, and that political parties cannot exist without men. For three years secretary and treasurer of Temperance committee of Iowa, yearly meeting of friends, membership of over 10,000, covering Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and Dakota. In education a believer in college education; is member of school board and has served as chairman two terms.


9356. i. AUGUSTUS J., b. Dec. 4, 1813; principal of school in Wickford, R. I.
EMILY, b. Jan. 12, 1816.


EDWARD BROWN, b. Jan. 16, 1821; m. Helen R. Blake.


PHINEHAS NASH, b. Dec. 20, 1796; m. Mary B. Johnson.

SAMUEL, b. March 2, 1793.

JAMES, b. Nov. 14, 1795.

SIBLEY, b. Oct. 5, 1790.

LOWLY, b. Sept. 6, 1831.

CAPT. NOAH FOSTER (Edward, William, Edward, Samuel, Samuel), b. Milford, N. H., Dec. 11, 1754; m., Nov. 7, 1809, Chloe Burnham, b. Milford, N. H., March 22, 1790; d. Sept. 16, 1824, dau. of Andrew and Elizabeth (Burns); m. 2d, July 11, 1826, Mrs. Betsey T. Conant, widow of Benjamin Conant, Jr., b. March 14, 1792; d. March 18, 1873. He was a farmer and cooper. He d. Jan. 1, 1831. Res., Hollis and Milford, N. H.

WILLIAM, b. Milford, April 28, 1811; tinsmith; unm; d. Nashua, N. H., May 10, 1850.

ARVILLA, b. Milford, June 27, 1813; unm; d. Milford, Jan. 8, 1866.

RHODA, b. Milford, July 4, 1827; m. Hilliard P. Jones; d. Milford, Oct. 18, 1850.

CHARLES H., b. Milford, May 23, 1829; resided in Missouri Valley, Iowa; machinist; m., Eveline M. Preston, of Manchester, N. H., Jan. 20, 1854. He d. Missouri Valley, Iowa, Dec. 6, 1894.

Josiah Foster, son of Josiah, was born in Beverly Aug. 21, 1802, and went to Gloucester and learned the cooper's trade; afterward moved to Salem, where he lived till he died in January, 1877. He married Lydia Barker Morse, dau. of Edward and Lydia Morse, of Salem, in April, 1827. He was a conscientious member of the South Congregational church for more than fifty years. He never held any office except school committee of Salem. He d. Jan. 30, 1891. Res., Beverly, Mass.

STEPHEN WHITE, b. July 2, 1830; m. Sarah C. Newcomb.

EDWARD MORSE, b. Oct. 4, 1836; m. Elizabeth L. Fitzpatrick.

JOSIAH MORSE, b. Sept. 8, 1828; d. Sept. 14, 1858.

EDWARD MORSE, b. June 22, 1834; d. May 6, 1835.


SAMUEL EMMER FOSTER (Samuel E., Robert, Joseph, Samuel, Samuel), b. Chelmsford, Mass., May 10, 1804; m., Lowell, Mass., Oct. 22, 1828, Mary Childs Parker, b. Oct. 4, 1802; d. Nov. 30, 1874. He was a farmer. Samuel was an only child and was born two months after his father died. His mother married again and he resided with his foster father until about twenty years of age, when he went to Lowell, and engaged with the Hamilton Print Works Co. The work being distasteful to him he returned to the farm, but not alone. While attending the Eastman singing school he formed a strong attachment for a young lady, the leading soprano singer in the choir of the first church in Lowell, and they were subsequently married. After a few years of farm life, he returned to Lowell. Being accidently injured by falling a distance of thirty feet he died in Lowell, Mass., Aug. 18, 1851. Res., Ludlow, Vt.

MARY ELLEN, b. Aug. 11, 1820; d. Nov. 22, 1853. In art, literature and social life Ellen was the leader of the family. She had considerable talent for music and was a soprano singer of the purest type.

SAMUEL WESLEY, b. Dec. 28, 1830; m. Tamson E. Stanchfield.
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9372. iii. LYDIA ISADOR, b. Dec. 6, 1831; d. Nov. 22, 1835. When a child she was extremely forward and had a most generous and cheerful disposition. One Christmas a friend gave her half a dollar for a Christmas present. She did not purchase a doll or toy, but invested in a New Testament. She was very fond of music and an excellent singer.


9374. v. ROXANA CORDELIA, b. Feb. 12, 1835; d. March 13, 1835.

9375. vi. FRANCIS ASBURY, b. Feb. 10, 1837; m., Clara A. Knowles and Mary W. Smart.

9376. vii. NATHANIEL D. PARKER, b. Feb. 3, 1840; m., Mary F. Jaquith.


9379. i. JOEL EATON, b. July 4, 1826; m., Mary E. Long.


9380. i. JULIA ADELAIDE, b. November, 1841; d. July 31, 1858.

9381. ii. DUROY SALISBURY, b. Nov. 6, 1839; m., Juliette Shedd.


9383. iv. GEORGE, b. April 14, 1837; d. unm, June 28, 1841.

9384. v. CHARLES HENRY, b. June 19, 1852; m., Nettie Richardson.

9385. vi. EMERY AUSTIN, b. ——; m. and res. Formosa, Ark.

9386. vii. CHARLES E., b. ——; d. unm.

9387. viii. EMMA ISABEL, b. ——; d. unm.

9388. ix. EDWARD EVERETT, b. Oct. 28, 1849; m., Ella M. Richardson.

9299. HENRY FOSTER (Henry, John, John, Edward, Samuel), b. Winchester, N. H., July 20, 1789; m., Oct. 6, 1806, Henrietta Cleveland. After her husband’s death she went to Ohio and was married three times. She had four children by Mr. Foster. He d. Feb. 23, 1839. Res., Winchester, N. H.

9389. i. ARAD, b. ——.
DANIEL DANA FOSTER (Henry, John, John, Edward, Samuel), b. Winchester, N. H., May 19, 1791; m., February, 1810, Elizabeth Langley Hemenway. She d. 1838. He was a marketman. He d. in Boston, Nov. 23, 1834. Res., Boston, Mass.


EBENEZER DANA FOSTER (Henry, John, John, Edward, Samuel), b. Winchester, N. H., Dec. 20, 1793; m., April to, 1817, Lydia Harrington, in Boston. He d. —. Res., Winchester, N. H.

CHARLES, b. —. Res., Winchester, N. H.


JOHN, b. March 28, 1810; d. June 23, 1820.

JAMES, b. May 27, 1821; d. November, 1854.


HENRY, b. April 28, 1830; m. Caroline P. Fiske.

JOHN, b. Nov. 9, 1832; m. Ada James Wing.

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9406. i. MARION BRADFOOT, b. Nov. 13, 1834; d. May 2, 1837.


9408. iii. MARION FRANCES, b. June 2, 1838; d. Nov. 8, 1838.

9409. iv. ADRIAN H., b. Aug. 18, 1839; m. Ellen B. Coffey.


9411. vi. MILTON DODGE, b. July 1, 1844; m. Katherine V. Prezinger.


9327. DR. HUBBARD FOSTER (Henry, Henry, Edward, Edward, Samuel, Samuel), b. Winchester, N. H., Dec. 31, 1812; m., Oct. 20, 1838, M. Louise Callender, b. —; d. February, 1880; m., 2d, July 29, 1855, Sarah H. Wheeler, b. Dec. 13, 1836, Norwalk, Conn. His life business has been the practice of medicine. He commenced study in Rochester, N. Y., attended lectures and graduated in Cincinnati, Ohio; commenced practice in North Ohio, in Sandusky and vicinity, and later on in Milan, Norwalk and vicinity, and then to Lowell, Mass. From thence to Clifton Springs Sanitarium and lastly in Buffalo, N. Y., for about twenty years, where, by overwork, had to retire in 1880, and has been living in Arlington now eleven years; at present in his eighty-sixth year. Res., 18 Pleasant St., Arlington, Mass.


9415. i. WILLIAM HENRY, b. —; d. —.

9416. ii. GRACE, b. —; d. —.

9331. DR. HENRY FOSTER (Henry, Henry, Edward, Edward, Samuel, Samuel), b. Norwich, Vt., Jan. 18, 1821; m., Hunter, N. Y., June 19, 1872, Mary Edwards, b. June 8, 1837. Dr. Foster is a Vermonter; received an excellent education, studied medicine and was graduated in due course of time. He at once began practice and after two years of general practice started to find a new location. In 1850 Dr. Foster went to what was then known as "Sulphur Springs." He found the abundant mineral waters then freely used by the early settlers as they had also been by the Seneca Indians, who once held the lands; and with them a rough shed for a bath house, which with its one tub or trough, seemed public property; also a little wayside tavern and ten small dwellings along a half a mile of country road. Enlisting in the enterprise a few friends who could furnish the small capital which he needed and had not, and so securing of the primeval forest ten acres, whose only attractive feature was in the fine spring he sought, he began his life work by rearing
a small wooden structure with rooms for some three score patients, and there ministering as physician, business manager, bath man and man-of-all-work, he daily repeated, by his example, his Master's words: 'I am among you as one who serveth.' By 1856 such faith and works had borne the usual fruits, and friends gathered to assist in the dedication of a fine brick addition, and consecrate wholly to sacred services the beautiful chapel which was within its walls. At this time, and in these words seems to have been made the first public statement of the purpose with which this work was begun: 'Thankful for these tokens of Divine approval, I still adhere to my original plan of presenting the institution to God, to be used for the benefit of His people.' There followed twenty-five more years of unceasing toil, of faith often tried but never wavering, but with them consequent blessings. Such is the history of the most celebrated sanitarium in this country, 'The Clifton Springs Sanitarium,' crowning a lovely slope which looks down upon the railway between Geneva and Canandaigua, N. Y., surrounded by its own beautiful grounds of more than fifty acres, and fringed by a neat and thriving village, is a pile of not uncomely buildings—the chief of which is five stories in height, and two hundred and forty feet in length. Standing on its broad piazzas, one is now and then notified, by some puff of wind, that he is in the neighborhood of brimstone exhalations, and, under the tasteful Pierce Pavilion across the street, adorning the lawn before it, he will find gushing forth abundantly the singularly silvery waters of a cold sulphur spring. Others are not far off.

At the dedication of one of the buildings, Dr. Foster made a few remarks, from which I glean the following: "I started out with the determination to succeed in business and make a position for myself. I thought I had got some plans that would accomplish this purpose. I want to say right here, that I was taken out of all those things, and in a marvelous way to me, for I believe thoroughly that God has a plan for his children, a work for them to do, and he will, if they are honest, put them into that particular work, whatever it may be, and it will be a work that will do good—do them good, and do the world good. I believe thoroughly that He planned this institution long before I lived.

"In forty-seven years there has been a steady work of grace going on in the house; souls have been converted; and much good has been done year by year. But I have now just come to the point which I saw in that revelation to my inner being. The plan of the first building was unfolded in one night. It was called a Model Water Cure. I drew every room, every door, every window, every closet out in pencil, not in regular proportions, but in a rough pencil sketch, which materialized into the first Water Cure building here.

"When we opened the house in the fall there were many patients waiting to come in, so a fair number came in two days, and within the first week souls were converted to God, and that went right on, until a number were converted and believers quickened, and organized into a praying band at that time, which has continued always praying for the interests of the house and for its spiritual growth. Prayer is the secret of all things that you see. Of course, we have had to work, we have been working. As the house grew, the patronage increased; it became evident that I could not myself attend to all the inside and outside work. Then there came as one of my helpers, my brother, Dr. Hubbard Foster, and I am glad to say that he is able to be with us.

"Under this (divine) guidance the Sanitarium prospered, new buildings were erected, debts were paid and the Sanitarium assumed such proportions that I could safely pass the property over to the trustees, and thus legally establish the future work of the house according to my life plan. This continual building has been necessary to meet the growth of the institution, and increase of patronage; but I have built with a consciousness that we had not reached the proportions of character of the final structure. The difficulties have been very great, and it is, perhaps, the first instance where a man, in building, has occupied the place, and earned the money to pay for it at the same time; but in the order of God's Providence this has been accomplished, the old structure has passed away, and all things become new. God has been with us and wondrously helped us in all these years, and my great anxiety now is that He should take up His abode in the house, and manifest His presence and power as the great Physician of soul and body. Unless He does this, the work will be a failure. Therefore, pray earnestly that the distinctive feature of the House may be loyalty to God and loyalty to the best interests of Suffering Humanity."
The Sanitarium has been Dr. Foster's life work, and is a monument to his indefatigable efforts for suffering humanity. Res., s. p., Clifton Springs, N. Y.


9421. i. FREDERICK M., b. Dec. 2, 1843; m. Jan. 28, 1865, — — — —.

9422. ii. LURISSA BERRY, b. July 17, 1853; m., May 1, 1856, W. D. BERRY. Res., North M. She d.

9423. iii. ADDIE LAID BURDICK, b. Feb. 9, 1840; m., March 31, 1856.

9424. iv. ALBERT, b. Aug. 4, 1850; m., Jan. 5, 1855, — — — —.


9344. HON. EDWARD NEWELL FOSTER (Edward, Edward, Edward, Edward, Samuel, Samuel), b. Springfield, Mass., July 9, 1810; m., July 17, 1834, Marietta Rankin. Edward Newell Foster, who, for more than forty years, has been a resident of Wisconsin, was born at Springfield, Mass., July 9, 1810; the son of Edward and Rebecca (Strong) Foster. His parental grandfather was in the continental army, and bought his land in the town of Union, Conn., with continental money. His father moved to Augusta, Oneida County, N. Y., when Edward was one year old, and about twelve years later removed to Smithfield (now Stockbridge) Madison County. There the son worked on a farm and in a mill for twelve years, having meanwhile during his earlier residence there the educational privileges of a common school and a year's attendance at a local academy. In the autumn of 1836 he arrived at Milwaukee, Wis., and in the following spring settled at Fort Atkinson, in Jefferson County, being accompanied by an elder brother, Alvin. Dwight Foster, his eldest brother, had settled there during the previous autumn, being the first white man to build a house in that place. There Edward remained, cultivating land and keeping a public house until 1838, when he went to Mayville, Dodge County, and, in company with his brother, Alvin, and others, engaged in the milling business until 1864, when he removed to Fond du Lac. There, in company with General Hamilton, he was engaged in the manufacture of linseed oil until 1875, when he retired from business.

Although Mr. Foster has never been an office seeker he has held several positions of trust and honor. His brother, Alvin, was the first sheriff of Jefferson County, being appointed by the governor, and afterward served as deputy. Our subject was afterward elected by the people, and was the first person who held the office by their gift. He took the first census of Jefferson and Dodge Counties, preparatory to the territory becoming a State. While living at Mayville he was a member of the general assembly during two terms, and has since been mayor of Fond du Lac for the same length of time. In politics Mr. Foster was, in early life, a Whig, and has acted with the Republican party since it was originated. He is both a Freemason and an Odd Fellow, belonging to the subordinate lodges. Although not a church member, he has great reverence for sacred things, and takes the teaching of Christ for his guide in life.

His wife was Marrietta Rankin, of Munsville, Madison County, N. Y.; their union dating July 17, 1834. They have five children, four of whom are living. The eldest son, Edward J., is a station agent at Sheboygan. The two daughters are at home, and the other son is a railroad man at Reedsbury, Sauk County.

Although in his sixty-seventh year, Mr. Foster, having always been of temperate habits and taken the best of care of himself, stands perfectly erect, with all the
dignity of matured manhood. He is not an old citizen of Fond du Lac, but has lived there long enough to acquire, by his correct business habits and exemplary life the high esteem of his fellow-citizens. Res., Fort Atkinson and Fond du Lac, Wis.

9427. i. EDWARD J., b. —. Res., Sheboygan, Wis.

9428. ii. THREE other children.

JUDGE ELEAZER KINGSBURY FOSTER (Eleazer, Edward, Edward, Edward, Samuel, Samuel), b. New Haven, Conn., May 2, 1813; m. there, Jan. 2, 1838, Mary Codrington, b. Feb. 9, 1818; d. Sept. 25, 1872.

Obituary notice of Eleazer K. Foster—Few men have ever lived in New Haven whose death called forth an expression of sorrow so universal and so sincere as that of Judge Foster. For more than thirty years he had been a conspicuous figure in that community, and so hale and fresh and full of life he always seemed, that when it was announced that his illness would probably prove fatal, an expression of surprise and grief fell from the lips of every one.

Eleazer Kingsbury Foster was born in New Haven, May 20, 1813. His father, Eleazer Foster, son of Edward Foster and Rachel Newell, was born in Union, Conn., graduated at Yale College in 1802, and was a prominent lawyer in New Haven at the time of his death, in 1819. His mother, Mary Pierpont, was a lineal descendant of Rev. James Pierpont, who settled in the ministry in New Haven, in 1664, and was one of the founders of Yale College; and of Mary Hooker, daughter of Rev. Samuel Hooker, of Farmington. Their descendants have ever since resided in New Haven, and the sisters of Judge Foster still retain and occupy a portion of the original homestead of Rev. James Pierpont.

Mr. Foster graduated at Yale College in 1834, studied law partly in New Haven and partly in the office of W. T. Worden, Esq., at Auburn, N. Y.; was admitted to the bar in New Haven in March, 1837, and resided there in the practice of his profession until his death, June 13, 1877.

He married Miss Mary Codrington, then of New Haven, a lady of English birth, and formerly of Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 2, 1838. Three sons survive him, all graduates of Yale College—William E., now an editor of the Buffalo Commercial Advertiser; Eleazer K., a practising lawyer in Florida; and John P. C., a practising physician in New Haven. A beloved daughter, Mary, died Dec. 12, 1864, at the age of twenty-one. His wife died Sept. 25, 1872.

Soon after his admission to the bar he was elected prosecuting grand-juror of the town. He was appointed judge of probate for the New Haven District in the years 1842, 1846, 1848, 1849, and chosen a delegate to the Republican National Convention at Chicago in 1860. In 1854 he was appointed State attorney for New Haven County, and nominated register in bankruptcy, by Chief Justice Chase, when that office was created, and continued in both these positions until his decease. He was a member of the common council of the city of New Haven during six years. He represented the town of New Haven in the general assembly in the years 1843 and 1845, and also in 1865, when he was elected speaker of the House. In 1858 he was a candidate for the Republican nomination for the office of governor of this State, but was defeated by Governor Buckingham. Later his friends again proposed to him to be a candidate, when he would probably have been nominated and elected, but he withdrew from the canvass for private reasons.

This brief record of offices and honors conveys no idea of the man. At the bar, in public life, and in society, Judge Foster was a man of mark. The eminence that he attained at the bar was not due to laborious application or systematic study. A noble presence, a grand voice, the graces of oratory rising often to eloquence, wit and humor, a thorough knowledge of human nature, and a quick sympathy with all ranks of men—these were the gifts that always secured to him a place in the front rank of the profession. For many years his official position had confined him chiefly to the practice of criminal law. But in this department he was repeatedly required to deal with the most important causes, and to encounter the ablest, the most gifted, and the most laborious of his brethren. To these demands he was always equal, and was ever regarded as a most formidable antagonist before the jury. With this tribunal he was especially successful. His tact, his ready wit, his quick perception of all their prejudices and preferences, always kept him in harmony with the jury, and often he seemed able to carry them along with him to whatever conclusion he desired. As a cross-examiner he was remarkably skillful,
and many an unhappy culprit has seen the secrets of his breast laid bare by him, even while believing that every avenue of approach to them had been securely closed. In the administration of his office of State attorney he sought to do justice, rather than exact the extreme penalty of the law. He never demanded the pound of flesh, but whenever the case would allow, he mitigated the severity of the prosecution, and tempered justice with mercy. His management of causes was honorable and manly; he treated antagonists, both parties and witnesses, kindly and generously, so that it was not uncommon for persons, with whom the necessities of the case required him to deal severely, to thank him for his forbearance.

Judge Foster was the last survivor (save Hon. Alfred Blackman), and also the youngest, of that brilliant circle of lawyers whose fame in the past is already becoming a tradition to the lawyers of this generation.

In many respects Judge Foster was peculiarly fitted to adorn the highest positions in public life, and no doubt, at times, conscious of his own abilities, he aspired to those higher walks which he failed to reach. In politics he was a Whig until the dissolution of that party, after that always an earnest Republican. As a public and political speaker he was necessarily a great favorite. The political and public meetings and ceremonial occasions which were graced with his presence, and enlivened with his wit and eloquence, seem, as we recall them, almost countless. Though the people loved him, and honored him whenever they had an opportunity, he was not the master of those arts by which nominations are secured, and less able and more contriving men often grasped the prizes which might have been worthily bestowed upon him. But in social life he was prominent. All men counted his society a privilege. He was a man of infinite humor, fresh, constant and inexhaustible, and ever a fountain of cheerfulness and entertainment to all with whom he came in contact. He had dramatic power that would have distinguished him as an actor. The cultivated, the refined, the learned, found pleasure in his society. The humblest and poorest were cheered and brightened by his conversation. Although fond of the pleasures of the table, at which on festive occasions he was the central figure, his personal habits were simple and unostentatious. He was a very early riser, and those morning hours which most professional men devote to sleep, he spent in walking about the town, meeting and chatting with people of every sort, and brightening himself and them with his cheerful talk.

Beneath these gay and lighter aspects of his character rested a thoughtful and serious mind. He had on all important subjects deep and earnest convictions. He loved justice, and truth, and honor, and his passionate outbreaks of indignation at anything false, or mean, or cruel, often startled those who had only seen him in his pleasant moods. He was sometimes irascible and impatient, but the deep-seated kindness of his nature soon absorbed these temporary feelings, and nothing that he said left any sting behind. He had great physical strength and courage, and, as is often the case, these were combined with most gentle and tender feelings. He loved little children, and they always attracted his notice, and he was an intense favorite with them. He loved to surprise some poor man or woman with a kindly and generous gift, to reward a little street gamin beyond his expectation, or to draw a hearty laugh from a knot of the common folk.

Without special culture in any branch of the fine arts, he instinctively appreciated and delighted in whatever was excellent in these. He was very familiar with the Bible and with Shakespeare, and his quotations from these books, as well as from many others, were frequent and teliculous. He was very thoughtful of the feelings of others, and had the happy faculty, in whatever society he was thrown, of saying something to please and to be remembered. A marked trait in his character was the real and sincere pleasure he felt and expressed in the prosperity and happiness of others, and in their enjoyment. These characteristics made him an universal favorite, and in every circle of society, in his native town, he was missed and mourned.

Judge Foster was a man of deep religious convictions. He believed firmly in the fundamental doctrines of the Episcopal church, of which he was a member. His Christian faith and hope and his entire resignation to the divine will were often and fully expressed by him during his last illness.

The Greeks had a proverb that no man should be pronounced happy while he lived; yet we surely may now call him happy who, having closed a long and honorable career, has advanced with courage and hope from this life temporal into the life eternal, leaving the rich legacy of an honored name and the tender affection of the people among whom he had always lived, to children worthy to receive and to cherish it. He d. June 13, 1877. Res., New Haven, Conn.
WILLIAM HENRY; JOHN MARGARET 1791, July Haven, of Samuel, Samuel, 1843, ship, is spent times Phinehas and twelve pointed and tious his May 9431. hold, the first Susquehanna His Plymouth, Holding, Barrington grand successors Nash, Massachusetts Edward Nash). Edward Nash was, therefore was Nash, Nash, Nash, Nash, Nash, Nash, Nash, Nash, Nash, Northumberland, N. H., Sept. 2, 1824. Res., Milford, Mass. 9347. i. FLORENCE EVELYN, b. July 27, 1850; m., July 7, 1872, Albert C. Rounds. Is a carpenter. 9359. EDWARD BROWN FOSTER (Hinsdale, Fletcher, Edward, Edward, Samuel, Samuel), b. Southbridge, Mass., Jan. 16, 1821; m., Aug. 30, 1849, Helen Roxanna Blake, dau. of Thomas D., b. Northumberland, N. H., Sept. 2, 1824. Res., Milford, Mass. 9345. PHINEHAS NASH FOSTER (Edward, Edward, William, Edward, Samuel, Samuel), b. Montpelier, Vt., Dec. 20, 1796; m. Mary Bailey Johnson, dau. of Jacob, b. Aug. 18, 1798; d. July 23, 1834. He was a farmer. Phinehas Nash Foster's birthplace was at Montpelier, Vt., where he was ushered into the world in the year 1796. When Phinehas was but seven years of age, that is to say, in 1803, he was brought by his father, Edward, to Wyoming Valley, Pa. Phinehas lived more than three-quarters of a century on his farm, in Jackson Township, and died there. He was one of the solid men of the country, exerting at all times a marked influence among his neighbors, and manifesting in an unostentatious and useful life the many virtues of his Green Mountain ancestry. Phinehas Nash the youngest son of Daniel Nash, was born in 1726. He spent a portion of his youthful days in Greenfield, Deerfield, and Sunderland, Mass., and taught school there. His marriage is recorded in Sheffield, and was taxed in Great Barrington in 1762. He removed to Plymouth, Pa., five or six years before the massacre at Wyoming, and was residing there at the time of that occurrence. His son, Asahel, was in the fight. He (Phinehas) was one of the first directors appointed for Plymouth under the frame of laws adopted and promulgated by the Susquehanna Company, in June, 1773, and in 1774, at a town meeting, one of the twelve grand jurors for that year. Hon. Hendrick B. Wright, in his history of Plymouth, says: "I have not been able to ascertain, after diligent inquiry, where our first Triumvirate held their court. Phinehas Nash, David Martin, and J. Gaylord, clothed as they were with the municipal power of Plymouth, must have had a court, and undoubtedly a whipping-post and stocks; but the locality of these things, deemed necessary in a past age, has become somewhat obscure. These men and their successors were to Plymouth what the three Triumvirs were to Rome after the fall of Caesar, or the three consuls to France who preceded the first Empire. Holding, therefore the commissions of the peace and the balances of justice for old Plymouth, it is to be regretted that not only the records of their court, but the place of administration are gone. "After the massacre he returned and spent a few years in Massachusetts or Connecticut, but he returned again to Wyoming, where his wife died. In his eighty-third year he left Wyoming and rode on horseback four hundred miles to Shelburn, Vt., where his son, Asahel, then resided. He died at Greenfield, Saratoga County, N. Y., in 1824, aged ninety-eight. He married, May 15, 1755, Mary Hamlin, of Sheffield, Mass. His daughter, Lowly, the mother of the subject of our sketch, was born Dec. 12, 1760. She was married Feb. 10, 1791, to Edward Foster. They removed to Wyoming in 1803, where Mrs. Foster died. He d. April 7, 1878. Res., Jackson, Pa. 9448. i. CHARLES DORRANCE, b. Nov. 25, 1836; m. Mary J. Hoagland.
9365. STEPHEN WHITE FOSTER (Josiah, Josiah, Moses, Moses, Samuel, Samuel), b. Salem, Mass., July 2, 1830; m. in Boston, June 22, 1864, Sarah Catherine Newcomb, of Wellfleet, b. Sept. 18, 1836.

Stephen White Foster was born in Salem, Mass., July 2, 1830; was educated in the public schools of Salem; leaving the high school, in 1845, entered the Salem Register printing office to learn that business. Remained in that office until 1853, and then to Boston Traveler. In 1854 started for California via the Isthmus; remaining there a short time in the mines; returned to Boston and entered the Boston Journal office; remained there nearly forty years, as compositor, proof-reader and night foreman, the latter position being held for twenty-five years; retiring from that office in 1894; was elected secretary of the society of California Pioneers of New England in 1845, and that brings him up to 1898 in good health—sixty-eight years old. Married, in 1864, Sarah Catherine Newcomb, daughter of the late Capt. Richard and Priscilla Cole Newcomb, of Wellfleet, Mass. Res., 23 Carter St., Boston, Mass.

9449. i. ESTELLE, b. —; d. in infancy.

9366. EDWARD MORSE FOSTER (Josiah, Josiah, Moses, Moses, Samuel, Samuel), b. Salem, Mass., Oct. 4, 1836; m. Elizabeth L. Fitzpatrick.

Edward Morse Foster was born in Salem, Oct. 4, 1836, and was educated in Salem’s public schools, and commenced to learn the printing business in the Salem Gazette office. In 1853 he went on a voyage to California, in ship Sunbeam. On arriving in San Francisco he left the vessel and went to the mines. Afterward in various kinds of business until 1876, he returned to Boston, where he entered the Boston Journal office, and remained until machinery drove hand working compositors out, in 1895. He married, in San Francisco, Cal., before his return, Elizabeth L. Fitzpatrick. Res., Jamaica Plains, Mass. Seven children.

9371. SAMUEL WESLEY FOSTER (Samuel E., Samuel E., Robert, Joseph, Samuel, Samuel), b. Chelsea, Mass., Dec. 23, 1830; m. Aug. 5, 1853, Tamson Eldridge Standfield, b. Buckport, Me., Sept. 2, 1836. He secured a situation with the Lowell Manufacturing Company, in 1846, and here was used the first carpet power loom in the world. The company also experimented under direction of Foster & Nowell upon the first self-operating spinning jack. Mr. Foster had charge of this upon the retirement of Mr. Nowell. He was a member of the Lowell brass band, the Lowell brigade band for eight years. When the war broke out he went to the front with the band, and in 1862 met his brother, who had been wounded at Cedar Mountain. Returning from the war he took an active interest in music and the local choral society. He took part in the Peace Jubilee in Boston, in 1869, in which all his brothers and sisters were represented, and the World’s Jubilee, in 1872. For nine years he was director of music of the Shattuck Street Universalist Society, and later, one of the Prudential committee and secretary. He is an I. O. O. F., K. P., Washington Commandery, and in 1870-80 member of the city council. He is highly respected and well to do. Res., 23 Sixth St., Lowell, Mass.

S. W. FOSTER.

9449 1/2. i. GEORGE WESLEY, b. Jan. 7, 1858; d. Oct. 12, 1862.

9450. ii. EDWIN WALLACE, b. Aug. 11, 1863; d. June 23, 1867.

9451. iii. ELLA FRANCES, b. June 11, 1855; m., Oct. 24, 1877, George

9375. FRANCIS ASHBY FOSTER (Samuel E., Samuel E., Robert, Joseph, Samuel, Samuel), b. Ludlow, Vt., Feb. 10, 1837; m., Sept. 3, 1859, Clara A. Knowles, b. Dec. 24, 1837; d. July 18, 1862; m., 2d, Aug. 27, 1864, Mary W. Smart, b. Searsport, Me., June 5, 1840. He is a wheelwright by trade. He resided in Ludlow until his parents moved to Lowell. At the age of fourteen he entered the employ of the Lowell Company, and was soon made overseer. This position he held until 1864, when he resigned and engaged in the lace business on his own account. In this he continued for three years. He then went to Milton, N. H., and in 1868 to North Chelmsford, Mass. In 1870 he engaged in business in South Lawrence, and in 1878 moved to Boston. He was quite a musician, was chorister of the Parker Street Methodist Episcopal church, in Lawrence four years, and secretary of the board of trustees. He was in the famous Sixth Massachusetts regiment band, and with it in its march through Baltimore when attacked by the mob. Returning from there he engaged in the manufacture of cloth at Dedham, Mass., and then engaged in making lace as stated above. He d. May 25, 1893. Res., Hotel Continental, 1323 Washington St., Boston, Mass.


9453. ii. FRANCIS, b. Jan. 18, 1860; unm.

9454. iii. MAUD ANNIE, b. March, 1865; d. April 2, 1866.


9456. v. AMY PINKHAM, b. July 6, 1871; m. in Boston, June 20, 1898, Prof. Clement Ryder. Res., 55 Hawthorn St., Chelsea, Mass.

9376. NATHANIAL DEARBORN PARKER FOSTER, (Samuel E., Samuel E., Robert, Joseph, Samuel, Samuel), b. Feb. 4, 1839, Ludlow, Vt.; m., June 9, 1870, Mary Frances Jaquith, b. Billerica, Nov. 20, 1842; d. Feb. 18, 1895. He was born in Vermont, and when an infant his parents moved to Lowell. He resided with an uncle a few years at South Chelmsford, and in 1855, engaged with his brother-in-law, S. D. Clark, dealer in dry goods and periodicals. In 1858 he went to Billerica and remained until the war broke out. He enlisted April 20, 1861, being the first man to enlist in Billerica, in the company commanded by Captain Abbott, which became a part of Second Massachusetts volunteers under Colonel Gordon. The regiment remained during the winter at Harper's Ferry. The regiment moved south Dec. 4, and reached Frederick Feb. 27. From this time on the command saw active service and participated in many engagements, including Cedar Mountain, Antietam, Chancellorville, Beverly Ford, Gettysburg and with Sherman on his march "from Atlanta to the sea." He was severely wounded in one of the battles and notwithstanding he made several attempts to rejoin his regiment after having been in the hospital, did not succeed for some time afterward. When he did, however, he was not fit for further service and sent to the Veteran Reserve corps at Washington. He returned home in 1864 and re-entered the employ of his old firm. He remained there until 1883 when he went to Boston. He is now in machinery business himself on Hanover street. Res., 51 Bartlett St., Somerville, Mass. Address is 48 Hanover St., Boston.


9381. DUROY SALISBURY FOSTER (Edward, Henry, 'John, 'John,'Edward, Samuel), b. Nov. 9, 1839; m., in 1861, Juliette Shedd, of Burlington. On the night of Sept. 11, 1894, as Duroy was returning from Woburn he was overtaken, within a half mile of his home by three men who demanded his money. One man covered him with a pistol while another went through his pockets. Then jumping into their wagon they drove on toward Billerica. Duroy soon obtained the assistance of two of his neighbors and procuring a team they followed the thieves. The team with one man was found by the side of the road at about a half mile from Billerica Center. The other two men were plundering a man's barn near by.
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Duroy went on to Billerica where he got an officer and they went back to arrest the man. His outriders brought the other men from the barn who immediately began firing. A shot struck Duroy and instantly killed him. The thieves were afterward caught and are now serving a life sentence.

9460. i. ADDIE A., b. Aug. 19, 1861.
9461. ii. JULIETTE E., b. Aug. 12, 1862; m. Herman Grimer; lives on Madison St., Somerville, Mass.
9462. iii. CHARLES L., b. Sept. 26, 1864.
9463. iv. GEORGE H., b. Oct. 22, 1870; m. Mary Hanson; lives in Woburn, Mass.
9465. vi. JOSEPH L., b. May 28, 1875.
9466. vii. DANIEL A., b. Feb. 17, 1877; m. Annie Cox; lives in Burlington.
9467. viii. FLORENCE I., b. Nov. 24, 1878.
9469. x. JOHN F., b. Nov. 3, 1883; d. Feb. 8, 1895.

9470. i. EDITH IRENE COLCORD, b. 1876; m. in 1896, Guy A. Hubbard. Res., Winchester, Mass.
9471. ii. EVERETT CLARENCE, b. in 1883.

9472. i. WALTER EVERETT, b. —.
9473. ii. FRANK RICHARDSON, b. —. He enlisted in First Arkansas, in Cuban war; was in Company C, and d. in service at Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 8, 1898.
9474. iii. FRED WARREN, b. —.
9475. iv. HAROLD ERVIN, b. —.
9476. v. ELLA ELIZABETH, b. —.
9478. vii. DOROTHY BEATRICE, b. —.
9479. viii. PHILIP KENDRICK, b. —.
9480. ix. WESLEY S., b. —; d. June 4, 1897.


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9484. i. WILLIAM HENRY, b. July 13, 1867, at Sandwich, Mass. Present address, St. Paul, Minn.

9485. ii. ELLEN SOULE, b. May 10, 1869, Sandwich, Mass. Present address, Faribault, Minn.

9486. iii. GEORGE FREDERICK, b. Aug. 1, 1871, Faribault, Minn. Present address, Faribault, Minn.

9409. ADRIAN HILLIARD FOSTER (Charles, Henry, Henry, Edward, Edward, Samuel, Samuel), b. Aug. 15, 1839, Sandwich, Mass.; d. April 26, 1868, Ellen B. Coffey, b. May 10, 1844. He lived in Ohio until he was sixteen years old, with the exception of one year in New York State, and then his father's family removed to Rockford, Ill. He lived in Rockford five years with them. He then went to Clifton Springs, New York, in 1863, stayed there until 1867 with the exception of service in the union army. Then he went to Ohio at Green Spring, Sandusky County, and lived there until 1869; then from there he went to Elgin, Ill., and has been there since, nearly twenty-nine years. Has been employed in engineering and iron trade for more than forty years. Res., Elgin, Ill.

9487. i. CHARLES I., b. Aug. 17, 1870; d. Aug. 24, 1870.


9489. iii. H. MARION, b. Nov. 1, 1874.

9490. iv. WILLIAM C., b. July 8, 1877.


9492. i. OLIVE VIRGINIA, b. April 19, 1874; unm. Res., Buckeye and Thirteenth Streets, Terre Haute, Ind.

9493. ii. CHARLES MARTIN, b. July 10, 1870; m. Laura A. Secat.

9430. JUDGE ELEAZER KINGSBURY FOSTER (Eleazer K., Eleazer, Edward, Edward, Edward, Samuel, Samuel), b. New Haven, Conn., Oct. 31, 1842; m., St. Augustine, Fla., Nov. 19, 1874, Mary Gray Benedict. He was graduated at Yale College in 1863; collector of customs in St. Augustine, Fla., in 1866; state's attorney for the Fourth Judicial Circuit, state of Florida, from 1868 to 1871; superintendent of public instruction for the state of Florida in cabinet of governor, W. D. Bloxham, from 1871 to 1873, resigned on account of ill health; judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of the state of Florida from 1885 to June, 1857; resigned on account of ill health; division counsel for the Plant System of railroads at present. Res., Gainesville, Fla.


9495. ii. MARY B., b. —. Res., Gainesville, Fla.

9496. iii. EMMA HARRIS, b. —. Res., Gainesville, Fla.


9497. i. MARGARET CODRINGTON, b. June 2, 1876. Res., N. H.


9501. v. WILLIAM EDWARD, b. April 25, 1887. Res., N. H.


9502. i. PIERREPONT BEERS, b. Dec. 9, 1878. Res., 657 Orange St., N. H.
HON. CHARLES DORRANCE FOSTER (Phineas N., Edward, Edward, William, Edward, Samuel, Samuel), b. Dallas, Pa., Nov. 25, 1836; m., Newark, N. J., Oct. 4, 1865, Mary J. Hoagland. Charles D. is now owner of one of the most extensive farms in Luzerne County, covering an area of over a mile square, lying partly in Jackson and partly in Dallas. Mr. Foster assisted his father in doing the usual work on the farm until he arrived at the age of twenty years, in the meantime attending the district schools during the winter months. At that age he entered Wyoming Seminary at Kingston, Pa., and remained there three years, graduating with the first class. After this he taught the village school in Jackson one year; he also taught school in the State of Illinois for a short time. Returning to his father's farm he remained about a year, after which he entered as a law student the office of Lyman Hakes, of Wilkes Barre, and in due time was admitted to practice as a member of the bar of Luzerne County. Mr. Foster early identified himself with the Republican party, and has labored in a quiet way for the promotion of the principles of that party ever since; he has never sought nor obtained any office in the gift of the people. He was solicited to become a candidate for representative for the Wilkes Barre district in the campaign of 1850, but he preferred the ease of a quiet home to the perplexities of a Pennsylvania legislator, and made no effort to secure the nomination. In 1862 he joined a company of home guards, shouldered a musket, marched with the Pennsylvania militia into Maryland and stood ready to defend the integrity of the commonwealth, within sound of McClelland's and Lee's guns at the bloody field on the banks of Antietam Creek. In 1865 Charles D. Foster married Mary J. Hoagland, a descendant of Dirck Hause Hoagland, who settled at Flatbush, N. Y. In 1862 Dirck married Annie Bergen, widow of Jan. Cleog. He built the first brick house on Manhattan Island. Charles Dorrance Foster obtained the charter for the Wilkes Barre and Kingston Passenger road. He was counsel, secretary, director and president of that road for some time. He was law lecturer of the Wilkes Barre Business College for several years. He is a stock holder in a number of local institutions of the city; has been director for many years of the Wyoming National bank, and delegate to the national and state bankers association. He is an incorporator of the Wilkes Barre and Eastern railroad. Mr. Foster is a Republican in politics and was a delegate to the county convention when he was twenty years old. Has twice been delegate to the state convention; was candidate for legislator in 1882; was defeated, but elected in 1884 in the first district of Luzerne County, comprising the city of Wilkes Barre. In 1888 he came within fifteen votes of being nominated for Congress against General E. S. Osborne. He was nominated for Congress in 1892, by the Republicans, but that being a Democratic year, though he led his ticket, he went down with the rest of it. He is now a prominent business man and lawyer. Mr. Foster's residence is an unpretending one on Franklin street below Market; and, though his business is strictly that of a lawyer with large practice, he takes great pleasure in overseeing and managing his large farm in Jackson and makes frequent visits thither with his fine team of horses; not only as a matter of business, but also to gratify his filial devotion to his aged mother, who still resides at the modest farmhouse, where she has spent the greater part of her long life, and prefers the familiar scenes and objects of her early womanhood to all the wealth and splendor that a city can afford. Res., 17 So. Franklin St., Wilkes Barre, Pa.
NARCISSA FLORENCE, b. ——; m., Dr. Frank Jenkins, son of Rear Admiral Jenkins.

LILLIAN BLANCHE, b. ——; d. June 29, 1888, aged eight years.

ERNEST BENJAMIN FOSTER (Francis A., Samuel E., Samuel E., Robert, Joseph, Samuel, Samuel), b. June 28, 1869, Fairfield, Me.; m. Charlotte, Mass., Jan. 30, 1895. Clara S. Curtis, of Bridgewater, Mass., b. March 12, 1870. Ernest is the only descendant of Samuel E. Foster in the male line, the other descendants being females. Eighty-five years ago there was not living a visible representative of Robert Foster. Through these eighty-five years there were twenty-eight representatives and with the nineteen now living only one is a male, Ernest B. He is a musician. Res., 1323 Washington St., Boston, Mass.


Hubbard A. Foster, M. D., son of Charles and Susan (Hillard) Foster, of Buffalo, N. Y., was born at Adrian, Ohio, November 22, 1847. His parents removed to Rockford, Ill., when he was quite young, where he was educated in the public schools and the High School. While a student at the High School the call to arms was heard and he enlisted in the One Hundred and Thirty-Second Illinois volunteer infantry, remaining until mustered out. At this time he returned to the High School and was graduated with honors in 1866. He then attended Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, remaining until the spring of 1867, when he removed to Buffalo and entered the office of his uncle Dr. Hubbard Foster for the study of medicine. He afterward attended the University of Buffalo for two years continuing his studies and later went to Boston and entered the medical department of Harvard University from which he was graduated in 1871 with the degree of M. D. Returning to Buffalo he began the practice of his profession which he still continues. In 1873 he married Florence A. Jenkins, of East Bridgewater, Mass., and they had two children, Florence Merritt and Henry Hubbard, both of whom were born and educated in Buffalo, graduating from the High School, after which they entered Cornell University, N. Y., and were graduated with the degree of A. B. Res., Third St., St. John's Place, Buffalo, N. Y.

FLORENCE MERRITT, A. B., b. Feb. 27, 1875; was graduated, 1897, at Cornell University, N. Y. Res., Third St., St. John's Place, Buffalo, N. Y.

HENRY HUBBARD, A. B., b. Dec. 3, 1876; graduated Cornell University. Res., Third St., St. John's Place, Buffalo, N. Y.

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9529. vi. ANDREW, b. 1682. 9530. vii. EPHRAIM, b. 1683.
9531. viii. EDWARD, b. 1685. 9532. ix. FRANCIS, b. 1688.

Of these ten sons eight are mentioned in his will. Bartholomew, Jr., resided in Hartford, Conn., in 1694. Samuel and Benjamin resided in Gloucester, and had large families. His estate was probated March 25, 1670; mentions wife Hannah, sons John, Bartholomew, Thomas, Samuel, Ephraim, Edward, and Benjamin.

9535. i. THOMAS, b. about 1702; m. Mary Clark.
9536. ii. TIMOTHY, b. about 1704; m. Thankful Oakley.

9537. THOMAS FOSTER (Edward, John), b. Middletown, Conn., Jan. 10, 1681; m., June 17, 1708, there. Sarah Hubbard; d. March 1, 1756.

Probate records of Middletown, Conn.; vol. i, p. 80-81. Inventory of Edward Foster, late of Middletown, deceased:


All the record I could get in the probate office in Middletown was from the old distribution or inventory paper on file, which the judge read off (the names), and are these as I get them from him: Samuel, youngest son; Mary Lewis, eldest daughter; Sarah Bowden, alias Butler; Hannah Rockwell, daughter; Susannah, youngest daughter. From other sources we learn that his son, Edward, had died, and the two estates were being distributed at the same time. He d. Oct. 12, 1753. Res., Middletown, Conn.

9538. i. MARY, b. March 30, 1709; m. — — Lewis.
9539. ii. SARAH, b. Oct. 1, 1710; m. — — Bowden and — — Butler.
9540. iii. HANNAH, b. March 25, 1712; m. William (?) Rockwell.
9541. iv. EDWARD, b. July 20, 1714; m. Martha Whitmore.
9542. v. DANIEL, b. July 7, 1717; m. Betty Doane.
9543. vi. THOMAS, b. Jan. 1, 1720.
9544. vii. SUSANNAH, b. March 20, 1721; unm. 1753.
9545. viii. SAMUEL, b. Oct. 12, 1723.
9546. i. JEREMIAH, b. Jan. 9, 1730; m. Martha Ward.
9547. ii. JOHN, b. March 28, 1732.
9548. iii. MARY, b. May 5, 1734.
9549. iv. SARAH, b. July 17, 1736.
9550. v. SILAS, b. Aug. 28, 1738.
9551. vi. ESTHER, b. Aug. 24, 1740.
9552. vii. SAMUEL, b. April 21, 1743. He d. at Albany, N. Y., probably a soldier, November, 1760.
9553. viii. MICAH, b. July 2, 1745.
9554. ix. STEPHEN, b. July 22, 1748.
9555. x. LIBBIE, b. July 21, 1750.
9556. xi. ABIAH, b. July 29, 1760.

9534. THOMAS FOSTER (Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 1702; m. in Wallingford, Conn., by Captain Yale, Sept. 2, 1727, Mary Clark, b. 1703. She d. Torrington, Conn., April 5, 1776. He d. — —. Res., Wallingford and Meriden, Conn.
Deacon. THANKFUL, PHEBE, MARGARET, LUCY, I. JOHN, i. 1017. 8. Foster, d. 9562. 1709; b. 9560. 1740; m., Nov. 18, 1762, William Grant. He was son of William and Sarah. He settled on a farm adjoining the “Ministry lot,” in Torrington, near the center of the town, and afterward purchased forty acres of the Torrington part of the “Ministry lot,” where he lived and died. He was born Nov. 27, 1745; d. Vernon, N. Y., September, 1817. She d. Oct. 25, 1777. Ch.: 1. Ira, b. June 30, 1765; d. trom kick of horse, Oct. 16, 1772. 2. William, b. Feb. 20, 1771; m., Jan. 8, 1793, Candace Hills. Res., Vernon, N. Y. 3. Ira, b. Oct. 2, 1773; m., March 10, 1796, Susannah Munsell. Res., Torrington, Conn. Torrington was originally part of the Windsor Patent. Windsor was settled by persons who went from Dorchester, Mass.


LUCY, b. March 28, 1732; m., Nov. 19, 1749, Samuel Jerome.

THOMAS, b. Oct. 14, 1736; m. Elizabeth Berry.

HULDA, b. May 10, 1744.

TIMOTHY FOSTER (Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 1702; m. in Wallingford, Conn., July 5, 1727, Thankful Ackley. Res., Wallingford, Conn.

TIMOTHY, b. April 17, 1728; m. Elizabeth ———.

THANKFUL, b. March 30, 1730.

HANNAH, b. Jan. 17, 1735; m., March 1, 1759, Abel Curtis.


MARGARET, b. April 30, 1736; m. ——— Doolittle.

JOHN, b. Sept. 12, 1737.
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9569. iii. ELIZABETH, b. June 26, 1739; m. — Whaples.
9570. iv. MARY, b. Jan. 11, 1741; m. — Edwards.
9571. v. SAMUEL, b. Oct. 17, 1742, a minor, Isaac Knapp, appointed guardian; Middletown probate.
9572. vi. ESTHER, b. Feb. 22, 1744; m. — Hubbard.
9574. viii. PHEBE, b. May 22, 1747; m. — Treadway.
9575. ix. THOMAS, b. Dec. 31, 1748.
9576. x. HANNAH, b. Sept. 9, 1751; m. — Cunningham.
9577. xi. EDWARD, b. May 23, 1753.
9578. xii. SUSANNAH, b. Jan. 15, 1755; m. — Knapp.
9579. xiii. ANNE, b. Dec. 9, 1756; m. — Knapp.

9541. EDWARD FOSTER (Edward, Edward, John), b. Middletown, Conn., July 20, 1714; m. there, April 28, 1737, Martha Whitmore; about 1762-3 she m., 2d, Jonathan Robbard.

Middletown Probate—We the subscribers being by the Honble. Court of Probate, Held at Hartford, for the District of Hartford, on the 21 Day of April A. D. 1763 appointed to Distribute the estate of Edward Foster, Jun. late of Middletown Deceased, viz. when the Debts and charges are subtracted therefrom to be her own forever, and one third part of the Real Estate of the said Deced, for her improvement during life.

And to Jonathan Foster eldest son of the sd. Deced, a Double Share of the Remainning Estate & to William Foster, Thomas Foster, Jedediah Foster, children of the sd. Deced. a single Share of sd. Estate.


And being also by the Honble. Court of Probate held in Middletown in and for the District of Middletown on the 9th of May A. D. 1763 appointed to Distribute to the sd. Children of the sd. Deced. Such Estate as Comes to them, by the Distribution of the estate of their grand father Mr. Edward Foster, Deced, in the aforesaid Proportion and having taken the oath appointed by law for the purpose aforesaid Have sett out to the sd. Martha Foster, alias Robbard, One third of the small Dwelling House and the Western third part of the half acre of Land where the said (Deced.) or Edwd. Foster last Dwell.

N. B. It appears by the Inventory that there was not moveable Estate sufficient to pay the Debts & charges. (So far copied entire.)

To Jonathan Foster eldest son £240.14.1. Old tenor.
To William Foster second son £245.17.1
To Thomas third son £245.17.1
To Jedediah Foster youngest son £245.17.1


Returned 26 March 1764
Copied from original paper on file.
In Middletown, Conn., graveyard: "Foster—Here Lies The Body of Thomas Foster who Died January ye 14th 1739 aged 4 months and 10 days."

9580. i. JEDEDIAH, b. March 22, 1738; d. March 3, 1739.
9581. ii. JONATHAN, b. Jan. 4, 1740.
9582. iii. WILLIAM, b. March 16, 1744; m. — Seeley and Ruth Bennett.
9583. iv. THOMAS, b. ——.
9584. v. JEDEDIAH, b. ——. "Vol. ii, Middletown records, p. 98: Jonathan Robbard appointed guardian to Jedediah Foster, Nov. 5, 1764."


9546. JEREMIAH FOSTER (John, Edward, John), b. Middletown, Conn., Jan. 9, 1730; m. there, Oct. 24, 1754, Martha Ward. Middletown probate records, vol. i, p. 99. Mrs. Sarah Ward, of Middletown, was by this court appointed administratrix on the estate of Jeremiah Foster, late of Middletown, deceased, July 7, 1758.
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Vol. i, p. 50 of B. M. and Death Records, Middletown: "John Foster, Sr., and Sarah Egleston were married Nov. 14, 1728. Jeremiah, son of John and Sarah Foster, born Jan. 9, 1729-30.

Vol. ii, p. 334: "Jeremiah Foster and Martha Ward were married Oct. 24, 1754. Jeremiah Foster, the son of Jeremiah and Martha Foster, was born Aug. 25, 1755."


9585. i. JEREMIAH, b. Aug. 25, 1755; m. — —.

9562. THOMAS FOSTER (Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. Wallingford, Conn., Oct. 11, 1756; m. there, Feb. 21, 1760, Elizabeth Berry, b. 1738; d. Dec. 1815. Was in the Revolutionary war. He entered the service in the Revolutionary war on Feb. 4, 1778, in Colonel Johnson's regiment of Connecticut; served in Pennsylvania infantry, and wintered at Valley Forge, and was present at battle of Monmouth; wintered with division at Reading; served on east side of Hudson on General Heath's wing during operations of 1779; also served under Col. Charles Webb. For authority see "Connecticut Men of Revolution," pp. 165-527. He d. Oct. 9, 1806. Res., Wallingford, Conn.

9586. i. EUNICE, b. Oct. 7, 1761.

9587. ii. THOMAS, b. Dec. 6, 1763; m. Hannah Yale.

9588. iii. AARON, b. Jan. 4, 1771.

9589. iv. LUCY, b. Nov. 21, 1772.


9591. vi. SARAH, b. April 11, 1777.

9592. vii. MATHEW, b. Sept. 4, 1780; m. Charlotte Preston.

9564. TIMOTHY FOSTER (Timothy, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. Wallingford, Conn., April 17, 1728; m. there, Elizabeth — —.

"Grandfer Tim" who died in 1814, aged ninety-six, served in the French and Indian wars in New England before the Revolution, and also through the Revolution; was a man of nerve and courage. When a young man, a skulking Indian killed his brother while he was feeding the cattle in the barnyard. "Grandfer Tim" said, "Blood! (a favorite expression)—I took my gun and followed that Indian till I saw a bullet hole through him." On an expedition to the north in winter, the company to which he belonged were reduced to starvation, eating their dogs, horses, and even leather, at the same time suffering from extreme cold. An old friend and neighbor of "Grandfer Tim" gave out and declared he would go no further, and sat down to die. "Blood!" said "Grandfer," "I cut a handful of switches and went at him and warmed his jacket for him till his blood boiled." His friend in after years often thanked him for saving his life. In the Revolutionary war the common soldiers often suffered for food. One day "Grandfer Tim" was passing an oven where bread was baked for officers. The baker set his loaves on the table and turned to his oven. The temptation was too great for a hungry man, and seizing a loaf "Grandfer Tim" tucked it under his coat, and kept on his way. Presently a guard overhauled him and asked if he had seen a man with a loaf of bread. The reply was, yes, just gone along; pull on your dog and you'll catch him. "Blood!" said the old man, "the bread burst like thunder, but I got away with it." The old man was pious and devout as well as patriotic. On one occasion his son Giles, then a boy, was staying with his grandfather. The old gentleman was engaged in family prayer when a hog got into the woods and turned over the swill tub. He called out, "Isaac, drive that devilish old sow you have, son," and went on with his prayer. About 1800, Giles Foster removed from Connecticut to New York, Black River country, and took "Grandfer Tim" with him, an active old man. The Indians, although friendly, were very troublesome. One day a drunken Indian came in and lay down on the hearth where the women were cooking. Father, then a young man, came in and ordered him to get up. "Me kill you," was the only reply. Father seized him and as he went out of the door caught a rawhide and gave him a whipping. "'Grandfer Tim,' hearing the row, came out and commenced belaboring him with his cane. When reminded of his age and advised to keep clear he exclaimed, "Blood! I never saw that Indian I was afraid of!" When eighty years old he would handle a vicious colt by seizing it by the hamstring, exclaiming, "Blood! now kick!" The horse standing and trembling. He would also cross the room by laying hold of the joist and going hand over hand suspended. Such was the strength and endurance of an octogenarian. He d. in New York state in 1814. Res., Wallingford, Conn.
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9603. iii. CHARLOTTE, b. in Williamstown, Mass.; married to a man by the name of Beckwith; they had children.

9604. iv. LUCY, b. in Williamstown, Mass., and married a man of Tamage; had two daughters, Harriett and Myra; Harriett married Charles Butler, of Jamestown, N. Y., who died, leaving one son named also Charles Butler, Harriett afterward married a Mr. Bessell of Lancaster, N. Y., and was living there.

9605. v. RHODA, b. in Williamstown, Mass., and married a man by the name of Lampson, near Granville, N. Y.

9606. vi. ELECTA, b. in Williamstown, Mass., and married Dr. Milton Stewart, of Kingston, N. Y. They had three children—Alonzo, Ruth Elvira and Sophia Foster. Alonzo who was a printer, died in Albany, N. Y., while yet a young man. Had one son, name and whereabouts unknown. Ruth Elvira, b. in Williamstown, Mass., m. Alfred Lacy who died, and she married Luman Coe, of Leon, N. Y. Sophia Foster Stewart lived in Kingston, where she was employed as a teacher until her mother died in the year 1838, to the best information I can get. She then went to Canawango to live and married Hanson Jones. They had no children. She died Jan. 29, 1897.

9608. vii. LAURA. She was the youngest child of William Foster, Sr.; was born in Williamstown, May 4, 1792; married to William Hollister, Jr., of Granville, N. Y., Nov. 29, 1814; d. Feb. 10, 1880, at Canawango, N. Y. Four sons were born to them—William H. Hollister, b. Dec. 16, 1815; d. March, 1863. Edward, b. Oct. 22, 1817; d. December, 1841. Norman, b. Nov. 30, 1820; d. Jan. 2, 1822. James H., b. Dec. 10, 1824. All born in Granville, N. Y., In 1841 William Hollister and family moved to Canawango, N. Y. William H. Hollister was married to Mercy Hitchcock, of Homer, Courtland County, N. Y., Sept. 27, 1837, who died Sept. 18, 1839. They had one son, Edward, b. Sept. 13, 1839, and d. Dec. 18, 1840. William H. afterward married Maria Rice, Jan. 7, 1841, who died April 25, 1851. His second wife had two children, Harace Butler, b. May 22, 1844, now living at South Dayton, N. Y. Emma Maria, b. Dec. 7, 1846, and d. June 9, 1848. For his third wife he married Eliza Gordon about the year 1854. To them were born six children. Ida Laura who married Frank Pritchard, died Feb. 7, 1897. Effa S. Rice married James Darling, of Canawango, N. Y. Ella S., who married Frank Harmon, of Lion, N. Y. Lewis H., married Emma Harrison. Etta, who is dead. Alton, unmarried. Edward Hollister was married to Charloth Camp, of Whitestown, N. Y., Oct. 27, 1847, removed to Galesburg, Ill., and afterward to Greeley, Col. He d. at Fort Collins, Col. His wife survived him two years and d. at Denver, Col., where their two daughters, Charlotte and Minnie now live. James Hollister, the youngest son, was married to Cornelia L. Morgan, Dec. 10, 1856. To them were b. five children—Mary Louise, b. April 22, 1849; d. Jan. 18, 1866, Emma Maria, b. Nov. 10, 1855; m. March 9, 1874, to Addison F. Ackley. They have


9569. i. TIMOTHY, b. 1777; m. Nancy Bigelow.


9610. i. ALBERT, b. Nov. 7, 1804; m. Hannah Merriam and Mrs. Adah A. (Camp) Savage.

9611. ii. HOMER, b. April 12, 1806; d. July 1, 1832.

9612. iii. ALMA, b. May 12, 1808; m., Dec. 14, 1831, Samuel Dunham. She d. s. p. Sept. 3, 1852.


9615. vi. ELIZABETH, b. July 13, 1814; m. Henry Butler; d. June 14, 1847.

9616. vii. SUSAN, b. May 17, 1816; m., 1853, Samuel Dunham.

9617. viii. HENRY, b. Sept. 16, 1821; m. Lucy Chapin. He d. s. p.

9594. REV. ISAAC FOSTER (Timothy, Timothy, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. Wallingford, Conn., April 2, 1755; m. —. The Rev. Isaac Foster was pastor of the Congregational church in Great Barrington from 1787 to 1790, afterwards was settled in the ministry at Pittsgrove, N. J., and died there June 2, 1794. He was a native of Wallingford, Conn., born April 21, 1755, and a graduate of Yale College in 1776. Res., Great Barrington, Mass., and Pittsgrove, N. J.

9595. GILES FOSTER (Timothy, Timothy, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. Wallingford, Conn., Dec. 10, 1756; m. there, Nov. 11, 1777, Fanny Cook, d. Turin, Jan. 23, 1821. He moved from Connecticut to New York state in 1800. Giles Foster was the son of Timothy Foster, a Puritan, who could trace his descent back generations to Lord Foster, of Suffolkshire, England. Giles Foster, the grandfather, was also in the Revolutionary war; when sixteen years old, he was in the service of an officer, for which he received a pension until his death, which occurred in 1813, at the advanced age of seventy-six. He d. in Turin, N. Y., Dec. 30, 1843. Res., Wallingford, Conn., and New York.

9618. i. ISAAC, b. Sept. 5, 1790; m. Grace Parsons.

9619. ii. LYMAN, b. March 20, 1793.

9620. iii. SYLVESTER, b. Jan. 20, 1790; m. Abigail Downs.

9621. iv. SALLY, b. Nov. 21, 1778.

9622. v. URSULA, b. July 20, 1781.

9623. vi. CHAUCHEY, b. May 14, 1783.

9624. vii. FANNY, b. Dec. 9, 1785.

9625. viii. JOHNSON, b. March 25, 1788.

9626. ix. GILES, b. March 15, 1797.

9626. i. OZIAS, b. April 19, 1799; m. Margaret Banker.

9627. ii. OZIAS, b. April 19, 1799; m. Margaret Banker.

9602. WILLIAM FOSTER (William, Edward, Edward, Edward, John), b. Williamstown, Mass., April 8, 1782; m., March, 1806, 'at Salina, N. Y., Sophia Averill; d. Granville, N. Y., March 17, 1807; m., 2d, Feb. 11, 1822, Fanny Evans. He lived a widower twelve years and married Fanny Evans at Granville, N. Y., (date unknown), and afterwards moved to Kirtland, Lake County, Ohio. In his early life he was a band teacher and played the clarionet for dancing all his life. He cleared up a farm in Ohio and lived on it until his death, Jan. 13, 1860. Res., Kirtland.
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9628. i. WILLIAM H., b. Jan. 3, 1823; m. Emeline Griffith.

9629. ii. EDWIN D., b. Aug. 19, 1824; m. Eliza J. Hayden.


9631. iv. FANNY L., b. ——; m., Kirtland, Ohio, June 8, 1854, Samuel Evans.


9633. TIMOTHY FOSTER (Jeremiah, Jeremiah, John, Edward, John), b. Williamstown, Mass., 1752; m., in Hartford, Nancy Bigelow, dau. of James, of Hartford, Conn. He was born in Williamstown, Mass., and after reaching his majority went to Hartford, Conn., to live. There he was married to Nancy Bigelow, daughter of James Bigelow. She was one of the most polished and cultivated young ladies in that city. James Bigelow was a physician, and born in 1741; m. Hannah Wadsworth and res. in Hartford. He died in 1774 in West Indies and left quite a property. Letters of administration were granted his brother, John, Feb. 2, 1775, but after John's death the estate was settled by Capt. James Caldwell and Dr. Samuel Flagg as per appointment. Sept. 9, 1782. In 1803, during the middle of the year, he moved to Utica, New York and four years later to Petersboro, Madison County. He was a contractor and builder and erected the second brick building in Utica. Copy of Parker's History of the Second (Hartford, Conn.) church found this as follows:

Were baptized Private—Parents not in Covenant,
Sons of Timothy Foster, Frederick Bigelow, Chauncey Carrier, Henry Allen.
Feb. 27, 1803.

The name of the mother not mentioned. In the land records Timothy Foster appears, 1800; nothing in the Probate Records to indicate his family. Res., Hartford, Conn., and Rome, N. Y.

9635. i. FREDERICK BIGELOW, bapt. Feb. 27, 1803.

9635. ii. CHAUNCEY CARRIER, bapt. Feb. 27, 1803.

9635. iii. HENRY ALLEN, b. May 7, 1800; m. Martha Ann Sherman.

9636. HON. ALBERT FOSTER (Matthew, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. Meriden, Conn., Nov. 7, 1804; m. there, Oct. 10, 1833, Hannah Merriam, b. Dec. 28, 1815; d. May 15, 1850; m., 2d, June 22, 1853, Mrs. Adah A. (Camp) Savage, b. March 22, 1816, widow of William H. Savage. He was one of the founders of the ship of Foster, Merriam & Co., established in 1835. The firm are manufacturers of cabinet, hardware, furniture castors. The original members were John Sutliff, Albert Foster, Nelson Merriam, Hiram Foster. He served several years as representative to state legislature. He always identified himself with the interests of the town (afterward city) of Meriden. In politics he was a Republican. One of the board of selectmen of Meriden for many years. A member for about thirty years of the Congh church. He d. Nov. 21, 1881. Res., Meri- den, Conn.

9636. i. HANNAH MERRIAM, b. Dec. 17, 1834; d. in infancy.

9637. ii. JAMES MATTHEW, b. June 15, 1837; d. in infancy.

9638. iii. ALBERT MERRIAM, b. June 27, 1840; d. in infancy.

9639. iv. LAUREN M., b. April 1, 1843; m. Della Fuller.

9640. v. CHARLES NELSON, b. ; unm. Res., Meriden, Conn.


9642. vii. HANNAH MERRIAM, b. April 30, 1850; d. April 1, 1852.


9648. REV. ISAAC FOSTER (Giles, Timothy, Timothy, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. New Hartford, Conn., Sept. 5, 1790; m. Sacket's Harbor, N. Y., 1812, Grace Parsons, b. Nov. 14, 1792; d. San Jose, Cal., Aug. 12, 1850. Isaac Foster received an education at Lawville Academy and studied law, intending to follow the profession, but in the war of 1812 he engaged in merchandise in Sacket's Harbor. While occupied with his own affairs with a team, he was pressed into the United States service for a time, for which he was entitled to a pension, but never prose-
cuted his claim. In 1812 he married Grace Parsons, dau. of the Rev. Stephen Parsons, founder of many of the Baptist churches of New York; also a Revolutionary soldier. By this marriage there were seven children, five of whom survived him. For some time after his marriage, being an expert penman, he taught writing school, practiced law, and engaged in other business. Among other things he owned a distillery for the manufacture of whisky, but early becoming convinced of the iniquity of the business he abandoned it, together with the use of tobacco, and the remainder of his life was totally temperate. Was president of the first temperance society in the county where he lived—Lewis County, New York. About 1825 he was converted and at once gave up his law business to become a preacher of the gospel. He was also a co-laborer with Garrett Smith, Arthur Tappan and William Lloyd Garrison in the anti-slavery cause. For several years he was settled as pastor of the Presbyterian church in Leyden, N. Y., and also supplied other churches. In 1837 he accepted a mission from the Presbyterian Board of Home missions as a missionary to Illinois. Chicago was then a city of 500 inhabitants. He settled in Plainfield about thirty-five miles south of Chicago. After some years he gave up his mission and engaged in farming. In 1849, he crossed the continent with an ox team, returning home next year by water. In 1852 he recrossed with his family, employing horse and mule teams, and settled for life in San Jose, Cal., where he was for some years city judge in place of a mayor. He and his wife were members of the First Presbyterian church. His wife died in San Jose, Aug. 12, 1859, of dropsy. He also died of dropsy in San Francisco at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Cummings, July 6, 1868, in the seventy-eighth year of his age. They are buried in Oak Hill cemetery, San Jose. Res., New York, Illinois, and California.

1844. i. ISAAC GILES, b. May 9, 1820; m. Roxana Cheney.
1845. ii. VINCENT, b. ——. Res., Los Gatos, Cal.
1846. iii. ARTHUR TAPPAN, b. ——. Res., Paso Roble, Cal.
1848. v. JULIET, b. ——; m. Olmstead. She d. October, 1891, Cambria, Cal. Res., Cambria, Cal.

1849. VI. LYMAN FOSTER (Giles, Timothy, Timothy, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. March 30, 1793; m. ——. He d. ——. Res., Plainfield, Ill.
1850. i. DELOS, b. ——. Res., Plainfield, Ill.

1852. i. WILLIAM RILEY, b. July 5, 1813; m. Harriet Peers.
1853. ii. FRANCIS C., b. ——; m. ——. Dewey, Res., Turin, N. Y.
1854. iii. ALBERT N., b. Sept. 21, 1839; m. Sylvia Hemmingsway.

1858. i. OZIAS, b. March 6, 1819; m. Josephine Davis.
1859. ii. CHARLES GILES, b. Dec. 14, 1821; m. Ada Maria Wilson and Mrs. Mary E. Barton Witherell.
1861. iv. ANGELINE DUNN, b. ——; m., and d. May 30, 1893. Her daughter is Mrs. May Emmett, who resides in Chicago.

1863. i. THEY had seven children.
1864. EDWIN D. FOSTER (William, William, Edward, Edward, Edward, John), b. Granville, N. Y., Aug. 19, 1824; m., Sept. 13, 1848, Eliza J. Hayden, d. May 15, 1885; m., 2d, Feb. 20, 1857, Mary E. Cone. Edwn D. Foster was born in
Granville, N. Y., Aug. 19, 1824. At the age of three years his parents moved to Kirtland, Lake County, Ohio, where he was raised on a farm receiving a common district school education going to school winters and working on the farm summers until he was nineteen years old, when he went to learn the blacksmith trade with one William Phillips, who quit the business in three months afterward. He then went to work for one Henry Merrell, finished the trade with him in two years; then went to Elkhart in 1846 driving a team the whole distance; worked in Elkhart and Goshen one year; returned to Kirtland in 1847; went into business for himself in the same shop in which he learned his trade, and Sept. 13, 1848, was married to Eliza J. Hayden and the same winter moved to Munson, Grange County, Ohio, and opened a blacksmith shop there, and, in 1855, moved back to Kirtland, and, in 1859, moved to Elkhart, Ind., where he engaged in the carriage manufacturing business and worked at that until four years ago, when he was elected justice of the peace in 1894. In 1860 he united with the Masonic fraternity in Karn Lodge, No. 183, F. & A. M.; was a charter member of Eagle Lodge, No. 368, is a past master of Eagle Lodge which has now consolidated with Karn Lodge; was a member of Elkhart Chapter, No. 91, which has since surrendered its charter uniting with Elkhart Commandery, No. 31. Has served as prelate of said commandery for thirteen years in succession except one year he was eminent commander; served Elkhart as marshal two terms. Res., Elkhart, Ind.

1869. i. CHARLES A., b. July 28, 1849; m. Emma Gove.
1869. iii. GEORGE H., b. Oct. 27, 1853; m., Nov. 6, 1878, Mary C. Crull.
1869. iv. FRANK M., b. March 11, 1856; m., June 16, 1898, Alice Birch.
1869. vii. EARL H., b. Oct. 23, 1870; m. Kate Frances.

1895. HON. HENRY ALLEN FOSTER (Timothy, Jeremiah, Jeremiah, John, Edward, John), b. Hartford, Conn., May 7, 1800; m., Rome, N. Y., July 29, 1824, Martha Ann Sherman, b. July 29, 1807. She d. May 31, 1881, ae. seventy-four. Hon. Henry Allen Foster was born in Hartford, Conn. I have not been able to find the record in the clerk's office in Hartford, but I find his baptism with his two brothers in the records of the local church at Hartford, Feb. 27, 1803. During this latter year his parents moved to Utica and four years later to Peterboro, Madison county. While living in Utica he was nearly drowned in the Mohawk at the point where Nail Creek empties. He was with an older brother, who was fishing, and fell into the water. While in Peterboro the Foster family lived next door to the post-office. The mail was carried twice a week between that place and Vernon. The mail carrier was taken sick and unable to do his duty and a substitute was sought.

Young Foster, at that time only eight years of age, asked that he might be permitted to take the carrier's place. His parents were strongly opposed to it. The country was then wild and unsettled. The road between Peterboro and Vernon, a distance of eleven miles, was through the forest and Indians were plenty. The boy was, however, persistent in his desire to be allowed to carry the mail. He said he could do it just as well as anybody, there being nothing but woods and Indians to interfere. So he had his own way about it, and for three months carried the mail. He rode on horseback and carried the mail in a round leather valise which would hold about six quarts, and which was fastened to the saddle. When the young mail carrier reached Vernon on his route the old tavern-keeper would untie the mail bag, exchange the mail and feed the horse, while young Foster was eating his dinner. When he was ready to return the tavern-keeper would tie the mail bag on again and start him off. A few years ago Judge Foster, in alluding to this episode in his career, took pride in the fact that he had been the youngest and could then call himself the oldest United States mail carrier living. Gerrit Smith and Judge Foster were schoolmates while the Foster family lived at Peterboro. In the spring of 1844 he had correspondence with Mr. Smith, who called up the recollections of old times, and, among other things, alluded to Judge Foster's mail-carrying experience. While he lived at Peterboro his father used to send him to Dykeman's grist mill, at Pratt's Hollow, four and a half miles northwest of Peterboro. He carried the grain back and forth in bags across the horse's back. His element-
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Tary education was acquired in the common schools of Peterboro and Cazenovia, and his higher education in the study of the law. He was a close and earnest student, and let no opportunity pass to acquire knowledge. He naturally turned to the law and chose the legal profession for his life work. His brilliant career showed that he chose wisely and well. In 1815 Henry A. Foster began the study of the law in the office of David B. Johnson, of Cazenovia, father of the late D. M. K. Johnson, of Rome. In 1818 he read law in the office of B. Davis Noxon at Onondaga Hill, to which place his father had removed. It was then the county seat of Onondaga County. Mr. Noxon was the father of the late Judge Noxon of Syracuse. Mr. Foster was afterward with Beach & Popple, attorneys and counselors at Oswego. In November, 1819, he came to Rome and entered the law office of James Sherman to complete his studies. At that time, to become an attorney and counselor of the supreme court required a previous course of study of seven years. At the time Mr. Foster came to Rome there were but six lawyers here—Joshua Hathaway, Wheeler Barnes, James Sherman, Samuel Beardsley, S. B. Roberts and B. P. Johnson. The village of Rome contained about 400 inhabitants and was incorporated the spring before. The city of Syracuse was then unknown, there being only a small collection of houses, known as Corinth, on the site of the present city. In those days the oldest and ablest members of the bar practiced in justice court whenever the opportunity offered, and tried cases with all the ability they could command. For a law student to compete with experienced practitioners, it was necessary that he should possess more than ordinary pluck, industry and intelligence. But whenever Mr. Foster was in a law case, even when a student, he was a powerful advocate. In 1822 he was admitted to the bar in the court of common pleas, and three hours after his admission was assigned by the court to defend a person indicted for a second offense of petit larceny. The trial took place before Judges Joshua Hathaway, Truman Enos and Samuel Jones. Samuel Beardsley was district attorney. As the law now is a person convicted of petit larceny for first time is liable to imprisonment in the county jail only, and if convicted of a second offense after the first conviction, the punishment is by imprisonment in the state prison. The statute as it then read provided for punishment, by imprisonment in the state prison, of every person who should be a second time or oftener convicted of petit larceny, without saying (as the law now does) that the second offense must be committed after a conviction for a former theft. The objection was taken by Mr. Foster that his client's alleged crime could not be a state prison offense, as the indictment did not allege nor proofs show that the offense was committed after a previous conviction, but that in fact the conviction was for the second offense; that the intent and spirit of the statute were to work a reformation of the offender by increasing the punishment for offenses committed after a conviction. If this was a state prison offense, he argued that the punishment was greater for the first offense. Mr. Foster and the district attorney argued the question of law to the court. Two of the judges held with the district attorney and the other one with Mr. Foster, and so the case went to the jury. Jurors in those days were considered judges of law as well of facts, and so the counsel argued to the jury as to the construction of the law, hardly touching on the merits of the case as to the guilt or innocence of the accused. The jury took the law into their own hands and on that question acquitted the prisoner. With such a beginning of his professional career, at the age of twenty-two, it may be supposed that Mr. Foster never lacked for clients. A few years later the supreme court gave the construction to the law contended for by Mr. Foster and the Legislature changed.
the law to conform to that decision. This shows the legal acumen of Judge Foster and proves that he possessed a high judicial mind.

Judge Foster's first law partner was Joseph B. Read, the firm being Foster & Read. In 1826, he having attained an eminence position at the bar of this county, upon the request of Hon. Chester Hayden, then one of the leading lawyers in central New York, became his partner, the firm name being Hayden & Foster. This partnership continued until 1839, when Judge Hayden removed to Utica. In 1826, the gubernatorial contest was between DeWitt Clinton and William B. Rochester. Mr. Foster was nominated for the assembly on the Rochester ticket. The Clintonians and Federalists were very strong in the county and the Rochester assembly ticket was defeated. In 1827, Gov. DeWitt Clinton, recognizing in the young attorney the requirements of a keen and learned lawyer, appointed Mr. Foster surrogate of this county. He performed the duties of that office with fidelity and characteristic energy. In 1830 he was nominated by the Democratic party for the office of state senator of this district. The office was then of four years' duration and this senatorial district comprised the counties of Oneida, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Herkimer and Oswego. To represent this district was certainly a flattering pre- ferment for a young man at the age of thirty years. He accepted the nomination tendered him by his party, and was elected by a good majority. He entered upon the discharge of the trust conferred upon him in January, 1831, at the same time resigning his office as surrogate. Nehemiah Huntington, an old lawyer of Madison County, was his opponent. Mr. Foster's majority in Oneida County was 1,400. Mr. Foster was a ready speaker and a sharp debater, and he held high rank in the senate. He was a member of important committees, and in the court for the correction of errors was a valued member. Mr. Foster was trustee of Rome village in 1826-7-8, and supervisor of the town in 1829-30 and 1833-34. In 1832 he was elected president of the Bank of Rome, and continuously held that office up to 1841, when he was compelled to resign by reason of lack of time, owing to the pressure of professional engagements. At the expiration of his senatorial term in 1834, he was again appointed surrogate of this county by Governor Marcy to succeed Alanson Bennett. In 1836 he was chosen to represent this district in Congress, defeating Joshua A. Spencer. He again resigned his office of surrogate. He served in the House of Representatives but one term and refused to be a candidate longer. In the National Congress he was a conspicuous figure. He was a member of the special committee appointed to investigate the alleged frauds of Swartout, the absorbing custom house collector in New York City, and rendered efficient service. In 1837 he was chosen one of the trustees of Hamilton College, and in 1838 he was made a vice president of the American Colonization society, both of which positions he afterward held. For many years he was president of the board of trustees of Hamilton College. In 1830 he was again elected to the state senate. During the senatorial term he was the president pro tempore of the senate, and of the court for the correction of errors. While in the senate during this term Mr. Foster introduced a resolution and secured its passage through both houses of Congress, favoring the modification of the banking privilege and a reduction of the rate of postage, the cost of sending a letter through the mails then being eighteen to twenty-five cents. That was the first legislative action taken on that subject, and Mr. Foster lived to see the reform begun by him carried out. In December, 1844, he resigned to accept the appointment of United States senator to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Silas Wright. He was the senior United States senator, Simon Cameron of Pennsylvania being elected in 1835. The latter, now on a sick bed at Lancaster, Pa., is in his ninety-first year. At the expiration of his term as United States senator, Mr. Foster resumed the practice of law in Rome, and took no active part in politics. In 1848, however, he was one of the state delegates to the national convention which nominated General Cass for President. In 1853 President Pierce tendered him the nomination of United States district attorney for the northern district of New York. The first intimation that Mr. Foster had of his appointment was from the newspapers. He supposed it was the work of William L. Marcy. He felt compelled to decline the proffered honor and Samuel B. Garvin, was appointed. During the war of the rebellion Judge Foster's voice and sympathy were constantly for the union. In 1865 Mr. Foster was elected to the office of supreme court judge of the fifth judicial district on the Republican ticket. During his term of office he resided in Oswego. His term of office expired December 31, 1871, he being disquali- fied to act after that time on account of age. Upon his retirement from the bench, the bar of Oswego County, he having removed his residence to Oswego, passed resolutions highly complimentary and eulogistic of his services. He then came back to
Rome and made this place his home. He continued the practice of law and was actively engaged in that pursuit up to about 1885, when he withdrew from practice. Judge Foster was one of the foremost men in the state and nation during his public career. He was a man of rare ability in his profession, and was looked up to and honored by all who knew him. His fitness for public life and positions of honor and trust has been fully proven by his record. He was a keen observer, a deep thinker, a close student, a logical reasoner, and a man pure and true in every way. He was an ornament to every station that he filled and never gave his constituency cause to blush for him. A man of rugged honesty, he hated shams and deceptions wherever found; and denounced them, too. He was a sharp, pointed writer, and was never backward in attacking any abuse that came under his notice. Error and wrong-doing he was constantly combating. He was the embodiment of accuracy and preciseness, and his memory was very retentive. As an example of his system and punctuality it may be stated that he always came to the Sentinel office to renew his subscription to the paper on the very day that his time ran out. Judge Foster always had the best interests of Rome at heart. It was mainly through his efforts that the Central railroad was run through this place, and he was one of the prime movers in changing the route of the Erie Canal from its old course to its present course. He was a useful man in the world, in every sense of the term, and his example may well be emulated by the young men of the present day. At the age of twenty-four Mr. Foster was married to Miss Martha Sherman, daughter of James Sherman of Rome. Mrs. Foster died in Rome May 31, 1851. Two daughters—Mrs. D. L. Boardman, of Troy, and Mrs. G. H. Lynch, of Rome, survive. Two grandsons (sons of James Foster, deceased) are living in Chicago. Reminiscences of Judge Foster's life would fill a volume. Shortly after he came to Rome he became connected with the One Hundred and Fifty-seventh regiment, the headquarters of which were here. He was made captain in 1822, major in 1823, and lieutenant-colonel in 1824. He used to say there was something singular about his joining the militia. He was liable to military duty, but had never been enrolled and not bound to equip in less than six months after enrollment. He was quite intimate with Captain Welsh, who had charge of the United States arsenal. In 1822 he was trying a case before Squire Leonard, who was captain of militia. While the case was proceeding Dr. H. H. Pope entered and told Mr. Foster that he was wanted at the hotel; that he had been elected captain of the militia in spite of the fact that Captain Leonard had been there twice electioneering against him. Mr. Foster said he supposed it was through Dr. Pope that he was made captain. His commission did not come and it was necessary to get the company out for training. Captain Foster warned every man in the company that he had not received his commission, but hoped they would attend. One hundred men paraded. Captain Leonard passed the squad and told them they were under no obligation to train, but not a man left the ranks. In the fall of 1820 Mr. Foster enlisted in a fire company and was the last survivor of the company. It was Judge Foster's proud boast that he never asked a man to vote for him for any office in the world. He said that all the expense attached to running for office in early days was the political assessment. There were no side disbursements. It was considered disreputable for a candidate to make an effort in his own behalf. It would do for a man to run a little ahead in his own neighborhood. When elected to the legislature the first time, his outlay was $20. His congressional expenses were $36 for one canvass and $30 for the other. In old times Judge Foster was one of the hardest of "hard shell" Democrats. In later years he said, though he had been elected to a judicial office on the Republican ticket he had never been anything but a Democrat. Judge Foster was the last of the old "Albany Regency" of Democrats, of which he had been the spokesman and leader. He was also the oldest state senator. He was the last survivor of the class of twenty-nine lawyers who were admitted when he was.—Sentinel. He d. May 11, 1859. Res., Rome, N. Y.

9667. i. JAMES II., b. July, 1831; m., Matilda A. Hart.


9639. REV. LAUREN MATHEW FOSTER (Albert, Mathew, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. Meriden, Conn., April 1, 1843; m. in Wausau, Wis., Aug. 10, 1860, Della A. Fuller, b. June 15, 1860. He graduated from Yale Theological Seminary in 1871; preached in Wisconsin and Illinois (part of the time in Home Missionary service) for twenty-five years; at Hudson and Grand Rapids, Wis., four years each; at Poplar Grove, Ill., eleven years. Res., Poplar Grove, Ill., and Tehama, Cal.

9670. i. MILDRED FULLER, b. May 8, 1881.

9671. ii. ALBERT MINER, b. Aug. 28, 1885.

9672. iii. FRANK LAUREN, b. Aug. 25, 1889.


9674. v. EVA DELLA, b. June 18, 1894.

9641. ISAAC GILES FOSTER (Isaac, Giles, Timothy, Timothy, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. Turin, N. Y., May 9, 1820; m. Plainfield, Ill., in 1847, Roxanna Cheney, of N. H., b. April 2, 1818. She was born in Grafton, N. H., in 1818. Her grandparents on both sides were pioneers of the old Granite State, going from Massachusetts with their parents when they were only boys. Her grandfather on her father's side was a Scotchman, by the name of Cheney. On her mother's side was English, by the name of Ball. He was a pure Johnnie Bull. He came to the town of Groton, N. H., when a boy and the country a wilderness, but lived to see it quite prosperous. He owned the first mill, and did almost all the business that was carried on; was called wealthy, but by some misfortune (a flood carried away his mill, and fire consumed his store and house) he was left in his old age poor. We remember the fine old man, tall and corpulent; when I last saw him he came to bid her mother goodbye; he was going to Pepperhill, Mass.; for he was too proud to live in the town poor, where he had once been so rich. Roxanna's grandfather Cheney, lived on the farm he first settled on, until he died, at the age of eighty-six years. Her father, David Cheney, was eleven years old when his father first settled on the farm, and he worked with him until he became of age, when his father gave the farm to him, and he lived on it until his death, and all of his children were born and reared there. He died at the age of eighty years. Roxanna was next to the youngest child; so the orchard was old, the school house was old, and in fact everything but the daughter was old. The meeting house (for they were not then called churches) was quite a large building; it was on top of a hill so they had to climb to get up to it. They put it up there to have it in a conspicuous place, where every one could see it, to bear in mind the lessons taught there. They were the old Puritan stock. Every Sunday they all climbed the hill to attend meeting at ten o'clock; took their lunch; had a recess to eat it; then had more services; then went home. Her father was chosen, or elected, a representative to the State Legislature, which met in Concord, then, as now, the capitol. He boarded with Franklin Pierce, who was then a representative from the town of Hillsborough. His father was the governor of New Hampshire. He was quite young at that time. He was always trying to do something cunning or smart. Once he borrowed her father's snuff box and put cayenne pepper in it; told her father and other boarders to pretend to take some; when he passed it around; but a certain one he wanted to play the joke on, he did not let into the secret. This person was very fond of snuff when others furnished it. Pierce passed the box around to the others first, and when he came to the one he wanted to have a good snuff he became very talkative. The victim took a very large pinch and carried it to his nose, sniffed hard, and the result can be imagined. They were married June 26, 1845, at Joliet, Ill., and commenced on a new farm, three miles from and north of Pepperill, where they lived four years. Eugene P., the eldest, was born there, April 4, 1848. The winter and spring of 1849 was an exciting time, because of the discovery of gold in California. Nothing else was talked about, but gold in California. Every newspaper was read and talked over; very little that was reliable was yet known; most every one doubted the whole story. Not so with the Fosters; they made up their minds it was true, accordingly they made arrangements to go
and see for themselves. The 1st of March, 1849, everything was in readiness to start. Her husband's father, his younger brother, Vincent, and himself, comprised the party, and of this trip reference is had to the journal of Isaac Foster. Her husband was gone two years and two months, and returned by the Isthmus of Panama, which they crossed on mules and took steamer for New York and New Orleans, according to several destinations. Mr. and Mrs. Foster, however, decided to locate in California, which they did about 1853, and resided there ever since. He d. September, 1880. Res., Plainfield, Ill., and San Francisco, Cal.

9675. i. EUGENE PRESTON, b. April 4, 1818; m. Orpha Woods.

9676. ii. LUCY, b. April 1, 1853; m. Joseph Sexton. Res., Goleta, Cal.

9677. iii. FRED ALBERT, b. July 9, 1854; m. Mary F. Nichols.


9680. ii. JOHN STRONG, b. April 7, 1815; m. Caroline Oakley.

9681. iii. JAMES PEERS, b. Aug. 31, 1818; m. —.


9682. i. HARRIET E., b. March 20, 1837; d. Nov. 1, 1822.


9686. v. S. OLIN, b. July 10, 1852; m. Lilian Litchfield.

9654. OZIAS FOSTER (Ozias, Ozias, Timothy, Timothy, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. Hammond, N. Y., March 6, 1819; m., in Parme, N. Y., May 18, 1843, Josephine Davis, b. Feb. 26, 1826. He is a farmer. He d. April 5, 1898. Res., Greece, N. Y.


9689. iii. OZIAS (twin), b. May 23, 1850; d. Sept. 10, 1852.


9691. v. JOSEPHINE, b. Aug. 6, 1851.

9692. vi. FRANK, b. Sept. 22, 1853.

9693. vii. GLENWORTH D., b. Aug. 9, 1859.

9694. viii. EMELINE L., b. March 21, 1861.

9695. ix. NETTIE D., b. Oct. 21, 1863.

9696. x. EUGENE, b. June 7, 1860.

The above children were married as follows:

Martha A. Foster, in Greece, Dec. 23, 1860.

Samuel D. Foster, in Michigan, July 1, 1875.

Frank Foster, Dec. 24, 1875.

Emma L. Foster, in Greece, Feb. 3, 1880.

Nettie D. Foster, in Greece, Nov. 18, 1880.


9655. CHARLES GILES FOSTER (Ozias, Ozias, Timothy, Timothy, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. Hammond, N. Y., Dec. 14, 1821; m., in Troy, N. Y., Nov. 22, 1842, Ada Marie Wilson, b. March 23, 1821; m., 2d, in Goshen, Ind., Oct. 11, 1871, Mrs. Mary E. Barton Withrell. He has been a printer, editor, publisher, and for a number of years past in the advertising business. Res., 11 Waverly Place, Chicago, III.

9697. i. EMMA FRANCES, b. Nov. 27, 1847. Lives in a hotel, New York City.

9701. v. ALVIN HULBERT, b. Sept. 1, 1865; m. Res., 718 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo.

9702. i. CHARLES E., b. May 16, 1870.
9703. ii. EARNEST S., b. Oct. 12, 1878.

9704. i. MINNIE, b. May 19, 1882.
9705. ii. HAZELL, b. June 27, 1887.
9706. iii. MYRTLE, b. Dec. 1, 1889.
9707. iv. NINA, b. May 1, 1893.
9708. v. FLOYD, b. Aug. 21, 1885.

9709. i. GLADYS, b. —

9667. JAMES HENRY FOSTER (Henry A., Timothy, Jeremiah, Jeremiah, John, Edward, John), b. Rome, N. Y., July 24, 1831; m., in Chicago, May 1, 1857, Matilda Augusta Hart, b. Sept. 16, 1837. He was b. in Rome, N. Y., where his father was the leading lawyer in that section, and member of Congress. He was educated there and identified with the railway interests at an early day. He came to Chicago on the first train of cars into the city, over the Michigan Southern Railway, accompanying the officials on their initial trip. Soon after this he engaged in the dry goods business in Chicago, the firm being Ross & Foster. It was then, 1855, the largest dry goods house in the West. He continued in this line until 1868, when he retired and was succeeded by Ross & Gossage, Charles Gossage, and Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co. He went to New York in 1881, and resided there until his death, Oct. 11, 1885. Res., Chicago, Ill., and Rome, N. Y.
9710. i. RICHARD SHERMAN, b. Jan. 25, 1858; unm.; is connected with Marshall Field & Co., 104 Worth St., New York, N. Y.
9711. ii. HENRY A., b. Winona, Minn., Jan. 12, 1858; m., Feb. 15, 1893, Emma Bancroft, b. Feb. 14, 1864. Ch.: i. Henry A., Jr., b. Jan. 4, 1893. Is a lawyer. Res., Chicago; office, 310, 100 Washington St. Henry Allen Foster was born in Winona, Minn., where his parents were at that time on a visit. His father was interested in the lumber business quite extensively with Hon. William Windom, afterward secretary of the United States Treasury. He was educated at the public schools in Chicago, at the Racine, Wis., grammar school; Oswego, N. Y., high school, and the
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Collegiate Institute, at Gait, Ontario, at which latter place he remained for four years, completing his education at the Toronto University, from which institution he was graduated. Returning to Chicago he entered the law office of Gardner & Schuyler, and was admitted to the bar in 1880. May 1, 1881, he formed a partnership with Nathaniel C. Sears, Sears & Foster, which continued until 1886. His partner having been elected judge on the circuit bench, and later nominated by the Republicans as their candidate for mayor. Mr. Foster was appointed by Judge Knickerbocker, assistant judge of the probate court and continued as such under Judge Kohlsaat until 1894, when he resigned to again practice law. His office is at 100 Washington St., room 301.

9712. iii. MARION LOUISE, b. April 10, 1871; d. Sept. 8, 1872.


9713. i. ORPHA W., b. June 9, 1875.

9714. ii. GRACE, b. July 30, 1878.

9715. iii. EDITH, b. July 11, 1881.

9716. iv. IDA, b. May 31, 1885.

9717. v. MILDRED, b. July 9, 1892.

9718. vi. EUGENE C., b. Nov. 28, 1896.

They have lost three boys and one girl, all of whom died when infants.

9717. FRED ALBERT FOSTER (Isaac G., Isaac, Giles, Timothy, Timothy, Thomas, John), b. Utah, July 9, 1854; m., Santa Barbour County, California, March 16, 1876, Mary F. Nichols. Res., Hueneme, Cal.

9719. i. JESSE D., b. ——.

9720. ii. STELLA, b. ——.

9721. iii. ROXANA, b. ——.

9722. iv. NORA, b. ——.

9723. iv. HAROLD, b. ——.

9724. vi. ELOISE, b. ——.

9718. vi. MILDRED, b. July 9, 1892.

9725. i. JAY STANLEY, b. April 23, 1877.

9726. i. GEORGE H., b. ——.

9727. ii. HOWARD P., b. ——.

9728. i. VIVIEN L., b. April 27, 1892.
ANDREW FOSTER, OF ANDOVER.


Of Andrew Foster very little is known, excepting that he was made a freeman in 1669; had wife, Ann, and several children. He died at the extreme age of one hundred and six, leaving property amounting to £534. Savage, in his Gen. Dict., doubts the age of Andrew by a score of years, but for this I can see no reason. In the court files for 1653 I find that Andrew Foster, in respect of age and other infirmities is released from the training.

Andrew Forrester, or Forster, of Andover, with his neighbors, Andrew Allen and Joseph Russell, were all members of the Scotch Charitable Association, once the St. Andrews Society, formed in Boston as early as 1650, to aid the war prisoners of Cromwell’s fights and other unfortunatees from Virginia and along the shore who used to walk to Boston to get a passage home.—Miss Abbott.

Andrew was no doubt married twice, both times in England. As he was born in 1579 he probably married in 1604-9, and undoubtedly had a good-sized family. His second marriage was not far from 1639. He was seventy-three years of age when his youngest child was born. He left his wife a very pleasant and comfortable home by Rogers’ Brook.

The name of Andrew Foster, of Andover, appears in the list of first settlers who came about 1640. There are twelve items of grants to him. Only one is dated, a grant of two acres “on the west side of Shawshen River, 10th of July, (16)82.” The first grant, a house lot, was probably among those of the first settlers on Cochicke-wick Brook, between the Great Pond and the Merrimack River.” His first two items read thus:

“Impt. Granted to Andrew Foster a five acre houseallot Bounded on ye north with ye land of John Lovejoy—on ye west and south with ye land of Thomas Rowell and mine stone land and on ye east by Street.” It granted an acre to build on; bounded on ye north ye land of John Lovejoy and ye fence on ye south and west.

A study of the grants named Lovejoy’s, Rowell’s and Foster’s reveals no hint of the locality—what part of the town. His grants, as a whole, appear to be widely scattered in different parts of the town. Most of them, however, were in the extreme southerly corner, near Wilmington, and around Foster’s Pond, which was named for him no doubt. We do not find him in official station, simply because he was located so far from the town center—from town offices. The probate inventory of his estate shows him a diligent man, a good citizen. His will exhibits his Christian spirit and submission. He was made freeman in 1669. His will is dated April 18, 1685. In it he speaks of himself as “very aged,” and names his wife, Ann, his executrix. He died in Andover, May 7, 1685, and the town record reads, “aged one hundred and six years.” His will was proved June 30, 1685. He is thought by one of the Andover historians to have been, at death, more than a score of years younger. He could hardly have been so old, unless there was a great disparity in the ages of himself and wife, which, to be sure, very often occurs. His wife died Dec. 3, 1692. His will says:

I give my soul into the hands of my blessed Lord Jesus Christ who has purchased the same with his precious blood and my body I leave to my relatives and friends to be decently interred by them. I give into my eldest son Andrew Foster besides the five acres of meadow I have formerly given him four acres of meadow more or less lying at the southeast end of my home meadow which I formerly bought of Andrew Allen lying without the meadow which was fenced and five
acres of swamp land lying near his house Also I give into him forty acres of land be the same more or less called by the name of polehill ground and one acre of land in Cocheheck field.

I give my daughter Sarah besides what she hath already of me two sheep. To my daughter Hannah I have given her portion already. To my daughter Mary I give twenty acres of land lying in Shawshen field lying near the land called Copers (?) land.

To his "deare and Loving wife Ann Foster" he gave the end of the house they occupied three cows, twelve sheep and his household goods for her disposal at death among his children and Abraham, "my family of acknowledged acres of upland, with all the meadow adjoining or near adjoining," also the house and home-lot and orchard, and all the land adjoining and the remainder of the home meadow bought of Andrew Allen, and remainder of his stock. Abraham was, during the natural life of his mother, to winter her cows and sheep, to deliver her half the "corn English and Indian grown upon the home-lott thresed and winnowed," half the fruit of the orchard made into "sydar," and sufficient firewood. He named his living wife, Ann Foster, "executive," and his son, Abraham, executor. His will was signed with "the mark of Andrew Foster," and is witnessed by Thomas and William Chandler. It is recorded in Probate records 302; 136. It was proved June 30, 1685.

The probate inventory of his estate was made April 12, 1685, by Thomas and William Chandler thus:

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Mrs. Ann Foster was the executrix of her husband's will. She was in court June 30, 1685, and made oath to the inventory of her husband's estate. She attended to the probate in person, and of course understood the methods and the reason of the law. She had business experience, and was certainly a woman of acknowledged integrity and of average capacity and ability. Nevertheless, seven years later, she was accused, tried and condemned as a witch. Her case, with others, is spread upon pages 199-219 of Miss Bailey's excellent History of Andover. Miss Bailey says: "Several women who confessed, accused Martha Carrier as the cause of their being led into witchcraft. Three of them were Ann Foster, her daughter, Mary Lacey, and her granddaughter, Mary Lacey, Jr. Ann Foster said she rode on a stick with Martha Carrier to Salem Village (now Danvers); that the stick broke, and she saved herself by clinging around Martha Carrier's neck. She said they met three hundred witches at Salem Village. The story was confirmed by the daughter and granddaughter." The history comments further: "Ann Foster, however, was not hanged, having died in prison before the law could take its course. She was an aged woman, a widow, without friends of influence to give aid in her distress. She was evidently weak in mind and body, and was ready at the trial to confess almost anything, and believed everything which was suggested against them. Indeed, some of these women had been so long used to contemplate their natural and acquired depravity, in its most aggravated forms, that some of the sensitive and self-accusing were ready, even in ordinary religious meditations, to regard themselves as guilty of a most all sin, believing literally that 'he that offendeth in one point is guilty of all.' The piety of Ann Foster is especially spoken of by her sons, and there can be little doubt that she was led to charge herself with the sin of witchcraft in all sincerity and contrition." A broken down old woman, in her deceptitude and weakness, torn from her quiet home, brought a long journey to prison and a court room, accused of blaspheming her God and forsaking her Saviour—what wonder if she sank and died under such a weight of miseries. She was four times examined—July 15th, 16th, 18th and 21st. It is pitiful to think of this poor, tottering, feeble creature, dragged again and again before her accusers, and finally dismissed to the sheriff to be taken care of as guilty. Miss Bailey thinks Mrs. Foster "overdid in confession." She confessed that she had bewitched a hog of John Lovejoy; caused the death of one of Andrew Allen's children; made another child sick, and 'hurt' Timothy Swan. She said 'her manner of hurting was to make images (called in the records 'poppets') of the persons with rags and stick pins in them, or tye knots in the rags, or burn them in the fire. The persons whom these images were made to represent would suffer whenever she pinched or burned or pricked the poppet.' "

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The daughter accused the mother of bewitching her, but this the mother would not confess.
Examinations and confessions of Ann Foster, her daughter, Mary Lacey, and her granddaughter, Mary Lacey, Jr., July 21, 1692, before Major Gidney, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Corwin and Captain Higginson for witchcraft:

Question. Goody Foster, you remember we have three times spoken with you, and do you now remember what you confessed to us? You have been engaged in very great wickedness, and some have been left to hardiness of heart to deny, but it seems that God will give you more favor than others, inasmuch as you relent. But your daughter here hath confessed some things that you did not tell us of. Your daughter was with you and Goody Carrier when you did ride upon the stick. Answer. I did not know it.
Q. How long have you known your daughter to be engaged? A. I cannot tell, nor have I any knowledge of it at all.
Q. Did you see your daughter at the meeting? A. No.
Q. Your daughter said she was at the witches' meeting, and that you yourself stood at a distance off, and did not partake at that meeting, and you said so also. Give us a relation from the beginning until now. A. I know none of their names that were there, but only Goody Carrier.
Q. Would you know their faces if you saw them? A. I cannot tell.
Q. Were there not two companies in the field at the same time? A. I remember no more. Mary Warren, one of the afflicted, said that Goody Carrier's shape told her that Goody Foster had made her daughter a witch.
Q. Do not you acknowledge that you did so about thirteen years ago? A. No; and I know no more of my daughter's being a witch than what day I shall die upon.
Q. Are you willing your daughter should make a full and free confession? A. Yes.
Q. Are you willing to do so, too? A. Yes.
Q. You cannot expect peace of conscience without a free confession. A. If I knew anything more I would speak it to the utmost. Goody Lacey, the daughter, called in, began thus: Oh! mother! how do you do? We have left Christ, and the devil hath got hold of us. How shall I get rid of this evil one? I desire God to break my rocky heart, that I may get the victory this time.
Q. Goody Foster, you cannot get rid of this snare; your heart and mouth is not open. A. I did not see the devil. I was praying to the Lord.
Q. What Lord? A. To God.
Q. What God do the witches pray to? A. I cannot tell; the Lord help me.
Q. Goody Lacey, had you no discourse with your mother when riding? A. No. I think I had not a word.
Q. Who rode foremost on that stick to the village? A. I suppose my mother. Goody Foster said that Goody Carrier was foremost.
Q. Goody Lacey, how many years ago since they were baptized? A. Three or four years ago, I suppose.
Q. Who baptized them? A. The old serpent.
Q. How did he do it? A. He dipped their heads in the water, saying they were his, and that he had power over them.
Q. Where was this? A. At Fall's river.
Q. How many were baptized that day? A. Some of the chief; I think there were six baptized.
Q. Name them. A. I think they were of the higher powers.
Mary, Lacey, the granddaughter, was brought in and Mary Warren fell into violent fit.
Q. How dare you come in here and bring the devil with you, to afflict these poor creatures?
Lacey laid her hand on Warren's arm, and she recovered from her fit.
Q. You are here accused of practicing witchcraft upon Goody Ballard; which way do you do it? A. I cannot tell. Where is my mother that made me a witch, and I knew it not?
Q. Can you look upon that maid, Mary Warren, and not hurt her? Look upon her in a friendly way. She, trying to do so, struck her down with her eyes.
Q. Do you acknowledge now you are a witch? A. Yes.
Q. How long have you been a witch? A. Not above a week.
Q. Did the devil appear to you? A. Yes.
Q. In what shape? A. In the shape of a horse.
Q. What did he say to you? A. He bid me not to be afraid of anything, and he would not bring me out; but he has proved a liar from the beginning.
Q. When was this? A. I know not, above a week.
Q. Did you set your hand to the book? A. No.
Q. Did he bid you worship him? A. Yes; he bid me also afflic tor observers. You are now in the way to obtain mercy, if you will confess and repent. She said, the Lord help me.
Q. Do you not desire to be saved by Christ? A. Yes. Then you must confess freely what you know in this matter.
She then proceeded: I was in bed, and the devil came to me, and bid me obey him, and I should want for nothing, and he would not bring me out.
Q. But how long ago? A. A little more than a year.
Q. Was that the first time? A. Yes.
Q. How long was you gone from your father when you ran away? A. Two days.
Q. Where had you your food? A. At John Stone's.
Q. Did the devil go to you then, when you were abroad? A. No; but he put such thoughts in my mind as not to obey my parents.
Q. Who did the devil bid you afflic tor? A. Timothy Swan. Richard Carrier comes often a-night and has me to afflic tor persons.
Q. Where do ye go? A. To Goody Ballard's sometimes.
Q. How many of you were there at a time? A. Richard Carrier and his mother, and my mother and grandmother.
Upon reading over the confession so far, Goody Lacey, the mother, owned this last particular.
Q. How many more witches are there in Andover? A. I know no more, but Richard Carrier.

About a score of years thereafter, upon petition, the State made some return to the children of the unfortunate victims. Ann Foster's son's petition is as follows: To the Honorable committee now sitting at Salem:
Whereas my mother Ann Foster of Andover suffered imprisonment 21 weeks, and upon her Tryall was condemned for supposed witchcraft upon such evidence as is now Generally thought Insufficient and died in prison, I being well persuaded of my mother's innocence of the crime for which she was condemned, I humbly desire that the attender may be taken off. The charges and expenses for my mother during her imprisonment is as follows: The money which I was forced to pay the keeper before I could have the dead body of my mother to bury her was £12 10s. money and provisions expended while she was in prison, £4. Total expense, £16 10s.

This sum of money the petitioner received, and also his sister, Mary Lacey, £18 10s., on petition and by order of her husband, Lawrence Lacey.

Twenty years before the death of Ann Foster, in Salem, a namesake was arraigned and tried in England for the same offense. The proceedings of the trial have been published, and a copy is in the British Museum. The work was published in 1674 under the title of "Anne Foster; a Full and True Relation of the Tryal, Condemnation, and Execution of A. F., who was arraigned for a Witch, Aug. 22, 1674, at Northampton, &c., London, 1674-40."


9730. i. ANDREW, b. abt. 1640; m., Mary Russe.
9731. ii. ABRAHAM, b. abt. 1648; m. Ester Foster, dau. of Deacon Samuel, of Chelmsford.
9733. iv. HANNAH, b. — ; m., Oct. 15, 1667, Hugh Stone. The termination of one wedding contract of old Andover was tragic. "In 1689 d. Hannah wife of Hugh — , murdered by her husband April 2, 1689."

In respect to this Savage's genealogy says: "Hugh Stone, Andover; m., Oct. 15, 1667, Hannah Foster perhaps died, of Andover; had John, b. 1668, others ... from the records we find the death of his wife, April 2, 1689, murdered by her husband, whence it is safe to conclude that he was insane."
Cotton Mather, in the Magnalia, gives a detailed account of the execution of one of this name, undoubtedly the same man, for murdering his wife, and says that the particulars were told him by a minister, who attended the prisoner on the scaffold. Although such details are not ordinarily pleasant, or profitable, still, forming as this does, a part of the famous Magnalia of Mather, it cannot properly be passed by. The account here presented is much abbreviated.

"One Hugh Stone upon a Quarrel between himself and his wife about selling a piece of Land having some Words as they were walking together on a certain evening very barbarously reached a stroke at her Throat with a sharp knife and by that one stroke fetched away the soul of her who had made him a father of several children and would have brought yet another to him if she had lived a few weeks longer in the world. The wretched man was too soon surprised by his Neighbors to be capable of denying that Fact and so he pleaded Guilty upon his Tryal. There was a minister that walked with him to his execution; and I shall repeat the Principall Passages of the Discourse between them in which the Reader may find or make something useful to himself, whatever it were to the Poor man who was more immediately concerned in it."

The conversation of the minister with him on the scaffold is repeated, in which he inquires if the prisoner is now prepared to stand before the tribunal of God, and on receiving an answer that he having repented of his sin, hopes that he is, the clergyman examined him still further to ascertain whether he had repented of the sin of Adam, for which said he you "deserved to be destroyed as soon as you first came into this world." The prisoner seeming to have doubts or not to be quite clear on this point, the minister instructed him, and demonstrated that he had broken every commandment of the decalogue. Going on to inquire what led to this commission of murder, the prisoner made answer: "It was contention in my family. I had been used to something of religion, and I was once careful about worship of God, not only with my family, but in secret also. But upon contention between me and my wife, I left off the ways of God, and you see what I am come to."

The prisoner from the scaffold made an address to the company: "Young men and maids, observe the Rule of Obedience to your Parents, and Servants to your Masters, according to the Will of God and to do the will of your Masters. If you take up wicked ways, you set open a Gate to sins to lead in bigger afterwards. Thou canst not do anything but God will see thee, though thou thinkest thou shalt not be caught. O, young woman that is married, and young man, look on me here! Be sure in that solemn engagement you are obliged to one another. Marriage is an ordinance of God; have a care of breaking that bond of Marriage Union. If the Husband provoke his wife and cause a Difference, he sins against God, and so does she in such carriage; for she is bound to be an obedient wife. O, you Parents that give your children in Marriage remember what I have to say. You must take notice when you give them in marriage, you give them freely to the Lord. . . . Here is this murderer; look upon him, and see how many are come with eyes to behold this man that abhors himself before God. . . . There are here a great many young people, and O, Lord, that they may be thy servants. . . . I will tell you that I wish I never had had the opportunity to do such a murder. If you say when a person has provoked you 'I will kill him,' tis a thousand to one, but the next time you will do it."

He then intimates that it was under the effect of strong drink that he gave way to his passion: "When thou hast thy head full of drink, remembrances of God is out of thy heart. I have cause to cry out and be ashamed of it. That I am guilty of it because
I gave way to that sin more than any other, and then God did leave me to practice wickedness and to murder that dear woman whom I should have taken a great deal of contentment in, which if I had done, I should not have here to suffer this death."

The author of the "Magnalia" adds this brief description of the melancholy end of the life of this first murderer in Andover: "After this he was the prayers of a minister, then present, recommended unto the divine mercy, which being done, the poor man poured out a few broken ejaculations, in the midst of which he was turned over into the Eternity, which we leave him in."


MARY, b. July 9, 1652; m., Aug. 5, 1673, Lawrence Lacey. She confessed herself a witch, and was condemned. She said the devil had carried her in his arms to Newbury Falls, and there he had baptized some of the "hyphen powers." Mary died June 18, 1707.

Miss Abbott is quite sure that Lawrence is the scion of a house of non-producers. He loved his gun and visit of his neighbors too well. The church, during his later years, labored with him to get him to prove his time to better advantage. The estate belonging to the next generation shows him in comfortable circumstances, so Mary was probably a good manager.

At his death he left his watch to his sister, Dorothy Farnum; to his sister-in-law, Ann, £6, and to the Farnum and Lacey nephews his various shot guns and lands in Groton to pay funeral expenses. He may have died in Groton, where his daughter, Sara, went, pub. to Samuel Kemp, of Groton, Feb. 12, 1713, probably her cousin, son of Sara above. His son, Lawrence, owned land in Groton that was left to his sister, Dorothy Farnum, and the wife of his brother, Ephraim. He sells land in Andover at a later date, before 1720, of Andover, and after 1713, and his son, Lawrence, Jr., is a witness; died before 1722(?), or was off Andover lists.

9730. ANDREW FOSTER (Andrew), b. Andover, Mass., about 1630; m., June 7, 1662, Mary Russe, dau. of John and Margaret, of Andover. She d. April 19, 1721. He was made freeman in 1690. His wife died April 19, 1721. His son, Abraham, was appointed administrator of his estate June 14, 1697, the probate inventory of which was made Aug. 27, 1697, by Thomas Chandler and Andrew Peeters, thus:

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<td>It. 20 acres of Robbish pasture adjoining ye same</td>
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Andrew, Jr., only survived his mother five years. He was a neighbor of his brother-in-law, John Russe, whose estate lay along Abbott Village Hill. He d. in May, 1697. Res., Andover, Mass.

9735. i. ABRAHAM, b. May 25, 1677; m. Mary Johnson.

9736. ii. HANNAH, b. July 16, 1668; m., Sept. 15, 1689, Thomas Astin.

He drowned in the Merrimac coming from meeting with Joshua Stevens on the Sabbath, March 25, 1712. May have to look in Waltham for her death, perhaps with a second marriage.

9738. iii. MARY, b. Nov. 28, 1670; d. young.

9739. iv. MARY, b. June 10, 1673; m., July 11, 1692, Ebenezer Lovejoy.

The South church manual says she was eighty-four years of age in 1763.—this wife of Eben Lovejoy. Rev. George Moor, gene-
alogist of the Cummings family, competent to form an opinion. If he is right this Mary was not the one above, but I feel sure she was perhaps in error in copying ages; perhaps a later Mary succeeded this second infant born between the twins of 1677 and Esther of 1680. Andrew Foster's estate not willed nor administrator appointed, so no ordinary study will settle this as yet. Mary, w. of Eben Lovejoy, may have belonged in the Billerica line. He was a neighbor to William Foster, of Boxford, and West Andover, but this William had no sisters. He d. May 15, 1760.

1740. V. SARAH (twin), b. May 25, 1677; m., July 2, 1713, Benjamin Johnson, of Andover, b. 1639. I find on consulting Johnson records Joseph and Ben Johnson, twin sons of Stephen Johnson and Elizabeth Dane, b. 1677 and living in the same Parish as the Fosters are more likely to be the family.

1741. VI. ESTHER, b. Jan. 14, 1680; m. (pub.), Dec. 24, 1716, Simon Stone, of Andover. Simon Stone, son of Hugh and Hanna (Foster), cousin of Esther, b. Oct. 8, 1671. He was forty-five; she thirty-six; only two children and no record after 1721; perhaps went down to Beverly and Gloucester after the rest.

1731. ABRAHAM FOSTER (Andrew), b. Andover, Mass., about 1648; m., July 13, 1651, Esther Foster, dau. of Deacon Samuel, of Chelmsford, b. Nov. 1, 1659. She d. March 2, 1733. He made his will Oct. 8, 1723; it was proved Oct. 21, 1723. In it he provided for his widow, wood, clothing and £10. He gives his son, Joseph, "all my farm"; son Andrew, privilege to mow a meadow and to cut pine timber as he needs upon Joseph's portion; daughter, Hester Kimball, certain pieces of land; son Andrew, homestead, "my now dwelling house," etc. "I do absolutely give to him, the said Andrew Foster, and the heirs of his own body lawfully begotten of him forever, and so from generation to generation forever not to be alienated or sold by him or any of his heirs forever," but if he leave no issue, he shall designate one of Joseph's children to have it. Andrew was made executor. He d. Oct. 9, 1723. Res., Andover, Mass.

1742. I. HESTER, b. June 8, 1683; m. (pub.), April 5, 1712, Daniel Kimball, Cert. May 19. Daniel was a resident of Andover, but came from Warham, son of Thomas and Eliz (Potter), of Ipswich. Rich. Kimball book says he died here 1754; that his first wife was Sara Davidson; his second, Esther Foster (she is named as wife of Dan in old Abraham's will). She died, 1753; says Dan was a cooper and moved to Andover, 1716. The children were all Esther's as recorded.

1743. II. JOSEPH, b. April 6, 1689; m. Deliverance Dane.

1744. III. ANDREW, b. July 22, 1696; m. Mary Smith and Mrs. Sarah Foster.


1745. I. ABRAHAM, b. November (?), 1705; m. Sarah Frost.

1746. II. JACOB, b. June 17, 1717; m. Abigail Frost.

1747. III. SARAH, b. Sept. 3, 1708; m., Sept. 21, 1730, Jacob Preston, of Andover and moved to Windham, Conn.

1748. IV. HANNAH, b. June 13, 1716; m., Feb. 16, 1738, John Russell.


1743. JOSEPH FOSTER (Abraham, Andrew), b. Andover, Mass., April 6, 1690; m., June 23, 1714, Deliverance Dane. She d. Aug. 4, 1754. He was of Reading, boarder at Foster's Pond, so-called; m. Deliverance Dane, 1714, daughter of Nathaniel Dane and Deliverance Hazeltine, d. 1754. Children baptized in South church in Andover. She was a member, 1741. The estate lay both sides the line near Foster's Pond that was given to Joseph and I think he built a new house on the Andover side. The property eventually came into the hands of the Ballards who kept a tavern there during the Revolution. His will is dated Feb. 9, 1718; it was proved Sept. 9, 1751. He says in it, "My eldest son, Joseph, gives to Benjamin
land on the great brook that runs out of Foster's Pond; to Job the rest of land, a
dwelling house, barn and corn-barn. Job is to pay daughters, Deliverance £10,
Esther £14.0, Hannah £13, Elizabeth £13, each in 'old tenor' bills of credit.
Job was made executor. The inventory of his estate—Reg. 330:490—was made
Nov. 14, 1751, and amounted to £524. 7s. 7d. He d. July 13, 1751. Res., Andover,
Mass.

9750. i. DELIVERANCE, b. May 22, 1715; m., Nov. 4, 1742, Joseph Frye.
Deliverance was struck by lightning in Reading, 1763. Joseph
married a widow, Mary Foster, who seems to have been a wife of
Joseph, of Reading—most likely brothers of Deliverance. I have
a list of children of a widow, Mary Foster—Ben, John, Jonathan,
Abraham, David, Nathan and a Mary, called wife of Joseph
Foster. I do not know whether this list is that of the widow
who married Joseph Frye or of the family of Mary's father and
mother, who may have been Fosters. Joseph Frye died, 1767,
and Cambridge Court has the estate, also that of his widow,
Mary, once wife of a Joseph Foster, and all her Foster children.
Joseph Frye, son of John Frye and Ruth Wheeler b. Dec. 18,
1715; name not on mutilated records—have it from family
papers with Frye historian—married, Nov. 4, 1742, not recorded
properly in records, but under Dane index by a slip of the old
town clerk who in transferring it from church list turned by
the clergyman, used the mother's name—Intentions give Foster,
not Dane also.

9751. ii. ESTHER, b. Nov. 26, 1716. I think she married Tarrant Putnam
for his first wife. He was son of Benjamin, b. April 3, 1716, and
moved to Sutton. There he m., Dec. 9, 1742, Priscilla Baker.
She probably died s. p.

9752. iii. JOSEPH, b. Aug. 5, 1717; m. Mary Downs and Mary Sanders.

9753. iv. BENJAMIN, b. June 27, 1720; m. Mary Lewis.

9754. v. JONATHAN, b. March 21, 1722; d. April 25, 1729.

9755. vi. ABIGAIL, b. Nov. 15, 1723; d. April 16, 1729.

9756. vii. ELIZABETH, b. Feb. 8, 1729; m., 1757, John Flint, of Reading.


9759. x. SON, b. March 29, d. April 2, 1737.

9760. xi. HANNAH, b. June 22, 1726.

9761. xii. JOB, b. Aug. 22, 1725; per will, m. Hannah Foard.

9744. ANDREW FOSTER (Abraham, Andrew), b. Andover, Mass., July 22,
1696; m., Jan. 11, 1725, Mary Smith, b. 1698; d. Oct. 18, 1757; m., Nov. 29, 1758,
Mrs. Sarah (Frost) Foster, widow of his cousin Abraham Foster. She was admitted
to the Andover church from that of Boxford, Sept. 26, 1760. The inventory of his
estate was made Dec. 2, 1762, by John Peters, Peter Parker and Henry Ingalls, and
amounted to £39. 4s. 4d. His widow, Sarah, was administratrix. She was likely
the daughter of Walter Smith, perhaps of a Boxford line; perhaps Sam Smith, a
brother who tries to wind up Andrew in 1754, vol. 99, p. 59, Essex County deeds.
He did not lose it however. In 1758 he deeds to son Andrew for £220 one half
of everything he has, house and all. May 15. Mary Smith had died 1757, aged fifty-
nine and Andrew was about to marry his second wife, Sarah Frost, widow of
Abraham Foster, the grandson of his uncle Abraham. Andrew, in November, 1758,
is published to widow Sarah Foster. She had joined the church in South Parish,
1745, and as the wife of Andrew she having disposed of all rights in late Abraham's
estate takes a letter to North Parish in 1760. I do not find the death of Sarah on
Andover, Mass.

9762. i. MARY, b. Jan. 21, 1727; m., April 16, 1746, William Fuller, of
Middletown.

9763. ii. PHEBE, b. Jan. 4, 1728; m., June 4, 1750, Daniel Peabody, of Mid-
Phebe, Priscilla, Dorothy, Andrew, Eunice, Elias, Tarrant,
Nathan, Rhoda and Perley.

9764. iii. ANDREW, b. Aug. 29, 1731; m. Hannah Berry and Mrs. Anna
Gould.

9765. iv. ESTHER, b. Feb. 11, 1735; m., May 22, 1754, Simon Darby, of
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9766. v. REBECCA, b. Oct. 2, 1736; m. 1768, William Runnells (Reynolds).

9767. vi. ABIGAIL, b. May 18, 1737.

9768. vii. HANNAH, b. Oct. 30, 1739; m. 1778, Simeon Stevens. She d., 1816, ae. seventy-six.

9769. viii. SAMUEL, b. July 26, 1711; m. May 10, 1763, Susanna Kittridge and (pub.) moved to Amherst, N. H.


9771. x. DAUGHTER, b. Nov. 24, 1726.

9772. xi. LYDIA, b. July 24, 1733.

9745. ABRAM FOSTER (Abraham, Andrew, Andrew), b. Andover, Mass., November, 1705; m. (pub.), Feb. 2, 1729, Sarah Frost. She m., 2d, Nov. 29, 1758, Andrew Foster (see). When young Abraham found himself without a father in 1743, his grandfather evidently thinks him worthy of the estate. Abraham, therefore, in 1753, leaves him the large property—six tracts of land in the heart of the town. When Abraham dies a bachelor (suddenly), he leaves it all to his mother, the widow, Sarah Frost. In 1758 she marries Andrew Foster, her husband's cousin, who has been having an awful time with Samuel Smith, who seizes Andrew's land for some reason and while suffering in the sheriff's hands, cousin Abraham dies. Sam Smith is evidently a brother-in-law or father-in-law of Andrew. After Mary Smith his first wife dies, his troubles as far as I could see are over and November, 1758, he was published to widow Sarah Foster; so the six parcels of land helped him wonderfully. Sarah was daughter of Thomas Frost and Rebecca Parley, of Billerica, b. Dec. 25, 1704; m., 1730. Her sister Experience, m. Joseph Bigsbys; her sister, Rebecca, m. David Blanchard. Sarah, of a previous generation, m. Abraham Graves. These girls of Thomas, James, Edmond of Cambridge, were granddaughters of James Frost and Elizabeth Foster, daughter of Thomas of Weymouth. So in this line of Abraham came a curious mixture of Foster blood.

Proof of Connection.—Registry, vol. roo, p. 146.—“Sarah Foster, of Andover, widow, relic of Abraham Foster, late of Andover," for £150 lawful money paid by "my son Joshua Foster" of same town "Joyner" conveyed parcels of lands situate in Andover. First piece is westerly or southwesterly from my dwelling house on the westerly side of the way, bounded as follows, beginning at the northwest corner "to an old old well," about fourteen poles before Jacob Foster's dwelling house: then southwardly something to the east of south to a small black oak marked standing in Deacon Joseph Abbott's fence; thence easterly something north of east as the farm now stands joining a few poles on said Abbott's land, and to a piece of pasture land of said Jacob Foster till it comes to the town way; thence northwardly joining on said way till it comes to my barn taking in my barn; thence westerly to the old well.—Second piece one-half a field, called the old field, lying on the northerly side of the way that leads to Lovejoy's corn mill; the other half is the said Jacob Foster's. Third piece is half a piece of land lying in Merrimack woods a little above the farm that was Rev. Barnard's, deceased, the other half is the said Jacob Foster's. Fourth piece is half a swamp that was my honored father-in-law's Abraham Foster, deceased, near Shrub Hill, the other half is said Jacob Foster's. Fifth piece is about three acres of land on which my dwelling house stands with my dwelling house. Sixth piece is pasture, seven acres lying on the northerly side of Joseph Lovejoy's "Milling" swamp joining his on Boston Road. Dated Nov. 29, 1758; acknowledged April 30, 1759; witnessed by Joseph Abbott, Thomas Abbott. He d. Sept. 15, 1743. Res., Andover and Lynn, Mass.

9773. i. ABRAM, b. Dec. 1, 1730; d. Feb. 1, 1758.

9774. ii. JOSHUA, b. July 17, 1732; m. Lydia Peabody.

9775. iii. DAVID, b. July 31, 1737; m. Molly Foster.

9776. iv. SARAH, b. Sept. 28, 1739; d. unm.


9778. vi. JAMES, b. Sept. 20, 1743 (posthumous); m. Hannah——.

9779. vii. JONATHAN, b. April 24, 1734; became ward of Deacon Joseph Abbott, Nov. 21, 1745, then ae. fifteen; m. Lydia Haggert, Feb. 2, 1758. Res., Andover.

9746. JACOB FOSTER (Abraham, Andrew, Andrew), b. Andover, Mass., June 1718; m., Aug. 13, 1743, Abigail Frost, of Tewksbury, b. March 16, 1719; d. March 16, 1802. She hailed from Tewksbury, daughter of Edmond Frost and
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Hannah Kittridge. This girl was granddaughter of Dr. Sam, brother to James, who married Eliza Foster. There are still families of this ancient line in Tewksbury. Jacob died May, 1806, aged eighty-eight. She joined the church from Tewksbury, 1744, while Jacob "professed" in 1742 in Andover. His will recorded vol. 374, p. 506, was made Jan. 10, 1803 and proved Jan. 19, 1807. By it he gives his son, Jacob, "all his real estate wherever it is" and all his personal estate; to his son, Isaac, $10, half of his wearing apparel and what he already has; to his daughter, Dorcas Wardwell, deceased's children: Isaac, Sally and Dorcas $3 and what their mother had had; to Abigail, wife of Russell Jones $1 and what she already has; to Anne and Ruth $53.67, etc. "Also I give unto my two daughters, Anne and Ruth, all my household stuff and furniture proper for woman's use and work; also one good cow to be equally divided between them, etc." Jacob was executor. He d. May, 1806. Res., Andover, Mass.

9786. i. HANNAH, b. Sept. 4, 1744; d. March 24, 1749-50.
9787. ii. MARY, b. April 18, 1746; d. December, 1753.
9788. iii. JACOB, b. Nov. 20, 1747; m. Sarah — , Phebe — , and Mrs. Ruth (Turner) Kimball.
9789. iv. DORCAS, b. Feb. 14, 1750; m. (pub.), November, 1774, Peter Wardwell. She d. Sept. 9, 1756, aged thirty-seven.
9790. v. ISAAC, b. Dec. 23, 1751; m. Mary Holt.
9791. vi. ABIGAIL, b. July 8, 1756; m. (pub.), Nov. 20, 1773, Russell Jones.
9792. vii. ANN, b. Nov. 18, 1758; d. 1825.
9793. viii. ABRAHAM, b. Oct. 4, 1760; d. March 4, 1761.
9794. ix. RUTH, b. Sept. 4, 1761.
9795. x. HANNAH, b. July 23, 1754; d. March 24, 176x.

9796. JOSEPH FOSTER (Joseph, Abraham, Andrew), b. Andover, Mass., Aug. 5, 1718; m., Oct. 22, 1745, Mary Downs, dau. of Ebenezer and Mary, of Billerica; d. Nov. 22, 1746; m., 2d, Jan. 22, 1750, Mary Sanders, of Amesbury. She m., 2d, March 31, 1757, Joshua Wardell. In 1764 Joshua resided Swansea, Mass. Administration of his estate was granted his widow in 1756. 1764. Joshua Wardell, with his wife, Mary—vol. 112, p. 204, Essex County, Salem Reg. deeds—then of Swansea, Bristol Co. a tailor, for £29 sells home in Andover, joins west end of Joseph Foster's house, late of Andover, near Boston Rd. They, also, with a sister, Ruth Sanders, sell to James Carr, of Amesbury, Haverhill land of the Sanders estate, late James. In 1762 Joshua was a land holder. He seemed to own half a house with Joseph Foster and sells his half and free from all mortgage which was the first sale above to our Hezekia Ballard, who moved it away from that location to the place on old Boston Rd. near the Reading line called the old Ballard tavern site. This locates Joshua Wardwell and Joseph Foster at some location near Foster's Pond, keeping an inn. Middlesex records may give more of thisicker. Mary, wife of the late Joseph Foster, and wife of Joshua Wardwell, with his consent, sells, for £208, by Hezekia Ballard, the homestead tracts of land, fifty acres, and lots more, land on the plain given Joseph by his father Joseph, calls Joseph (junior). This is pretty plain, and I shall hereeto give in that Joseph's son, Joseph, m. Mary Sanders and she and second husband sold only to Hezekia Ballard, the Sun property so long on Boston Rd., near Reading line. Mary and Sarah—the two heirs of the administration—under care of Joshua and Mary (Foster) (Sanders) Wardell, both residents of Swansea when of age in 1776. Later, about 1771, Hezekia Ballard buys out the whole and starts up the old Ballard tavern on the Boston Rd. near Foster's Pond. They have the sign still in the family here.—vol. 130, p. 174 is the final sale by Mary and husband to Hezekia Ballard—"the estate given Joseph Foster, Jr., by his father, Joseph's last will" 1771 the transfer. Asa Foster, of the Ipswich line and George Abbott (two old friends of Wardwell) are witnesses. The inventory of 1776 gives a pigeon net among other things. Joseph Abbott and Stephen Osgood, with Mary, are the landlords of the two girls. Joshua, the deacon, who adopted Jonathan, son of Abraham and Sarah Frost, rents this farm and keeps the fences in repair. The estate in 1773 that remained here to the heirs of Joseph (not sold to Hezekia) gave widow £70 and the two girls £10 each. They probably moved off with their mother to Swansea along with Joshua Wardwell.

Miss Abbott in Andover paper says: "Joseph Foster had a short record. Where he set up his 'pigeon nets, and possibly essayed to keep an inn, was near the locality of the Ballard's tavern of the Revolution, on the road near Rattle Snake Hill. The house was moved, it is said, after the purchase by Hezekia Ballard from the widow (Mary Sanders), and her second husband, Joshua Wardwell, who turned
tailor and moved to Swansea with the two little Foster maids who may have been trained to scissors and goose after the estate was divided."


1756. FOSTER GEENEALOGY.

1760. FOSTER, b. June 7, 1752; m. (pub.), Feb. 4, 1775, Mark Ansell, of Middletown.

1757. ii. JOSEPH, b. July 9, 1751; d. Sept. 29, 1753.

1758. iii. MARY, b. Aug. 20, 1753.

1759. iv. SARAH, b. Dec. 31, 1755; m. Timothy Bradley, Concord, N. H.

1760. BENJAMIN FOSTER (Joseph, Abraham, Andrew), b. Andover, Mass., June 27, 1720; m. (pub.), Reading, May 16, 1747, Mary Lewis. Benjamin, of Reading, letter date Sept. 8, 1760, ex., Oct. 27, 1760, wife Mary. His death probably recorded in Reading and her marriage with brother-in-law Frye, also Azubah, who died 1767, unmarried, was the infant daughter of widow Mary and second husband Jos. Frye. Mary's estate I think was also settled in 1767, both papers of Middlesex, Conn. He d. October, 1760. Res., Reading, Mass.

1761. JOB FOSTER (Joseph, Abraham, Andrew), b. Andover, Mass., Aug. 22, 1725; m. (pub.), Oct. 24, 1759; m., March 27, 1760, Hannah Ford, of Wilmington. She d. 1812, joins church here, 1764. She was a widow in 1789, and m. Philemon Chandler. His death record (Jobs). Old house where Hanna lived a widow for years is a very interesting one—oldest perhaps in the town of Andover. In the will of Job (and wife, Hanna Ford), while only two children are named, Joseph, b. 1762; Mary, b. 1775, who may have married David Foster, of Ashby. In the administration papers, June 5, 1782, by widow Hanna, no others are named showing that after the marriage of 1760 they may have had a record in some other town, possibly Wilmington, but none survived. Joseph Foster was in the division of 1785, the only son and had a double portion while Mary and the mother divide the house.

Miss Abbott in Andover paper says: "Job Foster married Hanna Ford, of Wilmington, and staid longest at the Pond, where his father left him in the enjoyment of the homestead and with the care of mother Deliverance and a monstrous dowry to pay over to each sister. He didn't have the 'desperate' debts that were included in Joseph's accounts and owned a 'lanthorn' among other new things. In 1782 neighbor Philemon Chandler is a witness on his will and in a few years Hanna goes down to keep house for Philemon on the old Hayward place, to occupy the dower room, last of a, long succession of widows in the old garrison end. Dying there in 1812 Jabez Hayward was able to secure the whole house and to build over this historic room with an ell at the rear securing us a valuable relic of the old days." He d. before 1789. Res., Andover, Mass.

1762. JOSEPH, b. Jan. 17, 1762; and he m. his cousin, Mary (dau. of Benjamin and Mary).

1763. MARY, b. Feb. 5, 1775. She m. (pub.), David Foster, of Ashby (see).

1764. ANDREW FOSTER (Andrew, Abraham, Andrew), b. Andover, Mass., Aug. 29, 1731; m. (pub.), March, 1753, Hannah Berry, of Middletown. She d. March 2, 1785; m., 2d, 1786, in Boxford, Mrs. Anna Gould, of Bradford. Andrew Foster, yoeman, deeds to his son, Andrew, husbandman, May 15, 1758, half of all his real estate for £220. He deeds him the other half Nov. 2, 1758, for £136 6s. 8d. Andrew, with his wife, Hannah, deeds to Peter Carlton, land, meadow and upland, in Andover, Sept. 30, 1765, for £112 4s. David Peabody and Henry Ingalls, witnesses. Peter Foster was June 6, 1803, appointed administrator of the estate of Andrew Foster, of Andover. Isaac Lovejoy and Ezekiel Carlton were the sureties on his bond. He was to exhibit an inventory by Sept. 6 and render his account by June 6, 1804. John Farnum, Isaac Parker, William Frost, June 10, 1804, appraised his estate at $801.70 and what his widow brought with her at her marriage $711.66, making a total of $872.86. This inventory was presented February 6, 1804. The Salem Gazette, of Jan. 3, 1806, has the following: By order of Court,

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will be sold at public auction Tuesday the 11th day of March, 1860, at 1 o'clock, P. M. The real estate of Andrew Foster, late of Andover, deceased, for the payment of said deceased's debts; at the same time will be sold at auction the real estate of Peter Foster of said Andover, lying in common and undivided with the said Andrew Foster's estate. Said estates lie in the north parish in said Andover, about one-fourth of a mile from the Rev. Mr. Symmes's meeting house, and nearly one-half mile from the academy, and consists of about thirty acres. The home place contains about twenty acres consisting of mowing, tillage and pasturing, with two dwelling houses and a barn, standing on the same. Said land is of an excellent soil, equal to any in said Andover. Sale to be on the premises, and conditions made known at the time and place of sale. Peter Foster, administrator. Andover, Dec. 31. He d. April 6, 1830. Res., Andover, Mass.


9803. iii. JOSEPH, b. Feb. 11, 1760.

9804. iv. ABRAHAM, b. — 30, 1762; d. Aug. 16, 1763, m. Sarah Fowler.

9805. v. PETER, b. May 31, 1764; bapt. June 5, 1764; m. Lydia Farmer.

9806. vi. ABRAHAM (twin), b. June 20, 1766.

9807. vii. ISAAC (twin), b. June 20, 1766.

9774. JOSHUA FOSTER (Abraham, Abraham, Andrew, Andrew), b. Lynn, Mass., July 17, 1732; m., Andover, May 26, 1756. Lydia Peabody, b. 1730; d. 1806. The Lydia Peabody answering nearest this condition was the daughter of Jonathan and Alice Pearl Peabody, of Boxford, b. Nov. 18, 1729. Alice Peabody, widow of Boxford, was appointed her guardian, when she was “a minor and fourteen years of age.” May 14, 1742. Joshua’s uncle, Jacob Foster, was appointed his guardian, when he was “aged fifteen years.” April 18, 1743. Mr. Foster removed from Andover to Temple, N. H., in the autumn of 1764 (1762?), where he died August, 1776, aged forty-four. Joshua Foster, Jr., alias joiner, yoeman, and his wife, Lydia (except those marked *) deeded real estate, in Andover, in 1762, to Isaac Blunt, feltmaker.

Joseph Lovejoy .................................................. £80.10.00
Joseph Lovejoy .................................................. 35.18.08
Jacob Foster* ..................................................... 10.00.00
Jacob Foster* ..................................................... 33.00.00
Deacon Joseph Abbott, yoeman .................................. 11.14.00
James Parker, Jr. ................................................. 100.00.00
William Abbott .................................................. 16.16.10

£296.19.06

Three of their children were born in Andover and the last two in Temple. Joshua Foster, Sr., of Temple, N. H., served in Captain Drury’s company from Temple, April 19, 1775.

Registry, vol. 169, p. 145—Nathaniel Lovejoy, of Andover, yoeman, for £60 lawful money by Joshua Foster, Jr., of Andover, conveyed a piece of land in Andover on the northwesterly side of the way that leads from Joseph Lovejoy’s to Jacob Foster’s about ten and a half acres, more or less, bounded beginning at the northwesterly corner at a stake and stones by said way or road; a bound of Jacob Foster’s runs southwesterly joining on said Jacob Foster’s about 17 poles as the fence now stands to a stake and stones; thence southeasterly as the fence joining on said Jacob Foster’s land about 42 poles to a stake and stones; thence southwesterly still on said Jacob’s land about 3½ poles as the fence to a stake and stones; thence southeasterly still on said Jacob’s land about 27 poles as the fence to a stake and stones; thence northeasterly still on said Jacob’s land about 29 poles as the fence to a stake and stones, thence northwesterly still on said Jacob’s land about 33 poles as the fence to a stake and stones by said way about 11 poles as the fence to a stake and stones; thence northwesterly on said way about 33½ poles to first bound mentioned. Dated Nov. 15, 1759; acknowledged March 7, 1760; witnessed by Solomon Wardwell, Joseph Holt.

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1762. Vol. 110, p. 159, to Jacob Foster, for 10.00.00, March 16, 1762. Vol. 110, p. 129, to James Parker, Jr., for 100.00.00, June 1, 1762. This last deed mentions the "Old Well;" in it Joshua is called "yeoman," and James Parker, Jr., "gentleman." He d. August, 1776. Res., Temple, N. H.

9808. i. JOSHUA, b. July 5, 1757; m. Lucy Tenny.


9810. iii. DANIEL, b. March 10, 1759. He was in Revolutionary war; m. and d. s. p. Drowned in the Kennebec river, Me., ae. seventy-five.

9811. iv. LYDIA, b. Dec. 30, 1761; m., Aug. 6, 1794, Ensign John Foster, of Hancock, N. H. (see.)

9812. v. SARAH, b. Feb. 1, 1765.


9813. i. JOB, b. April 30, 1793; m. Hannah — and Zoa —.

9814. ii. HANNAH, b. June 2, 1795.

9815. iii. PHEBE, b. Feb. 7, 1800; m. — Nichels.

9816. iv. DAVID, b. May 16, 1802.

9817. v. AMRI, b. Sept. 12, 1804. He d. unm. in September, 1847, in Townsend, Mass. Amri, of Townsend; letter date, Sept. 27, 1847; ex. Nov. 2, 1847; no wife; no children; brothers, Job, and Henry Foster, sister Phebe Nichels.

9818. vi. SAMUEL, b. May 17, 1807; d. Feb. 9, 1808.


9820. viii. MARY, b. Dec. 16, 1813.

9778. JAMES FOSTER (Abraham, Abraham, Andrew, Andrew), b. Sept. 29, 1743; m. Hannah —. Temple (N. H.) History reads that October 28, 1775, he had in his family two males under sixteen; one over sixteen, not in the army; two females; one pound gunpowder. In the spring of 1776, he "signed to defend America by arms." In July, 1777, he and sixteen others marched to Bennington in Capt. S. Parker's company. James Foster died 1790. He married Hannah. He d. 1790. Res., Temple, N. H.

9821. i. JACOB, b. March 23, 1770.

9822. ii. HANNAH, b. Dec. 23, 1771.

9823. iii. JONATHAN, b. Jan. 16, 1774; m. Hannah Cutter.

9824. iv. JAMES, b. Sept. 1, 1779.


9826. vi. POLLEY, b. May 25, 1784.

9827. vii. LYDIA, b. Feb. 2, 1787.

9782. DEACON JACOB FOSTER, Jr. (Jacob, Abraham, Andrew, Andrew), b. Andover, Mass., Nov. 20, 1747; m., Oct. 9, 1784 — Sarah —; m., ad, Phebe —; m., 2d, March 13, 1796, Mrs. Ruth (Turner) Kimball, b. 1754; d. March 26, 1822. He removed to Temple, N. H. A history of Temple, N. H., p. 106, reads, that in the spring of 1776, he, with others, "signed to defend America by arms against the British;" p. 114, he, with thirty-six others, "marched June 30, 1777, for Ticonderoga;" p. 102 in his family, Oct. 25, 1775, were "one male under sixteen, one over sixteen (not in the army), two females; one-half pound of gunpowder." His wife Sarah died Oct. 9, 1784. He was sergeant in Capt. Jesse Harlow's company which

9828. ii. PHEBE, b. April 16, 1785; d. July 1, 1820.

9829. iv. MARY, b. March 5, 1789.

9830. v. DEBORAH LATHROP, b. June 12, 1798.

9831. vi. SAMUEL, b. Feb. 28, 1779; m. Abigail Grace.


9834. ISAAC FOSTER (Jacob, Abraham, Andrew, Andrew), b. Andover, Mass., Dec. 23, 1751; m. there, Aug. 26, 1784, Mary Holt, dau, of Deacon Joshua, b. Dec. 25, 1759. He removed from Andover to Temple, N. H., then Greenfield, where he had eight children, who all lived to good ages—so said a granddaughter. I think that Mary was of the line of Holts who were in Greenfield already and kin to his aunt or uncle Isaac's wife, and that the nephew followed up on there. Mary was daughter of Joshua Holt and Phebe Farnum, b. Dec. 5, 1759; d. 1819. He d. April 15, 1839. Res. Temple and Greenfield, N. H.


9837. v. AMOS, b. July 31, 1794; m. Betsey Pratt.

9838. vi. TIMOTHY, b. ---; d. unm., Nov. 9, 1863. in G.

9839. vii. ABIGAIL, b. 1799; d. March 7, 1853. She m. --- Putnam. Res., Wilton, N. H.


9845. iv. ABRAHAM, b. July 3, 1797.

9846. v. HANNAH BERRY, b. May 27, 1799.

9847. vi. BETSEY, b. Sept. 14, 1792.

9848. vii. LUCY, b. July 21, 1801.

9849. viii. SALLY, b. June 12, 1804.

9850. ix. PAMELIA, b. Aug. 20, 1806.


9851. i. BETSEY, b. Oct. 31, 1790.


9852. i. BENJAMIN TENNEY, b. July 8, 1813; m. Abigail Howard.

9853. ii. SARAH, b. July 4, 1807; d. unm., June 29, 1834.

9854. iii. DANIEL, b. July 10, 1803; m. Hannah Jones.

9855. iv. JOSHUA, b. Aug. 6, 1811; m. Mary Herald.

9856. v. DAVID PEABODY, b. Sept. 4, 1815; m. Mrs. Mary (Masse) Bartlett.


9814. SYLVIA EDWARDS, b. 969. Addison, Samuel, Sarah, Daniel, Amos, Charles, —. Forers' server way in injured Joshua, Temple, was Andrew), N. field, 1046 Mills, the Second 9584. 9886. 9885. 9882. 9881. 9579. 9878. 9877. 9876. 9837. 9874. 9872. 9869. 9868. 9867. 9866. 9865. 9864. 9863. 9862. 9861. iv. ZOA C, b. June 1, 1827.

9862. v. LEONARD, b. March, 1829.


9864. vii. ELIZABETH, b. July 15, 1834.

9865. viii. ANDREW, b. —; m. He has a dau., Lizzie. Res., in Winchendon.

9866. i. JANE, b. May 18, 1816.

9867. ii. ADDISON, b. —.

9868. iii. SAMUEL, b. —.

9869. iv. LUCY, b. —.

9870. v. AMELIA, b. —.

9871. vi. THREE small children; d. young.

9872. i. SARAH, b. July 24, 1801.

9873. ii. DANIEL, b. July 15, 1803.

9874. iii. JACOB, b. Sept. 13, 1805.

9875. iv. POLLY, b. June 11, 1807.


9879. iv. DEXTER NEWELL, b. Nov. 25, 1832; m. Harriet E. Deardoff and Caroline E. Dinsmoar.


9883. i. ADDISON HOWARD, b. Nov. 13, 1838; m. Susan M. Houghton.

9884. ii. LUCIUS, b. Aug. 8, 1842; drowned June 17, 1844.

9885. iii. WALTER, b. April 13, 1844; d. Sept. 12, 1845.

9886. iv. WALDO, b. May 1, 1846; m. Fanny J. Holmes.


9824. i. SAMUEL, b. —.

9825. ii. HANNAH, b. —.

9826. iii. JACOB, b. —.

9827. iv. THREE small children; d. young.


9832. i. SARAH, b. July 24, 1801.

9833. ii. DANIEL, b. July 15, 1803.

9834. iii. JACOB, b. Sept. 13, 1805.

9835. iv. POLLY, b. June 11, 1807.


9840. iv. DEXTER NEWELL, b. Nov. 25, 1832; m. Harriet E. Deardoff and Caroline E. Dinsmoar.


9844. BENJAMIN TENNY FOSTER (Joshua, Joshua, Abraham, Andrew, Andrew), b. Temple, N. H., July 8, 1813; m., Jan. 4, 1838, Abigail Howard, b. Temple, June 11, 1815, dau. of William and Mary (Hawkins); d. Feb. 7, 1885. He was son of Joshua, a Revolutionary soldier, and Lucy Tenny Foster, grandson of Joshua, architect of the first meeting-house erected in Temple, and one of those injured at the raising of the Wilton meeting-house in 1773. When he was ten years old his father died, leaving six children, the eldest sixteen years old, to make their way in the world. In 1831, at the age of seventeen years, he went to Hancock, to serve three years at seventy-five dollars a year, clothing himself, to learn the tanners' trade. In February, 1836, he went to Wilton, bought the tan-yard of Marden & Mills, and carried on the business with success until his death. He was inter- ested in public education, and was one of the foremost in securing ample grounds for the school house of his district; was an active member and a liberal supporter of the Second church. He d. Oct. 30, 1868. Res., Temple. N. H.

9845. i. ADDISON HOWARD, b. Nov. 13, 1838; m. Susan M. Houghton.

9846. ii. LUCIUS, b. Aug. 8, 1842; drowned June 17, 1844.

9847. iii. WALTER, b. April 13, 1844; d. Sept. 12, 1845.

9848. iv. WALDO, b. May 1, 1846; m. Fanny J. Holmes.
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9888. vi. MYRON PEABODY, b. Sept. 9, 1850; d. unm., May 20, 1873.

9889. vii. HARTLEY NORMAN, b. April 5, 1853; d. unm., April 18, 1873.


9855. JOSUA FOSTER (Joshua, Joshua, Abraham, Abraham, Andrew, Andrew), b. Temple, N. H., Aug. 6, 1811; m., 1835, Mary Heald, dau. of Daniel, of Temple, N. H. He was a farmer. He d. Sept. 4, 1890. Res., Temple, N. H.

9893. i. OLIVER HEALD, b. June 16, 1842; m. Hannah E. Wallace.

9894. ii. EMILY, b. June 30, 1837.


9896. iv. EUGENE E., b. Aug. 15, 1843; m. Francilla Upham.

9897. v. CHILD, b. Feb. 7, 1845; d. in infancy.

9898. vi. CHILD, b. Feb. 7, 1845; d. in infancy.

9856. DAVID PEABODY FOSTER (Joshua, Joshua, Abraham, Abraham, Andrew, Andrew), b. Temple, N. H., Sept. 4, 1815; m., Nov. 17, 1850, Mrs. Mary (Masse) Bartlett, b. May 6, 1824. He is a farmer. Res., Royalston, Mass.

9899. i. MARY EMMA, b. Nov. 11, 1863; d. March 18, 1870.


9901. i. JOHN O., b. —; m., and resides 1657 Washington St., Easton, Pa.

9902. ii. EDWARD C., b. —; m., and resides 319 North Second St., Allentown, Pa.

9903. iii. FRANK E., b. July 27, 1850; m. Ella J. Townsend.

9904. iv. WILLIAM S., b. Dec. 25, 1857; m. Mary McRae.


9905. i. MABEL DARO, b. April 22, 1876.

9906. ii. BESSIE PRATT, b. Nov. 26, 1877.

9907. iii. ROBERT DINSMOOR, b. Feb. 4, 1880.

9908. iv. FREDRICK PLUMER, b. May 21, 1884; d. Sept. 27, 1884.

9883. DR. ADDISON HOWARD FOSTER (Benjamin T., Joshua, Joshua, Abraham, Andrew, Andrew), b. Wilton, N. H., Nov. 13, 1838; m., Sept. 18, 1871, Susan Morton Houghton, of Ipswich, b. Nov. 29, 1838. Addison H. Foster after graduating from Dartmouth College, in 1863, and from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, in New York City, in 1866, practiced medicine in Lawrence, Mass., for two years, and in Chicago ever since. He has devoted his time to general practice, and has been very little occupied in any other way. Res., 770 W. Monroe St., Chicago, Ill.


9910. ii. WINSLOW HOWARD, b. Jan. 10, 1869; m. Anna Mabel Burr.


LEON, b. Sept. 7, 1873.

DANA P., b. Dec. 1, 1875.

FRANK W., b. March 26, 1879.

HON. OLIVER HEALD FOSTER (Joshua, Joshua, Joshua, Abraham, Andrew, Andrew, Andrew), b. Temple, N. H., Jan. 16, 1842; m., in Milford, Dec. 31, 1874, Hannah Elizabeth Wallace, b. Feb. 4, 1853.

Oliver H. Foster, senior member of the firm of Foster Bros., of Milford, N. H., wholesale and retail dealers in meats and provisions, was born in Temple, N. H., son of Joshua and Mary Heald Foster, who were also born in Temple. On the father's side he is of Scotch-Irish extraction. In this country the Fosters are traced back to Massachusetts, where they first settled. Members of the family were afterward early settlers of Temple. Mr. Foster's great-grandfather, Joshua, was a Revolutionary soldier, as was also his grandfather. Joshua, the father, was a life-long resident of Temple, and for several years served as selectman. In 1857 he was one of the committee that had charge of the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of Temple. He had a local reputation as a vocalist, and took an active interest in social matters. His living children are: Oliver H., Emily J. and Hannah A. Oliver H. spent his boyhood in his native town, receiving an English education in the common schools and Appleton's Academy, at New Ipswich, N. H. He graduated from Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College, at Manchester, N. H., in April, 1866. Subsequently for a short time he was engaged in teaching and then in carpentering. In 1867 he and his brother, Edward E., established themselves in the meat and provision business, under the firm name of Foster Brothers. The brother died May 24, 1897. Since which, having bought the interest of the heirs in the store, he has conducted it alone, retaining the firm name. Toward the close of the civil war he enlisted for three months in the Lafayette artillery of Lyndeboro, N. H., and was assigned as a private to garrison duty at Portsmouth, N. H. In 1892 he was elected representative to the State Legislature. He is a member and past commander of Oliver W. Lull Post, G. A. R., of his town. In the O. U. A. M. he is past counselor, and past sachem in the Improved Order of Red Men. He is a trustee of the Milford Savings Bank, also a member of the Milford Band for seventeen years. Res., Milford, N. H.

OLIVER W., b. Jan. 28, 1878.


ELMER J., b. July 8, 1883.

GEORGE R., b. May 21, 1887.


FRANK ELLIOTT FOSTER (Charles, Job, David, Abraham, Abraham, Andrew, Andrew), b. Ashburnham, Mass., July 27, 1850; m., Richmond, N.

9921. i. CHARLES EDWARD, b. March 20, 1874; m. May 29, 1897. Res., 52 Howard St., Chicopee Falls, Mass.


9922. i. JENNIE MAY, b. April 10, 1882. Res., A. C.


9923. i. JEANNETTE HOWARD, b. Nov. 3, 1895.
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