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THE GORHAM FAMILY IN CONNECTICUT AND VERMONT.

1. CAPTAIN JOHN¹ GORHAM (son of Ralph) married Desire Howland, in 1643. (See REGISTER, *ante*, Vol. 52, page 358.)

2. JABEZ² GORHAM (*John*¹), born in Barnstable, Mass., Aug. 3, 1656, married widow Hannah (Sturgis) Gray.

3. JOSEPH³ GORHAM (*Jabez*², *John*¹) was born in Bristol, R. I., Aug. 22, 1692. He gave a receipt, at Fairfield, Conn., June 16, 1725, for a portion of his father's estate. (See REGISTER, *ante*, Vol. 54, page 168.) He married, May 11, 1715, Abigail, daughter of Daniel Lockwood of Fairfield, Conn. "Abigail y^e wife of Joseph Gorham, Who died Ianna^{ty} y^e 23^d. 1724-5." (Fairfield Inscriptions, page 16.) He married second, Jan. 13, 1725-6, Deborah Barlow.

Children by first wife, born in Fairfield:

- i. DANIEL,⁴ b. Nov. 10, 1717.
- ii. JABEZ, b. Mar. 22, 1718-9; m. Mary Couch, Nov. 27, 1752.
- iii. LOCKWOOD, b. Jan. 1, 1720-1.
4. iv. ISHABOD, b. in 1722; bapt. Jan. 31, 1724-5; m. Sarah Barlow; d. in Roxbury, Conn., Aug. 19, 1799, aged 77.

Children by second wife, born in Fairfield:

- v. SHUBAEL, b. Oct. 28, 1726; m. Rebecca Hurlburt, Jan. 21, 1746-7.
- vi. ABIGAIL, b. Apr. 7, 1728.
- vii. ISAAC, b. Nov. 14, 1730; m. Ann Wakeman, July 26, 1752.
5. viii. JOHN, b. July 4, 1732; m. Abigail Wakeman, Oct. 2, 1754.
- ix. HANNAH, b. May 4, 1737.
- x. MARY, b. Dec. 25, 1739.
- xi. JOSEPH, b. Nov. 20, 1741; m. Mary Gray, Nov. 16, 1763.
- xii. ABIGAIL, b. Apr. 7, 1744.

"Family Book, Green's Farms" (Fairfield).

4. ISHABOD⁴ GORHAM (*Joseph*³, *Jabez*², *John*¹), born in Fairfield, in 1722, baptized Jan. 31, 1724-5, married in Fairfield, Feb. 2, 1748-9, Sarah, born Mar. 28, 1732, daughter of George Barlow. Mar. 22, 1757, he bought a farm of seventy acres in the town of Ridgefield (once a part of Danbury), and sold the same, Apr. 21, 1767. He removed to Roxbury, Conn., where he died Aug. 19, 1799, aged 77. (See Hist. of Woodbury, Vol. 3, page 627.)

Children:

6. i. DANIEL,⁵ b. in Fairfield, Nov., 1749.
7. ii. BENJAMIN, bapt. in Fairfield, Dec. 24, 1752.
- iii. JOSEPH, b. in Fairfield, Dec., 1754.
- iv. PHINEAS, b. in Ridgefield (part of Danbury), Apr., 1757.
8. v. SETH, b. in Danbury, Jan. 18, 1762. (This record is from his family Bible.)

5. JOHN¹ GORHAM (*Joseph*,³ *Jabez*,² *John*¹), born in Fairfield (Green's Farms), July 4, 1732, married Oct. 2, 1754, Abigail Wakeman. John,⁴ of New Fairfield, bought land in Kent, Conn., April 10, 1781. (Land Records, Vol. 7, p. 69.) Joseph⁵ Gorham and Timothy St. John were administrators of the estate of John⁴ Gorham, of New Milford, Jan. 13, 1806. (Land Records, Vol. 2.) Joseph⁵ Gorham, of Kent, gave quit-claim to John⁵ and Jared,⁵ of Vermont, of all his right in land on east mountain left him in the will of his mother Abigail Gorham, Sept. 4, 1808. (Land Records, Vol. 2, p. 420.) John,⁵ of Bakersfield, Vt., sold to James,⁵ of Poultney, Vt., land in Kent, Oct. 25, 1809. (Land Records, Vol. 2, p. 401.) Seth⁵ Gorham, of Castleton, Vt., and wife Betsey, sold land in Kent, which came from the estate of her father, Eleazer Thompson. (Land Records, Vol. 12, p. 80.) Seth,⁵ of Castleton, Vt., sold one seventh part of undivided land in Kent, Jan. 23, 1810. (Land Records, Vol. 12, p. 84.) The will of Abigail Gorham, of Kent, dated Oct. 2, 1805, and probated Jan. 24, 1811, at New Milford, Conn., gave to her daughters Deborah, Abigail, and Lucy, all her household furniture, and to her sons John, James, Seth, Jeremiah, Wakeman, Hezekiah, and Joseph, all her landed estate of every description lying in Kent, or elsewhere. Mrs. Ella Comstock Peckham, of Utica, N. Y., a descendant of John⁴ Gorham and his wife Abigail Wakeman, has sent the writer the following list of the children of John⁴ Gorham. The baptisms of the first two, Deborah⁵ and John,⁵ are at Green's Farms. The will of the mother, Abigail Gorham, mentions the seventh child as *Jeremiah*. The Kent land records, under date of Sept. 4, 1808 (Vol. 2, p. 420), calls the same man *Jared*, of Vermont. Mrs. Peckham's Bible list of children calls him Jared, and the History of Poultney, Vt., calls him Jared. There were but seven sons.

Children :

- i. DEBORAH,⁵ bapt. Apr. 27, 1755; m. Timothy St. John.
 - ii. JOHN, bapt. June 20, 1756.
 - iii. JAMES, bapt. May 28, 1758.
 - iv. SETH, bapt. June 8, 1760; m. Betsy Thompson.
 - v. JARED, m. Asenath Morgan.
 - vi. WAKEMAN, settled in Chittenden, Vt.; m. Polly ———.
 - vii. ABIGAIL.
 - viii. ABIGAIL, b. July 12, 1770; m. Solomon Comstock, June 16, 1788.
 - ix. HEZEKIAH.
 - x. LUCY.
 - xi. JOSEPH, b. in 1780; m. Lucy Beecher; removed to Pennsylvania.
6. DANIEL⁵ GORHAM (*Ichabod*,⁴ *Joseph*,³ *Jabez*,² *John*¹), born in Fairfield, Nov., 1749, died in Roxbury, Conn., Jan. 25, 1836, in which year his estate was settled. (Woodbury, Conn., Probate Records.) Mary, wife of Daniel Gorham, died in Roxbury, Conn., Jan. 31, 1817, aged 61. Daniel Gorham appears among the Litchfield County pensioners, placed on the pension roll May 15, 1833, age 83. (This agrees with the record of his birth.) There is on record at New Milford, Conn., an agreement between Daniel⁵ and his son Daniel,⁶ which gives the farm to the son, subject to the life right of the father. It has been claimed that Daniel⁵ was the son of Joseph,⁴ who died in Norwalk in 1760, and his wife Abigail Lovell, but that Joseph's family returned, immediately after his death,

to Barnstable and Nantucket, where four of his children married. He did have a son Daniel,⁵ and the last record of him was in the will of his grandfather, at Barnstable, in 1770. The writer has made many researches to find trace in Connecticut of Daniel⁵ the son of Joseph⁴ and Abigail (Lovell), but without success. None of that family are recorded in Connecticut after 1760.

Children, born in Roxbury, Conn.:

- i. AARON,⁶
- ii. LUCY, b. Sept. 15, 1782; m. Joseph Treat, Dec. 16, 1806.
- iii. DANIEL, b. Dec. 16, 1784; d. Dec. 2, 1869; m. Polly Randall.
- iv. ELI, b. Jan. 2, 1787; d. Apr. 10, 1867; m. Lætitia Hamilton, July 6, 1811. In 1808, he was a manufacturer of woolen machinery in Oswego, N. Y., and he was the first to introduce carding, or cloth dressing, machinery into western Canada. He established a factory in Newmarket, Canada, in 1809. His son *Charles*,⁷ b. Feb. 2, 1818, m. May 20, 1852, Helen Durthle Milne; and their son, Judge Thomas⁸ A. Gorham of Milton, Ontario, Canada, b. Nov. 2, 1854, m. Annabella Villiers, Nov. 23, 1893. The writer is indebted to Judge Gorham for some of the Roxbury, Conn., notes.
- v. JOSEPH, b. Dec. 5, 1788; d. Oct. 13, 1839; m. Lydia Haight.
- vi. MARY, m. ——— Botsford.
- vii. SARAH, m. ——— Bennett.
- viii. HIRSH, d. July 31, 1826; m. Hannah Peck.

7. BENJAMIN⁵ GORHAM (*Ichabod*,⁴ *Joseph*,³ *Jabez*,² *John*¹), born in Fairfield, Dec. 24, 1752, married Amy Combs, who died in 1829. Benjamin⁶ and Amy Gorham deeded land in Danbury, in 1799. Amy Gorham's estate was settled in 1830.

Children:

- i. RUSSELL,⁶ b. in Danbury, in 1775.
- ii. WILLIAM, b. in Danbury, Jan. 3, 1779; d. in Oneonta, N. Y.; m. at Ridgefield, Mar. 12, 1800, Polly Weed, b. July 1, 1784, d. Aug. 31, 1850. Children, all born in Danbury: 1. *Benton*,⁷ b. Dec. 23, 1800. 2. *Sally*, b. Dec. 30, 1804. 3. *George S.*, b. Oct. 4, 1807. 4. *Charles T.*, b. May 29, 1812; m. April 10, 1839, Charlotte E. Hart. He was Ambassador to Holland, during the administration of President Grant, and held many other important offices. For many years he was President of the Marshall, Michigan, Bank. He d. in Marshall, March, 1901. (He employed Miss Louise Tracey, of New Haven, Conn., to trace his line of ancestry, and some of her notes, as well as some Kent, Conn., records, have been used by the writer.) 5. *Rev. Barlow H.*, b. June 24, 1814.
- iii. BETSY.
- iv. SALLY.
- v. MARY.
- vi. REBECCA.
- vii. DAVID.
- viii. LAURA.
- ix. ABIGAIL.
- x. AMY.

8. SETH⁵ GORHAM (*Ichabod*,⁴ *Joseph*,³ *Jabez*,² *John*¹), according to his own family Bible, was born in Danbury, Jan. 18, 1762. The inscription upon his monument at West Rutland, Vt., agrees with the Bible record of his age. He married first, Amelia Dunks, born in Danbury, Mar. 29, 1763, died Oct. 17, 1841; and married second, Louisa Everson, in 1842. He died Aug. 29, 1852. Miss Charity⁸ Gorham, of West Rutland, Vt., the owner of the family Bible, writes: "My father Channcey⁷ T. Gorham, son of Judson,⁶ and grandson of Seth⁵

and Amelia (Dunks), remembers both Seth⁵ Gorhams, and says they were cousins."

Children :

- i. BETSY,⁶ b. Feb. 20, 1785; d. July 28, 1866.
- ii. BARLOW, b. Feb. 21, 1787; d. Feb., 1883.
- iii. DEMING, b. June 6, 1789; d. Nov. 14, 1861.
- iv. ELI, b. Sept. 8, 1791; d. Oct. 7, 1870.
- v. JUDSON, b. Oct. 11, 1794; d. July 30, 1877.
- vi. ALONZO, b. Aug. 15, 1801; d. May 11, 1888.
- vii. LAURA, b. Aug. 9, 1804; d. Feb. 6, 1833.

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GORHAM.—It having recently been stated in print that John² Gorham (*ante*, vol. 52, page 358), son of Capt. John¹ and Desire (Howland) Gorham, acquired his title of Lieutenant-Colonel in the Militia, the writer desires to show that he was commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel of the regular forces, by Colonel Benjamin Church, in March 1703-4. According to a letter of instructions written by Lieutenant-Governor Stoughton, dated Boston, Aug. 12, 1696, Captain John² Gorham was second in command under the then Major Benjamin Church in the expedition against the French and Indians, in that year. This is shown in the History of the Indian Wars, by Thomas Church, with Notes and an Appendix by Samuel G. Drake (second edition, 1839), page 219. We find on pages 250 and 252 of this History that Benjamin Church, who had received his own commission as Colonel from Governor Dudley, March 18, 1703-4, at once issued commissions to the officers of his regiment, giving that of Lieutenant-Colonel to John² Gorham. On page 281 we find the names of all of the Field Officers and Captains, under date of July 4, 1704.

Since the writer's notes were published in the *Register*, *ante*, vol. 50, pages 32-34, the names of the officers and men who took part in the capture of Louisbourg have been published in the Massachusetts Historical Society's Collections, Sixth Series, Vol. X., *Pepperrell Papers*, Appendix, page 506. The officers of the Seventh Mass. Regiment were in part: Shubael³ Gorham, Esq., Colonel and Captain, 1st Company, commissioned Feb. 20, 1744; and John⁴ Gorham, Esq., Lieut.-Colonel and Captain, 2d Company, commissioned Feb. 20, 1744. These records show that when "Captain" John³ Gorham wrote his letter under date of May 7, 1745, to Sir William Pepperrell, he held the commission of Lieutenant-Colonel of the Seventh Mass. Regiment. Upon the death of his father, Colonel Shubael³ Gorham (Feb. 20, 1745-6), he was given the commission of Colonel of his father's regiment. (Usher Parsons's *Life of Pepperrell*, pages 238-240.)

Dr. Samuel A. Green, of the Massachusetts Historical Society, has kindly called my attention to an interesting point, as follows: "See Paige's *History of Cambridge* (p. 567), near the bottom of the page, for an instance of a Major-general being a Captain at the same time. It was the case of Samuel Green, though he was no kinsman of mine."

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The Gorham Family.

[From the Boston Transcript.]

The home of the Gorham family in Barnstable, Mass., was built before 1716. The first owner of it was Lieutenant Daniel John (2) Gorham, who married Mary Otis in 1674-5. It stands upon the site that belonged to his father. Among the many distinguished descendants of Lieutenant Colonel John (2) Gorham are the family of the President of the United States, an English nobleman and a baronet.

President Roosevelt's wife and children, with the exception of his oldest daughter (who is the child of his first wife) are descended from this family in the following line:

Lieutenant Colonel John (2) Gorham's son Stephen (3) Gorham married Elizabeth Gardner of Nantucket; their son Captain Nathaniel (4) Gorham, born in Barnstable, married Mary Soley of Westtown, Mass., July 6, 1736, and their daughter Elizabeth (5) Gorham (who was the sister of Hon. Nathaniel (5) Gorham of Continental Congress), married Captain John Leighton, and their daughter Elizabeth (6) Leighton, born Sept. 22, 1776, married Benjamin Lee, in Boston, May 7, 1797. They lived in Cambridge, Mass. Their daughter Emily (7) Lee, born in Cambridge, Nov. 17, 1813, married Daniel Lee of Norwich, Conn., May 20, 1832. The rest of this line is given in the memoir of Benjamin Lee, "Harvard College Library."

According to the memoir of Benjamin Lee by his son, Bishop Alfred Lee of Barnstable, Captain John Leighton and his daughter Elizabeth (5) Gorham, had a son, Daniel Gorham Leighton, born Feb. 1, 1776, and this is confirmed by the Boston birth records. Bishop Alfred Lee was the cousin to the mother of Bishop Philip Brooks. Colonel Shubael (3) Gorham of Barnstable had a son Joseph who went with him to Louisburg, in 1759.

This man was in the English army more than forty years; he was made a major general in 1790. He took part in the siege of Quebec and the battle of the Clouds of Abraham. He also took part in the capture of Havana in 1762. His daughter Charlotte (5) Spry Gorham, married Sir John Jackson. (See Burke's Peerage (1901), page 816.)

Captain Sturgis (5) Gorham of Barnstable, Mass., was the great-grandson of Lieutenant Colonel John (2) Gorham. Tenth child, Charlotte (6) Gorham, married Thomas Leader Harman of New Ipswich, La., and their daughter, Charlotte Gorham Harman, married Oct. 25, 1839, Sir William Eaton, First Baron Cheylesmore, of Cheylesmore, Coventry, England. (Burke's Peerage, page 315.) Her mother, the daughter of Captain Sturgis (5) Gorham, died in Bath, Eng., 1821, and she died Feb. 27, 1877. The late Lord Cheylesmore is a great-grandson of Captain Sturgis (5) Gorham of Barnstable. He married July 11, 1892, Elizabeth, daughter of F. O. French of New York.

Stephen (5) Gorham, who married Mary White, was a son of Captain Nathaniel (4) Gorham and Mary Soley. His son, Dr. John (6) Gorham, married Mary Warren, in 1808. She was the daughter of Dr. John Warren, who was a surgeon in the Revolutionary Army. Dr. John (6) Gorham was a Professor of chemistry at Harvard College in 1816. He was born in 1783, and died in 1829. His children were: Julia (7) Gorham, born 1810; Dr. John (7) Warren Gorham, born in 1812, and died in Rhode Island in 1893; Hallowell (7) Gardner Gorham, born in 1815; and Francis (7) Gorham born in 1820. The latter was a Boston broker. The Bostonian Society has a picture of the "Old Tremont Club," "The Beginning of the Somerset Club," and H. Gardner Gorham is one of the group.

Mercy (3) Gorham, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel John (2) Gorham and Mary Otis, married, in 1717, Hon. Sylvanus Bourne, of Barnstable. Their son, Melctiah Bourne, married Mary Bayard, a niece of Governor Bowdoin. He was a cousin of Major General Joseph Gorham.

Many of the letters written by General Gorham to him from 1760 to 1768 are among the "Bourne Papers," at Harvard College Library.

Edward (5) Gorham was the son of Benjamin (4) Gorham and his wife, Mary Sturgis, and great-grandson of Lieutenant Colonel John (2) Gorham and Mary Otis. Edward (5) Gorham married Abigail Taylor, and their daughter, Desire (6) Gorham, married Captain Daniel C. Bacon, of Barnstable and Boston. Capt. Bacon's residence in Boston was on the corner of Tremont street and Temple place.

Captain Benjamin (4) Gorham, son of Colonel Shubael (3), married Nancy Hinckley, Nov. 28, 1771, and their son, Captain Benjamin (5) Gorham, Jr., married Nancy Kneeland, Feb. 13, 1809; and their son, James (6) L. Gorham of Jamaica Plain, was the last of the sixth generation of the Gorham family. He died within a year or two. It was his grandfather, Captain Benjamin (4) Gorham of the Brig Fortune who brought the tea that was emptied into Boston dock, "March 7, 1774."

Some years ago Mr. Walter K. Watkins wrote an article for the Transcript entitled "One Cape Cod Homestead." In his list of the noted families who were descended from Lieutenant Colonel John (2) Gorham and Mary Otis, he included Hon. John Gorham Palfrey, Hon. Charles Francis Adams, Peter C. Brooks, Professor Everett and many others. Among those descended from the same ancestors who made their home in Barnstable are Gustavus A. Hinckley, the well-known historian of his native town, and the late Major Sylvanus B. Phinney, who was the editor of the Barnstable Patriot.

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page 5 may be found the
of Hon. Charles T. Gorham,
was Minister to the Hague
the Administration of President Grant.

page 8 are the records of many famous men
were descended from Lt. Col. John (2) Gorham, and
his, also the Gorham, line of Mrs. Roosevelt, (the
President Roosevelt.)

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