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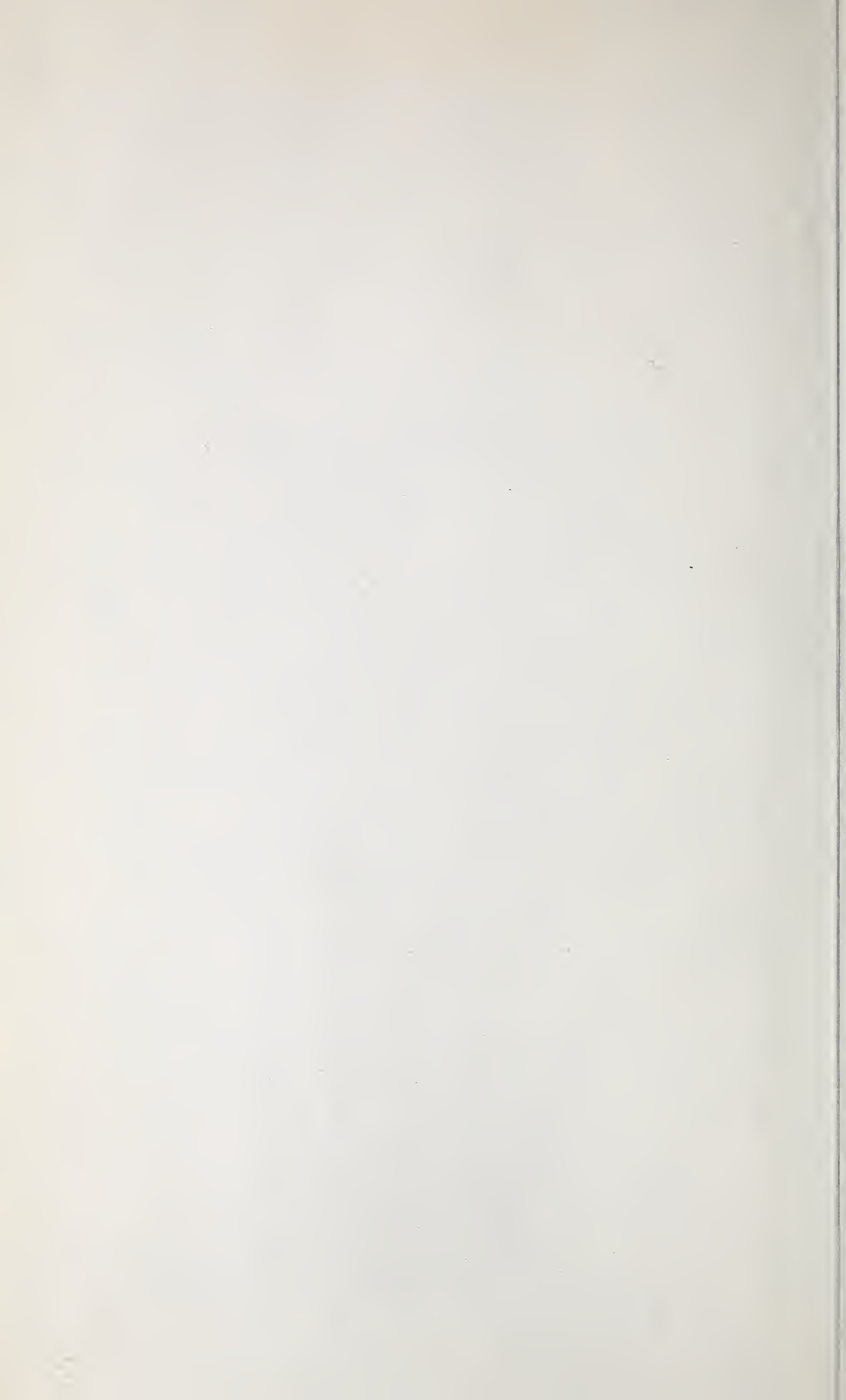


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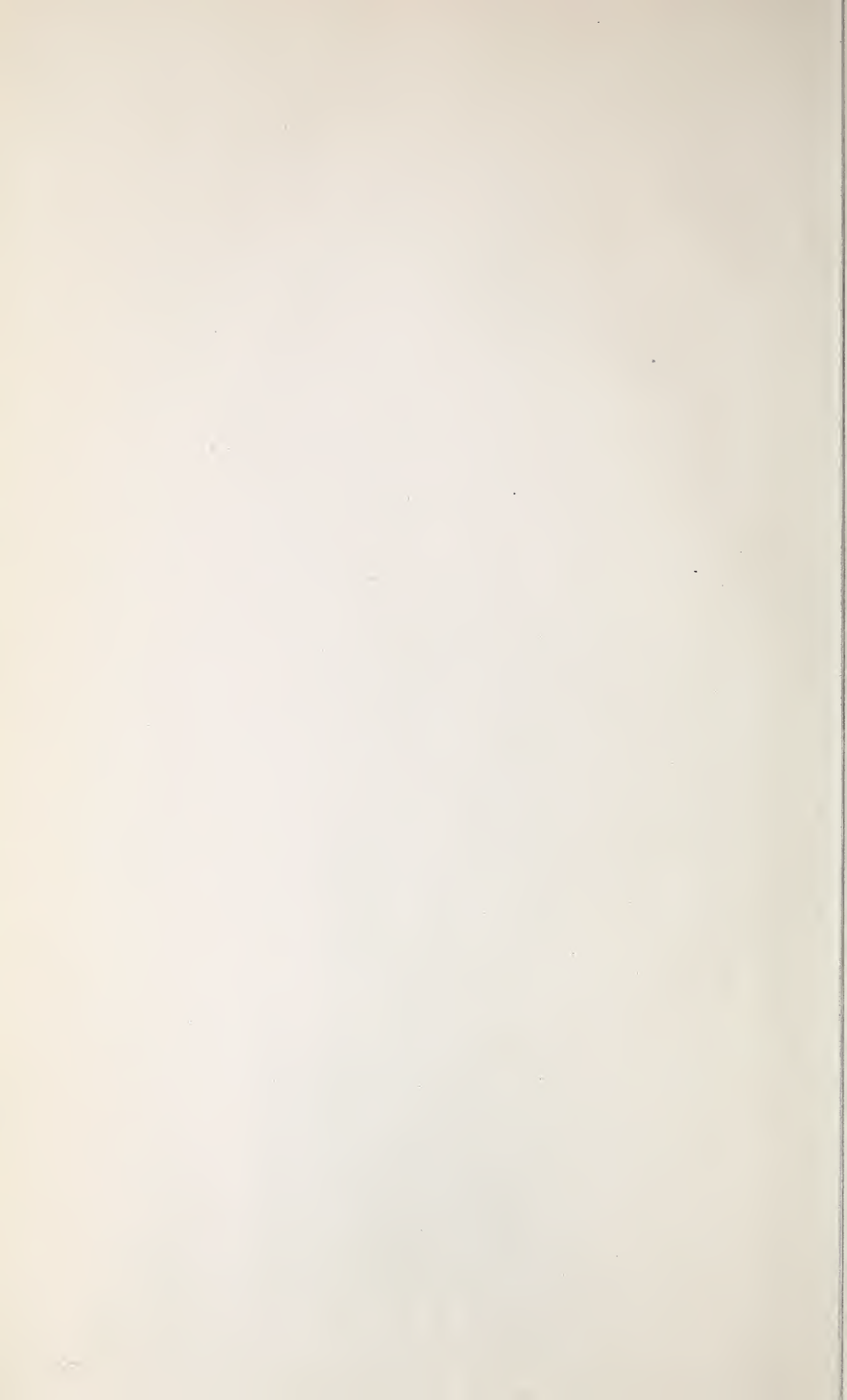
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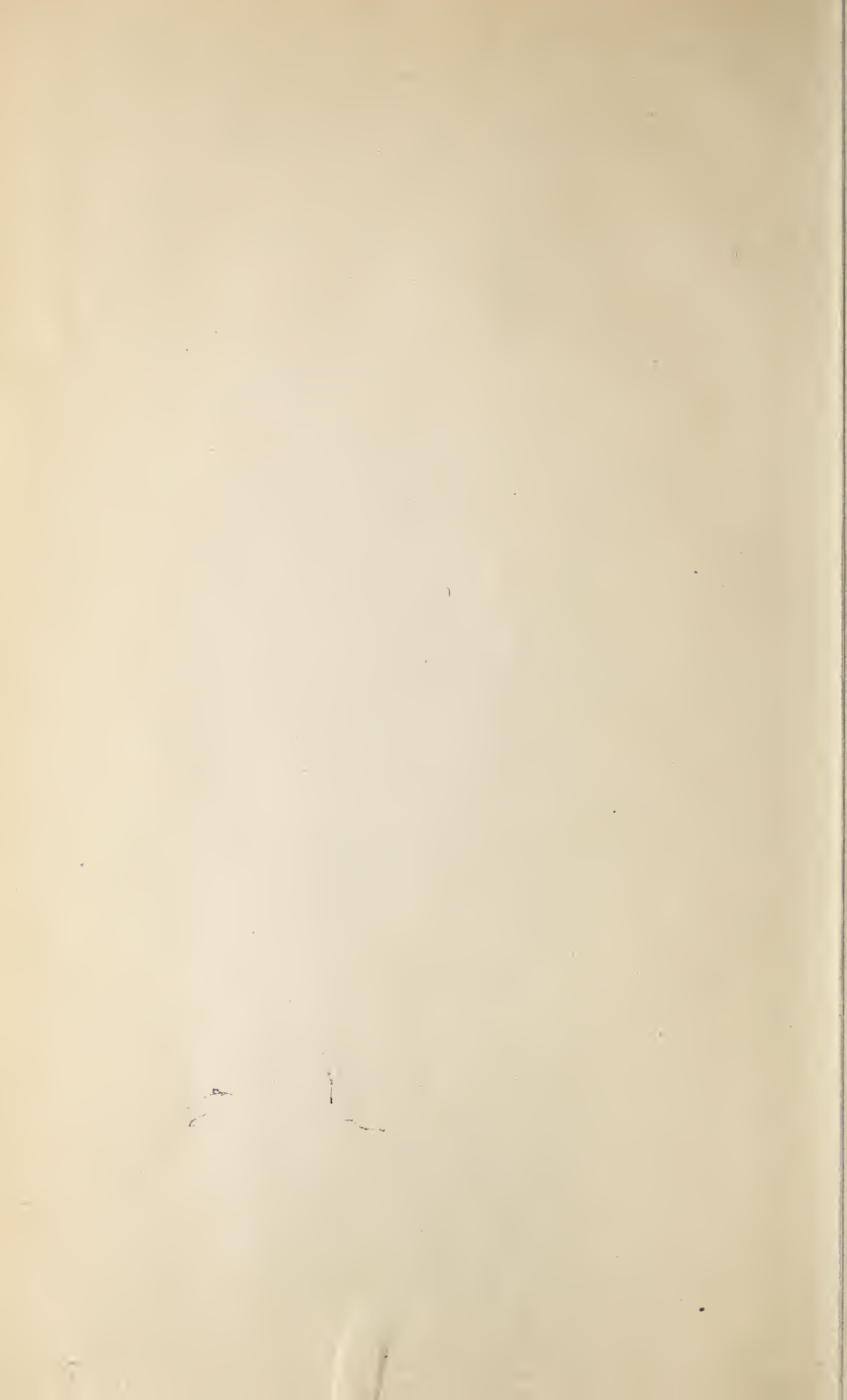
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Hon. John D. Long

A HISTORY  
OF  
BUCKFIELD

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OXFORD COUNTY, MAINE

FROM THE  
EARLIEST EXPLORATIONS TO THE  
CLOSE OF THE YEAR 1900

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*"We will review the deeds of our fathers."*—EMERSON

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## PREFACE

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More than twenty-five years ago, one of the authors of this work, Mr. Alfred Cole, began collecting material for a History of Buckfield. The other, Mr. C. F. Whitman, began his collections five years ago. Each worked independently of the other, until, the health of Mr. Cole becoming impaired, he sent for Mr. Whitman early last year and proposed that the history be completed by their joint efforts. This was assented to. Each had material which was essential for a full and complete history of the town, and each was more interested in producing a work worthy of his native town than in obtaining credit for being its author. From that time, the work has been prosecuted vigorously and harmoniously. We have brought to the task a sincere regard for fact and truth.

The records of the town and those in the county offices at Paris have been thoroughly searched, and also the early records of Cumberland County, of which Buckfield was once a part, and the archives at the State Houses in Boston and Augusta.

The traditional portion of this work is many fold richer and more complete than that of any other town history with which we are acquainted. The chief credit for this is due to Dr. A. C. Whitman, who, about a dozen years ago, interviewed all the oldest people in the town and took down their statements. Among these aged people, were Elias Taylor, a grandson of Samuel Taylor, born in 1796; Mrs. Arvilla Record, a granddaughter of Benjamin Spaulding, born in 1803; Briggs Record, a grandson of Jonathan Record, and Susan Leonard.

The authors are descended from Revolutionary soldiers and from two of the very first settlers of the town, and are connected with a great many of the families which have lived here. We have had no disposition to exalt their virtues and abilities over others. We have a sincere admiration for all the old families and those who have contributed to make our native town one of the very best upon the face of all the earth. We confidently hope that this book will meet with the hearty approbation of every son and daughter of Buckfield, into whose hands it may fall.

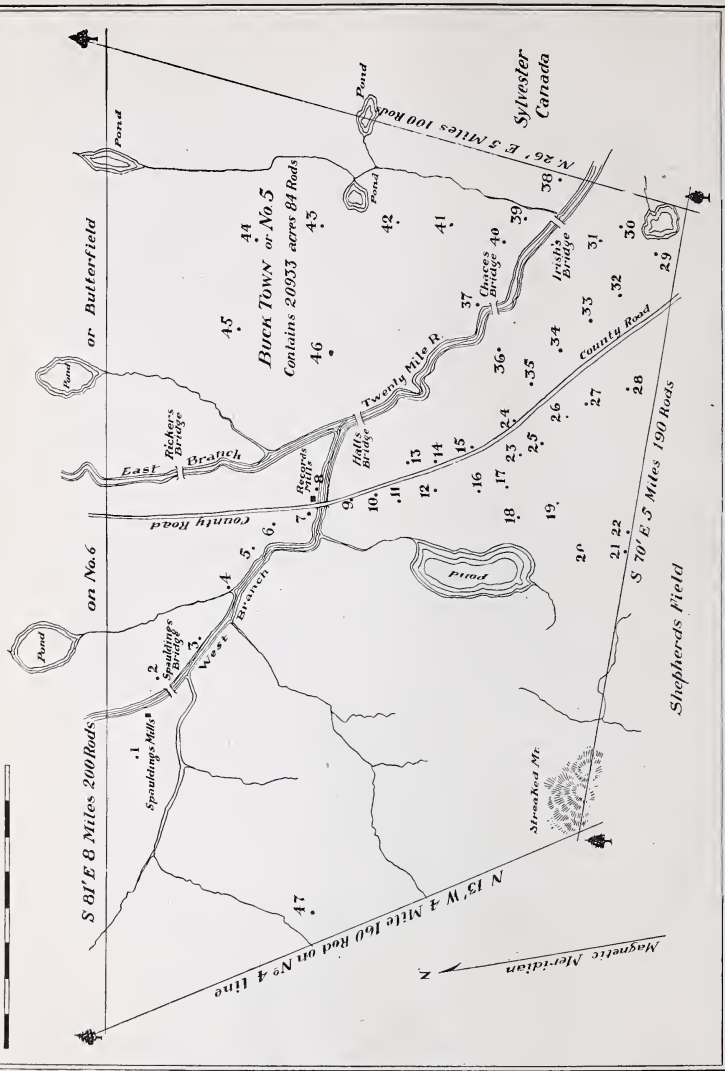
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Plan of Bucktown or No. 5 as surveyed by John Jordan in 1785, with settling lots approximately indicated thereon by numbers, and first county road

1 John Warren	8 Dominicus Record	15 Thomas Coburn	22 Jacob Whitman	28 John Thurlo	34 J. Irish Jr.	40 N. Chase	46 Enoch Hall
2 Benjamin Spaulding	9 Isaac Foster	16 Jonathan Record	23 Nathaniel Gammon	29 Richard Thurlo	35 Peter White	41 Amos Brown	47 Jonathan Tyler
3 Nathaniel Buck	10 Jonathan Philbrick	17 William Irish	24 David Record	30 J. Young	36 Simon Record	42 Joseph Roberts Jr.	located in western part of the town
4 Abijah Buck	11 John Irish	18 David Warren	25 Joel Rich	31 Joseph Irish	37 William Doble	43 Caleb Young	

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## DEDICATORY POEM

BY MARTHA MAXIM



Martha Maxim

As kindred of a storied Past  
We turn this History's page,  
We trace upon its radiant leaves  
A goodly heritage.

We call the Old Time back again  
Its scenes with joy we hail  
As from the hallowed, glowing past  
We lift the time-worn veil.

Through vistas dim we trace the steps  
Of sturdy pioneers,  
To voices of the Long Ago  
We hark back through the years.

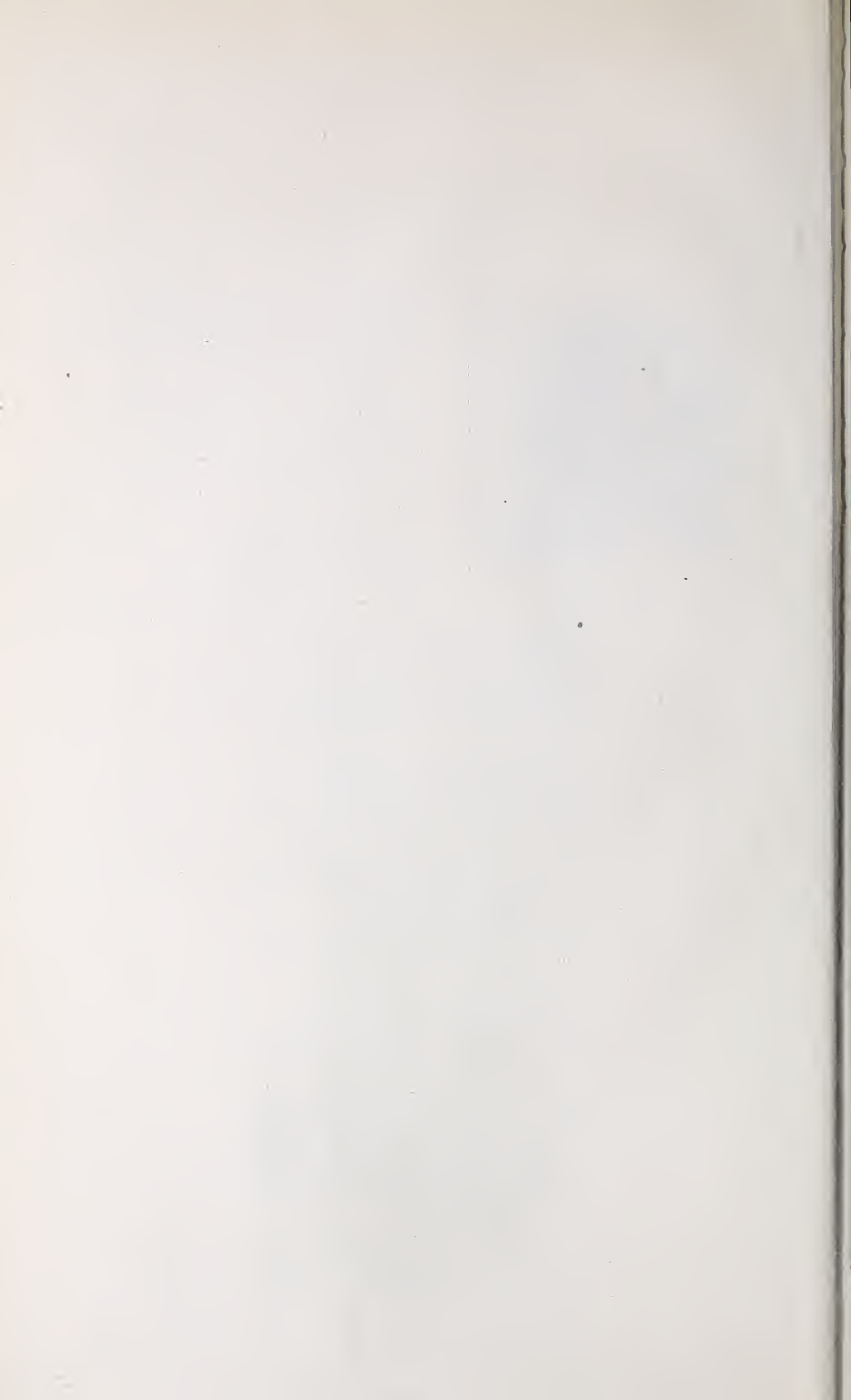
As faint as echoes of a dream  
These voices from afar  
Seem floating down from Heaven's Gate  
Beyond the Evening Star.

By fair Nezinscot's winding ways  
Our fathers' fathers trod,  
Loyal as were their Pilgrim sires  
To freedom, home, and God.

To these Forefathers here recalled  
This Book we dedicate,  
May memories of their noble lives  
Its pages consecrate!

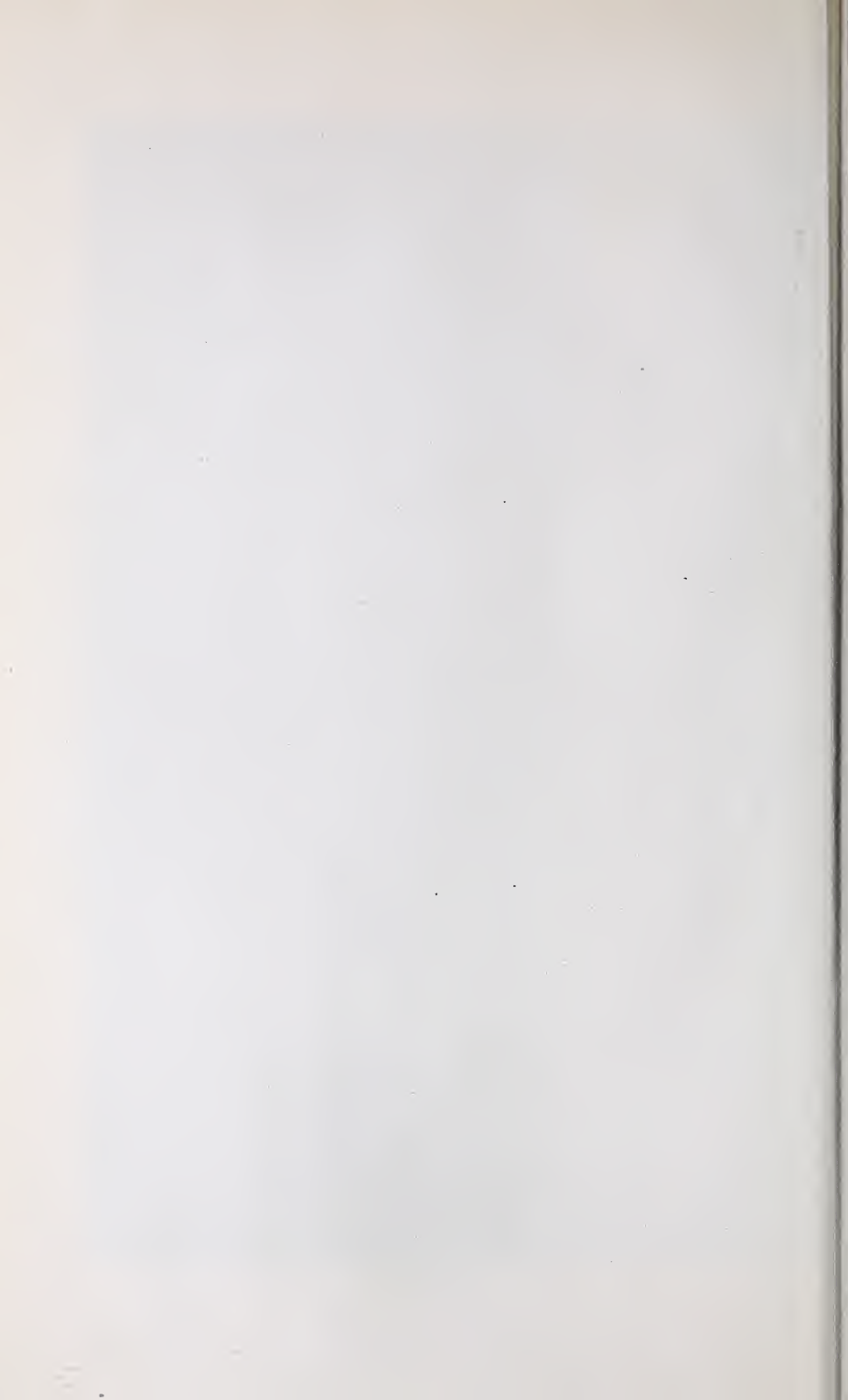
Ye dwellers by yon river fair  
With Time's unceasing flow  
More tenderly your hearts will cling  
To things of Long Ago.

And as we wend our separate ways  
Come fortune's smile or frown,  
Our hearts will turn and voice this prayer  
God bless our dear old Town!





View with Streaked Mountain in the Distance



# HISTORY OF BUCKFIELD

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## CHAPTER I.

### INTRODUCTION.

Buckfield is situated in the valley, drained by the Great Androscoggin River and its tributaries. It is bounded on the north by Sumner and Hartford; on the east by Turner in Androscoggin County; on the south by Hebron, and on the west by Paris, the shire town.

Its area is about 22,000 acres.

The town is well watered by ponds and streams. North Pond, so named from its situation about two miles north of the village, is partly in the town of Sumner. This little body of water is charmingly located in a deep secluded basin, environed by high wooded hills and is a favorite place of local resort. Its altitude is sufficient to afford a natural reservoir for an abundant supply of water by gravitation for Buckfield village.

South Pond, also so called from its situation about one mile south of the village, is a small body of water of about half a mile in length and about one-quarter of that distance in its widest part. The road bed of the railroad was laid through a part of its eastern border. Its waters are for the most part shallow, and in summer much of its surface is whitened with lilies.

There is another very small pond in the northeastern section of the town called Lincoln Pond, which is the drainage center of a considerable section reaching to the Hartford town line.

The fourth and last, is Whitman Pond, of some three acres, lying in the south part of the town quite near to the Hebron town line. It is the source of Bog Brook, which flows through Hebron and Minot into the Little Androscoggin River just below the village of Mechanic Falls.

The outlet of South Pond is a sluggish stream flowing north into the West Branch of the Twenty-Mile River near the upper part of the village. One would suppose from the lay of the land



that the natural outlet of this pond would run south instead of north, and there is little doubt that at some remote period it did so flow, till in some convulsion of nature a slide of earth from the mountains and hills filled up its southern end sufficiently and sent the waters of the pond running the other way.

There are numerous little streams which have their sources in the mountains and hills, and nearly all find their way into the Nezinscot or Twenty-Mile River—the principal stream which flows through the town, and across Turner, into the Great Androscoggin.

This river has two branches which unite just below the village. The West Branch on which are the principal water powers of the village and at North Buckfield, once called Spaulding's Mills, has its source in Shagg Pond in northeastern Woodstock. The East Branch takes its rise near Tumble Down Dick in Peru and flowing south forms the boundary between the towns of Sumner and Hartford and enters Buckfield near the center of its northern border.

The origin of the name of the principal stream of water in the town, is uncertain. It is not twenty miles from the junction of the two branches to its mouth and is more than that from either source to its union with the larger river. Nezinscot is from the Indian word nezinske, signifying twenty, but as the savages could have had originally no knowledge of distances measured by English miles, the application of this name to the river, must be attributed to some other cause than distance, now lost beyond recovery.

The surface of the town has that diversity and rugged formation, common to the other towns of the county. It is broken into numerous hills, with comparatively level stretches along the river valleys and undulating tracts of arable land in the highlands on either side. Waste lands here and there appear, aggregating quite an acreage, but mostly in the vicinity of Jersey Bog in the eastern part of the town, and in the mountain districts in the southwestern portion of Buckfield, where the surface is more broken.

The highest and most important elevation is Streaked Mountain, on which corner the three towns of Buckfield, Hebron and Paris. It is nearly 1,800 feet above sea level and about 900 feet above the village of Paris Hill.

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Next to Streaked Mountain in prominence is Owl's Head. Its altitude has never been ascertained. The two elevations are separated by a deep valley, and it's plain to be seen by comparison that Streaked Mountain is several hundred feet higher than its neighboring peak.

The soil of the town is of good quality and excellent for Indian corn and grain. The intervalles are free from stones and highly productive. The hill sides and uplands are well adapted for grazing and fruit culture. Here is the natural home of the apple, which grows to perfection. No town has a greater variety of springs of pure water.

The principal varieties of forest trees are the pine, hemlock, spruce, fir, cedar, rock and white maple, beech, yellow and white birch, oak, white and brown ash, poplar, basswood and elm.

No minerals of economic value are known to be in town, with the exception of a deposit of iron ore, on what was once known as the Lysander Lowe farm in the western part of the town. Some of this ore was smelted in 1837 and found to be of excellent quality.

On Streaked Mountain and Owl's Head, mixed with the granite veins, beautiful crystals of beryl, black tourmalines, etc., have been found. Recent investigations here give indications of richer mineral deposits similar to those of Mt. Mica in Paris.

The scenery is everywhere delightful and from Streaked Mountain, grand and beautiful. The lovely landscape views from its summit dotted with ponds and silvery streams, and pretty villages, is almost unrivalled. One of the Harpers of New York, who once visited the place, said he had been all over Europe and in Switzerland, and he had seen nothing so beautiful and lovely as the view from Streaked Mountain.

## CHAPTER II.

## PERSPECTIVE.

Prior to the beginning of the War of the Revolution, the tract of country embraced in what is now the town of Buckfield was an unbroken wilderness. It was but a decade and a half since Canada had passed into the possession of the English, through Gen. Wolfe's great victory on the Plains of Abraham, and the surrender of Quebec to the British Arms. This was the only period since the landing of the Pilgrims, at Plymouth, in which those seeking to found new settlements in the District of Maine and away from the coasts, could do so without fear of attack by savages, or of the interruption of peaceable pursuits.

In the wars between England and France for the possession of the St. Lawrence and Ohio valleys and Acadia, ruin had often fallen on the homes of the white settlers, but the savage tribes in the District of Maine had been broken up or destroyed. Those who survived the wars and remained, in what is now the county of Oxford, were but a few scattered bands, living where they might best procure fish and game.

At the time of the coming of the early settlers, a small band lived at the mouth of the Nezinscot, or Twenty-Mile River, a very few near North Pond, in what is now the town of Sumner, and a larger number in the Rangeley lake region. None of these showed any hostile disposition. During the period mentioned, the wilderness along the Androscoggin, Saco and other rivers, was invaded by hundreds of people in search of lands on which to found new settlements and make permanent homes.

Massachusetts always pursued a wise and liberal policy, in promoting and encouraging new settlements, and from time to time, the General Court passed acts, in furtherance of this policy. No difficulty in obtaining grants of land was experienced by those who had served the State in any of its wars, by their descendants, or by those who had been victims of Indian cruelty. Townships were assigned to responsible parties, on very liberal terms. Practically the lands belonging to the Commonwealth, away from the coast and large rivers, were open to all for settlement on the general conditions that each individual, to be entitled to 100 acres of land, must actually enter upon his tract, clear



from five to eight acres, and put them into condition for tillage, within three years. He must also erect a habitation at least eighteen feet square and seven feet post. The number required by the Commonwealth for the formation of a township was generally about sixty. After a certain number of years, the community thus formed was obliged to settle a "learned" Protestant minister and make provision for his support. Lots were reserved for schools and the ministry, and, at a later period, a lot for the future disposition of the government.

This was substantially the law at the time the first settlers came into what is now the town of Buckfield. There is abundant evidence to show that they expected to induce a sufficient number to follow them, so that each would hold his 100 or more acres of land free, and to ensure the purchase by them of the remainder of the township on the conditions usually imposed by the Commonwealth.

After the first settlement was made, and before the purchase of the township was effected, the law was changed, so that the only conditions imposed, were that any settler who, in four years' time, cleared 16 acres and erected a habitation, could for a small sum, obtain his deed of 100 acres. As will be seen hereafter, this sum varied at different dates from about one pound (\$5) to a little over \$9.00. Proprietors of townships, however, were compelled to submit to the usual conditions for the support of schools and the ministry.

This law regarding individual settlers was not in force after January 1, 1784, but it was in existence long enough to change the purpose of the greater number of those who settled in the township prior to 1781. Before this act passed, they had expected to become proprietors, but after it became a law, many chose to have their 100 acres set out to them, without being burdened with the responsibilities imposed on proprietors. A few of them, however, never relinquished the idea of purchasing the township and becoming proprietors. They saw, if the enterprise was successful, that they could acquire all the land they desired at little or no cost and, through the sale of lots to new settlers and others, that they had a fair prospect of becoming well-to-do. How successful they were, the future pages of this work will show.

It should not be forgotten that the lands on the east, west and south of the tract which includes Buckfield had already been disposed of, in grants to other parties, and the fact that here and to the northward was the only land where practically free homes could be obtained, brought hither the greater number of those who settled in the township prior to January 1, 1784.

## CHAPTER III.

## EARLY SETTLEMENT.

In the autumn of 1776, according to tradition, a party of hunters from New Gloucester, Maine, consisting of Abijah and Nathaniel Buck, Thomas Allen and John Brown, with perhaps others, came into what is now the town of Buckfield, for the secondary purpose of procuring game in which the region abounded, but primarily to select lots for a permanent settlement. They, or a part of them, had been here before on hunting expeditions, and had ascertained that it was a goodly land fit for habitation, and had determined to settle here. Long before this, Streaked Mountain, Twenty-Mile River, and even Bog Brook, had received the names by which they have ever since been known. Hunters had found that bears and catamounts were numerous around Streaked Mountain and Owl's Head, that Twenty-Mile River and South Pond were full of fish, while Bog Brook was noted for its beaver. This brought them into the region during the autumn months, in increasing numbers. The party mentioned having determined upon a settlement, knew there was no time to lose if they were to obtain and hold possession.

The leader and moving spirit was Abijah Buck, then about thirty-four years old. He had served in the Colonial forces during the greater part of the year 1760—the year after Quebec had fallen. He had previously been a "Scout to the Eastward." From North Yarmouth, he had entered the service, and it was stated in his enlistment papers that he was born at Dunstable, Mass., age 17, and that his father's name was John Buck. His early education could not have been of the best, but he had acquired a large store of what may be termed practical knowledge. He wrote a fair hand for those times. His address was pleasing and his ways such as to win the confidence of those he approached. No man of the early period in the town's history was abler or of more integrity, and the most difficult undertakings requiring great tact and good judgment were given over to him to manage. He was the second person after the town was incorporated, to be commissioned as a Justice of the Peace, and was ever afterwards called "Squire Buck," even in depositions and other legal documents. He was not much in town office, for

the reason probably, that for a considerable time, there was a strong feeling among the town's people against the proprietors, conceiving that their interests must be antagonistic to the town's interest. He was, however, several times elected one of the board of selectmen and assessors.

When Abijah Buck came into the township he was well-to-do. The price for which he sold his homestead in New Gloucester, shows him to have been possessed of \$1,000 and upwards in cash or currency—a handsome property for persons in his station for those times, and demonstrates that poverty did not drive him into the wilderness to find a new home.

Nathaniel Buck, born about 1750, was a younger brother of Abijah Buck. He was a man of great physical strength and endurance, and noted for being an expert hunter and skilled in wood craft.

In after years he was called a "housewright" which occupation claimed nearly all his attention. He was an industrious and thrifty man and withal a good citizen.

Thomas Allen was a deserter from the English Army on account of the Boston Massacre in 1770, in which he had participated, and his sympathy with the Americans. He was born in Bolton, England, about 1752. Before attaining his majority he had been apprenticed to a weaver. Allen appears to have been fairly well educated and was a good penman, as his records as town clerk show. Being of an adventurous disposition, he had enlisted as a soldier to come to Massachusetts to keep the people of that colony in subjection. But he quickly caught the spirit of independence of the people, and when a favorable opportunity offered, he, with another British soldier, deserted. They were pursued, however, so hotly that they were forced to take refuge under a bridge, over which their pursuers galloped on horseback. No sooner had the sound of their horses' hoofs died away in the distance than Allen and his companion scrambled out and fled into the woods. It had been a most anxious period for them while under the bridge, for they realized, if captured, that they would be shot. Allen, in relating the story in after years to his Buckfield neighbors, said that his hair fairly stood on end when the horses' hoofs struck the bridge. He espoused the cause of the Americans and did good service at different periods during the conflict. Referring to this service, he once

said: "I fought my own countrymen, and I fought like a lion, but it was for that freedom which I now enjoy." Allen never ceased, however, to love his native land, and often remarked: "There are no such sweet songbirds as in Old England." He was a man of fiery temper, when aroused. In politics he became a staunch federalist and no amount of persuasion of his old associates, the Bucks, who had espoused the cause of the republicans, could induce him to change his views, no matter in how much of a minority he might find himself.

John Brown had seen service in the old French and Indian War. He was the father-in-law of Thomas Allen and Nathaniel Buck. His wife had died prior to his coming and it is probable that he was then past middle life. So far as known he was not related to the other Browns who afterwards acquired settling lots in the township.

The party had come by way of the Nezinscot or Twenty-Mile river, through what is now the town of Turner. They found here in a hunter's cabin, in the limits of what is now the village, Benjamin Spaulding of Chelmsford, Mass., who had taken up his abode in the wilderness for a season, till two friends of his who had failed to meet the payments of obligations, for which he was surety, could effect a satisfactory settlement with their creditors. This was done during the two following years. On Spaulding's camp were stretched to dry, the skins of many animals he had caught in traps, or shot in the chase. He informed the party that game of all kinds was there in great abundance, and that a few Indians had a wigwam near a pond about two miles northward, but were peaceably disposed and would make no trouble. Benjamin Spaulding had been born at Concord, Mass., Feb. 5, 1739, and was then in his prime. He married Patty Barrett of Chelmsford, Nov. 29, 1764. The descendants of this worthy couple of every generation, have always been considered as of the very best of the people of the town, and have ever been honored with offices and positions of trust within their gift. Spaulding became one of the three leading spirits in the management of the proprietary and the most prosperous and wealthy of them all.

Abijah Buck and his associates tarried for several days with Spaulding. It is quite certain from previous knowledge and information, that Abijah Buck had formed a definite purpose to purchase and colonize the township.



It must have been a very difficult and laborious undertaking, at that period, to get together a sufficient number of persons to settle a new township, so far back in the wilderness. His father-in-law, Jonathan Tyler had had much experience, with others, in disposing of the proprietors' lands in New Gloucester, and it was determined that he, with his wife, Rebecca—their children having grown up,—should go to the new township and there pass the remainder of their days with the family of Abijah Buck, who doubtless considered it wise to locate a few families on the tract in order the better to attract other settlers there. Besides, he must have desired to obtain the choicest lots for himself, his relatives, and those who were to start out with him. We can pretty accurately fix the time when his purpose to colonize this new township, was formed, for he had purchased an hundred-acre tract in New Gloucester in April, 1772, for £100, on which he subsequently built a house and barn. In April, 1773, with Jonathan Tyler, Samuel Tyler, and four others, he purchased a 600-acre tract in two parcels for £225, "lying in the Gore so called, in the back part of North Yarmouth, bordering on New Gloucester." Up to this time, it is apparent, that Abijah Buck had formed no purpose of going elsewhere, but to add to, and improve, the possessions he already had. He and the Tylers appear to have disposed of their interest, about two years later, in this North Yarmouth tract, which without doubt was the time when the project of settling a whole township, north of Shepardsfield and west of Sylvester townships, became the great purpose of his life. Abijah Buck conveyed his New Gloucester homestead Nov. 4, 1776, for £213. This must have been shortly after the exploring party's examination of the new locality for a permanent settlement, as related. No doubt that the bargain for the sale of his place had been practically completed, contingent upon Abijah Buck and his associates finding in the wilderness on the Nezinscot suitable and desirable locations for their new homes. So that between the Spring of 1773 and the Autumn of 1776, the project of a settlement, in what is now the town of Buckfield, was conceived and started by Abijah Buck. The desirability of having such a man as Benjamin Spaulding, with his knowledge of the region, interested in his enterprise, must have been apparent to one possessing the perception and judgment of Abijah Buck. That Spaulding was won over is shown by his beginning, that

very year, to fell trees for a clearing on the lot where his camp stood—the first made, in point of time, according to all accounts. The spot was at the junction of the East Branch with the main river, below the site of the present village.

The lot selected by Abijah Buck was situated on the west branch of the river about a mile northwest of Spaulding's lot, on what was known in our boyhood as the Col. A. D. White farm. Nathaniel Buck took the lot adjoining on the north, Thomas Allen one on the southeast, while John Brown selected the one adjoining Allen's on the east. As the lands on the river at high water were overflowed, several acres on each of these lots were practically cleared, and here a certain kind of grass grew, which when properly cured, furnished good feed for cattle. As before stated, the law that settlers must clear a certain number of acres within a given period, no doubt appealed strongly to these pioneers, in the selection of their lots, as it lessened their labors in putting their land into a state of cultivation. Besides, it was desirable to have fodder for cattle. What they did at this time, if anything, in addition to the selection of their lots, it is now impossible to determine. It is probable that some hay was gathered and stacked, since the moving, with cattle, so early the next year, rendered it essential that something beforehand be procured till grass grew in the Spring.

While the snow was yet on the ground and the ice in the streams, preparations were made by these hardy settlers for moving into the wilderness. It would have been a very laborious and difficult undertaking, after the snow had gone to come through the woods, with families and household effects, where for many miles there was not so much as a "bridle-path," or even a course marked by spotted trees. Accordingly, it was determined to move by ox-team on the ice, by way of the Androscoggin and Twenty-Mile rivers. Traveling in that way during the latter part of March, 1777, they arrived at their new homes on the first day of April. Abijah Buck recorded in his diary and account book the following statement:

"Bucktown March th4 yr 1777. Beginning this town at that time." What was done then to warrant this statement, is uncertain, but it is probable that it was the beginning of the construction of the log house and other buildings for Abijah Buck, and perhaps for Allen and Nathaniel Buck. The house of Abijah

Buck was built large enough for two families—his own and Jonathan Tyler's—thenceforth for life to reside with him.

On the opposite page of the diary from the entry mentioned, he wrote forty-nine names besides his own, presumably of persons he depended upon to aid him in purchasing the township and assist in its settlement. They are as follows. Many of the names have long been familiar in Buckfield:

Abijah Buck	James Thurlo'
Benjamin Spaulding	David Record
Nathaniel Buck	Jonathan Record
Thomas Allen	Simon Record
John Brown	John Buck, Jr.
Jonathan Tyler	Edmund Chandler
Moses Buck	Hezekiah Studson
William Doble	Samuel Merrill
Jonas Coburn	Jabez Cushman
Thomas Coburn	Richard Dearborn
John Buck	Silas Coburn
Bani Teague	Jacob Cram
Isaac Foster	Wm. Hutchinson
Lemuel Crooker	Nathaniel Ingersoll
Jonathan Philbrick	William Widgery
John Irish	Joshua Ripley
Andrew Elliott	Samuel Butterfield
John Warren	Samuel Butterfield, Jr.
Richard Thurlo	Ebenezer Bancroft
Davis Thurlo	Ebenezer Bancroft, Jr.
Nathaniel Gammon	Henry Butterfield
John Thurlo	Moses Butterfield
Thomas Lowell	Joseph French
Peter White	John Jones
Asa Thurlo	Samuel Freeman

As will be seen, hereafter, some of them became interested in the settlement of the two townships, north of "Bucktown," and a number actually settled there.

William Widgery and Samuel Freeman were prominent citizens of Cumberland county, and doubtless were relied upon to assist in procuring the passage of all necessary legislation through the General Court at Boston and perhaps to take a certain number of shares or rights in the enterprise. Freeman "drew up" several of the petitions which were presented to that body. Nathaniel Ingersoll was Abijah Buck's captain in the army. That to Abijah Buck is due the chief credit for the settlement of the town, there can be no question. On first coming he gave it the name of "Bucktown," and so entered it in his diary. The General Court adopted the name and all acquiesced. The township was often referred to as "Buck's Proprietary."



There are several accounts of the journey of the earliest settlers here, which have come down to us through the Bucks, the Spauldings, the Records and other families. There are some variations, as might well be expected. Here is what Thomas Allen has left recorded about the first incidents of importance, in the settlement of the town on the first page of the town clerk's records of Buckfield:

"The first improvement, ever known to be made in the town of Buckfield, by any Englishman, was in the year 1776, by Benjamin Spaulding. The first that came with their families, were Abijah Buck and Thomas Allen, who, on the first day of April 1777, came into this town, with their wives and children, and in the same month, Nathaniel Buck came in with his family. These were the three first families, that settled in what is now the town of Buckfield. On the 30th day of September 1777, Molly Allen was born. Abijah Buck (Jr.) was born the first day of March 1778. These were the first children, born in the town of Buckfield."

The general narrative of the coming is substantially as follows: The families of Abijah Buck and Thomas Allen, with a part of their household goods, upon an ox-sled, drawn by a pair of three years old steers, owned by Abijah Buck, started from New Gloucester in the month of March 1777, for their new homes, in the wilderness. Arriving at the Androscoggin River, they proceeded on the ice to the mouth of Twenty-Mile River, then turned up this stream, westward into Sylvester township (now Turner). When they came to falls in the river, they were forced to leave the ice and proceed on the banks. It became necessary then to cut down some trees and lop off branches which prevented their progress.

At the settlement in Sylvester township two men, one of whom was Jonathan Record, afterward a settler in Bucktown, were employed to assist Buck and Allen in their work of clearing a path. When the ceremony took place in 1848, at the village, of

NOTE. Jonathan Tyler sold his homestead farm in New Gloucester March 27, 1777. Abijah Buck was one of the witnesses to the deed, which places him in New Gloucester on that date, undoubtedly just before his and Allen's families started for their new homes in the wilderness.

breaking ground for the beginning of the construction of the Buckfield Branch Railroad, Jonathan Record, then nearly one hundred years old, and the only survivor of those who worked in clearing the way for the first team ever driven into the township, was assigned to shovel the first spadeful of earth. Having at last arrived at Benjamin Spaulding's camp, the emigrants rested for a short time, while the women prepared something to eat. On their way thither, Abijah Buck had gone on ahead to hunt for deer, and was fortunate enough to procure a moose. Some of the flesh of this animal, roasted brown over the fire, furnished the choicest part of the meal. After all had heartily eaten, they resumed their journey, and before nightfall were comfortable and merry in their new homes.

The family of Abijah Buck then consisted of his wife and five children. One daughter, Phebe, ten years old, was left in New Gloucester with her maternal grandparents, and came with them the next year. There was but one child in the Allen family—the little son John, less than two years old. Later in the same month, Nathaniel Buck moved his family into the township. His children numbered three. The youngest was Nathaniel, Jr., who was about the same age as the Allen child. With this family came also John Brown. In September of this year was born in the family of Thomas Allen, the first child in the little settlement. It was a girl, who was named Mollie for her aunt, Mrs. Nathaniel Buck. What crops they raised, or how these three families fared the first year, cannot now be told. It must have been a period of great hardship and toil. The following, however, is the only incident of actual suffering for food, that has come down to us: They nearly got out of provisions late in the autumn, at about the time of the fall of the first snows, and Abijah Buck and two others started with the ox-team for New Gloucester, leaving one man (tradition says Nathaniel Buck) behind, to take care of the women and children. For better protection, all went to Abijah Buck's, to stay till the men should return. For all the families there was but half a bushel of corn meal. Abijah Buck had a small heifer which gave only three pints of milk a day. It was expected that the one left behind could supply them with sufficient meat with his gun to keep them from actual starvation, with the milk and corn bread, for the three days the men expected to be away. In the night after the

men had gone, a cold and violent snow storm came on, which lasted several days, followed by a high wind which piled the snow into huge drifts. Fearing that something might befall the man left in charge of the women and children, in his weakened condition, and that they would be left without protection, they would not let him go into the forest in search of food. There were eight children to feed, and the older ones ate but little, lest they should deprive the children of what was necessary to keep them from starvation. Nathaniel Buck became so weak that he staggered as he went about the work he must of necessity do. The men were gone seven days, and during two days of this time there was nothing to eat but the milk and this was given all to the children. The men knowing the urgent necessity of their return, raised a crew and with their ox-teams broke through the snow drifts to the settlement. When they at last appeared, with food and provisions, the joy and relief of these nearly famished people can better be imagined than described.

Only the two families of Benjamin Spaulding and Jonathan Tyler, so far as known, were added in 1778, to the number in the little settlement. At this time there were six children in the Spaulding family, the youngest being an infant in its mother's arms. A part only of the children came with their parents. The family was moved from Chelmsford with a ox-team and a cow was led behind. The wife of Jason Mitchell of Buckfield, in 1888 had a chair which was brought with this family at the time of their coming. Jonathan Tyler's family consisted only of himself and wife,—both nearly seventy years of age. They brought with them their granddaughter, Phebe Buck, who had been left behind when her father's family came the year before. The incident of this journey which has been preserved, is of their being rowed across a river—tradition does not say what river—in a birchbark canoe.

Jonathan Tyler, like Benjamin Spaulding, was a valuable acquisition to the little colony. He was fourth in descent from Job Tyler, the American ancestor who had settled at Andover, Mass., in 1641. He was a "millwright" and is said to have built 200 mills. He had lost a part of one hand, probably his left, for he acted as clerk of the proprietors for many years. On the incorporation of the town of New Gloucester in 1774, he was chosen, with two others, to "manage the affairs" of the town, and

the next year re-elected. He had conveyed land in that town "in the 6th year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord and King George the Third" (1766). His wife's name was Rebecca—born in Haverhill, Mass. According to the Rev. Paul Coffin's journal of a missionary tour through the towns in this section in 1800, she was then living at the age of 90 and remembered Hannah Dustin who escaped from captivity after killing seven Indians. Her husband had passed away, probably the year (1797) that a new "clark" was elected for the proprietors. On coming here Jonathan Tyler did not select a lot for settlement, but one was afterwards voted him by the proprietors in the westerly part of the town, but he never occupied it.

The year 1778 as well as 1777, must have been one of privation and perhaps of some suffering. We are told of frequent journeys to New Gloucester for provisions, and of the settlers carrying home on their backs large loads of corn and rye meal, salt, and various other articles. On one occasion, Nathaniel Buck is said to have brought from New Gloucester, on his back, three bushels of meal and a bag of salt. A map of the township, made in 1795, gives the distance from the center of the town to New Gloucester court house as twenty-five miles, but by the way the settlers went and came, it must have been much farther. It is no wonder, although of fabulous strength—he is said to have been the strongest man, physically, ever in the township or town—that Nathaniel got very tired before reaching the settlement, and fearing if he laid down his load, that he should not be able to place it upon his shoulders again, to obtain a little rest and take breath he occasionally leaned against the trees by the side of the path.

It is related in the History of Turner that mills for grinding corn were erected at what is now Turner village, in 1775. If this is so, it does not appear just why the early settlers in Bucktown went to New Gloucester. It took three days to go and come, and until horses were common in the settlement, provisions had to be transported on the settlers' backs. Probably the date given when mills in Sylvester township were first built, is an error. The stories of the journeys of the early Bucktown settlers to New Gloucester are so numerous and full of particulars that they leave no room for doubt of the fact that such journeys took place. The settlers were very industrious and their little clearings steadily broadened and widened year by year and here again the tales



of Nathaniel Buck's capacity for handling the trunks and limbs of large trees and piling them together for burning, overshadow all others. Piles of logs were often seen in his clearing which required cattle or several men to move in the openings of the other settlers. He was a veritable Samson among his associates, and it is to be presumed that no one of them cared to lay hands on him in anger. Jacob Leonard once said in speaking of him, that his hands and limbs were like a giant's.

It is related, as a remarkable fact, that while Nathaniel Buck was clearing his land, an apple tree was found growing wild. It was regarded as a good omen of his future thrift and prosperity and was carefully preserved.

The event of the year, in the little settlement, was the appearance in the family of Abijah Buck, on the first day of March, of the first male child born in the township. He was named Abijah Buck, Jr. A male child was also born, during the same month, in the family of Nathaniel Buck, and was named Moses, for his uncle, Moses Buck, who settled in what is now the town of Sumner.

In the early part of 1779, John Buck, a brother of the two Bucks mentioned, moved his family into the township. It consisted of his wife and two daughters. The oldest was only about two years of age,—the other an infant but a few weeks old. The date of their coming is fixed by family tradition as a short time after this child was born, which was on the 5th day of February, 1779. John Buck settled on the northern slope of North Hill on the westerly side of what is now the county road. Here he had great fields of corn, such as no other settler raised, if we are to put credence in the stories which have come down to us. He was generous with the poor in his dealings with them and often supplied them with corn to plant and to grind into meal, which, when cooked in the many ways then known to the housewife, furnished the staple article of diet. Many failed to repay him, and he never exacted remuneration. None were ever turned away empty-handed. Such a man could not grow wealthy in such a new settlement and John Buck was no exception to this rule.

Jonathan and David Record, twin brothers, said to have been born in Pembroke, but then residents of Bridgewater, Mass., came into the township the same year, to select lots for a settlement. They went to Sylvester plantation in 1776. Two others of the

name of Record were among the first settlers there, and they may have been related. In company with one Phillips they raised corn there that year. Jonathan, at least, was in Sylvester in the early part of the next year, as we have seen. They began their clearing between North and South Hill, and erected a habitation to accommodate two families. Both had seen service in the Continental Army and both were unmarried, but the happy event had been anticipated, and the time appointed, for celebrating the nuptials. Jonathan's sweetheart was Remember Briggs of Bridgewater, David's was Abigail Damon of Pembroke. The double wedding took place as appointed and their wedding trip was their journey to their home in the wilds of Maine. All went well with them for a time, but later on there was a disagreement between the wives, and each husband espousing the cause of his wife, the brothers agreed to separate and live apart. Jonathan leaving the lot to David, selected another on North Hill, on what was until recently known as the Rasselas Cole farm. (The Vital Statistics of Pembroke state that David Record and Abigail Damon were married Sept. 9, 1781. She was born Dec. 19, 1758.)

There also came into the township, during the year 1779, or 1780, as new settlers, the following persons:

Edmund Chandler	Isaac Foster
Jonathan Philbrick	Bani Teague
Thomas Coburn	Jonas Coburn
James Thurlo	John Warren
John Irish, Jr.	Simon Record
William Doble	Nathaniel Gammon
Richard Thurlo	Davis Thurlo
John Thurlo	Thomas Lowell
Asa Thurlo	and Peter White
Lemuel Crooker	

There may have been others, but if so, they stayed but a short time and then went elsewhere. Edmund Chandler was from New Gloucester or North Yarmouth. His lot was situated south of what is now the county road leading to Paris Hill and included the water privilege where the first mills were built. He was the first miller in the township, and is said to have built the first mill. He sold one-half of the mill and water privileges and his settling lot to Dominicus Record and Mark Andrews in 1795. Record and Andrews made a division—the former took the mills and the latter the settling lot and buildings upon it. In conveyances from 1790 to 1800, Chandler is sometimes described as being a resident

of Bucktown and sometimes of New Gloucester. He "got off" Jotham Shaw from Lot 6, E. Div., and appears to have lived on it for a period. He died in North Yarmouth about 1818.

Isaac Foster was from Pembroke. He had served in the Continental Army. His wife was Ranah Taylor, a daughter of Samuel, the wit and rhymster of the early settlers. His settling lot was No. 14, comprising what is now Loring's Hill and a part of the village. Isaac Foster was an uncle of Joel Foster, who settled here about 1787, and married Phebe Buck. His wife died in 1799, and he married Judith C. Smith, who appears to have had so much influence over him that they moved to Portland—abandoning two of his children by his first wife, to become town charges.

Jonathan Philbrick from Standish, then past middle life, settled on Lot No. 13 just south of the village, where the Dean sisters lately resided. Here he spent the remainder of his days. He was a soldier in the old French and Indian War. Philbrick was the first pound keeper in town. He was undoubtedly a worthy man. He died after December, 1805. His son, Enoch, was elected as town clerk to succeed Thomas Allen when he moved to Hartford, and his grandson, Ximenes, represented the town in the Legislature.

Bani (often spelled Beni) Teague from Plymouth Colony, settled on Lot No. 2, E. Div., north of the river on Turner line. Part of his settling lot was sold to Richard Taylor in 1788, and the rest of it was afterwards the property of Rev. Nathaniel Chase. His son of the same name, built the mills on the river in Turner about a mile from the Buckfield town line. They were first called Teague's Mills, now Chase's Mills. Bani Teague's name disappeared from the Buckfield tax lists after 1815.

Thomas and Jonas Coburn from Dracut, Mass., had lots Nos. 10 and 11, on North Hill. The former is now the summer residence of Hon. John D. Long. It is a singular fact that Jonas and Thomas Coburn were among the first settlers in what is now the city of Lewiston, about 1770—moving from there to Bucktown. Jonas disposed of his settling lot before 1800 and moved into the town of Turner. Thomas Coburn was one of the proprietors of the township and was often selected for important duties connected therewith. He died in 1804 and his heirs sold the homestead to Daniel Howard, Esq., our first lawyer.

John, James, Asa, Richard and Davis Thurlo from Windham and Gorham, signed Abijah Buck's petition for the purchase of the township. The last four were undoubtedly sons of James, a brother of John, who married in 1749, Judith Crediford. This James was a son of Richard, who had settled in Gorham from Berwick. He and his wife, Ann, had joined "the church" by "profession of faith." All five had seen service in the Continental Army. John's lot was No. 36 on the road from the Lowell Corner to Hebron and bordering on the town line. He later sold his lot to Jonas Coburn and went away. Asa's lot was, we think, No. 35, adjoining John's on the north, which he disposed of to Ezra Brown. He was a resident of Hebron in 1794. Afterwards the family removed to Woodstock where he died. Davis had Lot No. 34 adjoining Asa's on the north, and Richard, Lot No. 3 in the extreme southeast part of the township in the vicinity, while the lot of James (No. 12) was on North Hill, north of Jonas Coburn's on the east side of the county road, as afterwards laid out. James Thurlo died before receiving the deed of his lot, and his heirs sold to Deacon William Berry. Richard and Davis did not remain long in the township. They joined the Shaker Colony at "Sabbath Day Pond," New Gloucester. Philemon Parsons in 1793 acquired Lot No. 34, and Ezra Brown Lot No. 3 as non-resident land. Richard, born in 1754, had married Miriam, daughter of Stephen Lowell, and it is said that he turned over to the society a considerable property, when he joined the Shakers. The parents and a daughter lived with them during the remainder of their lives. The three sons, Isaac, Robert and Stephen, after they became of age, left and went into business for themselves.

Peter White, a Revolutionary soldier from Gorham, had Lot No. 7 on South Hill (in later years what was known as the Elkanah Irish place). He sold out and went to Standish, Me., before the census of 1790 was taken. His farm was situated near Sebago Lake. Perhaps White River, which empties into the lake in that section where he lived, took its name from him.

Nathaniel Gammon from Gorham, settled on Lot 32, near what was afterwards the Lowell Corner. He had served in the Continental Army. His wife was Molly, the second daughter of Stephen Lowell. He passed the rest of his life on the farm he had carved out of the wilderness. Nathaniel Gammon was a man



of upright character, of studious and industrious habits, and highly respected by all who knew him, as were also the members of his family—particularly his son, Jonathan, who was born, lived and died on the settling lot of his father. His descendants are scattered over the land; one, James Gammon, a worthy son and grandson, is an honored citizen in Dodge City, Kansas, and a sister, Margaret, a former school teacher, whom the writer gratefully remembers, is a widow in comfortable circumstances in Eureka, California.

William Doble and David Record had Lot. No. 9, W. Div., after enough land had been added by the proprietors to make 200 acres. They made the division themselves. Record's dwelling house was on the east side of the county road leading from the Lowell Corner, over North Hill to the village. Doble's on the northeast side of the river on the cross road leading from the Lowell Corner to the Turner road. Simon Record's lot, No. 8, was on this cross road. The origin of William Doble is uncertain. Elias Taylor, elsewhere mentioned, had heard it said that he had been left, while an infant, at the door of a well-to-do family, which had brought him up as one of their own. Many of his descendants at one period lived in the town of Sumner.

John Irish, Jr., from Gorham, came to Bucktown about 1780, and settled on South Hill on Lot 6, adjoining Peter White's lot on the south. It was afterwards known as the Henry Hutchinson place. He died in 1805. His estate was appraised at £1400—the larger part of which was real estate.

Two of these early settlers, John Warren and Thomas Lowell, were unmarried, when they came to the township, and a romantic interest surrounds their early lives here. Warren was the son of Tristram Warren of Berwick, whose lot was in the vicinity of the river, and bordering on what is now the Sumner town line. He married the oldest daughter of Abijah Buck, as related elsewhere.

Thomas Lowell was the oldest son of Stephen Lowell, who, with his good wife, lived with him, and whose deaths occurring quite near together a few years later, is mentioned elsewhere. His lot was No. 5 on South Hill. The romantic courtship of Thomas Lowell with Judith Farrar hereafter related, furnishes one of the most interesting and readable chapters in this history. He died Sept. 10, 1810, at the age of 49. The family removed to Litchfield, Me.

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William Lowell, who began trade in that section of the town, was a younger brother. He married Margery, a daughter of Elder William Irish, and had a remarkable family of children. Three of his sons were members of the Maine Senate in 1853. Mark Lowell, who died in Buckfield in 1884 at the age of 91, was also one of William's sons. Polly, a daughter, married Ichabod Bonney of Turner. She was the mother of Hon. Percival Bonney of Portland, who held the position of Judge of the Superior Court in that city for many years.

Lemuel Crooker's lot was No. 4 on South Hill. He was from Pembroke. His wife's name was Rachel Foster, sister of Isaac, whom he married Aug. 5, 1773. She was his cousin. He had seen service in the War for American Independence, was the leading citizen of his section of the town and the first trader there. At the first town meeting, he was elected chairman of the board of selectmen and was many times re-elected. He also held other positions. His townsmen appear to have never lost confidence in him. After a time he declined to accept town office, presumably to pay greater attention to his business. He was a great benefit to the people of that section as was Simon Record who had a blacksmith shop—the first in the township—near the Lowell Corner.

Soon after Lemuel Crooker opened his store a road was laid out from the county road to the mills, called Blake's Mills in Sylvester, and it became a thoroughfare for the settlers who went there to have their corn and rye ground. With a store, blacksmith shop and mills so near, the people of the south part of the town got along very well and by their industry in a short time began to thrive. It appears to have been at one time the most prosperous section of the town. There is a tradition that Jonas Coburn had a store in that locality before William Lowell, and that he succeeded Jonathan Roberts, Jr., "a trader," who purchased Peter White's settling lot. Coburn was a noted wrestler, and once a man came a great distance to try his strength and skill with him. Coburn happened to be away at the time, and among those who were present at the store was Simon Record, who, upon learning the stranger's errand, offered to take Coburn's place. At the set-to which followed, Record threw the fellow twice, to the great satisfaction of the bystanders and the evident chagrin

of the athlete, who thereupon left without waiting for the arrival of Coburn.

There must have been considerable business to have supported two stores in that part of the town for the time they were in operation. In 1812 Crooker sold his settling lot to Stephen Hutchinson, and closing his store, moved into Hebron where he died at an advanced age. Then, after some years, the channels of trade shifted and both the store and blacksmith shop ceased to exist, but in that vicinity over the town line in Hebron, a store of some kind has been kept unto this day.

## CHAPTER IV.

## EARLY SETTLEMENT CONTINUED.

In the early part of the year 1781, Nathaniel Chase, then in his twentieth year, with Amos Brown, his half-brother, and Daniel Crockett, came on snowshoes from Windham through the forest to Bucktown. He drew a hand sled, on which was a bushel of meal, an axe, a hatchet, and a gun. What the others brought, tradition has not informed us. Each selected a lot for settlement. Nathaniel's was known years ago as the Thomas Chase farm. The others took up lots in the same vicinity and north of the Bani Teague lot. In a year's time, Nathaniel had cleared twelve acres of land and built a log house, to which he moved his parents the next year. His father, Eleazer Chase, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. While he was in the army, the family was dependent upon the boy, Nathaniel. Before the long contest for Independence had ended, Nathaniel also enlisted, and served about a year. Besides the 100 acres, which he obtained by being a settler in the township, prior to January 1, 1784, he acquired by purchase a large number of acres of adjoining land (probably obtaining the lot of Daniel Crockett who appears to have gone away, but later returned to the township—at all events he acquired no settling lot.) A few years after he settled in the township, Nathaniel Chase was converted to the Baptist faith, and afterwards ordained as a preacher and became the first settled minister of the town.

Joseph Chase, a younger brother of Nathaniel, born in 1769, acquired a settling lot. He could not at the time of his brother's coming have been but 12 years old, and only about 15 when the law went out of effect, giving 100 acres of land to actual settlers. He probably came with his parents and may have acquired his settling lot in place of his father, Eleazer.

During the year 1781 occurred the first marriage in the township. Elizabeth Buck, the oldest daughter of Abijah Buck, became the bride of John Warren. They went into the adjoining township of Sylvester to have the ceremony performed, for as yet there was no one in the settlement authorized by law to unite persons in marriage. A great feast was prepared for them and the invited guests on their return, at Abijah Buck's, in which

deer and moose steak formed not the least appetizing parts of the viands. All the neighboring settlers with their wives and children, were present. It was a great event in the little settlement and long remembered.

In the same year, William Irish and Gershom Davis from Gorham, who had married sisters, came into the township to select lots. When they left home, their wives charged them to build their habitations, so that each could see the other's home. Irish's lot was on North Hill southwest of Jonathan Records'. Davis settled on a hill still farther southwest, overlooking the valley through which the railroad was afterwards located. They felled trees for their openings and erected their log houses as requested by their wives. While they were doing this work they stopped at John Buck's, whose wife was a relative of Irish's. The following year they moved their families into their new homes. Both had seen service in the Continental Army. Irish became a lay preacher of considerable ability and success.

In the year 1781, came also into the township to select a lot for a settlement, Jacob Whitman from Easton, Mass. He had learned from the Record brothers about the township. He had married a sister of Simon's wife and probably stayed there while looking for a lot, clearing his land, and building his log house. He selected, at first, a lot in the northern part of the township, but one of the settlers advised him to look for one where the rock maples grew large and thrifty, as this kind of growth showed that the soil would be excellent corn land. He followed this advice and went into the extreme southern part of the town to the southwest of Davis' lot, and there he found rock maples growing, such as he had not seen elsewhere. Here, near a fine spring of water, overlooking the valley of Bog Brook and the hills to the east and northeast, he began his clearing. He was a stout and muscularly built man, had served several years in the War for Independence, and was inured to hardship. He set resolutely at work, and, in a few weeks' time, had several acres of trees felled and a log house constructed. The next June, he moved his family to their new home. Besides his wife, it consisted of three children. The youngest, Joseph, was only three months old. And when his wife spoke about the convenience of having a cradle for this infant, he went out and got a piece of hemlock bark which had been peeled the year before and in drying had rolled up at the



sides. This, by a few strokes of the axe, was soon made to serve the purpose of a cradle. It is related that, one evening, after a hard day's work, he had gone to bed and fallen asleep, when he was suddenly awakened by his wife's calling, "Jacob! Jacob! come to the door! I think there is a new camp-fire over on the hill. Do you suppose another settler has come?" He got up, tired as he was, with great interest. There had been three before in that direction, now there were four. After gazing awhile at the lights, he said, "O, yes, there is a new one there, and, I tell you what, Nabby, an old soldier built it, and he must be from the westward." (A common expression, meaning Massachusetts.) Who this settler was is somewhat uncertain, but it was probably Joshua Young, who had been a soldier in the Continental Army and was at Bunker Hill. He came into the township in 1782, or 1783, and settled on the eastern slope of South Hill, near the Turner town line.

Jacob Whitman was born in Easton, Mass., Nov. 28, 1753. His father died when he was young and he was placed under guardianship. Perhaps he was not well used and he may have been very wilful. However this may be, we find him possessed of an adventurous spirit and ripe for the impending struggle of the people of the Colonies against the Mother Country. His first service was with the "Minute Men" of the old Commonwealth at the outbreak of the Revolution. He was in Capt. Daniel Lathrop's company from April 10, 1775, to May 2, 1775. On the 19th of April of that year, occurred the battles of Lexington and Concord. He enlisted again in the same company, in Col. Bailey's regiment, the next day after he was discharged, and served till Aug. 1, 1775. On the 17th of June the battle of Bunker Hill took place. There is a tradition in the family that he was present in that famous battle, and, while on the retreat across Charlestown Neck, his cartridge box was shot away, and that he turned and picked it up while the bullets were flying thickly around him.

His name is on the return of the muster roll, dated at Roxbury Camp, Dec. 16, 1775, "of men enlisted for the ensuing year, under the next establishment," Capt. Thomas Percy's Company, Col. Knox's Artillery Regt. He served during the Siege of Boston, the next year. Washington, having secured possession of Dorchester Heights, the British were forced to evacuate Boston. After this, according to the records of the War Department,

he served in the Continental Army. He enlisted June 6, 1776. The length of service is not given. He re-enlisted and was with the army in New York when Stony Point was stormed and when Gen. John Burgoyne's army was captured near Saratoga. He was at home in the early part of the year 1777, for a short time, when he married Abigail Packard of Bridgewater. Elias Taylor said, in 1888, that this old Revolutionary Patriot told him that he was discharged from the army in New Jersey and, with only Continental paper money, then considered almost worthless, he was left to find his way home as best he could. The people would not take this money in payment for food, and often he had to travel all day without anything to eat. At one place, he paid \$40 in this currency for a bowl of bread and milk. He came home with a profound regard for Washington, which he ever after retained, and bequeathed to his descendants. He settled in Bucktown, as we have seen, on a lot adjoining the Hebron town line, then called Shepardsfield. He was an industrious citizen and paid strict attention to the clearing up of his lot, rearing his family and attaining a competence. He was often selected for road surveyor, school agent and school committee and his name was always kept in the jury box until he got too old to attend to such service. He was a man of fierce spirit when aroused and positive in his opinions and fond of argument. The following incident, as related by Susan Leonard, who, in her younger days, was a school teacher of note in the town and had heard it from some of the oldest of the good Christian people living in the Berry neighborhood, is characteristic: When the first Baptist Society in town was formed, Jacob Whitman and his wife were solicited to join it. They had previously belonged to some society and were considered as Christians. When the creed was read over to him, he shook his head and said, "You may turn me off, if you choose, but I do not believe that. For, after much reflection upon the matter, I have come to the conclusion that, in some way and somehow, there will be a final restoration of all human souls." They took the matter into consideration, and, after considerable deliberation, they decided that it would do no good to argue with him, for he liked controversy too well and was too positive in his opinions to be changed but, as he was a good citizen and contributed liberally to the support of the church, they would leave his case with God.

Joshua Young had Lot No. 1 on the east slope of South Hill adjoining the Turner town line. He was originally from Wellfleet, Mass., but came here from Gorham. Joshua Young was a Patriot of the Revolution and was at the battle of Bunker Hill. He was probably also in other engagements. It is related that, while on the retreat, after the redoubt was carried by the British, he thought of some supplies which had been left behind and, making the remark that they were "too good for the d—d red coats;" went back and brought them off at the great risk of his life,—his clothes being pierced with several musket balls, which had been fired at him. He lived to a good old age. His settling lot has always been kept in the family name by his descendants.

Dominicus Record from Easton, came into the township in 1782. He first selected a lot as related on the river near John Warren's, but exchanged it with Benjamin Spaulding, for his lot in what is now the village. Record was a foundryman and millman. Had he adhered to his first selection, he would without doubt have erected mills at what is now North Buckfield and perhaps the principal center of business of the town might have been there. He acquired a half interest in the mills and water privileges with Edmund Chandler, of which he afterwards became the sole owner. In 1783 he moved his family, consisting of three children—his wife having died or been divorced—into the little place. There is a tradition that on account of domestic troubles, he had left a flourishing business in Massachusetts to make a new home in the wilds of Maine. From his coming dates the beginning of the prosperity and growth of the village. Soon after he married Jane Warren, daughter of Tristram Warren, who had become a settler near his son, John. By her he had three children.

In the year 1783 Enoch Hall from Windham, came to the township for the purpose of selecting a lot for a settlement. He obtained the one on the high land east of the river. It is the same which was known years ago as the Wm. F. Robinson farm. It had been taken up by another, perhaps Andrew Elliott, who had felled 10 acres of trees and erected a log house and other buildings. Hall purchased the rights of this settler for \$500, it is said. In 1784 he cleared up these ten acres and planted corn and 200 bushels were raised. In the autumn he went to Windham for his wife. In the month of November they started for



Bucktown with their household effects and some provisions on the backs of two horses. On their way thither, they found the streams swollen from a recent rain storm. One (tradition does not say which) was found unfordable and it became necessary to construct a raft of driftwood bound together with withes to bring across their goods and provisions, while the horses swam over. When about midway of the stream, on one of the trips, the raft went to pieces and Hall was obliged to swim to the opposite shore. He lost his jacket and the provisions, saving only his shirt, trousers, and two dollars in money. His wife and the household effects had been taken over previous to the accident. They arrived at their new home in Bucktown on his 21st birthday. With the two dollars he bought two sheep. After shearing time the next year his wife wove a piece of cloth from which she made him a suit of clothes. In 1786 he built a barn, covering it with "long shingles" made by himself. It was a rule of his life after he got started to buy nothing he could not pay for. The only school he ever attended was taught at his own house by Elder Daniel Hutchinson. The term was three weeks in length. His three oldest children and himself were the pupils. During this time he gained some knowledge of arithmetic and learned to write. He was a natural mathematician and from this small beginning he educated himself from such books as he could procure, and became qualified in after years to transact business and teach his younger children. In nine years from the time he moved into his log house, his family occupied a comfortable frame house, and he was in easy circumstances. During the last few years of his life, he suffered much from a disease of the stomach, which proved to be the cause of his death Dec. 10, 1835. Enoch Hall was one of the principal men in town of his day. For several years he served as Buckfield's representative in the General Court at Boston, was a member of the convention in 1819 that framed the Constitution for this State, and was the first representative from the town in the Legislature. His name is perpetuated in "Hall's Bridge."

Samuel Taylor from Pembroke, settled in the township prior to Jan. 1, 1784. His lot was west of Jacob Whitman's on the Hebron town line. His habitation was built within a very few rods of Whitman's, and both families used water from the same spring. Taylor had served in both the old French and Indian

War and the Revolution and was well along in years when he came to the township. He appears to have been the wit and rhymster of the original settlers. Some of his sayings were very witty, while others "bit like a serpent and stung like an adder." A story is told of him about an adventure which he had with James Rider's wife, who was believed by many people to be a witch. A man named Keen averred that she had once asked him for one of two partridges, which he had shot. He told her that he had no more than his own family wanted. She immediately pronounced a curse upon him and told him that he would never be able to shoot another bird. He said that he had tried several times to do so, but could not bring down the game—no doubt the effect of her words upon his nerves. Taylor, however, had no faith in her supernatural powers. It is related that, while making a journey on horseback, he had to put up for the night at Rider's house. He was urged to make a rhyme for the family. Though reluctant at first, he finally consented, with the proviso that half of it should be given that night, and the other half in the morning before he went away. The first half of his rhyme ran thus: "The children of Israel wanted bread and the Lord gave them manna;" after he had mounted his horse to depart the next morning, he was reminded that the rhyme had not been completed. He promptly finished it as follows: "Jeems Rider wanted a wife and the devil sent him Hannah." She started for him with uplifted broom and eyes blazing with wrath, but he put spurs to his horse and was soon out of sight and hearing.

Daniel Packard from Bridgewater, first settled in what proved to be, after the lines were run, the town of Hebron. While there his daughter, Betsey, was born—the first female child in the township. He afterwards selected a lot north of Taylor's on which he built a log house, where he moved his family before January 1, 1784.

The others who acquired settling lots here prior to that date of whom no mention has been made, are David Warren, Joel Rich, Ezra Brown, John Irish, Joseph Irish, Jonathan Roberts, Joseph Roberts, Jr., Caleb Young and Jonah Forbes.

David Warren settled west of Jonathan Record's towards the pond, and adjoining Gershom Davis', which proved to be on the same lot as Record. He came from the vicinity of Falmouth and had served for a period in the Continental Army. It is not

known what relationship, if any, he was to John Warren. He appears to have been an able man. After residing in Buckfield many years, he removed to Hartford, where he was a selectman, deputy sheriff and a representative to the General Court.

Joel Rich from Gorham, Me., settled on what in recent years has been known as the Lowell farm. He, too, had been a soldier in the Continental Army. He was the son of Lemuel and Elizabeth (Harding) Rich who came from Truro, Mass., to Gorham in 1762. They had a large family of children, among whom was Joel, born about 1757. He married Elizabeth Cates. Rich sold his settling lot to James Manwell in 1795 and removed to Brooks or vicinity.

Ezra Brown of Windham, a brother of Amos, had a settling lot in Bucktown. No mention is made of him in the earlier transactions relating to the purchase and settlement of the township. He was a prominent citizen in his town of Windham as early as 1783 when he was elected one of the selectmen, a position he held for many consecutive years. For this reason he could not have been a resident of Bucktown for the same period, yet he had a settling lot, No. 35, in the southeast part of the town, which we think he must have acquired by purchase and probably from Asa Thurlo. He was afterward taxed as a non-resident for land in the eastern part of the town for several years. Ezra Brown was elected as a representative to the General Court from Windham, where he died in 1826, "aged 76."

John Irish, the oldest son of James Irish, the American ancestor who came from England about 1710 and settled at Falmouth, now Portland, was born there April 13, 1724. He, with his wife, Sarah, settled in Gorham, Me., about 1750. Fourteen years later "he owned 50 acres of land in the back part of that town on a cross road." John Irish saw much service as a scout in the Indian wars. He was a member of Capt. Dominicus Jordan's "Snowshoe" company in the early part of 1744. He participated in the siege of Louisburg when it was captured by the colonial troops. In Capt. John Phinney's company he served as Sergeant in 1759. John Irish was in the Continental forces at the surrender of Quebec. His children were all grown up prior to his taking up a settler's lot near his son-in-law, John Buck, on North Hill in Bucktown in 1783. The family seems to have alternately lived in Bucktown and Gorham. In 1789 "in the 14th

year of American Independence" he sold his settling lot to John Buck for £60.

Joseph Irish of Gorham, a brother of John, senior, born April 12, 1728, was a soldier in the old French and Indian War and the War for Independence. He married Hannah Doane in 1753. His family had all grown up prior to his settling in Bucktown. His lot, which adjoined the Turner town line, he sold to his son, Ebenezer Irish, in 1802. There is no mention of his name on the census lists of 1800. We find under the record of the offspring of Ebenezer Irish and his wife, Bathsheba, this entry: "Mr. Joseph Irish, died April 14, 1808." His name disappeared from the tax lists of the town in 1801.

Jonathan Roberts, who settled at what was afterwards called "Federal Corner," was born in New Hampshire about 1746. He was probably a descendant of Thomas Roberts, who came from England with his wife, Rebecca, and settled in Dover, N. H., in 1633, and was colonial governor for a short time. This Thomas had two sons, one of whom was the sheriff who whipped the Quakers out of town "at the cart tail." The father, becoming converted to that faith, afterwards arose in church and asked the pardon of God for having such a son. It is said that the poet Whittier was a descendant of this sheriff. Many of this family name adopted the Quaker faith. Jonathan Roberts married, in 1768, Elizabeth Webb of Windham. He enlisted in the Continental Army and is said to have been at Bunker Hill. Jonathan appears to have been a man of considerable ability and a leading citizen of his section of the town.

Joseph Roberts, Jr., a nephew of Jonathan Roberts, was born in Brentwood, N. H., Feb. 6, 1756. He was the oldest son of Joseph and Hannah (Young) Roberts. He enlisted at Cape Elizabeth, May 15, 1775, in the Continental service, having run away for that purpose. His father went to take him back home, but was persuaded to enter the army himself. Both are said to have been at Bunker Hill, where they fought at the "rail fence." The son was at Copps Hill, when the British were forced to evacuate Boston. He was at Fort George and Fort Edward, and also in the Penobscot Expedition. His service, at different periods, extended through five years. He settled on a lot, on what is now the road from Federal Corner to the Chase neighborhood.



In 1818 he was granted a pension of \$8, but was dropped from the rolls in 1820. He was restored by act of June 7, 1832, at \$76.66 per year, commencing March 4, 1831. He married Esther Hamlin in 1777 and settled in Bucktown before Jan. 1, 1784. In 1799, he went to Washington Plantation, now Brooks, Me., and was the first settler in that township. He built the first mill there, was a natural mechanic and manufactured bowls, mortars, etc. Some of his dishes are still preserved among his descendants. Mr. Roberts was promised 500 acres of land from Gen. Knox for building the mill, but he never obtained the land. He was industrious, frugal, upright, moral, and a Christian man. He was twice married. By his first wife he had 12 children and 12 more by his second wife. His grandchildren numbered 157. He died in Brooks, Jan. 10, 1843, aged nearly 87.

Caleb Young from Windham was also a Revolutionary soldier. He may have been a brother of Joshua. The two names are suggestive of the two great leaders of the hosts of Israel at an important period of Jewish history. Caleb settled on what was known, thirty years ago, as the Ozias DeCoster farm. Joshua's lot was on Sylvester township line in the southeastern part of the town. It is related of Caleb that, at one time, he endeavored to cross, with a yoke of oxen, the bridge below the village which from a recent freshet had become unsafe. His cattle broke through and he quickly cut them loose from the load and, with great difficulty, saved them and himself by swimming ashore. The tradition is that the town authorities made him pay damages for breaking through the bridge.

Jonah Forbes, of Easton, Mass., was born in the year 1741. He was one of the "Minute Men" and served in the Continental Army and was at the battle of Monmouth. He settled in Bucktown about 1783 on Lot No. 8, East Division. He was 79 years old in 1820, when he made an affidavit in the Court of Common Pleas, relating to his property, which was then required of those pensioned under the Act of 1818. Tradition says that when he came home from the war he had a large quantity of Continental money and wore an officer's cap. He was a powerfully built man.

The men whose names have been mentioned in the foregoing pages, as acquiring settling lots of 100 acres free, prior to Jan. 1, 1784, were forty-seven in number. Their lots were not laid out and numbered till long after they had made their clearings and

erected habitations. By an entry in Abijah Buck's diary, it appears that this work was completed in 1789. It must have been a difficult problem, in some cases, to run out the exact number of acres required for each lot and include in it the settler's improvements. In two instances, the proprietors "found" two settlers on the same lot. In other words, they could not make a satisfactory division, so they added enough from contiguous land belonging to the proprietors, to contain 200 acres, and left the settlers to make the division themselves. The work of laying out the lots appears to have been done as well as could reasonably be expected under the circumstances.

The chief interest in the early history of the town must center in these 47 settlers and their families, for they must be regarded as the founders of the town. How they lived and what they accomplished, we shall endeavor, as far as possible, to relate.

Twelve (and if we count Daniel Crockett and Asa Thurlo, fourteen) of them, disposed of their settling lots and went elsewhere. One died before the deed of his lot was executed. Of the remaining number who passed the last years of their lives here, one lived to be over 104, three others over 90, nine others over 80, and five others over 70 years of age. Eight served in the old French and Indian War. Thirty-two are known to have been in the Continental Army. Their service represented all the important engagements in those great contests, from Braddock's defeat to the capture of Quebec, and from Bunker Hill to Yorktown. On fields of blood they served their country well. In peace, they founded a model little commonwealth. Honor and glory to their memories, evermore.



## CHAPTER V.

## PIONEER LIFE.

What would we not give for a glimpse of any one of the clearings of these early settlers, with its log house and other primitive structures—the father, busy at his labor of “junking,” planting, or harvesting; the mother hard at work at the loom, and the children playing about the door?

We may well conceive that, after the period of their greatest privations, and prosperous days had come, gatherings at certain places in each little neighborhood, on the long winter evenings, were frequent, with the great open fireplace piled high with the blazing logs and sending its cheerful heat and light into every corner. If at Thomas Allen’s, they would perhaps be listening to his songs or stories of adventure and life in old England.

If at Abijah Buck’s, of stories of the Indians and incidents of his army life in the French and Indian War. Mrs. Rebecca Tyler, Mrs. Buck’s mother, must have told, many times, the story of Hannah Dustin’s escape from the Indians, who were carrying her away into captivity. It was related to Rev. Paul Coffin, in 1800, when on a missionary tour among the towns in this section.

What is more probable at Benjamin Spaulding’s, than that hunting exploits and incidents of the chase were often discussed?

We know pretty accurately, from the many stories which have come down to us, what the gatherings were in the Whitman neighborhood. All were old Revolutionary soldiers and all, except one, serious and stern men. Samuel Taylor was given to the making of rhymes and to levity. And “Aunt Betty” Packard, too! What could she not tell of her native land, her voyage to America, and life in the army? We may well conceive that the stores and blacksmith shops drew together the men and older boys, who discussed the affairs of the township, state and nation.

Many a candidate for town office was selected in Lemuel Crooker’s store. The project of laying out a county road from the southeast part of the town to “Jay Point” was started in William Lowell’s store. At a later period, Larnard Swallow’s blacksmith shop in the northwest part of the town was a noted place for the town politicians of his section.

And what solemn gatherings their religious meetings must have been! They were a God-fearing people, and the Bible,

their great book of the law. Before the mills were built, the early settlers had to go to New Gloucester, or to Blake's Mills, now Turner village, to get their corn and grain ground. They went for several years to the former place for such articles as salt and molasses, and often, while carrying home on their backs, their bags of corn meal or rye, they would have in either hand a jug of molasses and a box or bag of salt. The long journey was by spotted trees.

One writing of the methods pursued by the early pioneers in this part of the state says:

"The common course of proceeding with beginners was first to cut down the trees on five or six acres of land the first year, burn the ground over the next spring, plant with corn and build a log house. Then cut down more trees, move the family in before harvest and live for a year, principally on corn meal food and such meat as the gun and fishing pole furnished. The third year, besides corn, raise wheat and beans and build a small barn. The fourth year raise hay and rye. By this time, the settler was in a way to live comfortably. After living in a log house for seven years, if he prospered, he would be able to build a frame house and be called an old settler. All who had nothing better than a log house were, by custom, bound to give a new settler two weeks' accommodation and board when moving in."

No particular method was adopted in Buckfield. In every section there were places where new settlers were accustomed to go and stay, not for two, only, but for many weeks until lots were selected and suitable habitations constructed. There were several such havens of refuge in the southern part of the town.

Elias Taylor, before mentioned, for a large part of his life, resided in the town of Hebron, which he at one time represented in the legislature of the state, but, during his old age, he came back to Buckfield to live and die. He delighted to tell about seeing, when a boy, the new settlers with their families as they came into town, and particularly, of Joseph Lothrop and his family from Bridgewater, Mass. They were made welcome at Jacob Whitman's. One of the daughters became his wife. The early settlers were noted for their hospitality. They delighted to see the new comers moving in and did everything they could to make them comfortable while their new homes were being prepared for occupancy.

Although of a later period, the following from the diary of an Oxford County settler will be of interest, as it shows the manner of "getting on" in the early days:

Mar. 23d Arrived with my family at my house. Hauled two loads of goods and returned to Minot.

Mar. 24th Set out from Minot with my two hogs.

Mar. 25th Arrived home. My brother moved from my house to his own.

Mar. 26th Got  $2\frac{1}{2}$  bushels corn from a neighbor and sent  $\frac{1}{2}$  bushel to mill.

Mar. 27th At work on my house.

Mar. 30th Made 22 sap troughs.

Mar. 31st Made plank to finish out my floor.

April 1st Set one glass window. Began to catch sap.

April 3d Set another glass window.

April 4th Bot.  $\frac{3}{4}$  bush. corn.

April 5th Bot. peck of wheat and one of rye and carried them to mill.

April 6th Began junking my felled trees. (Junking is cutting off logs from fallen trees of such lengths as to be easily handled and rolled together in piles for burning.) We received the first visit from women.

April 7th Junking.

April 8th Fast day.

April 10th Snow storm, 11 inches fell.

April 13th Lopping limbs among my burnt trees.

April 14th Junking and piling the rest of the week.

April 22d Burned the brush around my house.

April 28th and 29th Felling trees for my neighbors.

May 3d Set fire to our opening and had quite a good burn.

May 4th Piling brands.

May 13th Rain storm. It had been very dry. Made a table.

May 24th Bot. a bushel seed corn.

June 1st Planting.

June 12th Finished planting corn.

June 15th Fencing the opening.

June 16th At work for a neighbor for a pig.

June 17th and 18th Felling trees.

June 21st Brot. my cow and calf from father's.

- June 22nd Making cow yard and pig pen.
- June 29th and 30th Felling trees.
- July 5th Had a neighbor work for me telling trees and paid him in pork.
- July 12th Hoeing corn.
- July 14th Finished felling trees.
- July 17th Finished hoeing corn.
- July 25th Went to New Gloucester.
- July 29th Digging a water spring.
- July 30th and 31st Unwell.
- Aug. 5th Laid the foundation for my chimney.
- Aug. 6th Peeled bark for a chamber floor.
- Aug. 10th Went to a lecture at Mr. Hutchinson's.
- April 30th Went to mill.
- Sept. 1st Weeding my corn.
- Sept. 5th Went to meeting at Mr. Whitman's.
- Sept. 6th Began falling trees to lay over the season.
- Sept. 8th Went to mill.
- Sept. 12th Sunday. Went to meeting. Heard Deacon Packard and old Mr. Whitman.
- Sept. 21st Began cutting stalks.
- Oct. 5th and 6th Digging and covering cellar drain.
- Oct. 7th Digging potatoes. Had 40 bushels. Put them in cellar.
- Oct. 9th Banking up house.
- Oct. 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th Gathering corn.
- Oct. 18th At work in cellar.
- Oct. 19th, 20th and 21st Gathering pumpkins.
- Oct. 22d Went to mill and had first new corn ground.
- Oct. 27th Went to meeting and heard Mr. Tripp.
- Oct. 28th Went to two neighbors and brot. home two kittens.
- Nov. 2d Finished gathering corn—raised about 60 bushels.
- Nov. 4th, 5th and 6th At work in my cellar.
- Nov. 9th and 10th Building an oven.
- Nov. 11th Baked in it.
- Nov. 14th Sunday.
- Nov. 18th Got a number of trees at Mr. Packard's and set them out.
- Nov. 15th At work on chimney.

- Nov. 19th Went to Minot.  
Dec. 1st to 4th At work on the road.  
Dec. 6th Killed my two hogs. They weighed about 450 lbs.  
Dec. 12th Sunday. Went to meeting.  
Dec. 13th Topped out chimney.  
Dec. 14th Went to mill.  
Dec. 16th Hauling barn logs.  
Dec. 17th Severe cold morning.  
Dec. 18th Weather moderates.  
Dec. 20th to 25th At work on barn.  
Dec. 27th Hauled in my loom.

The log houses of the early settlers at first generally consisted of one room below, which served for kitchen, dining-room and sleeping room; and one above this, reached by a ladder where the children slept and where the ears of corn were often piled after husking. The roofs of the houses were made of strips of hemlock bark, or of pine, or cedar. The doors were of hewed plank, hung on wooden hinges and fastened by a large wooden latch on the inside. A stout hempen cord was attached to the latch and ran through a hole to the outside. At night and in times of alarms, this string was drawn in, thus preventing any one on the outside from opening the door. A stout hardwood bar could be fixed across the door to make it further secure. 'It was the boast of some, however, that the latch strings to their doors were always out.

There were no glass windows for several years after the first settlers came. Oiled paper supplied the place of glass when the houses were built, places being left in the walls for the introduction of light. The oiled paper was fixed over these apertures. Pieces of wood, hewed to the right dimensions, were placed in slides to cover these places at night or in stormy and cold weather. The foundations for chimneys were of stone cemented with clay. From the second floor the walls were constructed of sticks of split wood laid "cob fashion" and the spaces between were filled with clay or mud. The floor when not of hewed plank was the bare ground made smooth and hard by the constant tread of feet and kept neat and clean by the housewife's broom made from twigs or of ash wood pounded into strips of the right length. The great fireplaces were among the best



features of these habitations. They were built to take in large sticks. Stones of the right size and shape were placed on each side for the great "back log" and the "forestick" between which the fire was made. Chairs, bottomed with basket stuff, for the older members of the family and visitors, and wooden stools for the younger ones furnished the seats. Over the fireplace hung the old flint-lock gun, a very essential thing in those days. Within the fireplace hung the crane to hold the pots and kettles in which food was cooked by boiling, while nearby, on the wall, shelves were constructed for the tin, pewter and wooden ware, close to which hung the knife-basket. In this room, also, was the spinning wheel and often the loom. The clothing of the first settlers was made from flax and wool. Every settler had his field of flax. The instrument to dress it and make it into cloth every family possessed. Sheep, as well as pigs and cows, were among the first essential domestic animals.

To prepare the flax and wool for making into cloth, with everything else to do, made every habitation a hive of industry. A shoemaker, called a cordwainer, went around from house to house and made or mended the shoes and boots for the family. The road between one settler's home and another's was a path cut through the forest and called a bridle road. As the country became more settled, trees were cut down, stumps and rocks removed, low places filled up and streams bridged. Sunday was observed as a sacred day and meetings were held at the larger houses and most convenient places, where all the people old and young in the vicinity were expected to be present unless sickness or infirmity prevented. Lay preachers or those gifted in exhortation and prayer conducted the services. The necessity for schooling was very early felt but it is probable that for many years for one to master the "three R's, 'Reading, 'Riting and 'Rithmetic," was considered tantamount to having acquired a liberal education.

It is customary in modern times to speak of the life of the early settlers as one of hardships and afflictions and devoid of comfort. We do not share in this view. For the first few years doubtless this was true but starting, as the most of them did, with but few of this world's goods and possessions, they went into the wilderness with the hope that by industry and frugality they would acquire not only homes but a competence. And in



the acquiring of these, there is little doubt that they enjoyed a degree of happiness fully equal to that of the people of the town to-day. From all that we can learn it had been bruited abroad that the tract of country, embraced in what is now the town of Buckfield, was the poor man's Canaan and poor men came in great numbers. A few after staying awhile went away to other localities. Some were disappointed, as might have been expected, and left the township without doing much in the way of bettering their condition. But others came, like the Pilgrims, with no thought of turning back. They determined to pass the rest of their days here and accomplish what they could. They succeeded, some more than others—as will always be the case—the result of which is the good old town with its many happy homes and its intelligent and moral people and which has been the mother of so many able and eminent men.

## CHAPTER VI.

## PURCHASE OF TOWNSHIP.

During the year 1779, as appears by the diary of Abijah Buck, the first effort was made to purchase the township. He had succeeded in getting several influential men and others besides those already settled here, interested in his plans, among whom were Col. Ebenezer Bancroft and Samuel Butterfield of Dunstable, Mass. They were from the same section of the old Commonwealth from which the Bucks came. He states that a meeting was held and the sum of \$280 in paper money, worth 18 shillings and 8 pence were contributed towards the expense of getting up the petition and going to Boston to present it to the General Court. He further states that he himself went to Samuel Freeman, Esquire, in Yarmouth, who drew it up and that he there signed it. Also that he went to Boston in April, 1780, and, while there, settled with Bancroft and Butterfield and paid them a small balance which was their due.

His petition could not be found in the archives of the Secretary of the Commonwealth at Boston but where it should have been was the following which undoubtedly accompanied it:

"Mr. Abijah Buck,

Sir:—please to enter our names to your Petition for a tract of land, in the State of Massachusetts Bay, in the county of Cumberland, lying to the Westward of Sylvester and to the Northward of land granted to Mr. Alexander Shepard, to the value of five or six miles square and you will oblige us your humble Servants.

Isaac Foster  
Bani Teague  
Jonathan Record  
Simon Record  
Richard Derburn  
Joshua Ripley  
Silas Coburn  
Ebenezer Bancroft  
Samuel Merrill  
Henry Butterfield  
Nathaniel Ingersoll  
Edmun Chandler,  
John Buck  
William Wigery  
Jabez Cushman  
Samuel Butterfield  
Samuel Freeman

Jonathan Tyler  
William Hutchinson  
Jacob Cram  
Benjamin Spaulding  
Jonas Coburn  
Nathaniel Buck  
Ebenezer Bancroft, Jr.  
John Brown  
Andrew Elliott  
Thomas Allen  
Thomas Coburn  
John Buck  
David Record  
John Warren  
John Irish  
Lemuel Crocker  
Davis Thurlo

Moses Butterfield  
Joseph Fletcher  
Samuel Butterfield, Jr.  
Thomas Lowell  
John Thurlo  
Asa Thurlo  
Hezekiah Stetson

Nathaniel Gammon  
Jonathan Philbrick  
James Thurlo  
Richard Thurlo  
William Doble  
Peter White  
John Brown."

There is no date to this paper, but on the back of it are the following indorsements:

"Petition of a number of persons for a tract  
of land back of Sylvester."

"Samuel Butterfields."

"Supposed 1780."

It will be noted that this paper contains the names of men who settled in what are now the towns of Sumner and Hartford and some were never settlers in this region. It will also be seen that it contained the names of two John Bucks and two John Browns. The petition and this paper accompanying it, no doubt, were presented to the General Court by Samuel Butterfield. Nothing came of it at this time at least.

In the autumn of 1780 the effort to purchase the township was renewed. We found the petition printed in a newspaper which had been furnished it by one who had formerly been an official in the Archives Department at the State House at Boston and is as follows:

"TO THE Honorable Senate and Honorable, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

The petition of Abijah Buck for himself and others, humbly shews—That he has with a number of other Persons, whose names, are upon the paper, accompanying this Petition, entered upon a Tract of Land, belonging to this State, in the County of Cumberland, to the westward of Sylvester Town and to the northward of Land lately granted to Mr. Alexander Sheppard—That considering very little advantage could possibly accrue to the public, from an uncultivated wilderness, and on the contrary, that the wealth of a community, is in a great measure increased, by subduing the Lands thereof, and preparing them to produce the necessities of Life for its inhabitants, and being under necessitous circumstances, they have made considerable Improvements, upon the said Tract of Land, and built small cottages thereupon, in humble expectation, that the Government would quiet them, in their possessions, and encourage them to persevere in their industry.

They have most of them served their country as soldiers in the present War, and are still ready to risque their Lives for its Defense, and as far as they are able, to contribute to its support, and as they have removed from several parts of the State, to this remote part of it, in order to procure a subsistence and as a band of Brothers, are united to promote the Publick, as well as each others welfare,—not one of whom to your Petitioners knowledge, being tinctured, with the despicable Principles of a Tory, they humbly Pray, that your Honors, would so far interrupt your attention, to the more publick concerns, which are doubtless daily pressing upon you, as to order this Petition, to be committed for consideration, and if consistent, with the Rules of Policy, that your Honors would grant them a Township where they have settled as aforementioned, upon such terms and conditions, as your Honors shall deem just and reasonable, and your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Dec. 25 1780.

Abijah Buck  
 Andrew Elliott  
 Thomas Allen  
 Thomas Coburn  
 John Buck  
 David Record  
 Samuel Butterfield, Jr.  
 John Warren  
 Lemuel Crooker  
 Davis Thurlo  
 Nathaniel Gammon  
 Jona Philbrick  
 Thomas Lowell  
 Richard Thurlo  
 John Thurlo  
 Henry Butterfield  
 Wm. Doble  
 Asa Thurlo  
 Peter White  
 Hezekiah Stetson  
 Moses Buck  
 John Irish  
 John Brown  
 Bani Teague  
 Simon Record

Joseph Fletcher  
 John Brown  
 Joshua Ripley  
 Silas Coburn  
 Samuel Merrill  
 Nathaniel Ingersoll  
 Samuel Butterfield  
 Edmund Chandler  
 John Buck  
 William Wigery  
 Jabez Cushman  
 Moses Butterfield  
 Jonathan Tyler  
 Ebenezer Bancroft  
 William Hutchinson  
 Jacob Cram  
 Benjamin Spaulding  
 Jonas Coburn  
 Nathaniel Buck  
 Ebenezer Bancroft, Jr.  
 James Thurlo  
 Samuel Freeman  
 Isaac Foster  
 Jonathan Record  
 Richard Derburn."

It seems to have soon occurred to Butterfield and Bancroft that they with others might acquire a tract of land as large as that which Abijah Buck and those particularly interested with him were striving to obtain and adjoining it on the North. This was no doubt satisfactory to all concerned. The petition of Samuel Butterfield and his associates for the purchase of this new tract is dated January 24, 1781. It will be seen that the statement was made in the second Buck petition that the signers had built small houses upon the tract which they wished to purchase and had

made considerable improvements thereon. Also, that the greater part of the petitioners had been in the Continental Army. The first statement could not be literally true as to all of them personally, for some were never actual settlers.

This petition was not then acted upon. At a later period it was determined that no more townships should be sold or granted till surveys had been made and boundaries established. We find the record of no other petition and it may be that this one was laid aside to be acted on when the township should be surveyed. This survey was made in 1785 by one John Jordan, or Jardine, as his name was sometimes spelled.

The intervening years were ones of discouragement for Abijah Buck and many times he is found going to consult several parties to obtain advice. In the early part of the year 1786, he went to Boston and was gone from home twenty-seven days. This time he accomplished his purpose. A purchase was made of the township at two shillings per acre, but in this sale every one who had settled here prior to Jan. 1, 1784 was protected in his 100-acre lot to be laid out by the proprietors "so as best to include his improvements." Buck came home in triumph but as he says in his diary "most tired out."

There were a number in the township who had come in after January 1, 1784, and before the purchase was effected. These were treated by the proprietors as mere squatters and trespassers and some of them were driven away without much concern as the proprietor's records show. The General Court's Committee appears to have taken no interest in protecting them in their holdings and the "Betterments Act" would not apply to their case. Though the proprietors did not receive their deed till 1788, they immediately went to selling lots and giving deeds to purchasers. When Butterfield and Bancroft decided to give up the plan of working with Abijah Buck, he secured others.

Some of the proprietors were undoubtedly possessed of means. The enterprise proved a success. They probably did not get very rich out of the speculation but the three chief men in it who were residents of the township, Abijah Buck, Benjamin Spaulding and Dominicus Record, became very well-to-do and able to provide handsomely for their children and leave a competence for their old age.



The deed was executed by Samuel Phillips, Jr., Nath'l Wells and Leonard Jarvis appointed by the General Court for the purpose, the 13th day of November, 1788 and acknowledged before Samuel Cooper, Justice of the Peace, on the 25th of the same month. The consideration named was 1732 pounds, 17 shillings and 10 pence in "consolidated notes" of the Commonwealth. The grantees were: Abijah Buck, 9 parts; Benjamin Spaulding, 6 parts; Nathaniel Buck, 4 parts; John Brown, 2 parts; Thomas Allen, 1 part; Edmund Chandler, 2 parts; John Buck, 2 parts; John Warren, 2 parts; Thomas Coburn, 1 part, yeomen; Dominicus Record, gentleman, 4 parts; Jonathan Tyler, millwright, 1 part—all of Bucktown, and Moses Merrill Esq., 2 parts; Jabez Cushman, 2 parts and Ebenezer Lane, 1 part, yeomen, all of New Gloucester and Asa Lewis, 2 parts of North Yarmouth, yeoman, "making in the whole 41 parts."

The land conveyed was bounded and described as follows: "A tract of land lying in the County of Cumberland known by the name of Bucktown or No. 5 as the same was surveyed by John Jordan, A. D., 1785, containing about 20,033 acres including Ponds, etc. Beginning at the N. W. corner of Shepardsfield (Hebron) and running S.  $70^{\circ}$  E. 5 miles and about 190 rods until it strikes Sylvester Canada (Turner): Thence N.  $26^{\circ}$  E. by said line 5 miles and about 100 rods until it strikes the S. E. corner of No. 6 or Butterfield (Hartford): Thence S.  $81^{\circ}$  W. about 8 miles and 200 rods to the E. line of No. 4 (Paris): Thence by said line S.  $13^{\circ}$  E. to the place begun at." The deed reserved 200 acres for the ministry, 200 acres for the first settled minister, 200 acres for the future disposition of the state, 280 acres for a grammar school and 4 lots of 100 acres each sold to Ichabod Thayer and 2 lots of 100 acres each sold to Seth Nelson, both grantees of Milford, Mass., February, 1787. These lots were in the first and second divisions. The most important reservation was that of 100 acres each to the following persons who (except Ezra Brown) had settled in the township prior to Jan. 1, 1784 "to be laid out so as to include such settlers, improvements," etc.

Benjamin Spaulding, Abijah Buck, Thomas Allen, John Brown, Nathaniel Buck, Jonathan Tyler, John Warren, Edmund Chandler, Dominicus Record, Isaac Foster, Jonathan Philbrick, James Thurlo, John Irish, Jonas Coburn, John Buck, Thomas



Coburn, David Record, Jonathan Record, William Irish, Wm. Doble, Nathaniel Gammon, Simon Record, Peter White, Joel Rich, John Irish, Jr., Davis Thurlo, Ezra Brown, Thomas Lowell, John Thurlo, Lemuel Crooker, Richard Thurlo, Joseph Irish, Joshua Young, Gershom Davis, Samuel Taylor, Jacob Whitman, Joseph Chase, Bani Teague, Amos Brown, Joseph Roberts, Jr., Jonah Forbes, Caleb Young, Jonathan Roberts, Enoch Hall, Nathaniel Chase, David Warren and Daniel Packard.

The settlers individually did not procure their deeds from the Commonwealth at this time. Some did not receive theirs for more than a dozen years after and they were not generally received singly but this made no difference as the state's committee gave no boundaries to the 100 acres conveyed but left the proprietors to run out the lots with the provision only, that each should be laid out so as best to include the settler's improvements. Abijah Buck, Benjamin Spaulding, Dominicus Record, Nathaniel Buck, John Brown, John Tyler, Thomas Allen, Thomas Coburn, John Warren, Edmund Chandler and Jonas Coburn procured a deed to them of their lots May 27, 1789. The consideration named was 16£ 10s "specie." Thomas Lowell, Caleb Young, Enoch Hall, John Thurlo, David Record, Jonathan Record and David Warren their deed in March, 1791, consideration 10£ 10s; Isaac Foster, March 8, 1792, consideration 1£ 11s. 4 d.; Jonathan Philbrick, March 25, 1793, consideration 1£ 13s.; Joel Rich, Feb. 4, 1795, consideration \$6.50. Richard and Davis Thurlo and heirs of James Thurlo, Feb. 9, 1796, consideration \$19.50.

Nathaniel Chase, Amos Brown, Joseph Chase, Nathaniel Gammon, William Doble, Joseph Irish and Lemuel Crooker and Ezra Brown, June 14, 1799, consideration \$61.60; Joseph Roberts, Jr., June 14, 1799, consideration \$7.70; Daniel Packard, June 19, 1801, consideration \$9.09 and Samuel Taylor, Feb. 10, 1802, consideration \$9.09. These will suffice to show the manner in which the conveyances from the state were made and the actual prices paid for deeds at different dates.

## CHAPTER VII.

## PROPRIETORS' RECORDS.

## Memorandum of an agreement.

A certain society met at a place called Bucktown in the County of Cumberland in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in order to agree about buying a township of land lying westward of a place called Silvester and to the northward of land belonging to Mr. Alexander Sheppard and at the said meeting chose and appointed Mr. Abijah Buck agent to go to Boston to agree with the Honorable General Court's committee appointed to sell land in eastern parts of this Commonwealth and on the seventeenth day of March 1786 made an agreement with the above said committee for the above said township for two shillings per acre to be paid in consolated notes, one-half to be paid the first day of June and the other moiety to be in twelve months after the said agreement was completed with the said Committee the society for the maintaining of peace, good order and a right understanding among themselves have agreed to divide the township into forty-one equal rights or parts after deducting out one hundred acres of land to every lawful settler in said Bucktown so that every signer hereof shall from and after this time know how much he owns of said township by affixing his name to this and the number of his Right or Rights against his name and if any of the signers shall neglect or refuse to pay his proportionable part of what he owes of all the charges that has arisen or shall arise until the town is incorporated or the society shall come unto a new agreement shall have so much of his land sold as will pay all the aforesaid charges at a publick vendue after said charges is duly assessed as the law directs in such cases, and for the true performance of the above written we have hereunto set to our hands the third day of July 1788.

Abijah Buck, 9 Rights; Benj. Spaulding, 6; Nath. Buck, 4; Dominicus Record, 4; Jabez Cushman, 2; John Buck, 2; Thomas Allen, 1; Nathan Pierce, 1; John Brown, 1; Edmund Chandler, 2; Thomas Coburn, 1; Jonathan Tyler, 1; John Warren, 2; Asa Lewis, 2; Moses Merrill, 2; Ebenezer Lane, 1.

A true copy taken from the original agreement by me, Jonathan Tyler, proprietors' clerk for Bucktown.

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February the 28, 1786, Mr. Abijah Buck was appointed by a certain Society to go to Boston as an agent for said Society to agree with the Honorable General Courts Committee appointed to sell unappropriated lands in the Eastern parts of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and on the 17th of March one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six made an agreement with the Honorable Committee above said, for himself and associates for a certain township of land lying to the westward of the town called Turner and to the northward of land belonging to Mr. Alex-

ander Sheppard in the County of Cumberland and laid out by Mr. Jordan for two shillings per acre to be paid in consolated notes for the whole township excepting those who were lawfully settled in said township according to the General Courts act made for that purpose and is called Bucktown or No. 5 in the County of Cumberland. The names of the above said Society of purchasers with the said Abijah Buck are as followeth:

Abijah Buck agent for the purchasers.

Benjamin Spaulding	Edmund Chandler
John Warren	Dominicus Record
Nathaniel Buck	John Buck
Jonathan Tyler	Thomas Coburn
Thomas Allen	Moses Merrill
John Brown	Ebenezer Lane
Asa Lewis	Jabez Cushman

To Isaac Parsons, Esq., one of the Justices of the Peace in the County of Cumberland and in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

We, the subscribers, being seven of the proprietors of land lying in Common in a place called Bucktown or No. 5 in the County of Cumberland lying without the bound of any town or place incorporated, judging of the proprietors of said land necessary, do hereby apply to your honor for a warrant for calling a meeting of said proprietors to meet at the mills in said Bucktown on Tuesday the fourth day of September next at one o'clock in the afternoon for the following purpose, (viz.). First to choose a moderator; 2d, a clerk; 3d, a Treasurer; 4th, a Collector; 5th, to choose a Committee to transact and manage all the Prudential or necessary business of the proprietors; 6th, to agree to measure off every legal settler one hundred acre lot exactly; 7th, to agree upon a method for calling meetings in future and do any other business for the benefit of said proprietors.

Bucktown, Aug. the 3, 1787.

ABIJAH BUCK,  
BENJAMIN SPAULDING,  
DOMINICUS RECORD,  
JONATHAN TYLER,  
JOHN WARREN,  
JOHN BROWN,  
THOMAS COBURN.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, August the 9, 1787.

To Mr. Benjamin Spaulding, one of the subscribers, Greeting: You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth above said to warn a meeting of the proprietors of Bucktown above said to be held at the place and time above said and for the purposes before mentioned by posting up a copy of the above request their warrant, with your notification in the most public place in said Bucktown where all said proprietors dwell excepting four and notify the said four personally at least fifteen days before the day of said meeting.

ISAAC PARSONS, Justice of Peace.

A true copy examined by Jonathan Tyler, Proprietors Clark.

By a warrant from under the hand of Isaac Parsons, Esq., one of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Cumberland and seal thereon, requesting Mr. Benjamin Spaulding, one of the proprietors of a place called Bucktown or No. 5 in the County of Cumberland to meet on Tuesday the fourth day of September one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven at the mills in said Bucktown at one of the clock in the afternoon—and accordingly the proprietors met and proceeded to business. First, Dominicus Record was chosen moderator; 2d, Jonathan Tyler was chosen proprietors clark; 3d, Abijah Buck was chosen Treasurer; 4th, Abijah Buck was chosen Collector; 5th, Benjamin Spaulding, Abijah Buck and Dominicus Record was chosen a committee to sell land anywhere in Bucktown above said provided it was regular laid out and not infringing on any lawful settler's hundred acre lot, the sale of the land to be in order to pay the General Court Committee as by agreement made with the above said committee and as Benjamin Spaulding, Abijah Buck, Dominicus Record had formerly sold proprietors land for to pay the aforesaid General Court Committee were by a vote justified in their doings; the above said Committee were also chosen to transact and manage all the prudential or necessary business of the proprietors. The 6th article was left for a further consideration and then the meeting was adjourned to Wednesday the 17th day of October following at two of the clock in the afternoon.

Met upon adjournment October the 17, 1787. 7th article which was to agree upon some method in calling meetings in future, voted that the above said committee when requested by the proprietors or when the committee shall think proper shall request the proprietors' clark to call meetings in future and then the meeting was desolved.

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At a legal meeting of the society or purchasers of a place called Bucktown in the county of Cumberland on April the 8, 1788, Dominicus Record Moderator. Voted that Thomas Coburn, Thomas Allen and Benjamin Spaulding should settle all the society or purchasers' accounts belonging to the above said society and assessors and then the meeting was adjourned to the last Tuesday of this instant April. At the above said meeting Jonathan Tyler was sworn to the office of proprietors' Clark, Abijah Buck was sworn to the office of Treasurer, Thomas Coburn, Thomas Allen and Benjamin Spaulding were sworn to settle all the accounts belonging to the society of Bucktown and to assess the same.

April the 29, 1788, met upon adjournment and the meeting was desolved.

At a legal meeting held at the Mills in Bucktown, July the 2, 1788, Dominicus Record Moderator, then voted that the Committee chosen in April the 8, 1788, to settle they shall settle the proprietors' accounts on September the 2 day next ensuing.

Voted that if any one proprietor should draw a lot unfit for settlement shall have the liberty to choose another lot anywhere in the un-

divided land in Bucktown that is not drawn nor sold provided he makes his returns to the Clark before the 20 of September next and no longer.

Voted to draw lots on 3 day of July 1788.

Voted that Jonathan Tyler should have a settling lot containing one hundred acres and then the meeting was dissolved.

At a legal meeting at the house of Left. Dominicus Record in Bucktown Feb. the 10, 1789.

1st, Dominicus Record, Moderator.

2d, Voted to raise two pound eighteen shillings upon every single Right of land belonging to the proprietors of Bucktown.

4th, This article was thought proper to leave for further consideration.

5th, This article was to choose two men to sue off the illegal settlers and Mr. Asa Lewis and Col. Moses Merrill were the two men chosen for that business if need requires it.

6th, Voted that any of the proprietors of Bucktown between this and the last of March next shall have the liberty to agree with any or all the illegal settlers and trespassers in Bucktown shall have their lots that they are now in possession of in the room of their second division lots provided they bring no charges upon the proprietors. Then the meeting was dissolved."

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At a legal meeting of the proprietors of Bucktown at the house of Left. Dominicus Record in said Bucktown on April the 1st, 1789,

Voted first Dominicus Record moderator. That no proprietor shall give a deed of any lot or lots of any land lying in Bucktown without excepting the road or roads in their deed or deeds laid or to be laid.

2dly voted April the 1st, 1789, that the 6th Article that was passed in Feb. the 10th, 1789, should be continued until the next meeting of the proprietors.

3dly voted that every settler by agreement should work three days upon the roads in Bucktown that were settled in Bucktown.

4th voted that every proprietor should work upon the road two days for every Right one day upon the county road and one day upon the town road in Bucktown.

5th voted to choose surveyors and Dominicus Record, Thomas Coburn, Philemon Parsons, Enoch Hall and Nathaniel Chase were chosen surveyors of roads for Bucktown.

6th voted to choose a committee to lay out town roads in Bucktown and Benjamin Spaulding, John Buck, and Thomas Lowell were chosen a committee to lay out roads in Bucktown.

7 voted that the work shall be done upon the above said roads sometime in the year of 1789. Then the meeting was dissolved.

At a legal meeting of the proprietors of Bucktown in the County of Cumberland April the 19th, 1791, Lieut. Dominicus Record moderator.

1st voted to dismiss Mr. Asa Lewis and Col. Moses Merrill as they were chosen to sue off the illegal settlers and trespassers in Bucktown.

2d voted to choose two other men to sue off the illegal settlers and trespassers.

3 voted that Mr. Jabez Cushman and Ebenezer Lane be the two men chosen to sue off the illegal settlers and trespassers in Bucktown.

4 voted that Mr. Benjamin Spaulding, Mr. Abijah Buck, Lieut. Dominicus Record be a committee to give power in behalf of the proprietors in Bucktown to Mr. Jabez Cushman and Mr. Ebenezer Lane to sue off the illegal settlers and trespassers in Bucktown or settle with them other ways.



5th voted to raise three shillings upon every single Right of land in Bucktown to defray proprietors' charges.

6th voted that if the committee that is appointed to sell land in Bucktown do not sell land enough between this and the last of May next to pay the balance that is due to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for land they are to hire money in behalf of the proprietors of Bucktown enough to make the balance.

At a legal meeting December the 6th 1791, Dominicus Record moderator.

Voted that no one person shall cut, fall or carry away any pine timber or logs off the proprietors' undivided land.

At a legal meeting of the proprietors of Bucktown held at the house of Mr. Abijah Buck in Bucktown Dominicus Record moderator December the 20, 1791.

First voted to reserve roads on every undivided lot or lots to be laid where the committee that is appointed to lay out roads for the benefit of the town shall think proper.

2 voted to draw one hundred acres to every single Right and drew them.

3 voted that if any one of the proprietors should draw a lot that was unfit for a settlement containing one hundred acres shall have the liberty to choose another hundred acres anywhere on the undivided land belonging to the proprietors provided they make their return to the clerk before the first of June next and no longer.

4 voted that all those whose names are hereafter mentioned who had lots in their possession containing one hundred acres before the first division was drawn was confirmed to them as strong as though they had drawn them in the first division—John Warren No. 22, Benjamin Spaulding No. 20, Nathaniel Buck No. 8, Dominicus Record No. 21, Abijah Buck No. 9, 10, 18 lots in his possession. All those men who had hundred acre lots in their possession in the second division was confirmed to them as strong as though they drew them, namely Benjamin Spaulding No. 21, Nathaniel Buck No. 19, Abijah Buck No. 18, John Buck No. 16, Dominicus Record No. 21 containing 187 acres by a vote February the 10, 1789 that if any of the proprietors of Bucktown should get off any of the illegal settlers should have the lot that they got off for their second division. Dominicus Record got off Joseph Irish 100 acre lot No. 8 R. 2 East. Thomas Coburn got off Andrew Elliot 100 acre lot. Benjamin Spaulding got off Nathaniel Smith 100 acre lot No. 11 East. Abijah Buck Enoch Leathers 50 acres No. 3 East, and there was fifty acres allowed to him of lot No. 9 first range. Edmund Chandler got off Jotham Shaw 60 acres No. 6 which was confirmed to him also 23½ acres off lot No. 31 was also confirmed to him. Voted that Mark Andrews should have the liberty to choose two lots either No. seven in second range or No. seven in third range or No. twelve in the second range and No. thirteen west provided he makes this return to the clerk by the first of June next.

At a legal meeting of the proprietors of Bucktown February the 27, 1792, Dominicus Record moderator.

1 Voted to raise six shillings and ten pence upon every single Right.

2 Voted that as Abijah Buck our agent and treasurer received of the proprietor's money one hundred and twenty-seven pounds eleven shillings with which sum he went to Boston and finished the last payment that was due to the Committee at Boston for the township of Bucktown so called and for his pocket expenses and getting the deed recorded at Portland office which was done to the exceptance of the proprietors.



3 Voted that any one of the proprietors of Bucktown shall have the liberty to settle with Job Tucker and James Jordan who are unlawful settlers in Bucktown provided that whoever of the proprietors that settle with the said Tucker and Jordan shall discount out of their third division of land the value of the place that the said Tucker and Jordan are in possession of provided they settle by the first of April next.

4 Voted that any one of the proprietors of Bucktown shall have the liberty to settle with Thomas Lowell or John Thurlo concerning a piece of land lying near lot No. 35 containing  $36\frac{1}{4}$  acres provided he will discount the value of two dollars per acre out of his third division of land in Bucktown.

At a legal meeting of the proprietors at the house of Mr. Abijah Buck in Bucktown December 18, 1792, Dominicus Record moderator.

First voted that the whole lots, gores and pieces of land should stand just as they were drawn in the last division and that the whole lots, gores and pieces of land should be recorded more or less.

2 voted to raise four shillings upon every single Right.

3 voted that although the proprietors have divided and drawn all their Right or Rights of land—some small pieces excepted belonging to the proprietors of Bucktown yet they should hold together with the same power to call proprietors meetings and to raise money to defray charges that may arise upon any account whatsoever and to do any other business that shall be thought proper until further order and then the meeting was dissolved.

At a legal meeting of the proprietors held at the house of Abijah Buck June the 30, 1795, Dominicus Record moderator.

Voted to lay out a lot of land containing 85 acres into eight acre lots.

2 voted to alter the bounds of John Irish's lot.

3 voted to alter Edmund Chandler's lot.

Then the meeting was adjourned.

Buckfield September the 27, 1797.

At a proprietors meeting at the house of Abijah Buck in Buckfield Thomas Allen moderator.

1ly voted Dominicus Record proprietors clerk.

Buckfield September the 27, 1797. Personally appeared the above named Dominicus Record and was sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty in which he is chosen. Before me Isaac Sturtenant Esq.

At a legal meeting of the proprietors of the town of Buckfield December the 19 A. D. 1798 Abijah Buck moderator and adjourned to Monday the 24 of December 1798 at one of the clock in the afternoon.

Agreeable to the above adjournment the proprietors met at the house of Abijah Buck and voted on the following articles.

1 voted that the proprietors committee be a committee to give Samuel Andrews power to act in behalf of the proprietors of Buckfield to get the lines of the town established according to John Jordan's survey.

2ly voted three dollars to Abijah Buck.

3ly voted two dollars to Benjamin Spaulding.

4ly voted two dollars to Dominicus Record.

5ly voted Abijah Buck seven dollars and seventy cents for attending Court at Portland to present the establishment of the town lines at that time.

6ly voted to raise one dollar and twenty-five cents on each Right.

7ly voted to Dismiss the meeting.

Buckfield May 16 1799. At a legal meeting of the proprietors of the town of Buckfield, Abijah Buck moderator.

1 voted to choose a committee to go to Samuel Parris or others to act on the proprietors affairs and give power to act for them in General Court if they think proper relative to the town lines.

2 voted that the former committee shall be a committee for the above purpose.

3 voted that Abijah Buck shall be an agent to act in General court for the proprietors of Buckfield in getting the town lines established.

4 voted that Abijah Buck shall take his expense money out of what Jonathan Roberts owes the proprietors if he goes to Boston on proprietors business.

5 voted that the meeting Desmist.

Buckfield, October the 6 A. D. 1800.

At a legal meeting of the proprietors of the town of Buckfield at the school house between Thomas Allen and Abijah Buck.

1 voted Abijah Buck moderator.

2 voted to adjourn the meeting to Monday the thirteenth Day of October instant at two of the clock in the afternoon.

Agreeable to the above adjournment the proprietors met and voted as follows, to viz:

First to raise twenty-five cents on each Right of land in the proprietors strips.

2d voted that Abijah Buck shall go to Portland and take care of the proprietors business at Portland with Jonathan Roberts.

3ly voted to Dismiss the meeting."

Buckfield March 29th 1803

At a legal meeting at the school house between Abijah Buck's and Thomas Allen's, the proprietors met and chose Abijah Buck moderator.

Voted to ajourn to the 5th day of April next at one o'clock in the afternoon to meet at the above said School house.

April the 5th 1803 agreeable to ajournment the proprietors met.

Voted the proprietors committee's accounts to be allowed.

Voted the proprietors committee shall measure off lot No. 16. Voted to ajourn to the third Monday of next June at two of the clock in the afternoon to meet at the above named Schoolhouse.

June the 20—1803 the proprietors met according to adjournment, and adjourned to Abijah Buck's Dwelling house in Buckfield.

Voted to sell all the land belonging to the proprietors of Buckfield lying between the land of Dominicus Record and the land of Thomas Lincoln and Thomas Allen's land.

Voted the former committee be a committee to sell the above said land.

Voted to ajourn to the dwelling house of Dominicus Record to meet on Monday the 11th of July next at three of the clock in the afternoon.

July the 11th then met according to adjournment.

Voted Dominicus Record \$2.40 for recording land and meetings.

Voted to ajourn to the last Monday of August next, to meet at the dwelling house of Dominicus Record at two of the clock in the afternoon, August the 29, 1803, then meet the proprietors of Buckfield and voted to dismiss the meeting.

Buckfield April the ninth A. D. 1806. At a legal meeting of the proprietors of the town of Buckfield and Voted as follows viz:

Voted Abijah Buck Esq moderator.

Voted to sell all the peaces of land that is not sold nor drawn, belonging to the proprietors of Buckfield.

Voted the former Committee be a committee to sell land--peaces of land.

Voted to dismiss the meeting.

Buckfield January the 1—1810. At a legal meeting of the Proprietors of Buckfield at the house of Dominicus Record Esq.

first Voted Benjamin Spaulding moderator.

secondly Voted that Abiajh Buck to be Proprietors Clark.

thirdly Voted that Abijah Buck should be agent on the account of a law sute against David Farrow.

forthly Voted to adjorn this meeting to the first Monday in February next at one of the clock in the afternoon at Abijah Buck's Dwelling house in Buckfield.

January the first A. D. 1810

Parsonely appeared Abijah Buck Esquire, and took the oath that he wold Faithfully, perform the Duty of a Proprietor's Clark. Before me.

DOMINICUS RECORD Justice of the Peace.

February the 5—1810 then met according to the ajoinment at the time and place above said and went on to Bisness.

first Voted to Raise two Dollars on Each Right, on the Proprietors Lands in Buckfield, for the expense of the above Sute. Then Voted to ajorn this meeting to the 26 Day of March next, at one o'clock in the afternoon at Abijah Buck's dwelling house in Buckfield.

Abijah Buck Proprietors Clarke

There were several meetings held between the date of the last mentioned and the following, but no business appears to have been transacted.

Buckfield Nov. the 19, 1810.

At a legal meeting of the Proprietors of Buckfield upon an adjournment.

Voted that the accounts of Abijah Buck and Benjamin Spaulding for carrying on a law suit against David Farrow be allowed.

Abijah Buck's account for time and expense, \$44.47

Benajmin Spalding's account for time and expense, \$10.50

And then the meeting was adjourned.

Buckfield March the 26—1811.

Voted to chuse a Committee to Settle the Proprietors Books. Then voted that Abijah Buck and Dominicus Record should be the Committee to Settle and balance the Proprietors Books. Then voted to adjourn.

Buckfield September the 10—1811

Then voted to ajorn the meeting to the 12th Day of November next at one o'clock in the afternoon at Abijah Buck's dwelling house in Buckfield. This meeting was desolved by the Death of Mr. Benjamin Spalding he being moderator. He Died before the time of the meeting

ABIJAH BUCK, Proprietor's Clarke

Buckfield March the 31—1812

By order of the Proprietors of Buckfield I notify and warn the Proprietors of Said Buckfield, to meet at Abijah Buck's Dwelling house on Monday the twentyth Day of April next at one of the clock, in the afternoon for the following Purposes to: viz—

First to chuse a moderator to govern Said meeting.

Second to chuse one Committe man if thought best.

Thirdly to allow the Proprietors' accounts if thought proper.

Forthly to Do any other Bisness for the benefit of the Proprietors on said Day.

ABIJAH BUCK Proprietors' Clark.

Pursuant to the within Request, I have notified and warned all the Proprietors of Buckfield to meet at the time and Place and for the Purposes within mentioned.

Buckfield April the twenty Day—1812

ABIJAH BUCK Proprietors' Clark.

Buckfield April the 20—1812

At a legal meeting of the Proprietors of Buckfield at Abijah Buck's house first,

Voted Benjamin Spalding moderator for said meeting. Secondly, Voted John Warren a Committe man in the room of Mr. Spalding Deceased.

Thirdly, Voted to allow the accounts of Abijah Buck, Benjamin Spalding, Nathaniel Buck and Dominicus Record against the Proprietors for settling the Proprietors accounts and Ballencing the Books.

Abijah Buck's account to 2½ Days,	\$1.66
Benjamin Spalding's account to 2 Days,	\$1.33
Nathaniel Buck's account to 2 Days,	\$1.33
Dominicus Record's account to ½ Day,	\$0.33

Fourthly Voted to allow Abijah Buck four Dollars and thirty six cents which was due on Jonathan Tyler's right \$4.36

Fifthly, Voted to Abijah Buck's account for Collecting the Proprietor's money and Paying out the same for eight years \$8.00

Sixly, Voted to allow Abijah Bucks' account for being Treasurer for twenty years for said Proprietors \$4.00

Seventh, Voted to record the publick lands according to the Proprietor's Deed of the town of Buckfield.

The Deed sais "Reserving however two hundred acres for the use of the minister" to viz

One lot in the Fourth Range, East Division No. 2 contains 100 acres.

One lot in the Fifth Range, East Division No. 1 contains 100 acres.

These lots are for the use of the minister.

"Two hundred acres for the first Settled minister."

One lot in the Seventh range No. 12, west division, contains 100 acres.

One lot in the fifth range No. 17 contains 100 acres West Division.

These lots are for the first Settled minister.

"Two hundred and eighty acres for the use of a grammar School."

One lot in the Second range No. 11 contains 100 acres East Division.

One lot in the first range No. 11 contains 100 acres East Division and one lot in the third range No. 7 contains eighty acres of the South West end of said lot West Division. "And two hundred acres near the Center

of the town of Buckfield for the futer disposition of the General Court."

One lot in the Seventh Range No. 13 contains one hundred acres, West Division. One lot in the seventh range No. 14 contains one hundred acres West Division. These lots ware set off by the Commonwealth's Committe for the above use according to the Deed above said.

Eighth Voted to chuse a Committe to meet with the town's Committe concerning the publick lands in the town of Buckfield.

Ninth Voted that the Committe shall consist of two.

Tenth Voted that Abijah Buck and Benjamin Spalding shall be the Committe for that purpose.

Eleventh, Voted to ajorn this meeting.

ABIJAH BUCK, Proprietors' Clark.

### MEMORANDA.

John Brown sold one Right in the Proprietors' lands to Nathan Pierce May 16 1788.

Tristram Warren bought one Right of Col. Moses Merrill.

Buckfield September the 6—1811

This day the Proprietors' Committe look over the Proprietors Books and found the Debt and Credit Balance Right, by us the Subscribers.

BENJAMIN SPALDING	} The Proprietors Committe
NATHANIEL BUCK	

ABIJAH BUCK, Proprietors' Clarke

For and in consideration of a certain tract or parcel of land Deeded to me by Benjamin Spaulding, Abijah Buck and Dominicus Record all of Buckfield. Said Deed bearing Date February the fourth, one thousand eight hundred and three, which land I received in consequence of a Cartain lot of land, I had of the Heirs of James Thurlow, a settler in Buckfield, which was called one hundred and twelve rods in wedth, but proved to be but one hundred and four rods in wedth and I sartify, that I take the above named tract of land in full compensation for the Deficiency of the weadth of said Thurlow settling lot of land in Buckfield.

Buckfield February the fourth, one thousand eight hundred and three, as witness my hand

WILLIAM BERRY

Attest, GEORGE W. CUSHMAN

BETSY BUCK.

The Proprietors Committe payed the Charges of a law Sute against David Farrow and all other charges of the above said Proprietors and balanced the accounts on the Proprietors Books out of the above said money (money obtained from the sale of lands) and the rest was divided to each Right, according as the Proprietors owned. Done by the above said Proprietors Committee.



## CHAPTER VIII.

## LATER TRADITIONAL HISTORY.

A survey of the township was made in 1785, as we have seen and the land run out into ranges and lots which were numbered. The first range in the West Division bordered on Paris town line. In the section west of the settling lots of those who had come into the township prior to Jan. 1, 1784, was some excellent land but the country here was hilly and the bears were numerous. In 1787 the first settler entered the region for the purpose of selecting a lot for a settlement. It was David Farrar—then generally written Farrow—of Hingham, Mass. . He purchased a lot in the fourth range, adjoining the lots of the Warrens. Here he made a clearing and erected a log house. In the early spring of 1788 he set out with his wife and children for his pioneer home. They landed from a vessel at Falmouth, now Portland. It is said that he had but fifty cents in his pocket when the family started from Falmouth on foot for Bucktown.

His family then consisted of his wife, who was Judith Stoddard of Scituate and six children. Judith, the oldest, was in her 16th year; David, 13; Samuel, 9; Phillip, 7; Tamar, not quite 4 and Mehitable one year and three months old. It must have taken them several days to reach the township.

As the family entered it, on the route traveled by the early settlers over South Hill, tradition says that it was nearly sundown. Ahead of the others of this weary little company was the girl Judith, when a large black bear was espied in the path before her. As might have been expected from a girl reared in one of the oldest towns in the old colony she screamed. This brought quickly to the scene an athletic young man with his gun from a nearby clearing. At a glance he took in the situation and bidding the frightened girl step aside, he took aim at the bear and fired. The sharp report of the gun hastened the footsteps of the rest of the Farrar family and when they reached the place they found the animal just breathing its last. Gathering around the dead bear they had their first experience in pioneer life.

The young man was Thomas Lowell, who had selected a lot for settlement nearby and had provided a home in his log house for his father and mother. He invited the Farrars to the house,



where they were made welcome. In after years they often referred to their first night in Bucktown and the generous hospitality they received.

The next day leaving his family with the Lowells, David Farrar went on to his clearing. He found that the snow had blown into his log house. This was thrown out and the places where the snow had sifted in made tight. When it was rendered comfortable the family was brought to it. While the father was working on the future abode of the family, it is said that Thomas Lowell began his wooing of the fair daughter, Judith. As may be supposed, it was not opposed by either family. When the father gave his consent, he told his future son-in-law that he must hunt up a minister to perform the marriage ceremony as he had no time to do so. The lovers were married in 1790.

David Farrar spent the greater part of his time at work for the settlers at his trade as a housewright, as it was called in those days. After a few years he prospered and became well to do. He died in 1810 and Buckfield lost one of its most worthy citizens of that period. David Farrar was of medium height and slightly built, but his wife was a large woman from whom the Farrars have inherited forms of good size. There were ten children in all. Those born here were: Nathan, Sept. 16, 1789; Bela, Dec. 26, 1791; Desire, Oct. 3, 1796 and John, July 10, 1800. They all settled near the old homestead.

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In the year 1788, William Harlow of Plymouth, Mass., came to Township No. 5 looking for a place to locate. It was the same year that David Farrar had moved his family beyond the lots of the Warrens into the unsettled western half of the plantation as related. Harlow was alone and carried the usual pioneer outfit, an ax, a gun, a bundle of necessary articles, all suspended from his shoulders. He arrived at the mills (now Buckfield village) on the 26th day of June, where he met Abijah Buck, the pioneer.

William Harlow found Buck no ordinary man as some years afterward he told the story of his visit to his intimate friend and neighbor, John Rider. Harlow was most cordially received and hospitably entertained. A plan of the town was laid before him and Buck talked to him through half of the afternoon and the

whole of the evening of the great advantages which the different sections of the plantation presented to the settler. He cited the large crops of corn and wheat already raised by the resident farmers. The hills of the western section were in his estimation the best localities for farms. He was anxious to get a few settlers into the first range next to the Paris line and he informed Harlow that the Nezinscot river had been rudely bridged. (This was near the White bridge now built across the stream.) And the land had been taken up to the top of the hill west of it. John Buck, his son, then twenty years old, had taken the nearest lot in the range westerly (No. 9, Fifth Range) and had already begun clearing the land and making improvements. He advised Harlow to go into the next range west of his son John's land and select his lot.

Old "Granny Tyler," who sat listening to the conversation then said: "If you do, Mr. Harlow, look out that the bears don't eat your children up, for they will holler up there at times like all possessed." Harlow met, that night, at Buck's, Joel Foster, who had moved into the plantation about three years before from Pembroke, Mass., and who had established a tannery at the mills. He was the affianced husband of Phebe Buck, one of the daughters. He was there presumably to see his future wife. They were married fifteen days after, July 10, 1788.

The next morning, accompanied by Abijah Buck, Harlow started out prospecting, but when only a short distance had been gone, they were overtaken by one of the boys, who had a message for his father's return to see some parties who wanted to interview him on business. Accordingly Harlow went on alone and traveling all day, finally near nightfall he returned to No. 9, Second Range, where he concluded to locate on account of the thick hard wood growth which he found in that locality. He felled two large trees, and between them arranged a couch, where he slept through the night. Tradition says that he was awakened by a bear that came smelling around the fallen trees. He was astir early and went to work felling the huge hard wood trees which then covered the hill where his future home was to be. He cut and carried sticks of spruce and pine from the lowlands for parts of the log house. As a rule the settlers came in twos and threes and usually exchanged work, especially the lifting of heavy logs and such labor. Harlow was alone, away from other

settlers and was obliged to do his own work unaided whether light or heavy. He was within half a mile of the Paris line and about four miles from the settlement on Paris Hill which was begun there a few years before but to reach it 'twas necessary to go through an unbroken forest by a spotted line. After toiling laboriously for many days, he had made a small clearing, erected a log house, cut a path to the Buck hill and bridged the streams. He had backed his eatables from the mills while at work and his trusty rifle had furnished him game in abundance. His work done he returned to his home in Massachusetts to prepare for his removal in the spring of the next year.

In 1789 he moved his family into the plantation. It consisted of his wife and four children as follows: Nathaniel, eight years old; Ivory, five years; Jerusha, three years and Ephraim, not yet one year old. William Harlow was descended from Robert Harlow who married Rebecca Bartlett at Plymouth, Mass., in 1649. His house was constructed out of the timbers of the old fort on Burial Hill used by the settlers to protect themselves against the Indians. The fort had been abandoned after the close of King Philip's war, and the timbers were given him to erect his dwelling house. William was sixth in descent from this Robert and married Susannah, daughter of Thomas Harlow. Their other children born in Buckfield were Susannah, March 19, 1793; Isaac, April 10, 1795; Elizabeth, April 23, 1797 and Ducilla, March 31, 1800.

William Harlow, the pioneer, was a man of the pure Saxon type—strong, robust, intelligent and ready and willing to labor. Four years later, at the first town meeting, he was chosen second on the board of selectmen. He had an unusually good education for the times. He was killed while felling a tree in 1800 and his bereaved widow was left with a family of nine children to take care of. The spot where he was killed is still shown to the curious. The widow in later years married a Macomber of Jay. She died at a daughter's in Sangerville.

Nathaniel, the oldest son, married Polly Thayer and settled on the east half of his father's lot. He was a school teacher, justice of the peace and trader. Ephraim married Laodicia Bessey of Paris and occupied the western half of the lot, living in the house with his mother. About 1826, under his preaching, a church society was organized and the brick schoolhouse at the

Three Corners was used as a chapel. Later he was ordained an elder.

Abijah Buck's son John, the third settler in the ranges of lots west, married Mollie, daughter of Tristram Warren, Oct. 14, 1789. The ceremony was performed at Turner by the Rev. John Strickland. Moses Bisbee married Ellen Buck, a sister of John at the same time. It was a double wedding. John moved away about 1814 and settled in Penobscot County.

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In the year 1789 three young men from Massachusetts, Luther Gardner of Hingham, Jonathan Damon of Pembroke and William Brock of the same vicinity, settled in the section near David Farrar's. The two former selected land in the fourth range north of Farrar's. Gardner took the eastern half and Damon the western half of the lot. Brock took a whole lot in Range 3.

There were three additional settlers between John Buck 2nd, and William Harlow's viz. Capt. John Rider, Job Prince and James Waterman from Kingston, Mass. The two latter were unmarried. Waterman took lot No. 8 in the Third Range and began his clearing on the hillside sloping toward the west. Here he built his log house which he occupied for some years. Prince was not satisfied with any one of the adjoining lots and he purchased the western halves of lots No. 8 and 9 in the Fourth Range which made a most excellent farm.

Luther Gardner was a soldier in the Continental Army, and incidents in his military life are still told with pride among his neighbors' descendants. He is spoken of as a quiet, practical, honest and industrious man. Here he died, but left no offspring.

William Brock by hard work and good calculation and economy, wrought from the wilderness a productive farm and a competence. He was a horse raiser. He was the father of a large family of children yet we have to record that after giving up his property to one of them for his maintenance, he died at the almshouse.

A sister of Jonathan Damon had married David Record who had moved to Buckfield from Pembroke, Mass., in 1781. Whether her presence here was the cause of her brother's coming or the accounts given by David Farrar caused him to seek a place of settlement is uncertain. He had been bound out while a child

and had been inured to hardship and toil. He was uneducated but honest and industrious. The first year of his coming he made a clearing and erected his log house. He did not return to Massachusetts on the approach of winter as did Gardner and Brock but he hired out to Benj. Spaulding at four dollars per month taking lard in payment.

In the year 1791 he raised a very large corn crop. It is said by his descendants that for many days and nights he only left his husking to prepare and eat his meals. He worked right along through the night, lying back among the fodder to sleep, when exhausted nature could no longer bear up under the constant strain. His only companion as he told one of his grandchildren in after years, was a big, black bear that used to come every night and eat her supper from the opposite side of the pile of corn.

"Why didn't you kill her?" asked the boy, while he was telling the story.

"Because I was so lonesome that even the coming of this bear was company for me," he answered.

After his corn was husked he went back to Massachusetts for the purpose of suing for the heart and hand of Miss Patience Joselyn. It is related at one of his visits she asked him why his hands were so hard, and he answered that it was because he husked so much corn. He won Miss Patience and they were married the next April (1792). She had a brother living on what was once called the Andrew Hall farm, and she came from Massachusetts with Damon and they were married in Turner by the Rev. John Strickland.

Damon's ambition was to own land, and as he prospered, he kept adding to his farm. He kept buying and clearing as long as there was any wild land near him. At last he owned many hundreds of acres. He cleared more land than any other pioneer in the town. His children married and settled in and near Buckfield, and his descendants to-day are very numerous.



## CHAPTER IX.

## FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR SOLDIERS.

A number of the first settlers in Bucktown had seen service in the last French and Indian war which began in 1755 and practically ended with the fall of Quebec in 1759. At his death Hon. Virgil D. Parris left among his papers a list of their names giving approximate age at death and in most cases where they served as follows:

Abijah Buck, 87, Cape Breton, Crown Point.

John Brown

John Crockett, Fort William Henry.

Eleazer Chase, 86

Joseph Chesley, 84

William Cilley, Crown Point and Ticonderoga.

Hatevil Hall

Jeremiah Hodgdon, 88. In contest with savages around Gorham and Windham.

Samuel Jenkins, 77, Quebec.

John Irish, 80, Louisburg, Quebec.

Joseph Irish, Fort William Henry.

Robert Martin, Fort William Henry.

Jonathan Philbrick

Joseph Packard (Father of Daniel and Job. Served under Gen. Winslow when the Arcadians were removed.)

Jonathan Roberts, 74, Braddock's Defeat.

Joseph Roberts, 77, Braddocks' Defeat.

John Lapham, 84

Benjamin Spaulding, 75

Samuel Taylor, 94

John Mathews, Braddock's Defeat.

Ephraim Ricker

Tristram Warren

No tradition survives relating to their service in this war, yet their army life must have been full of interesting incidents and probably of hair-breadth escapes. The fact that three at least of them were at Fort William Henry and survived the massacre there and three others were in the Braddock campaign, shows that there must have been interesting and thrilling stories of adventure to relate, but none have come down to us.

Mention has been made in his biographical sketch of the service of John Irish and of his being a member of a "Snow-



shoe" company of Indian Scouts. Besides a bounty given by the General Court for prisoners taken and scalps, the pay of a private was 1£, 11s, 3d per month. He was among those awarded the "spoils of victory" in Capt. Moses Pearson's Company at the capture of Louisburg in 1745 and Pearsonstown, now Standish, was granted by the Commonwealth to this officer and 45 of his men among whom was John Irish for their services and valor in the expedition against that stronghold.

During the Indian War of 1743-9 the settlers in Gorham, Me., left their homes and went into the fort or blockhouse for safety where they stayed for seven years. Their life there must have been very monotonous and at times of great danger. When the men went into the common fields to work at planting or harvesting their crops they always took their guns with them and placed the boys, also armed, on stumps and other conspicuous objects to watch for the appearance of savages. Jeremiah Hodgdon, senior, with his family was in this blockhouse during this long, dreary and perilous period. He was an Indian scout and hunter. His son, Jeremiah, afterwards a resident of Buckfield was one of these boys who was set to do this duty. One day when the work had been finished they started for the fort as usual. The boys eager to reach it, moved more quickly than the men and getting some distance in advance were fired upon by some Indians in ambush. They bravely stood their ground and returned the fire. The men hurried to the scene and the savages beat a hasty retreat leaving five of their number dead on the ground. Jeremiah Hodgdon, the father, died or was killed during that war.

Those Maine men who escaped the massacre of Fort William Henry had in one way or another to break away from their Indian captors (one said to be of superior strength knocked down two savages), then to run for the woods and get away from them as best they could. We have the record of two who thus escaped and made their way home to Gorham. They were a month on the way and during that time lived on roots, browse and berries. They forded and swam rivers and made great detours around ponds. When they reached home their shoes were worn out and their clothes were literally torn from their backs. Their experience was probably not unlike those there who afterwards became settlers in Buckfield.

Ezra Brown, the father of Amos Brown, one of the first 47 Buckfield settlers, in 1756 was in the blockhouse in Windham with his family for greater security against the savages. On the morning of the 14th of May with Ephraim Winship and a guard of eight men and boys with an ox-team he started to work on his lot about a mile distant. On the way they had to pass through a piece of woods, Brown and Winship went ahead to take down some bars. While doing this they were fired upon by a party of Indians under command of the noted chief, Poland. Brown was instantly killed and Winship received a ball in the eye and another in the arm and falling to the ground though conscious of what was going on, feigned death. Both were scalped. Hearing the firing a part of the guard hurried to the scene while the rest went back to the blockhouse. They came upon the Indians just as they had completed their bloody work and opened fire upon them. The Indians who numbered from 15 to 20 selected each a tree for shelter and returned the fire. Stephen Manchester and another of the guard concealed themselves behind a large log. He determined to shoot the chief and after several shots had been exchanged without effect on either side, Manchester cautiously pushed his cap into sight and the savage leader put a ball through it. Thinking he had killed his foe, he began to reload his musket and while doing this exposed himself to Manchester's view who had risen and leveled his firearm towards the chief. In another instant Poland fell dead, whereupon the Indians raised a hideous yell and fled. Several others of the savages had been killed or wounded while none of the guard had been injured. The bodies of Brown and Winship were taken by the team to the blockhouse and the scene as their families gathered around them can well be imagined but imperfectly described. The fall of Poland put an end forever to all Indian troubles in that quarter. Winship recovered but he carried the hideous scars of the conflict to his grave. The widow of this Ezra Brown married Eleazer Chase and was the mother of Rev. Nathaniel Chase.

"When Brown by Poland slain,  
Winship twice scalped was lain;  
The Indian yell,  
Triumphant pierced the air;  
But Manchester was there  
Undaunted by a fear  
And Poland fell."

## CHAPTER X.

## REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS.

Of the 47 settlers in Bucktown before January 1, 1784, who obtained settling lots, thirty-one are known to have served in the War for Independence. One other, John Warren there is little doubt also, served a period on the Maine coast. Other Revolutionary soldiers to the number of at least seventy afterwards resided in the town. No other town in this section in proportion to its population had for its residents so many of these patriots. They represented as has been stated in their service almost every important engagement from Lexington to Yorktown. They have left the stamp of their individuality, character, patriotism and love of liberty upon their descendants and upon the town.

In these characteristics their posterity may justly challenge comparison with any. We have never seen among the people of any town such individuality as among the people of Buckfield. The following is a list of the names of these Revolutionary soldiers and their service so far as is known to us, and the places where they died:

Thomas Allen, died in Hartford. Probably served under assumed name.  
Samuel Andrews, died in Bridgton.

Mark Andrews, 4 years. At the Siege of Boston; died in New York.

Israel Bailey, died in Buckfield May 20, 1830.

William Berry, Falmouth, died Aug. 29, 1824, aged 71.

Thomas Berry

David Briggs

James Bonney

Levi Bryant

Josiah Bryant

Lt. John Buck, was at Ticonderoga; died in Woodstock.

Moses Buck, Stony Point, Saratoga, Valley Forge; died in Sumner Aug. 24, 1826.

Amos Brown, Ticonderoga, Fort George, Stony Point, Valley Forge.

Nathaniel Chase, Coast of Maine.

Eleazer Chase, 3 yrs. service. Ticonderoga, Valley Forge.

Jabez Churchill, 4 yrs. service. At Gen. Burgoyne's Surrender.

William Churchill

Daniel Crockett, on the Hudson.

John Crockett, on the Hudson

Benjamin Cox, died in Turner.

Lemuel Crooker, died in Hebron.

William Cilley, 3 yrs. service.

Benjamin Cilley, 3 yrs. service; died in Brooks.

Gershom Davis, on the Hudson, Penobscot Expedition.

Joshua Davis, Fort George, Ticonderoga, White Plains, Saratoga, Valley Forge. Description: age 18 stature 5 ft. 1 in. complexion light.

Stephen Drew

John Drake

John Elwell

Jonah Forbes, Minute man, in service during battles of Lexington and Concord, at White Plains, Harlem Heights, Monmouth. Served 7 yrs.

Isaac Foster, served in Mass. before coming to Maine.

David Farrar, Rhode Island Expeditions.

Samuel Frink, served in "Expedition to the Northward."

Nicholas Fernald, Long Island, White Plains.

Joseph Foss, Maine Coast.

Jonathan Gardner, Rhode Island Expeditions.

Luther Gardner, Mass. Militia. ("Active service" says History of Hingham, Mass.)

Samuel Gilbert, died Apr. 27, 1851, aged 79 yrs. 7 mos.

Nathaniel Gammon, Falmouth; died in Buckfield. Buried in Lowell Cemetery.

Enoch Hall, Maine coast; died in Buckfield. Buried at East Buckfield.

Jeremiah Hodgdon, Long Island, White Plains; died in Hebron Aug. 24, 1823.

Ephraim Hathaway, Harlem Heights; was one of guard of prisoners of Gen. Burgoyne's army; died in Buckfield. Buried on Capt. Benj. Maxim farm.

William Harlow

Ephraim Harlow

Sergt. Richard Hines, Ticonderoga, Saratoga, Valley Forge. Died in Turner July 26, 1834.

John Irish, Bunker Hill.

William Irish, Maine coast.

Joseph Irish, Maine coast.

James Irish, Maine coast.

Elijah Jordan, Bunker Hill, Stony Point; died in Buckfield. Buried in Whitman burying ground.

James Jordan, White Plains, Valley Forge; died in Monroe, March 31, 1813.

Sergt. Samuel Jenkins, Ticonderoga, Saratoga, Monmouth, Valley Forge; died in Buckfield Nov. 15, 1832, aged 77.

John Lapham, Kings' Bridge; died in Buckfield, buried on Leonard farm, near highway to South Paris.

Stephen Lowell, Maine coast; died in Buckfield, buried in Lowell Cemetery.

Caleb Lombard, Stony Point, Valley Forge; died in Turner Apr. 19, 1833.

Joseph Lothrop, Rhode Island Expedition; died in Buckfield, buried in Whitman burying ground.

- David Lowe,  
 Nathaniel Leonard,  
 Enoch Leathers, Maine coast.  
 Bradstreet Mason, Yorktown.  
 William Mayhew,  
 Thomas Macomber,  
 Robert Martin, Valley Forge.  
 John Mathews,  
 Daniel Packard, a "matross" in the artillery; Ticonderoga, White Plains, Stony Point, Monmouth; died in Woodstock.
- Job Packard,  
 Josiah Parris, Rhode Island Expeditions; battle near Newport.  
 Philemon Parsons,  
 Eleazar Parsons, Penobscot Expedition; died May 22, 1844, aged 82.  
 Reuben Packard, died in Hebron.  
 Thaddeus Pratt, Bunker Hill. Buried in graveyard in DeCoster neighborhood, Hebron.
- Bennett Pompilly, White Plains, Harlem Heights, Stony Point, Saratoga, Trenton, Princeton, Monmouth; died in Turner, Dec. 5, 1834.
- Lt. Dominicus Record, Mass. militia.  
 Jonathan Record, stationed at the Gurnet, Plymouth Harbor.  
 David Record, stationed at the Gurnet, Plymouth Harbor.  
 Simon Record, Mass. militia.  
 Joseph Roberts, Bunker Hill, Maine coast; died in Buckfield.  
 Joseph Roberts, Jr., Bunker Hill; served 5 yrs.; died in Brooks.  
 Jonathan Roberts, Bunker Hill, Maine coast; died in Buckfield.  
 Tobias Ricker, died Dec. 20, 1845, aged 88.  
 Capt. John Rider, died in Buckfield.  
 Joel Rich, died in Eastern Maine.  
 Ichabod Spencer,  
 Jotham Shaw,  
 Nathaniel Shaw, Penobscot Expedition; died Sept. 30, 1833, aged 88.  
 John Swett, 2 yrs. service. Valley Forge. Died in Buckfield, now town farm July 14, 1844.
- Samuel Taylor, White Plains, Germantown, Monmouth, Yorktown. Died in Buckfield; buried in Whitman burying ground.  
 Asa Thurlo, Penobscot expedition, Rhode Island expedition.  
 Richard Thurlo, Siege of Boston.  
 John Thurlo, Siege of Boston, Penobscot expedition.  
 Davis Thurlo,  
 James Thurlo, Penobscot expedition.  
 Jesse Turner, died in Buckfield.  
 Daniel Tuttle, Yorktown, died in Turner.  
 Samuel Tobin, Penobscot Expedition, died in Buckfield, Dec. 29, 1834.  
 Lt. Isaac Thayer, Trenton, died in Buckfield, buried on Capt. Benj. Maxim farm.
- Jacob Whitman, Minute man, Bunker Hill, Harlem Heights, Stony Point, Saratoga, Trenton.  
 Joshua Wescott, Ticonderoga, Saratoga, Valley Forge, drummer; died Buckfield, Feb. 6, 1826.



Benjamin Woodbury, died in Buckfield.

David Warren, Maine coast, died Aug. 27, 1847, aged 87, Hartford, buried in Buckfield, Ricker yard.

John Warren, Maine coast, died in Buckfield.

Peter White, Maine coast, died in Standish.

Joshua Young, Bunker Hill, died in Buckfield.

Caleb Young,

We feel quite sure that John Warren's name is properly placed in this list. It is given on the rolls as John Warren, Jr. As his father's name was Tristram, he was not strictly speaking Junior. We have found several similar instances. John Buck, son of Abijah Buck, in the census returns and in tax lists and even in conveyances was generally described as John Buck, Jr. He was several times so designated by his father in his diary showing that custom to be common. We have very little doubt that our first settler, John Warren and John Warren, Jr., the Revolutionary soldier is the same person. There were several Thomas Coburns who served in the great struggle for American Independence. None were from Dracut and the description of them, such as we have, does not correspond with that of the Thomas Coburn who settled in the township.

As a number (nearly 20) of Windham men afterwards settled in the township and some were at Bunker Hill, the following lines will not be out of place here :

"When Boston called for aid,  
Hearty response was made;  
And Windham's sons,  
To Bunker Hill then rushed,  
To see the tyrant crushed;  
And Britain's threats they hushed,  
With Yankee guns."

An act was passed by Congress in 1818 giving a pension to those unable by reason of sickness or infirmity to support themselves and families and the following were pensioned under this law :

Jabez Churchill	Elijah Jordan
Benjamin Cox	Caleb Lombard
Amos Brown	Daniel Packard
Joshua Davis	Bennett Pompilly
Jonah Forbes	Thaddeus Pratt
Richard Hines	Samuel Tobin
Jeremiah Hodgdon	Joshua Wescott
Samuel Jenkins	

Another act was passed in 1820 for those pensioned to make a statement under oath in court of the value of their property and whether they had conveyed away any of it for the purpose of obtaining a pension. The judges after investigation certified to the value of the property. The entry on the clerk's docket was "stricken off" under the following names: Benjamin Cox, Joshua Davis, Samuel Tobin, Samuel Jenkins and Elijah Jordan. The affidavit of Daniel Packard made at the June term of the court in 1820 is here given: "Daniel Packard, aged 70 years, a resident of Buckfield in the County of Oxford doth on oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: Viz., as a Private in the Companies commanded by Isaiah Stetson, Abner Howard, Thos. Houghton, in the Regiments commanded by Cols. Gam'l Bradford, Mich'l Jackson, John Bailey and Col. Sprout in the line of the State of Massachusetts on the Continental Establishment as is more particularly mentioned and described in his original declaration for pension, made on the 7th day of April, A. D., 1818, and on which declaration his certificate of pension, No. 5744, was granted. Schedule of real and personal estate (necessary clothing and bedding excepted) belonging to me the subscriber, viz.: No real estate. Personal estate, viz.: One cow, two spring pigs, four articles of Iron Ware, 17 articles of Earthen & Crockery Ware, 4 do Pewter Ware, 4 do Wooden Ware, 2 chests, 4 chairs, 4 knives & forks, 5 tablespoons. Family residing with me Daniel Packard, who by occupation am a Laborer, which I am not able to pursue by reason of the Rheumatism and the general infirmities of old age,—myself and my wife, Elizabeth, age 66 years not able to support herself, by reason of the Asthma.

DANIEL PACKARD."

The total value of his property as fixed by the court was \$22. His name was not "struck off" the roll. Afterwards several of these old soldiers whose names had been dropped from the list of pensioners were restored.

On the 3d day of January, 1826, a meeting was held at Paris Hill, at which Capt. Josiah Parris presided. It was called for the purpose of taking action on a petition to Congress, for a change in the pension laws and was attended by those presumably not pensioned. Those from Buckfield who signed the petition were as follows:

Josiah Parris  
Job Packard  
Simon Record

Thomas Berry  
David Record  
Ichabod Spencer

Jonathan Record  
 Jacob Whitman  
 Jonathan Gardner  
 David Briggs  
 David Lowe  
 Enoch Hall

Joseph Lothrop  
 Gershom Davis  
 Ephraim Hathaway  
 Luther Gardner  
 Caleb Young

There were several Revolutionary soldiers not pensioned, then living in Buckfield whose names are not on this petition and among them were Nathaniel Chase, Benjamin Woodbury and Jasiel Smith. Later an act was passed by Congress, giving a pension to all surviving soldiers of that war. The last survivor of the Revolutionary Patriots in Buckfield was Capt. Josiah Paris who died in 1856, aged 95. Next to the last was Jonathan Record. He passed away in 1855, aged nearly 105.

Veterans of that Patriot League,  
 Which Freedom's clarion hailed  
 Heroes of the sinewy arm,  
 Whose vigor never failed!  
 In every soil your names we find,  
 For Freedom has your name enshrined.

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Our Hero Sires!—of noble blood  
 Your children boast to be—  
 And bear with pride these cherished names  
 That consecrate the Free—  
 Yet, have they reared no column proud,  
 Where Patriot Pilgrims might have bowed.

Then bid it rise—the granite pile—  
 From these old mountains wrought—  
 Until some tribute from each one  
 Be reverently brought;  
 And when these names are written there,  
 Embalm it with the Patriot's prayer.

And as in sky-bound grandeur rests  
 This shaft of filial pride—  
 A sentinel to guard the Past,  
 The Future may it guide!—  
 And like a Bunker Hill may be,  
 A watch-tower raised to Liberty.

April, 1855.

COLUMBIA GARDNER.

## CHAPTER XI.

## WAR OF 1812.

A second war with Great Britain broke out in 1812 over the impressment of American seamen to serve in the British navy. English ships of war often stopped our sailing vessels and under pretense that the men wanted, were subjects of Great Britain would seize them without process of law and force them to serve under the British flag. Naturalized citizens suffered most, by this outrageous conduct, but native born citizens were also taken and obliged to serve under a foreign flag. Press gangs, as they were called, often took men in port and hurried them away for a long service in English war vessels. (The story of the impressment of Noah Hall is given elsewhere.)

The matter became so offensive that the Government was forced to declare war. The contest ended in 1815 with the Battle of New Orleans where Gen. Andrew Jackson with his Western riflemen won a great victory over English soldiers, who had fought against the Great Napoleon. A treaty of peace had however been signed at Ghent, Belgium, some weeks before that but there being in those days no telegraphs, Atlantic cables or steamers, they had not heard of it. The people of Buckfield heartily sustained the Government in the prosecution of the war and while the merchants and business men of Massachusetts became greatly discontented at the measures passed by Congress, the people of Maine generally favored the policy of the Administration from beginning to end. One Buckfield company was raised and sent into the vicinity of Lake Champlain and was attached to the 45th Regiment, U. S. Infantry. The company was commanded by Capt. David Bryant and the service was from January to June, 1813.

Two companies, one commanded by Capt. Jesse Turner and the other by Capt. Daniel Chase were sent to Portland in September, 1814, on the alarm that British ships of war lay outside the harbor and might come in at any time and bombard the city. They both were in service from the 13th to the 24th of September with three days additional for travel. On the rolls of these three companies which are given below are not found the names of several men from Buckfield who were in service during that war.

Several not found in the roll of Capt. David Bryant's company are known to have been in the battle of "Shadagee Woods," where John Hussey was killed.

John, Joseph and Benjamin Packard, sons of Daniel, the Revolutionary soldier and Israel Smith were in a number of engagements which took place in that quarter. John received three flesh wounds in battle. Joseph commanded a batteaux and Israel Smith another batteaux in one of the expeditions. Joseph and John both died from the effects of wounds received. Benjamin served through the war and was in the battles of Chippewa, Lundy's Lane, Sag Harbor and Fort Erie. He afterwards received a pension.

Roll of Capt. Bryant's company:

Captain,	David Bryant
Lieutenant,	John Barrett
Lieutenant,	Jonas Coburn
Ensign,	Stephen Spaulding

**Sergeants.**

Joshua Carpenter	Samuel Record
Charles Young	

**Corporals.**

Walter Carpenter	James Keen
Asa Coburn	Elnathan Packard

**Privates.**

John Bonney	William Howland
Leonard Benson	Simeon Hussey
William Brown	Francis Keen
James Buck	Andrew Keen
Moses Bisbee	Simeon Newton
Isaac Bonney	Thaddeus Oldham
John Cox	Daniel Packard, Jr.
John Crockett	Solomon Phelps
Joseph Crockett	George Parsons
Job Cole	Samuel Randall
Gersham Cole	Oliver Robbins
Charles Crooker	Simon Record, Jr.
David Cox	Elijah Stevens
Joshua Davis	Moses Stevens
Nathaniel Foster	Nathan Tobin
John Gilcrease	Joshua Taylor
Albert Hayford	William Tucker
Israel Heald	Isaac Young

Roll of Capt. Turner's Company:

Captain,	Jesse Turner
Lieutenant	Moses Buck
Ensign	Richard Waldron



**Sergeants.**

John Warren  
Isaac Turner

Jonathan Buck  
Job Prince

**Corporals.**

Collins Woodbury  
David Farrar

Richard Hathaway  
Noah Hall

**Musicians.**

Elisha Buck

Jonas Spaulding

**Privates.**

Samuel Andrews  
Jacob Allen  
Leonard Brock  
Ansel Bisbee  
John Buck, 3d  
Samuel Buck  
John Brock, Jr.  
James Buck  
Hopstill Bisbee  
Cyprian Bowker  
Warren Bessee  
Bela Churchill  
Caleb Cushman  
John Chaffin  
Shepherd Churchill  
Sampson Cole  
Mathew Churchill  
James Cole  
Jonathan Dammon, Jr.  
Joseph Dammon  
John Drake  
Stephen Drake  
Bela Farrow

Nathan Farrow  
Ira Gardner  
Benjamin Jordan  
Elijah Jordan, Jr.  
James Lewis  
Jacob Leonard  
David Low  
Robert Leighton  
John Mayhew  
Nathaniel Mayhew  
Nathan Maxim  
Alfred Monk  
Samuel Packer  
Stephen Packard  
Abner Rounds  
William Spaulding  
Moses Stevens  
John Thayer  
Levi Turner  
Luther Turner  
Samuel Tucker  
Joseph Turner  
Andrew Warren

## Roll of Capt. Chase's Company:

Captain, Daniel Chase  
Lieutenant, David Record  
Ensign, Dominicus Record

**Sergeants.**

Tobias Ricker  
Moses Packard

Nath'l Gammon, Jr.  
Sam'l Record

**Corporals.**

James M. Pote  
Ephraim Ricker

Lewis Record

**Musicians.**

John Packard

Pelham Bryant

**Privates.**

Daniel Briggs  
Obediah Berry  
Simeon Buck  
George Bryant  
Peter Berry

James Jewett  
Mark Lowell  
Brazilla Latham  
John Milliken  
Constantine Matthews

William Cole  
 Joseph Chase  
 Aaron Doble  
 Daniel Daggett, Jr.  
 George Day  
 Martin Drake  
 Stephen Davis  
 Joseph H. Davis  
 Lewis Drew  
 Josiah Drew  
 Cornelius Drew  
 Isaac Ellis  
 Ayra Forbes  
 Samuel Fernald  
 Abijah Foster  
 Micah Foster  
 Robinson Gammon  
 Thomas Gammon  
 Daniel Hutchinson  
 John Hodgdon  
 John Hall  
 Stephen Hutchinson  
 Andrew Hall  
 Miles Hines  
 Israel Hodgdon  
 Joseph Irish

John Mathews, Jr.  
 Robert Martin, Jr.  
 David Merrill  
 Samuel Matthews  
 Elnathan Packard  
 Jonathan Packard  
 Samuel Packard  
 Aaron Parsons  
 Jonathan Record, Jr.  
 Timothy Record  
 Thomas Record  
 Seth Roberts  
 Ezekiel Record  
 Ebenezer Record  
 Simon Record, Jr.  
 Levi Rogers, Jr.  
 Josiah Swett  
 Amos Shaw  
 Gilman Thompson  
 Jonathan Thompson  
 Elias Taylor  
 Joshua Whitman  
 Moses Young  
 Isaac Young  
 Benjamin Young

The action of the people of the town is worthy of note. At a town meeting held in January, 1815, before they had learned that a treaty of peace had been signed or of Gen. Jackson's brilliant victory at New Orleans, a committee consisting of Timothy Hutchinson, Ephraim Hathaway, Enoch Philbrick, Benjamin Spaulding and Larnard Swallow was selected to draft an address to the General Court which it did in the following language:

"The Inhabitants of the town of Buckfield deeming the present to be an important and critical period in the affairs of their Country—a period big with important events which call loudly upon the wisdom of legislators—a period which threatens our country with ruin, our liberties with destruction and our dearest rights and privileges with annihilation, beg leave to address the Legislature and humbly beseech them to abandon measures calculated to increase the flames of party spirit and for sowing the seeds of domestic discord and adopt such as have a direct tendency to secure the safety and independence of all. We cannot but view with astonishment that the Legislature should have pursued any course which had a direct tendency to Dissolve the Union, thereby destroying the remaining hope of our once flourishing and happy Country, as their appointing Delegates to the

Convention at Hartford and raising a standing army at the expense of this State, thereby bringing us into a state of anarchy and confusion, an event which will unavoidably lead to civil war and effusion of blood, we therefore respectfully request your honors to realize the danger which threatens our liberty and independence and in your wisdom avert the threatened blow and dispel the clouds which hover over our political horizon, before they burst with unwarrantable fury on our devoted heads. We are now led to inquire by what unfriendly cause has it happened that Massachusetts, the great and powerful State of Massachusetts—one so highly respected—a State, which formed a powerful link in the Union, should in the course of a few years be reduced to such a miserable and deplorable situation. This is an inquiry in which we are sorrowfully interested, and we shall enter upon it with all the anxiety and attention due to its importance. We consider it as one of our most sacred duties to point out as far as in our power, the cause of our distresses. We do not hesitate to declare that in our opinion a treacherous influence from our enemies in England and the internal enemies of our General Government, and disappointed ambition has promoted the calamities, which for years has troubled us and has caused the Administration of our State Government to pursue a policy so adverse to the best interests of the Country, thereby encouraging the enemy to continue to enforce their unjust propositions for peace. We beg leave to assure your honors when we are called upon by the State authority to draw the sword from its scabbard, it shall be directed against none but our common enemy and those who are striving to destroy the Constitution of the United States, an event which will strike a deadly blow at our independence purchased only by the blood and toil of our forefathers. We earnestly pray your honors to think seriously on these things and weigh them with that importance which they demand and as in duty bound will ever pray.”

A vote passed apparently without opposition to have the address signed by the moderator, clerk and selectmen in behalf of the town and forwarded to the General Court. It was probably never presented as it was soon after known that peace had been declared.

## CHAPTER XII.

## EARLY BUCKFIELD VILLAGE.

The first improvements made in the town were also the first made in what is now Buckfield Village. The beginning of the town, therefore, was also the beginning of the village. Benjamin Spaulding, as we have seen, was the first settler. His lot comprised that part of the present village north of the river and east of the road to Paris Hill. Dominicus Record, who afterward acquired this tract, added other lands—some of which were on the south side of the river. The next who came and settled here after Spaulding were Edmund Chandler and Isaac Foster. Chandler's lot was on the north side of the river and included the upper water privilege. Foster's was on the south side but probably did not quite reach the river. These three were the original owners of the land in what is now Buckfield Village. It is a remarkable fact that all three disposed of these holdings. Two of them finally moved out of town. Chandler erected the first mill and was undoubtedly the first miller. Just at what time the first mill was built, we are unable to state but it must have been in 1781 or the following year. Abijah Buck, in his diary, mentions a freshet in 1785 which carried away mills and bridges. Dominicus Record came here in 1782 and moved his family here the following year. He became an owner in the mills then or shortly after. For many years they were called "Record's Mills," a name which was extended to the place.

Mark Andrews came here from Turner in the early nineties, if not before, and opened a store. We find the record of a conveyance in 1782 wherein he is described as being of Bucktown. He was probably in the township temporarily and may have sold goods for Abijah Buck. Certain entries in his diary or account book would indicate that Abijah Buck was very early a trader in a small way. It is certain, however, that Andrews never took up a settler's lot which it is probable he would have done if he had been a permanent settler here before Jan. 1, 1784. We do not find his name among the heads of families living in the township when the census was taken in 1790. It does appear, however, among those of 1800. He was collector of taxes in Turner in 1789 and a resident there in 1790 when census was taken and in

1792 as appears by the record of a conveyance of land that year. We first learn of him in the township of Sylvester in 1780. He was then a young, energetic business man and unmarried. One tradition says that he first began trade in Buckfield at or in the vicinity of Abijah Buck's. Another, that it was in a building at the corner made by the Paris Hill and Sumner roads near the Dr. Wm. Bridgham place where there was a blacksmith shop. Moses Bisbee, who married Ellen Buck, had a dwelling house and blacksmith shop there in 1800. He afterwards moved to Bethel and thence to Waterford and gave his name to the little hamlet since called "Bisbeetown."

In 1795 Edmund Chandler then of New Gloucester, sold one-half of the grist and saw mill, the upper water privilege and his settling lot to Mark Andrews and Dominicus Record. They divided this property, Andrews taking the dwelling house and settling lot and Record the mills and water privilege. He owned half of the mills and half of the water privilege before and by this division with Andrews became sole owner.

Joel Foster came here from Pembroke, Mass., in 1784 or 1785. He married Phebe, daughter of Abijah Buck, July 10, 1788. Some years afterwards he put up a small establishment and began the business of a tanner—the first in the place. He purchased the lot on the south side of the river near where the Spaulding store now stands and erected a public house for travelers which was the first in the village. This public house was afterwards known as the "Bridgham Tavern" and during a part of that period a store and the post office was kept in a part of the house. The place was burned in 1854.

Dr. Samuel Frink settled here in the practice of his profession in 1797, under unfavorable circumstances as related in the annals. But Doctor Ebenezer Taylor is said to have been here in 1789. He was not a resident however in Bucktown when the census was taken in 1790 nor in 1800. His name is on the tax lists for 1803 and 1804. He became a resident of Farmington in the latter year.

Doctor William Bridgham from New Gloucester first settled in Sumner but in 1803 he moved to Buckfield Village which he made his home till his death. He probably when first coming here lived for a while at Doctor Frink's. There was afterwards a bitter enmity between them as related elsewhere and in the con-



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## CHAPTER XIII.

## EARLY EDUCATIONAL HISTORY.

When the Commonwealth of Massachusetts disposed of the township to Abijah Buck and his associates, 280 acres of land were reserved for the use of a Grammar School. It had then been nine years since the first settlement. It was seven more before the plantation was incorporated into a town and five more before measures were taken to build any schoolhouses. Many of the children of the earliest settlers during that period had grown to manhood and womanhood. What advantages they possessed towards obtaining a knowledge of reading, writing and "casting accounts," we do not know. As in all new settlements, the chief concern for the first few years was to obtain a subsistence and get started in life. After that, it was natural that parents should turn their attention towards giving their children the rudiments, at least, of an education. We find from a few ancient documents that have come under our notice that some who were born during the earliest times in the township wrote fine hands and spelled fairly well, whence we conclude that reading and writing must have been taught them and probably, also, a limited knowledge, at least, of arithmetic for this was considered as essential as the other two. How they acquired this knowledge we cannot say. Perhaps in private schools in part, but, no doubt, largely from instruction at home by their parents. The preachers in most of the early settlements were expected to look after the educational interests of their people as well as their spiritual welfare and many of them taught school, especially in the winter season. If they were college graduates they often gave an impetus to education which characterized the town or section where they labored. In some cases religious denominations founded higher institutions of learning than the common schools. Buckfield does not appear to have been favored in either of these ways but there is evidence that her people in the early times set a high value upon the benefits to be derived from what may be termed a business education while some looked beyond this and gave their children a course of instruction at an academy and even at college.

Capt. Josiah Parris was one of those who prized education very highly. He named a son and a daughter for an edition of



Virgil which was a famous one with the scholars of that day. It was called the "Delphin edition of Virgil." Capt. Parris named his son, Virgil Delphini and the daughter, Delphina. The son was the first one to obtain a college education in the town of Buckfield. The daughter, too, in addition to having been educated in the highest schools of the city of Portland, acquired a musical education which was a rare thing for those times. One of the Loring family stated that Miss Delphina Parris was not only the most beautiful young lady in the region but was also the most accomplished in the county of Oxford. Her untimely death was a great blow to her family, fiance and friends.

John Loring and Thomas Long gave their children a good education for those times. The former in early life had been a school teacher in the old Commonwealth. While residing in Buckfield, though not of the dominant party, he was frequently elected as a member of the board of school committee chosen "to inspect the schools." Political feeling in those days ran high and we have little conception of the general prejudice against a federalist. The fact that Mr. Loring was repeatedly elected as a member of the school board is evidence of the interest that the people generally had in their children acquiring at least a good common school education. Mr. Loring's son, Lucius, though intending a life in trade attended the academy at Hebron and fitted himself for a school teacher. Thomas Long's son, Zadoc, also graduated at Hebron Academy and before entering business life as a merchant taught school and gained a great reputation as an instructor. He was regarded as the most intellectual and learned man of his day in the town. He possessed ability to take a leading part in the halls of legislation and was several times without any solicitation of his, the candidate of the whig party in the Oxford District for Representative to Congress.

Timothy Hutchinson was a noted school teacher. He was a very able man. He drafted the resolutions of protest adopted by the town in 1815 against the course of the Commonwealth in opposing the second war with Great Britain. Lemuel Crooker, Jr., son of one of the first 47 settlers attained a great reputation as a school teacher. He was called in conveyances "schoolmaster," the only instance of the kind we have found.

The descendants of Rev. Nathaniel Chase and Elder William Irish have ever been noted for their interest in education. When

the authors of this history were mere boys, Thomas Irish and Thomas Chase were noted school teachers. The former was considered to be authority in all disputed matters in grammar and many are the pupils and teachers who have gone to him with doubtful passages in parsing. The author of Brown's "Grammar of Grammars" once said that he had never met Mr. Irish's equal as a grammarian.

Dominicus Record, Sr., valued education so much that one of his daughters was given an academical education at Fryeburg and other places. The children of Benjamin Spaulding appear to have been well educated for those times. Several of the sons were in business and were very successful. They were much in town office and one, Benjamin, Jr., was repeatedly elected to the General Court and the Maine Legislature. In the chamber of his house the first school in the village was taught.

Although living on a farm in the extreme southern part of the town where school privileges have been always limited, Jacob Whitman set a high value upon education for his children. One of them was a lay preacher, another a physician and the youngest son gathered together a fair library for those days. In the next and succeeding generations, several of the old soldiers' descendants obtained a college education. The Longs, the Chases, the Lowells, the Bonneys, the Hutchinsons, the Princes and the Harlows are other families which have sent out successful teachers and men of affairs. The Leonards, too—Nathaniel, Jacob and Susan, were teachers of mark in their day. The latter fitted herself for an instructor of youth at the Buckfield "Grammar School" and among her classmates were Virgil D. Parris and William Bicknell. We believe that no town in the county in proportion to its population has sent out so many first class instructors as Buckfield.

On the incorporation of the town in 1794, the sum of 50 pounds was raised for the support of schools. The next year but 30 pounds were raised. One from each district or neighborhood was elected to look after its educational interests. Those thus selected were of the very first of the men in their sections. Here are their names:

Lemuel Crooker  
Joseph Chase  
Enoch Hall  
Ephraim Hathaway  
David Farrar  
Mark Andrews

William Berry  
John Swett  
Tobias Ricker  
Abijah Buck  
Jacob Whitman

In 1796, 60 pounds were appropriated for schools and for several years the same sum was raised. In 1798 it was decided to choose three men for a school committee and the selectmen, Lemuel Crooker, Samuel Andrews and Abijah Buck were constituted as that committee. The same year it was voted to raise money to build four school houses. This vote was reconsidered and it was then voted not to build any school houses that year. Nothing after this appears in the records about building school-houses. They were probably erected by the people in each district or section. The four which it was proposed to build were to be located as follows: One, at Simon Record's; another, between Abijah Buck's and Thomas Allen's; the third near Joseph Roberts's and the fourth near John Symonds's. A schoolhouse was built between Abijah Buck's and Thomas Allen's before 1801 for the annual town meeting was held there that year. It was no doubt the first one erected in the town. The one near Simon Record's was built before 1804 and probably the other two also. At this time there was but one schoolhouse in the town of Paris and Turner had only the same number as Buckfield.

At the annual meeting in 1801 it was decided to divide the town into school districts "agreeable to the new law" and the school committee was instructed "to call their districts together to ascertain their bounds by the 15th of July and make return to the selectmen." In 1806 the town was divided into "school ricks" or districts and a record for the first time was made of their members and boundaries which were substantially as given elsewhere.

The following persons with their estates were given the privilege of forming themselves into a school district, which was to be called No. 8. Abijah Buck, Nathaniel Buck, Moses Bisbee, Benjamin Spaulding, Abel Spaulding, Leonard Spaulding, Larnard Swallow, John Warren, Abijah Buck, Jr., Jonathan Buck, John Allen, Nathaniel Buck, Jr., Dennis Newbegin and David Bryant. At the raising of the frame for the school house in District No. 7, it became necessary according to the custom of those times to give it a name. The proceedings on such occasions were something as follows: After the frame was up a man selected for the purpose would mount one of the timbers and perhaps say: "This is a fine frame and it deserves a good name. Now what shall we call it?" Another from the opposite side replied, usually in

doggerel. Something to drink was always an important feature of the ceremonies.

When a certain raising in the Whitman neighborhood took place, the tradition is that the name was thus given: "The sills are level and the posts are plumb. And we will call it Andrew Jackson." In 1822 the frame to a large new barn was raised on the Bonney farm. The naming was as follows:

"This is a fine frame,  
Twenty posts support the same;  
Built of the best pine and ash,  
Its owner's purse is full of cash;  
He's treated well, we'll not complain,  
It shall be called the new State of Maine."

On the occasion of the raising of the frame for a school house at East Buckfield, the committee having the building of the structure in charge could not agree upon a name. Finally Joshua Davis proposed calling it the Federal school house from the large number of that political faith in that section and as an especial compliment to the chairman of the committee (presumably Jonathan Roberts) who was their leader. This was agreed to. The place became known as the Federal Corner—a name it bears to this day.

School houses were probably erected in most of these districts during that or previous years. The annual town meeting in 1807 was held in the one built in the village on Loring's Hill. This house is now in existence. It is located on the eastern side of the river and was occupied some years ago as a shop by Gilbert Tilton. The sum of \$400 was raised that year for the support of schools. In 1808 the first committee chosen to "inspect the schools" was elected. The members of the committee were Gen. Henry Farwell, Dr. Wm. Bridgham and Rev. Daniel Hutchinson.

The school agents were:

Thomas Joselyn  
Nath'l Chase  
Sam'l Tucker  
Job Packard

John Loring  
Elisha Morton  
Stephen Drew  
Larnard Swallow

There was no supervision of schools in Turner at this time, although the town had been incorporated about eight years prior to Buckfield. The first committee of three for this purpose there was chosen in 1811.

## CHAPTER XIV.

## TOWN INCORPORATED AND FIRST TOWN MEETING.

It appears that the affairs of the plantation were managed by the proprietors without a plantation organization till the town was incorporated. Some fifteen years after the first settlement, there being a sufficient population, a movement was made to have the plantation incorporated into a town. Abijah Buck was authorized by a number of the people to present a petition in his and their behalf, to the General Court, for that purpose. This document accompanied Buck's petition. Both are as follows:

We whose names are herewith undersigned, being proprietors and owners of a Plantation called Bucktown in the County of Cumberland, avouch Abijah Buck to be our petitioner, at the General Court when assembled at Boston in June, 1792, to petition to the General Court, that the Plantation of Bucktown may be incorporated into a town.

Bucktown May th 22 1792

Benjamin Spaulding  
Jonathan Tyler  
Nathaniel Buck  
Dominicus Record  
John Rider  
Moses Stevens  
Josiah Tilson  
John Warren  
Leonard Spaulding  
Benjamin Spaulding, Jr.  
John Brock  
Ichabod Waterman

Thomas Joselyn  
Wm. Mayhew  
Thomas Lincoln  
Joseph Tyler  
John Clay  
John Buck  
James Hussey  
Moses Bisbee  
Shubal Marsh  
Benjamin Spaulding (?)  
Joel Foster

To the Honorable, the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The Proprietors and Inhabitants of the Plantation of Bucktown in the County of Cumberland, humbly represent that the said Plantation has been and still is under great difficulties and embarrassments on account of their inability to increase improvements and roads, and settle order and regularity among themselves; that this inability arises from the want of an incorporation into a town; and your petitioners desirous of having the same accomplished, do by our agent, Abijah Buck, humbly Pray the Honorable Court, to grant the said Plantation to be incorporated into a Town, and that the same may be called Buckfield, and as in duty bound will ever pray.

ABIJAH BUCK.



The petition was not favorably acted on that year. The act of incorporation, however, passed early the next year and became a law March 16, 1793. It is as follows:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same: That the following described tract of land, viz.: Beginning at the Northwest corner of Hebron and running S. 70 deg. E. on the Northerly line of said Hebron 5 miles and about 190 rods, until it strikes the west line of Turner: Thence N. 26 deg. E. by same line, five miles and about one hundred rods until it meets the Southeast corner of No. 6 or Butterfield: Thence running S. 81° W. eight miles and two hundred rods to the East line of Plantation No. 4: Thence by said line running S. 13° E. to the first mentioned bound together with the inhabitants thereon, be and hereby are incorporated into a town, by the name of Buckfield. And the said town is hereby invested with all the powers, privileges and immunities, which other towns in this Commonwealth do or may enjoy by law.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that William Widgery, Esq., be, and he is hereby empowered and requested to issue his warrant, directed to some suitable inhabitant thereof, to meet at some convenient time and place to choose all such officers as towns are by law required to choose in the month of March or April annually.

#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

CUMBERLAND, SS.

To DOMINICUS RECORD of Buckfield  
in said county. Yeoman.

GREETING:

In pursuance of a law of this commonwealth, directing me to issue my warrant to some suitable inhabitant of said Buckfield, I do hereby request you forthwith to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Buckfield to meet at your dwelling house in said Buckfield on the first Monday in April next at ten of the clock, in the forenoon then and there to chuse all such officers as towns are by law required to chuse in the month of March or April annually. Given under my hand and seal.

Dated at New Gloucester, the first day of March in the year of our Lord in 1794.

WILLIAM WIDGERY,  
*Justice of the Peace.*

#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

CUMBERLAND, SS.

In pursuance of a warrant to me directed by William Widgery Esquire of new Gloucester to Notify and warn the Inhabitants of Buckfield in the County aforesaid to meet at my dwelling house in said Buckfield on the first Monday of April next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, then and there to chuse all Such Officers as Towns are by Law Required to chuse in the month of March or April annually—

I do therefore notify and warn all the male Inhabitants of Buckfield aforesaid to meet at the time and place and for the purpose Abovesaid. Buckfield, March the 4th Day in the Year of our Lord, 1794.

DOMINICUS RECORD.

At the town meeting, held in pursuance of the foregoing warrant, the following business was transacted:

Officers chosen:

Moderator—Dominicus Record.

Town Clerk—Thomas Allen.

Selectmen—Lemuel Crooker, William Harlow, Jonathan Roberts.

Assessors—Lemuel Crooker, Jonathan Roberts, Ephraim Hathaway.

Treasurer—Dominicus Record.

Collector of Taxes—William Lowell.

Tythingmen—Benjamin Spaulding, William Doble.

Road Surveyors—John Buck for the "Middle District;" Philemon Parsons for the "Third District;" Jasiel Smith for the "West District;" Tobias Ricker for the "North East District;" Enoch Hall for the "Sixth District;" Amos Brown for the "Seventh District;" Benj. Spaulding for the "North West District."

Abijah Buck, Ephraim Hathaway and Lemuel Crooker were chosen a committee "for to Lay out Roads."

The people voted for Governor, Lieut. Governor and Senators at the same meeting with the following result:

For Governor, Samuel Adams had	31 votes
For Lieut.-Gov., Moses Gill,	25
For Senators, William Widgery,	17
Josiah Thatcher,	9
Daniel Mitchell,	9

At the adjourned meeting, held at the same place April 21st, it was voted "to choose two more selectmen in Addition to three already chosen," and Dominicus Record and Benj. Spaulding were elected. They were also chosen assessors. It was voted "to Dismiss the Committee that were chosen to Lay out Roads." Voted "to Dismiss Benj. Spaulding from being road surveyor," and Abijah Buck was selected in his place. Thomas Lincoln was chosen surveyor of lumber.

Voted to choose two more tythingmen, and Thomas Lowell and Seba Smith were elected. Smith asked to be "dismissed" from the position and Job Prince was chosen in his place. The surveyors of roads were made fence viewers. Mark Andrews was elected sealer of weights and measures; John Richardson, Nathaniel Buck, hog reeves and field drivers; Jonathan Philbrick, pound keeper; John Warren, deer reeve; Joel Foster, sealer of leather. One hundred pounds were raised for "the benefit of the town roads and highways." The price of a man's labor was fixed at four shillings per day and oxen at three shillings. The price of "carts, Ploughs and other utensils, to be at the Surveyors Discretion." Fifty pounds was raised for the support of schools. The money "to be Aplied to that use, within twelve months, otherwise, if not, to be returned into the Town Treasury for the use of the Town." Voted to have one town pound to be 25 ft. square and "to postpone the building of stocks." Several town meetings were held during the year, and a number of roads, which had been laid out, were accepted. It was voted to have the town roads three rods wide, and the new ones located "to be opened up" within fourteen months. Dominicus Record, Abijah Buck and Jonas Coburn were selected as a committee "to Inspect into the Survey of the Town, ordered by the late Act of the General Court."

The town voted in favor of the separation of the District of Maine from Massachusetts, and Abijah Buck was elected as a delegate to represent the town in the matter.

At a town meeting held in December, it was voted to raise money "to defray the charges that has arisen from the High Sheriff's visit."

## CHAPTER XV.

## BOUNDARY DIFFICULTIES.

The proprietors of the town in their original petition for the purchase of the township, asked for a tract of land "to the value of five or six miles square."

Six miles square was the usual size of a township, although some were much larger and many were smaller.

When the contract to purchase was made, the proprietors expected to obtain a tract approximating this size, but when the township had been surveyed, they found that the northern boundary line did not extend so far north by one mile as they had expected. They claimed that the surveyor had made a mistake. The land in this mile-wide strip was fertile and valuable and they coveted it. Accordingly, in the early part of the year 1788, Abijah Buck in behalf of the proprietors, sent the following petition to the General Court:

"COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled.

The Petition of Abijah Buck of Bucktown or No. 5 in the County of Cumberland,

Humbly Sheweth, that by reason of a mistake of the surveyor running the line between us and Butterfield, the latter plantation has the advantage of about 2000 aquers southerly, out of the quantity unsold us by the Committy on Lands for the Commonwealth, and the proprietors of said Butterfield have accordingly availed themselves of the said mistake greatly to our Damage for several important Reasons, and inasmuch as the Lands of the Commonwealth extend northerly, so as to fully satisfy the Proprietors of Butterfield, he humbly prays in behalf of himself and others to take the matter into your Honors wise consideration, and make such disposition as may seem just and proper.

Dated at Bucktown the 2 Day of February A. D. 1788

ABIJAH BUCK."

This petition met with a decided opposition. The proprietors of Butterfield did not care to part with this tract of valuable land for other land to the northward of their township and nothing came from Buck's efforts, although an act passed the legislature to refer the matter to the Committee on Eastern Lands.

In the autumn when the deed of the township was about to be executed another effort was made by the proprietors to have the

matter adjusted to their satisfaction, but this time it appears to have been more with the hope of getting some compensation than of obtaining the tract of land in question. Abijah Buck and Benjamin Spaulding in behalf of the proprietors, signed the petition which was dated at Boston Nov. 5, 1788. In it they stated that the Land Committee "though sensible of the wrong done" deemed it out of its power to remedy it without authority from the General Court. The House of Representatives on the 10th of the same month passed a resolve for the Eastern Lands Committee to take the matter into consideration and "make such allowance" as should appear just. The Senate, however, voted to non-concur. So the matter ended.

It will be noted by inspection of the deed, that three of the boundaries were uncertain. And in the act of incorporation of the town two were still left indefinite. In order to remedy this, the General Court June 26, 1794, requested a survey of the township and a plan of it to be made. The committee chosen by the town for the purpose was Abijah Buck, Dominicus Record and Jonas Coburn. Thomas Joselyn was the surveyor. The line between Buckfield and Turner was run in October. The distance was found to be 5 miles and 180 rods. The south and west lines were run in Dec. of that year. The former was 5 miles and 144 rods. The latter  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles. The line between Buckfield and Butterfield was run in April, 1795. Distance, 8 miles and 200 rods.

The line between Buckfield and Hebron by this survey, was made 46 rods less than in John Jordan's survey of 1785, and the line between Buckfield and Turner was made 80 rods more. This latter plan was adopted as the true one, and the boundaries fixed in accordance with it.

But two years later the southern boundary line of the town became a matter of serious controversy between Hebron and Buckfield. A new survey of Hebron had been made, and by the terms of the original grant to Alexander Shepard it appeared that a tract of some 2600 acres of Buckfield was included in it. The matter got into the courts and Hebron's claim seems to have been sustained. In consequence, Abijah Buck for the proprietors, presented the following petition to the legislature:

"To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,

Humbly shews, Abijah Buck for himself and his associates, proprietors of the town of Buckfield in the County of Cumberland, that in No-



vember 1788, they purchased of the committee for the sale of Eastern Lands, a tract of land containing about 20,033 acres, which has since been incorporated by the name of Buckfield and for which they paid a full consideration. That since the said purchase, a new survey of the town of Hebron has been made, by which the southerly part of the said town of Buckfield has been encroached upon to the amount of twenty-six hundred acres.

Wherefore your petitioners pray, that the Legislature would examine the premises and restrict the town of Hebron within its ancient limits, or make such compensation to your petitioners for the loss, as to your justice and wisdom may seem proper.

Boston, June 15, 1799.

ABIJAH BUCK."

It does not appear that anything came from this petition. The town took the matter in hand and for a time seems to have acted independently of the proprietors.

In 1803, however, they united in a petition to the General Court to settle the matter of the conflicting grants, and in June of that year an act was passed authorizing Peleg Coffin and John Reed "to settle the bounds of said towns, provided that the proprietors of Hebron submit their claim in writing and in such submission release all rights in the grant to the proprietors of Buckfield." This was done. The line was again run and found to be as claimed by Buckfield. In Feb. 1807, the matter not having been finally adjusted on account of the death of Hon. Peleg Coffin, another act was passed by the General Court, authorizing John Reed and William Smith to perform the duties required by the former act.

The town lines of Hebron were resurveyed by Lothrop Lewis of Gorham, under the authority of Reed and Smith, and by his survey, made that year, it appeared that the tract claimed out of Buckfield was somewhat different than the grant to Shepard warranted, and that three other tracts—one adjoining Paris, another Turner, and the third Otisfield, amounting to about 1300 acres, had been appropriated by Shepard or his heirs, which were not really included in his grant. The matter was finally settled by allowing Hebron to hold these three tracts. So Buckfield retained the disputed territory and its southern boundary was definitely fixed on the line run by John Jordan, and Hebron appears to have obtained, after all, no other land than it had supposed it rightfully held, while it actually lost what it claimed out of Buckfield. The loss of a few lots to Paris and the gain of some from Hartford and Sumner will appear in the annals.

## CHAPTER XVI.

## BUCKFIELD VILLAGE ABOUT 1825.

In the corner made by the Turner and Hebron roads on the south side of the river was the store in which Ephraim Atwood traded for many years. South of it was another store in which Enoch Crooker had traded. There was also a building of some kind adjoining, perhaps a dwelling house. Next south a blacksmith shop of Col. Aaron Parsons. On the other side of the Hebron road in the corner made by it and the road over Loring's Hill was the Loring store. Farther west was the dwelling house of John Morrill, blacksmith. Over the well was a "well sweep" and to it was attached an "old oaken bucket" by which the water was taken from the well. On the rising ground still farther to the west were the buildings of Richard Waldron. Rodney Chaffin, who married Waldron's daughter, afterwards lived there. Finally Sydenham Bridgham acquired possession and lived there for many years. On the right hand side of the street leading over Loring's Hill next beyond the store was the dwelling house of John Loring, Esq. Further up the hill was the village school house. Next on the same side of the road were the farm buildings of Ezekiel Record and a short distance south, those of Enoch Philbrick, in recent years the Dean place. Nearer to the village on the opposite side of the Loring Hill road were the farm buildings of Barnabas Perry, also a blacksmith shop. Towards the village square was the cottage once occupied by Samuel Andrews and farther down the Capt. Josiah Parris stand. On the right hand side of the road leading to Turner was the dwelling house of Mr. Jeremiah Bean, also a blacksmith shop. The dwelling house was once owned by Benj. Spaulding, Jr., and was moved from the other side of the river. It was first occupied after removal by Benjamin Milliken. On the opposite side of the road was the residence of Zadoc Long, Esq., afterwards that of Col. A. D. White. Back of these buildings on the river was the tannery. Farther down on the same side of the road was the original Baptist church used as the town house. In the corner on the site of the present Spaulding store was the Bridgham hotel—once the Joel Foster tavern. Between it and the bridge was a store over which was a hall long known as Bridgham Hall in

which were held all the village dancing parties and where theatrical shows were given. At one end was a platform for the fiddlers and on the wall above the motto: "Go it while you're young, for when you're old you can't." On top of the store was the flag-pole from which every 4th of July the stars and stripes floated.

On the north side of the river in the corner by the bridge was the "new store" built by Stephen Phelps in which Zadoc Long traded. On the opposite corner was the cabinet shop of James Jewett. Then the residence and hat shop of Gen. Eliphalet Packard and the Col. Aaron Parsons place. Below on the river was the fulling mill and clothing works of William Cole, formerly owned by William Campbell. On the opposite side of the street from the mill was the large flat-roofed house with its five chimneys, small windows and many rooms, once the residence of William Campbell but later owned by William Cole. Where later the hotel of America Farrar stood was the residence of Samuel F. Brown, Esq., the village lawyer. His law office in which the post office was also kept by him, was situated east of the present law office building of Fred R. Dyer, Esq., and a lane ran down to it from the house. Next this to the north was the residence of Dominicus Record, afterwards the home of Zadoc Long and now "Hotel Long."

On the same side of the road leading to Paris Hill was the academy building. Farther up the hill was the residence of Rev. William Pidgin, once the Oren Record place. Farther northwest on the other side of the Sumner road was the Dr. William Bridgman stand. Levi Bryant had a residence in the vicinity. On the south side of the Paris Hill road and opposite Dr. Bridgman's place was the dwelling house of John Chaffin, a pump maker. Next nearer towards the village was the residence of Nathan Atwood—painted red. Still farther down was the fine two-story residence of James Jewett, now the Wilson Shaw place. Down near the foot of the hill was the dwelling house of Mr. Rich, the miller. His wife called him "Mr. Itch" by reason of an impediment in her speech. In the vicinity were the residence of Benjamin Spaulding, Jr., and a house afterwards owned and occupied by Ephraim Atwood. At the end of a lane leading up the river was an old two-story house, the residence of Enoch Crocker. It was once the residence of Mark Andrews and was probably built by Edmund Chandler.

On the present site of the mills were a grist and saw mill and an old shed adjoining. In this vicinity was a blacksmith shop owned by Thomas R. Waterman which had a trip hammer run by waterpower. Near the present site of the store in the corner made by the Paris Hill road and the river was a building in which several parties had traded at different periods. This store was afterwards burned and the old grammar school building was purchased and moved here. It was converted into what has since been known as "the Morrill store."

The following persons were doing business as traders in the village in 1825: Zadoc Long, Lucius Loring, Nathan Atwood, Enoch Crocker and Spaulding Robinson.

## CHAPTER XVII.

## ANNALS.

1795.

Transactions at town meetings:

Thirty pounds were appropriated for schools, 150 pounds for roads and highways. It was voted "to allow the service" of the town officers. The proposition to raise money for a town stock of ammunition was voted on.—The same sums for labor on the roads for men and oxen were allowed as the previous year.—Jonas Coburn, Abijah Buck and Benj. Spaulding were chosen to take charge of the school lots and look after their preservation.—The road, "as laid out from the bridge near Benjamin Spaulding's mill to the mill aforesaid" was accepted.—Thomas Joselyn (spelled on the records "Joslin") was voted 15 shillings "for his Services in Surveying and Drawing a Plan of the Town."—It was decided to have two guide posts erected, one at the "crotch of the road Leading to Butterfield" and the other "near Simon Records."

1796.

Sixty pounds were voted for schools and 200 pounds for repairs of the roads. The selectmen were instructed to expend the money raised for repairs of highways. The sum of \$60 was appropriated "to defray charges the year past."—Jeremiah Hodgdon's "rate 6s., 11d. half penny" was "voted off," also John Brown's "poll tax o. 6. 4."—Voted "not to vote off" Tristram Warren's tax.—The assessors were directed to go in person to the inhabitants to take the valuation.—It was also decided not to send a representative to the General Court this year and that "the Town indemnity the Selectmen in case a penalty is incurred."—The following roads were accepted: 1st, That from "the Hebron road to Stephen Rider's;" 2nd, "the one by David Gammon's;" 3rd, the "road from Nathaniel Chase's to Turner town line;" 4th, "the road from Joel Foster's to Abijah Lapham's;" 5th, "that from the bridge near the Mills to the N. W. corner of Isaac Foster's settling lot."—At the Presidential election but one elector was voted for, Stephen Longfellow, Esq., who had 21 votes.

1797.

The same amounts as in 1796 were voted for the support of schools and for the repair of highways.—The town treasurer was allowed four dollars a year for his services.—The selectmen's bills for their services the past year were as follows: Lemuel Crooker, \$3.50; Benjamin Spaulding, \$6.17; Samuel Andrews, \$3.31. Thomas Allen for his services as town clerk was voted \$9.52.—The selectmen's settlement with the town treasurer for the years 1795 and 1796 was accepted.—They reported that they found in the treasury \$73.07, "due from the Collector for 1795, \$23.76. Due from the Collector for 1796, \$84.51.—The demand the Town hath on the Treasurer is \$181.51."—At a meeting held in September, "voted for



the Selectmen to acquaint the town with the reasons for chusing another Collector" and it was further, "voted not to commit the Bills to Ephraim Hathaway" and to have another collector.—The collectorship was "set up to vendue and the Taxes were bid off to collect for 11d. per pound." David Warren was chosen as the new collector and Enoch Hall was accepted as his bondsman.—The laying out of several roads was accepted; 1st, one between Thomas Lowe's and Daniel Merrill's lands and running over land of Andrew Twombly and land of Valentine Mathews to Hebron line. 2nd, from the N. W. corner of John Hussey's land to S. E. corner of "Mr. Lapham's land, then turns a square corner on Levi Cushman's land till it joins the road already laid out."—"Voted to continue the road from John Hussey's to the Hebron road" and the one from "Moses Bisee's to John Hussey's" was discontinued.

1798.

Hon. Increase Sumner was the only candidate voted for this year for Governor. He received 40 votes.—David Warren was re-elected collector of taxes and Jabez Pratt was accepted as his bondsman.—The same sums were appropriated as in the two previous years for schools and repairs of the roads.—It was also voted "to put up to vendue to maintain John Brown and his wife—struck off to James Waterman at sixty-five dollars one year exclusive of Doctor's bills."—It was further voted that "the Selectmen shall proceed to take the Steps of the Law to know whether the heirs of John Brown shall maintain him, or whether he shall be maintained at the expense of the Town."—The highway tax of Caleb Young and the poll taxes of Jesse Turner, Consider Sampson and Samuel Tyler were "voted off."—It was decided "to establish a road that leads from James Waterman's and Thomas Joscelyn's to Paris" and that "the bars upon the roads be kept up that have been up heretofore."—At a town meeting held in May, it was decided to send a representative to the General Court. The election resulted as follows: Samuel Andrews, 45; Benj. Spaulding, 1; Dominicus Record, 1. Lemuel Crooker, Abijah Buck and Dominicus Record were requested to give him instructions.—A controversy over the boundary line between Hebron and Buckfield had arisen, as elsewhere related, which explains the action of the town relating to instructions.—There is the record this year of a strange proceeding, sixteen persons with their families, and Dr. Samuel Frink and nine others without families, who had come into town for the purpose of settling "not having obtained the Town's consent" were warned to depart within fifteen days.

This action seems a little "previous" and hasty. Some good people and desirable settlers were driven away. Others must have got the consent of the authorities to stay, for they continued to reside here and were later regarded as among the desirable citizens of the town. The descendants of some of these people reside in Buckfield "unto this very day."—The General Court passed an act in November of this year, giving the town \$257.49 for taxes which had been illegally assessed against Buckfield, and abating the tax for the year 1798, "said town being exempt by law from State and Continental taxes until November, 1798."

1799.

The annual town meeting appears to have been somewhat exciting. Samuel Andrews was elected moderator and Enoch Hall and Simon Record, "monitors." The meeting was called at the house of Samuel Andrews. After choosing the town clerk and deciding to elect the selectmen by written ballot, a vote was passed to adjourn to the house of Dominicus Record, where the meeting began "forthwith." The first vote taken was *not* to reconsider the vote taken for town clerk and the action in electing him by "hand vote" was approved. Samuel Andrews, Enoch Hall and William Berry were chosen selectmen. They were also elected "by hand vote" for assessors. Mark Andrews was chosen treasurer. "The Collector's office was put up to vendue and struck off to collect for Seven pence per pound by Simeon Bicknal." He was one of those who, the year before, had been ordered to leave town "with all under his care." After an adjournment for half an hour to permit voting for governor, senators and councillors, the "Collector's office was put to vendue a second time and was bid off to collect for Nine pence per pound," by Enoch Philbrick. Nathaniel Chase was accepted as his bondsman. The same sum (60 pounds), as in the previous years, was appropriated for schools, but the amount usually raised for repair of the roads was cut down one-quarter.

The laying out of several roads was accepted.—David Warren was allowed \$6 "for warning Sundry Persons out of Town."—At a meeting in May, Nathaniel Chase, Samuel Andrews and Enoch Hall were selected as a committee to "perambulate the Town roads" and alter them where necessary, and locate new roads where required, and "to procure the minutes of the County Road and alter it where they think necessary, and to erect monuments at proper places to preserve the memory of the roads."—It was proposed to refer to disinterested persons the matter between the town and the proprietors respecting the public lands. It was voted not to send a representative to the General Court. "Voted that the roads which have been bridle roads remain so the ensuing year."—Captain Mark Andrews was chosen a committee "to request of Congress for a Post to come through this Town."—Nathaniel Chase, at a meeting in December, was chosen one of the selectmen, Samuel Andrews having moved out of town.—A town way "from Turner line to Hartford by Nathaniel Chase's and Joseph Roberts, Jr.'s," was accepted. Also, "a road from Joseph Roberts' to Richard Taylor's bridle road" and one "from Sumner line by Tristram Warren's to Luther Gardner's."—Those qualified to vote according to the warrant this year were required to be able to pay "to one single tax, besides the Poll Tax, a sum equal to a Poll Tax."

1800.

The law regarding the qualification of voters appears to have been changed since the meetings of the previous year. Now it was only required for one to be a voter that he be able to pay a single poll tax and a sum in addition equal to two-thirds of a poll tax.—Oren Record was elected collector of taxes at eleven pence on the pound. The sum of

\$200 was raised for schools and £200 for the repair of highways.—A road “leading from Jacob Whitman’s to the County Road” was accepted. Also, the road leading from the county road “to Samuel Webb’s by Enoch Hall’s. The road “from Nathaniel Chase’s to Daniel Crockett’s” called the “last road laid out in that quarter” was discontinued. Later in the year other roads were accepted and discontinued; first, the one “leading from Jonah Fobes’ to the bridge near John Carsley’s” was accepted. That “from Jonah Fobes’ to Samuel Tobins’” was discontinued. Also, the road “near Carsley’s bridge betwixt John Young’s and John Roberts’ land to the road leading from Joseph Roberts’ to Tobias Ricker’s.”—At a town meeting September 22d, it was voted “not to accept of Mr. Nathaniel Chase as a Town Minister in case he is ordained.” Joseph Roberts, Jr., Simon Record and Lemuel Crooker were chosen “to inform the Council that the Town does not accept him for a Town Minister.”—The record does not show that the people of the town voted this year for electors for president and vice-president. A U. S. census was taken this year. It shows that Buckfield had more population than any other town in what was originally the county of Oxford.

## 1801.

The annual election this year was “held at the school house between Abijah Buck’s and Thomas Allen’s.” George Ricker was chosen collector of taxes. The appropriations for schools and repair of roads were \$200 for the former and £200 for the latter.—The vote for governor in April showed that the people of the town still clung to the doctrines of the federal party. Gov. Caleb Strong had 23 votes, Elbridge Gerry had 12 votes. The following entry on the Clerk’s records showed the financial standing of the town: “Settled with the Town Treasurer and found in the Treasury sixty-seven dollars and five cents. Due from Oren Record \$172.94.”—A post office was established at the village Jan. 1st, and Capt. Mark Andrews was appointed as postmaster.

## 1802.

The sum of \$500 was voted for schools and £200 to be expended on the roads. Joel Foster was chosen collector of taxes at one shilling and one penny on the pound, and Dominicus Record was accepted as his bondsman. Voted “to excuse Hatevil Hall from being Hog Reeve.” The poll taxes of David Bryant and Silas Coburn, also eight shillings and sixpence—what remained due from Jacob Doty—were “voted off.” It was decided to get the timber to build a town pound off the public land. “The pound to be 30 feet square with cedar posts 7 feet above ground and cedar rails and a good gate.” The construction was awarded to Enoch Philbrick who had been pound keeper for several years. He was to have \$25 for building it. The first regimental muster in this part of the county was held at Norway this year. There were six companies from the towns of Buckfield, Norway, Paris, Oxford, Rumford and Otisfield. Col. Levi Hubbard of Paris was in command of the regiment. Mark Andrews of Buckfield and William Livermore of Livermore, Majors, and William C.

Whitney of Hebron, Adjutant. The officers of the Buckfield company were: Josiah Parris, Captain; Jasiel Smith, Lieutenant; Enoch Philbrick, Ensign. The road from Sumner town line to Benjamin Spaulding's and the alteration of the road from the bridge near Abijah Buck's were accepted. The road from Turner line to "Irish's bridge" was discontinued. The poll taxes of Philemon Parsons and Samuel Thomas were "voted off."

1803.

At the annual meeting, it was voted "to accept of voters, as has been practiced usually at former town meetings, and to endemnify the selectmen from any penalty on that account, including all who are upwards of twenty-one years of age and pay taxes in this town." At a subsequent meeting, it was voted "to reconsider a former vote which gave Liberty for men to vote that were not qualified voters." Henry Parsons was chosen collector of taxes at four cents on the dollar. William Lowell and Job Packard were accepted as bondsmen. It was voted "that Nathaniel Chase be taxed as other Inhabitants are in the town." \$200 was raised for schools and £200 for repair of roads. It was decided to fence the burying grounds in town and that "Each District shall fence their own burying ground by the Last Day of June next." David Briggs, Ephraim Hathaway, Benjamin Spaulding, Abijah Lapham, Tobias Ricker and Enoch Hall were chosen "to call their Districts together in order to complete the aforesaid business." Benjamin Spaulding, Jr., was selected to go "in company with Nathaniel Chase to enquire of some Lawyer, if his Taxation is Lawfull."

1804.

Enoch Philbrick, son of Jonathan Philbrick, one of the first 47 settlers, was chosen town clerk this year. Thomas Allen, who had served in that capacity from the incorporation of the town, had moved to Hartford where he afterwards lived till his death. John Carsley was chosen to collect the taxes at  $4\frac{1}{2}$  cents on the dollar. Benjamin Spaulding and Enoch Hall were accepted as his bondsmen. The sum of \$43.21 was raised to defray the expenses of the town the past year. The several items were as follows: "William Berry's acct. ag't. the town, \$3.64; Enoch Hall's acct. ag't. the town, \$4.66; Benj. Spaulding's acct. ag't. the town, \$8.06; Benj. Spaulding took out of the Treasury, \$2.60 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Thomas Allen's acct. ag't. the town, \$6.80; Abiel Drake's acct. ag't. the town, \$2.00; Ephraim Hathaway's acct. ag't. the town, \$5.66; Thomas Josselyn's acct. ag't. the town, \$3.00; Dominicus Record's acct. ag't. the town, \$6.77; total amount of above accounts, \$43.21." It was voted to raise \$40 for "the support of the Poor" of the town. This was the first appropriation of the kind recorded. One shilling was allowed "for every crow killed within the limits of Buckfield." The qualified voters cast their ballots this year for electors for president and vice-president. It was necessary that the voters be "male Inhabitants of said town being 21 years of age and Resident in said town for the space of one year next Preceding, having a freehold Estate, within said town, of the annual In-



come of ten dollars, or any Estate to the value of two hundred Dollars." The republican candidates for electors received 25 votes, the federal electors, 7 votes.

1805.

A new county by the name of Oxford was organized this year with Paris as the shire town. Daniel Howard, Esq., who had within a few months moved into the place from Turner—Buckfield's first lawyer—represented the town at the courts of "The General Sessions of the Peace," held in June and October. He with Dominicus Record was selected to remonstrate in behalf of the town against making Fryeburg a half shire town.—John Carsley was appointed a deputy sheriff, the first in town that we have any record of. He was one who had been warned out of town in 1798.—The appropriation for the repair of the roads was increased to \$1000, one-third of which was to be expended in labor. The sum of \$40 was raised for the support of the poor. The war on the crows continued and \$10 was raised as a "crow tax." It was also decided "to tax all the Ministers excepting a poll tax."—Among the new names of the minor town officers for this and the preceding year first appearing on the records, are those of Benjamin Woodbury, Elijah Jordan and Joseph Lothrop. They had served in the War of the Revolution.—The ballots cast at the gubernatorial election showed that the town had fully passed into the hands of the republican party. James Sullivan, its candidate, had 61 votes, while the federal party candidate, Gov. Caleb Strong, had only 20. The strength of the federal party in town was at East Buckfield where it held out for a long time afterwards.

1806.

The "crow tax" was reduced to \$5. Enoch Hall was selected by the town to defend the law suit brought by Nathaniel Chase against the assessors for taxing him in 1805. Zach. Soule was Chase's attorney, and Emery and Howard were for the assessors. The action was entered "Neither Party" at the May Term, 1807.—On June 16th, a total eclipse of the sun occurred. It became so dark that some stars were visible. In some places, it is said, candles were lighted. The superstitious thought that the judgment day had come and were badly frightened. There was a general feeling of relief when the sun fully shone again.—Enoch Hall was allowed \$79 for building the bridge over the East Branch. It has since been called "Hall's Bridge." The selectmen and school committee were instructed to "district the town into School Ricks." They made seven school districts substantially as follows: No. 1. The N. W. part of the town from the Sumner line on the county road near James Bonney's, then following the road and line between lands of Nathaniel Buck and Benj. Spaulding to the John Buck hill, then on the Paris Hill road to Paris line. No. 2. The S. W. part of the town. No. 3. The S. part of the town to South Pond. It included the Whitman, Jordan and Lothrop neighborhoods. No. 4. The central portion of the town in which were the Foster and Leonard neighborhoods. No. 5. The N. part of the



town, part of village and a portion of North Hill to South Pond. No. 6 The S. E. portion to the Twenty-Mile River and to the boundary of No. 5 on North Hill. No. 7. The N. E. part of the town. The following persons "had the privilege of forming themselves into a School District;" Abijah Buck, Nathaniel Buck, Moses Bisbee, Benj. Spaulding, Abel Spaulding, Leonard Spaulding, Larnard Swallow, John Warren, Abijah Buck, Jr., Jonathan Buck, John Allen, Nathaniel Buck, Jr., Dennis Newbegin, and David Bryant.

1807.

This year the appropriations were increased \$400 for schools, \$100 for support of poor, \$250 for building bridges, \$1,000 for the mending and making of highways and town ways, and \$63.69 for "town accounts." The following were the members of the school committee elected: Samuel Tucker for 1st district, John Buck for 2d district, Jacob Whitman for 3d district, Daniel Faunce for 4th district, John Loring for 5th district, William Lowell for 6th district, Stephen Drew, Caleb Young, Zadoc Fobes, for 7th district; Larnard Swallow for 8th district. James Hussey, Josiah Keene, Joshua Irish and Israel Smith were allowed to draw their school money and expend it in Hartford. The "Widow Sarah Irish was struck off for six months to Simeon Buck at five shillings per week to be supported with victuals house room, fireing, and in case of sickness and for her necessary clothing the town is to provide." It was decided by a vote in town meeting to settle the suit of Nathaniel Chase against the assessors. "Hannah Damon was put up at vendue, and struck off to Jonathan Record at five shillings, six pence per week." Enoch Hall was elected representative to the General Court. It was "voted for him not to attend the Winter Session of the Legislature." At an adjourned meeting held at the school house "between Stephen Bosworth's and Doctor Samuel Frink's," it was voted to have "king posts" for the Hall bridge. The town lines were "perambulated" this year.—Ephraim Hathaway was indicted at the May term of the court of common pleas for disturbing a meeting. The indictment sets forth: "That Ephraim Hathaway of Buckfield, in the County of Oxford, yeoman, on the ninth day of April, now last part,—said day being appointed by his Excellency, the Governor of said Commonwealth, as a day of fasting and prayer, at Buckfield aforesaid, with force and arms, entered into a house usually occupied as a place for the public worship of God by the Second Baptist Society, in said Buckfield and by other good people, who had then and there assembled together for that purpose, and wilfully interrupted, and, in a rude and indecent manner, wickedly disturbed the said assembly, who had, for the purpose of public, social and religious worship, met together, against the peace of said Commonwealth and contrary to law!" The defendant, at the September term, pleaded not guilty and was tried. The jury returned a verdict of guilty and he was sentenced to pay a fine of \$4 and costs, taxed at \$21.96. He paid and was discharged. The State's witnesses were: Jacob Doty, Nathaniel Harlow, and John Simmons.

1808.

Henry Farwell, William Bridgham and Daniel Hutchinson were chosen as a committee "to inspect the Schools through the town."—The "town accounts" voted this year amounted to \$102.08.—It was decided "to bring suit against the town of Gorham for the support of Sarah Irish, widow of John Irish."—Suit was brought and Buckfield was beaten when the case came to me heard in court.—Enoch Hall was re-elected representative to the General Court.—William Doble was selected "to clear the jams from the bridge near his house." Voted that "Mr. Nathaniel Chase have the Privilege of a gate on the road that leads from his house to John Swett's."—David Bryant was allowed \$3.36 for making guide boards.—It does not appear from the records that electors for president and vice-president were voted for, in Buckfield this year.

1809.

Henry Farwell was chosen one of the field drivers and hog-reeves. Henry Farwell, William Bridgham and John Loring were chosen school committee; John Loring, Josiah Parris and Levi Bryant, committee on accounts. Mr. Parris was usually selected as one of this committee. The school agents were: John Drake, John Loring, Nathaniel Robinson, Caleb Cushman, David Farrar, Jr., Nathan Hall, Jacob Whitman and Abel Spaulding.—The sum of \$300 was raised for the support of schools. A vote passed to take \$100 of this sum and expend it for the support of the poor. Afterwards, \$100 more was raised for schools. The town expense account was \$83.59 made up as follows: Enoch Hall's acct., \$11.09; William Doble's, \$3.00; Daniel Hutchinson's, \$5.86; Oren Record's, \$31.05; Benj. Spalding, Jr.'s, \$8.37; Dominicus Record's, \$2.34; Nathaniel Buck's, \$2.13; Enoch Philbrick's, \$8.75; Ephraim Hathaway's, \$8.01; Joel Foster's, \$1.33; Abijah Buck's, \$1.66; total, \$83.59. It was voted "that it shall be the duty of each school agent to take the voice of the District in which he Resides upon who shall teach and what time they would have their school commence & that, after a teacher Shall be agreed upon by the District, it shall be the duty of the School Agent to cause the person agreed upon for a teacher to procure a Certificate Signed by one or more of the School Committee, of his qualifications, previous to his taking the charge of any school in this Town."—In the contest for representative to the legislature, Enoch Hall had 51 votes and William Lowell 18. Hall was a republican—Lowell a federalist.—The sum of \$75 was raised at a town meeting in November, "to build a bridge near the town line on the road that leads to Turner by Teague's Mills;" \$15 "to repair the bridge over the outlet of South Pond;" \$50 "to repair the bridge over a brook near Abijah Buck's & to finish building a bridge between Abijah Buck's and Moses Buck's" and \$20 "to repair the bridge near Record's Mills."

1810.

John Loring, Henry Farwell and William Bridgham were re-elected as members of the school committee. The school agents this year were: John Drake, Enoch Philbrick, Thomas Long, Nathaniel Leonard, William

Brock, Nathan Hall, Elijah Jordan, Jonathan Buck, Nathaniel Harlow and Fuller Dike. \$200 was raised for repairing the roads and \$150 for support of the poor. The town having been beaten in its suit against Gorham, for supporting the widow, Sarah Irish, it was voted to raise \$100 to carry the suit to the Supreme Court at Portland. Voted to raise money to defray the expense of the indictment against the town for the bad condition of the road from Spaulding's Mills to Paris line. The taxes of Ebenezer Carsley, Stephen Lander, Daniel Packard, Jonathan Roberts and a part of Caleb Cushman's were "voted off." Israel Smith, Israel Smith, Jr., Joshua Davis, Josiah Keen and James Hussey were allowed "to form a School District by themselves." A school district was formed from all that part of the South Hill district south of a line running from David Record, Jr.'s, and Nathaniel Gammon, Jr.'s, to Ebenezer Irish's. Daniel Merrill was chosen agent for the new district. John Loring, Abijah Buck, Capt. Josiah Parris, Larnard Swallow and William Bridgham were chosen as a committee "to examine the tax act to see whether the minors that have been taxed in this town who belong to other towns shall be holden to pay their taxes in this town." The committee reported that in their opinion they were holden to pay their taxes "as much as though they were of lawful age." The assessors were instructed to go through the town and take a new valuation. Enoch Hall was chosen representative to the General Court "by a majority of 40 votes."—On the 4th day of February of this year, at the age of 65, died Dominicus Record, the owner of the village mills and one of the principal citizens of the village and town. He had moved his family hither from Easton, Mass., in 1783, acquired an interest in the mills and water power privileges with Edmund Chandler and at once took a leading position in the affairs of the little place and the town. From the incorporation of the town till his death, he had held some town office. It is noteworthy that the place was first called "Record's Mills," afterwards "Buckfield Mills," and finally, "Buckfield Village." Dominicus Record was the first man to be commissioned as a Justice of the Peace. His homestead, at his death, was appraised at \$6,000, and other real estate at \$966. Personal property at \$1,306.66.

## 1811.

"John Loring, Esq., Maj. Henry Farwell and Dr. William Bridgham" were elected school committee. The following were the school agents: Richard Hathaway, John Loring, Thomas Long, Jesse Turner, Jr., Barnabas Perry, Charles Young, Jabez Taylor, David Bryant, James Waterman, Daniel Faunce, David Merrill and Daniel Hutchinson. The taxes of Samuel Jenkins for 1810; Daniel Packard's, \$8.54; Joseph Clifford's, \$3.20; Israel Doble's, \$2.66; Samuel Frink's, \$4.43; John Hussey's, \$3.70; Solomon Jordan, Jr.'s, \$0.35; Philemon Parsons, Jr.'s, \$3.29; Jonathan Rollins', \$2.62; Simeon Record's, \$1.30; Aaron Richardson's, \$0.36; Samuel D. P. Weeks', \$1.30; and Benj. Young's, \$1.30, were "voted off." The town road "beginning two rods from the Westerly end of Jacob Whitman's house and running 79 rods to Hebron to connect with road laid

out by the Selectmen of Hebron," was accepted. Also "that Caleb Young and Silvanus Irish have the privilege to inclose the road as far as their land reaches, till such time as the town shall want it for a road again." Daniel Hutchinson was chosen representative to the General Court. The vote stood as follows: Daniel Hutchinson 51, Enoch Hall 14, Thomas Long 2, John Loring 1.—On the 14th of Oct., Benjamin Spaulding, one of the three principal men of the early settlers, passed away in his 73d year. His wife survived him about eight years. He was the first white man to fell trees for a permanent settlement in the town and in the limits of what was afterwards the village. His hunting and trapping trail later became a forest thoroughfare for the early settlers in West Butterfield (Sumner). It ran across what was in later years the Dr. Wm. Bridgham estate to and over Sumner Hill. He appears to have acquired the largest possessions of any one of the three chief men who managed the affairs of the proprietary. His will was probated in Feb. 1812. Benjamin Spaulding, Jr., administered on the estate, John Loring, Abijah Buck and Larnard Swallow appraised the estate. His property had been pretty much disposed of prior to his death. What remained was valued at about \$2,000.

1812.

Benjamin Spaulding, Jr., was unanimously elected representative to the General Court, 102 votes being cast.—The war on crows broke out again and a shilling a head was allowed on all killed in the limits of the town before July 1st. "Deacon" William Berry and "Elder" Daniel Hutchinson were added to the committee on the public lands of the town. It was "Voted that there be no ardent spirit made use of at the town's expense." Also "that there be no more Labor laid out on the road that leads from James Lewis' land to Paris Line until it shall be of Public use." At the presidential election, 95 votes were cast for the "Republican Ticket" and 32 against it.—At a town meeting in Nov., it was decided "to call on the Proprietors of the town in a legal manner to make Restitution to the town for not locating Ministerial and School lands in said town agreeably to the grant of the State and the State's Committees' deed to the Proprietors." Henry Farwell, Esq., Deacon William Berry and Mr. John Swett were chosen as a committee for the purpose. They were instructed to institute legal proceedings in the matter.—A war having broken out with England over the impressment of American seamen, one of the articles in the warrant for a town meeting to be held "at the School House near George Bridgham's" in Nov. was "to see what compensation the town will make the drafted militia of said town, if they should be called into active service." Under this article, a vote was passed that, "with what the Government shall allow them, their pay shall be made up to ten dollars per month." The petition of certain parties to be set off to Paris, was opposed and nothing came of it.

1813.

The annual town meeting was called at "the Meeting House in said Buckfield" on Monday, March 15th, at nine of the clock in the morning.



John Swett was chosen moderator, after which it was "voted to adjourn the meeting to the school house near Barnabas Perry's to meet in fifteen minutes." Enoch Hall, after having been chosen 3d selectman, was excused by a vote passed. Larnard Swallow was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Enoch Hall. Mr. Swallow was much in town office. Apparently an able man, he seems to have been a very good politician. Benj. Spaulding was re-elected representative to the General Court.—The town lines between Turner and Buckfield and Sumner and Buckfield were perambulated "according to the law of this Commonwealth" by the selectmen of these towns.

1814.

Increase Spaulding was elected town clerk. Increase Spaulding, Nathaniel Harlow and Timothy Hutchinson, "Committee to inspect Schools."—Albion K. Parris for Senator had 136 votes; Daniel Stowell, 31.—It was voted to remonstrate against making Fryeburg a half-shire town.—The "expense acct." this year was \$71.61.—Benj. Spaulding was again unanimously elected representative.—Voted "to blend" the 2d and 10th school districts to be known as the 2d school district.—The town lines between Buckfield and Hartford and Buckfield and Paris were perambulated by the selectmen of these three towns.—The election for a Representative to Congress resulted as follows: Albion K. Parris had 113 votes, Samuel A. Bradley had 30 votes.

1815.

The people of Buckfield were very patriotic. Capt. David Bryant's company, the roll of which is given elsewhere, saw service in the vicinity of Lake Champlain, in 1813, where it took part in the contest of "Shadagee Woods."—William Berry, who had served much as one of the selectmen and had been elected this year, was excused from serving longer and Daniel Chase was elected in his place.—Dr. William Bridgham, Aaron Parsons, John Loring, Nathaniel Harlow and Timothy Hutchinson were chosen school committee.—A committee, consisting of Henry Farwell, John Loring and Larnard Swallow, was selected to petition the General Court to make valid the proceedings of the town. This action became necessary on account of informality in calling meetings and posting notices.—It was voted that the expense for provisions for the soldiers, while going to Portland, be paid by the town.—The federal ticket for governor this year commanded only 33 votes, while the republican ticket had 141. This shows the relative standing of the parties in town at that time.—Benj. Spaulding was again re-elected representative to the General Court.—It was "voted that Mr. John Swett be invested with sufficient power to get all necessary information respecting the public lands, then to lay it before the town for consideration." \$12.08 taxes against Ebenezer Young, Israel Smith, Thos. Joscelyn and Thos. Joscelyn, Jr., were "voted off."



1816.

The town remonstrated against the laying out of the county road from Fryeburg to the Androscoggin River. This was on account of the road bills, which for several years had been very heavy, and the people doubtless felt that it would add to their burdens.—Ezra Stephens was chosen one of the assessors, the first time his name appears on the clerk's records. Timothy Hutchinson, Henry Farwell, Aaron Parsons, Increase Spaulding, Nathaniel Harlow and Samuel F. Brown were elected school committee.—The sum raised for highways was \$1500. The town expense acct. this year was \$75.21, the collector's being over half of it.—Benj. Spaulding, Enoch Hall and David Bryant were chosen "to ascertain as near as they can what it would cost to build a Poor House, and, also, to see what a house could be hired for."—It was "Voted that what money the Selectmen received from Government, more than what was expended for Baggage in the late call of the Militia to Portland, be equally divided among the soldiers who went from this town to Portland."—Benj. Spaulding was again unanimously chosen representative to the General Court.—A sexton was chosen for each burying ground in town. The following four were selected: Thos. R. Waterman, Thomas Long, Tobias Ricker and Samuel Tucker.—The town raised \$20 to pay the Solicitor General for his opinion respecting the public lands.—A bridge across the East Branch of the Twenty-Mile River having been burned, measures were taken to rebuild it. The vote for Representative to Congress stood as follows: Albion K. Parris 70, Samuel A. Bradley 13, Levi Hubbard 4.—This year is known as the one without a summer. Frosts occurred in every month. The corn and potato crops were nearly a total failure. It was a terrible year for the people and especially for the poor. In the fall, fires raged in this section. One, starting from a fire in Woodstock, ignited some brush, spread through the forests in a southeasterly course and entered Buckfield. Acres upon acres of fine timber were burned over and destroyed. The vegetable covering of thin soils was consumed and lands which before were called good never recovered from the fearful ravages of the flames. Long years afterwards it was referred to as the "Great Fire."

1817.

The matter of the public lands had been a source of agitation between the town and the proprietors. It was finally settled and, at the annual meeting, a vote passed "to accept of the public land as it is now laid out by the proprietors of said town." Benj. Spaulding, Noah Hall, Jesse Turner, Jr., John Brown, William Campbell and Samuel F. Brown were chosen to take care of the public lands and settle with further trespassers,—past trespasses to be taken no notice of.—Henry Farwell, Samuel F. Brown, Daniel Hutchinson, Increase Spaulding and John Loring were chosen school committee.—The roads must have been in very bad condition for the sum of \$2500 was appropriated to repair highways. "Voted that Enoch Hall and Larnard Swallow (assessors) go round to each man's house and take the valuation the ensuing May." The expense acct.

amounted to \$105.05. The town officers' bills were so low that it may, in part, account for some of them being elected year after year.—Moses Buck "for his deficiencies and failures," while collector of taxes, conveyed his farm to the town, to secure it in part against loss. His farm was appraised by a committee, one member of which he selected, and the other two, the town, at \$408.33.—A town meeting was called at Increase Spaulding's "Inn" this year.—In perambulating the town line between Buckfield and Turner some difficulty was experienced in finding the corners. The following report will be of interest: "In finding the corner between Turner and Buckfield, we first looked on the line ranging with that between Turner and Hebron, as found by the Selectmen of those towns, while running their line on the same day, and then found a corner formed by a beech tree, but we could find no line running in continuation of that towards Hartford, and between Turner and Buckfield. We then looked Westward, and about 10 rods West of said corner first found, we discovered another made by a stake and stones with marks A. G., 1812, with some others nearly obliterated. From this, we found a line which we all agreed to be the true boundary line between Turner and Buckfield, and followed it throughout and found it to agree with the compass, and renewed the marks thereon. On coming to Hartford line, we found that the old corner had been destroyed by fire. We, therefore, set up a stake and stones where we supposed the true corner to be, and where Mr. Herman Wood, the owner of the land, assured us the old corner formerly stood, and marked the stake R. R. 1817 and spotted it on three sides."—Samuel F. Brown, Henry Farwell and Enoch Hall were chosen to petition the legislature for power to sell the school lands.

1818.

Samuel Brown was chosen agent to defend the suit of Moses Buck against the town, arising out of the transaction whereby he conveyed his farm to the town to secure it, in part, for his alleged irregularity while collector of taxes.—The estates of Job Prince, Andrew Warren, Noah Hall, William Mayhew, Nathaniel Mayhew, Nathan Alden, John Mayhew, David Low and John Lewis were formed into a new school district.—The town expense account this year amounted to \$190.62,—the largest it had ever been.—It was decided to build a powder house eight feet square with walls seven feet high, and \$35 was appropriated for the purpose.—Guide posts were directed to be put up at the following corners of roads: Near Doctor William Bridgham's, Jonathan Buck's, Widow Farrar's, Widow Thayer's, Josiah Parris', north of bridge near Record's Mills, between Nathaniel Harlow's and Josiah Bailey's, near Noah Hall's, Widow Bicknell's, James Perry's, Enoch Hall's, at the four corners near Capt. Daniel Chase's, near the Federal School House, Edmund Irish's and James Hussey's.—Benjamin Spaulding and John Loring were appointed Trustees of the ministerial and school fund.—Arrangements were made with the Baptist Society for the town to move the church nearer the village, fix it up and hold their future meetings in it. The agreement was signed on the part of the society Dec. 20, 1818, by Nathaniel Chase, William

Berry, Tobias Ricker, Joshua Wescott, Ephraim Wescott, Jacob Whitman, Job Packard and Job Prince. The committee on the part of the town was Enoch Hall, Samuel F. Brown and Dominicus Record. It was voted to move the church to the most N. W. corner of John Loring's land. William Campbell took the job of moving it at \$29. Jonathan Record, Jr., and Daniel Briggs were to put in the underpinning at \$6.30.—This year the matter of setting off Asa Thayer and others in the northwest part of the town, and annexing their estates to Paris, was renewed. Samuel F. Brown, Enoch Hall and Larnard Swallow were chosen to send a remonstrance to the General Court. The petitioners had leave to withdraw. This ended the matter for several years.

1819.

The town meetings were now held at the "town house" and the notices calling them were posted up in the store of Stephen Phelps and that of James Perry. Samuel F. Brown was chosen town clerk.—At a town meeting in July called for the purpose, 119 votes were cast "to form Maine into an Independent State" and 11 against the proposition.—Enoch Hall was chosen as a delegate "to attend the convention at Portland, to form a State Constitution." Larnard Swallow, Daniel Chase and Benj. Spaulding were selected "to advise with said Delegate as to the duties of said office."—On the question of ratifying the constitution for the new State of Maine, which was submitted to the people in December, 146 votes were cast in favor of the proposition and 3 opposed.

1820.

Stephen Phelps was elected town clerk.—John Loring, Nathaniel Harlow and Aaron Parsons were chosen school committee.—Nathaniel Chase, Larnard Swallow and Stephen Phelps were selected "to petition the Legislature of Maine to abolish the Circuit Court of Common Pleas and to establish another mode whereby Justice may be obtained more readily and with less expense."—At the gubernatorial election, 137 ballots were cast and all were for William King.—For representative to the legislature: Enoch Hall had 128, Benjamin Spaulding had 6, Larnard Swallow had 5.—It was voted "that the Surveyors of highways shall not be allowed to receive ardent spirits, or other drink, towards any person's tax instead of labor."—But one party ticket was voted for at the presidential and congressional elections. But slight interest appears to have been taken in the matter. It was the period of the "Era of Good Feeling." Thirty-nine votes were cast for Enoch Lincoln for Member of Congress and the same number was given for the Monroe electors.

1821.

A movement was started in January of this year to change the name of the town and a town meeting was held to see if the town would petition the Legislature to change it "to that of Somerville, or any other name they may choose." At this meeting, it was subsequently decided not to alter the name of the town.—At the annual meeting in March, the

matter came again before the town and a vote passed that the name of the town be altered to that of "Milton." Nothing came of this vote and the effort to change the name of the town died here. What the cause which started this movement was, it is now impossible to determine.—The collector of taxes was directed "to take notes on demand of such persons as have no more stock than one cow," if not able to pay their taxes.—Levi Rogers was licensed as an "Innholder" and John Loring, Enoch Crocker, Nathaniel Harlow and Stephen Phelps, as "Retailers."—The vote for governor this year was as follows: Hon. Albion K. Parris, Rep., 130; Hon. Ezekiel Whitman, Fed., 21. Benj. Spaulding for representative to the legislature had 62, Larnard Swallow had 13 and Enoch Hall 19 votes.—Among the deaths this year was that of Elder William Irish. He was born in Gorham in 1741. Having seen considerable service in the Continental Army during the Revolution, he was accustomed to hardships and privations which fitted him for a pioneer life. His great service to the settlers was in becoming a lay preacher of the Gospel. In spiritual, moral and educational matters, he was the leader of the people of his section of the township for many years, and was finally succeeded by Elder Nathaniel Chase.

1822.

William Pidgin, Winslow Hall and Zadoc Long were elected school committee.—Zadoc Long was chosen town clerk.—The assessors were advised to require of every inhabitant whom they might think liable to be assessed for money at interest, "to give in the amount under oath."—The following persons were licensed "to be sellers of Wine, Beer, Ale, Cider, Brandy and Rum, and other strong liquors for one year:" John Loring, Enoch Crocker, Mark Lowell, Nathaniel Harlow and Long & Atwood. These were the principal traders in town at this time.—The vote for representative to the legislature this year was as follows: Larnard Swallow 64, Eliphalet Packard 13, Benj. Spaulding 7, and Enoch Hall 8.—For several years, the town had been troubled with "uncurrent" money. Twenty dollars of such currency having found its way into the town treasurer's hands, a vote passed to have it sent to Boston to be disposed of to the best advantage.

1823.

"Ebenezer and John Shaw in Co." were licensed as Innholders.—For representative "to represent the Oxford District in the Congress of the United States, Enoch Lincoln of Paris had all the votes cast, 86."—It was "voted that the following persons, who have given their notes in payment for taxes, have the privilege of working them out on the highways at six pence an hour:" James Monk, Ebenezer Austin, Levi Bryant, George Roberts, John Chaffin, Moses Buck, Philemon Parsons, John Drake, John Irish and Abner Rounds.—"After legal notice, John Loring, Nathaniel Harlow, Nathan Atwood, Enoch Crocker and Long and Loring in Co." were licensed to sell strong liquors.—There was a sharp contest this year over representative to the legislature. It resulted as follows: Benj. Spaulding 36, Larnard Swallow 21, Enoch Hall 7.



1824.

Henry Hutchinson was chosen collector of taxes this year.—Enoch Hall, Samuel F. Brown and Nathaniel Harlow were chosen a committee "to examine the counterfeit money, which is in the hands of the town officers, and report what they think is proper for the town to do with the same."—Voted "that it is the sense of the town that no Surveyor will so far deviate from his duty as to appropriate the money in his bills to the purchase of ardent spirits."—The town expense account this year amounted to \$266.88.—The road "beginning in the center of the road near Long and Loring's Store," thence running by William Cole's "till it meets the road coming from John Mathews'," was accepted. Also, the road leading from Tobias Ricker's by James Hussey's to Hartford and the the road from Noah Hall's to land of James Lewis, were accepted.—Twenty cents for each militiaman was voted in lieu of rations. The sum of \$75 was appropriated for powder and balls, and \$25 "to replenish the town magazine with ammunition."—Voted to allow Sylvanus Irish \$53.90 for the value of a horse which had been injured or killed by falling from a bridge. Enoch Hall had been selected to examine into the matter and effect a settlement if possible.—At a meeting of the trustees of the school and ministerial fund, Benj. Spaulding was chosen president, Eliphalet Packard, clerk, and Larnard Swallow, treasurer.—The following new names appear among those licensed to sell ardent spirits: Allen Pompilly and Isaac Parsons.—The republicans had it all their own way at the presidential election. The vote was light and no opposition ballots were cast. Benj. Chandler for elector had 34 votes. He was a John Quincy Adams man.—At the election of a representative to the legislature, there was more interest. Benj. Spaulding was again elected. The vote stood thus: Benj. Spaulding had 37 votes, Larnard Swallow had 8 votes, Enoch Hall had 10 votes, Aaron Parsons had 7 votes, Daniel Chase had 1 vote.



## CHAPTER XVIII.

## CHURCH HISTORY.

When the sale of the township was made to Abijah Buck and his associates as will be seen elsewhere in these pages, two hundred acres of land were reserved for the first settled minister, an equal number for the use of the ministry, the same number of acres for the future disposition of the state and two hundred and eighty acres for schools. These were denominated public lands and were allotted by the proprietors many years after the first settlements were made and the most desirable localities had been selected and occupied. There was no provision in the deed to the purchasers how these lots should be selected or located except that the two hundred acres reserved for the future disposition of the Commonwealth should be near the center of the township. When the town had become so well settled as to be interested in having a resident minister and an established school system, controversies arose over the selection and location of these lands and a petition was made to the General Court of Massachusetts in 1814 by Henry Farwell, Larnard Swallow and William Berry representing these interests that fraud had been used in allotting the lands and that they had been located in swamps and on mountains where the land was not, or ever would be of any value and that the purpose of the Legislature in reserving these lands had been defeated and asking that an act be passed providing a remedy or some relief. The General Court sustained the proprietors and the petitioners were given leave to withdraw.

Three years after a satisfactory settlement was made between the town and the proprietors. The lands were sold and placed in separate funds. The proceeds of the sale of the ministerial lands were never used for ministerial purposes, through conflict of denominational interests and in 1830 authority was obtained from the Legislature of Maine to transfer the investment to the school fund. This was done. Thus, after many years of controversy, the money derived from the sale of these lots was merged in a perpetual school fund with the municipal officers as trustees. It amounts at the present time to a little over two thousand dollars, the interest of which is annually devoted to the support of the public schools.

## EARLY PREACHING AND MISSIONARIES.

The first preaching and religious ministrations to the people in Buckfield were from the missionaries who were accustomed to visit the early settlements calling upon families, distributing books, printed discourses and tracts and holding services in farm houses and barns. They were earnest, self-denying men, some of whom were liberally educated, others possessing few acquirements beyond their natural gifts for religious work, but all were imbued with a martyr-like zeal in extending spiritual instructions to their fellow men.

Elder James Potter, pastor of the "First Bowdoin Church" Society of the Baptist denomination and of strong Calvinistic doctrines which in those days rigidly prevailed, appears to have been the first to visit Buckfield on a missionary tour. This was in 1789. He left a record of that visit in which he stated that he found here a number of loving brethren and had fellowship with them. Several other missionaries came to Buckfield—the most prominent being Elder Elisha Snow of Thomaston and Rev. Paul Coffin of Buxton. The latter was a liberal-minded, cultivated man, a graduate of Harvard College and a scholar of repute. He was born in Newbury, Mass., in 1737 and though reared in one of the most cultivated communities of New England he conceived it his duty to settle among a people living in a comparative wilderness and he moved to the township, afterwards incorporated as Buxton in the District of Maine, and here began a pastorate which continued over sixty years. He died there in 1821, beloved and revered by all. During his long pastorate he made many extended missionary tours into this section. He kept a journal which was printed. The references to his experiences in Buckfield are very interesting. We quote: "1796, June 28, Buckfield, formerly Bucktown. It lies N. of Hebron and above which is Butterfield, etc. Nearly E. is Turner. Preached from Acts 17: 30, 31. Put up with Mr. George (probably John) Buck, originally from Newbury, who with nothing but two hands has advanced to 500 acres of good land. He has 8 pails of milk from ten cows."—"1798, Aug. 23, left Hebron and rode to Buckfield, guided by a lad, Josiah Pratt of Hebron to whom I gave a testament. Gave Mr. Buck Belknap's Sermon and Hemmingway's Sermon to Benjamin Spaulding and a primer to the children of Isaac Foster." "Aug. 24, rode to Buckfield Mills. There are

two brothers by the name of Andrews—money getters in trade here with a large house and a shop and a Mr. Record with a large house begun. From this center is a road west to Paris, north to Butterfield and N.E. to Livermore. Preached from 2d Timothy 3: 14, 15. All preaching is thought by many here to be needless and the 'Age of Reason' is too sweet to the people. Oh! the bad effects of lay preachers of several sorts and of deistical writers when these follow as here great ignorance and neglect of the means of grace. How sad is the case of the people in such hands. The low state of religion in this place and the corruption of principle too fully prove such a sad case. Aug. 26, Sabbath, Buckfield. It being rainy I preached to about six score people from Mark 16: 15, 16 and Matt. 5: 23, 24. I lost about half my hearers I believe by the rain. What I had gave attention." "1800, Sept. 2, Hebron. Rode to Buckfield with Mr. Benjamin Spaulding and John Clay. Clay is the son of Richard, late of Buxton, whose wife was Ruth Whiton. Clay has three married sisters in Buckfield where is his mother also. Sept. 3, Buckfield. Mr. Spaulding is the first settler here of about 20 years' standing. He lives about ten miles from Mr. Turner's in Hebron. He owns 800 acres and is from small beginnings advanced to wealth. He has four barns and several convenient out houses—makes about five tons of potash yearly. His situation is rich and pleasant. He lives in plenty and entertains a friend well. The town has 150 or 160 families, some good houses, no settled minister; all are divided. He says near 20 ministers from Gorham have entered among them to spoil their union and prevent the settlement of a minister. Oh! Gorham what hast thou done? Spaulding has 40 black cattle with sheep and horses. He is situated on the road to Paris and has a grist and saw mill."

"Sept. 4, Thursday, Buckfield. Preached from Acts 24: 25. Put up with Abijah Buck. He and his brother, Nathaniel, and Spaulding are beautifully situated on the north side of excellent intervale land annually overflowed. It bears usually one and one-fourth tons of hay per acre. Buck has a sweet garden running from his door to the stream. Five houses for martins on poles before his door are ornamental. These birds went off three weeks ago. Sept. 5, at Buck's. This morning after a rain is pleasant. All things green and clover fit for mowing. Visited three families yesterday. Mrs. Tyler, Buck's mother-in-law, is

90 years old. She was born at Haverhill and remembers Hannah Dustin who killed seven Indians. Her husband with one hand only has built more than 200 mills. Visited Messrs. Ricker, Warren, Hussey, John Cole and John Elwell. Put up again with Abijah Buck. Cold night, but no frost. New corn ground here the first instant. Sept. 6, visited Mr. Harlow, long sick and emaciated. He and his wife appearing mild and Christianlike. Gave a Psalter to their little sweet daughter, Sukey. Mrs. Buck asked me this good question: Can a man be a Christian before he is clever? Preached from James 3:7. Then rode to Sumner over a good road and put up with Joshua Richardson, son of the Deacon—a pleasant family it was."

#### FIRST BAPTIST SOCIETY.

The result of the work of the missionaries and itinerant preachers was a movement to form a Baptist society and it was found on looking over the ground that it was advisable to locate it in Turner, where the people of the east and southeastern portions of Buckfield in which sections the tenets of that faith had taken root, could be quite well accommodated. Accordingly in 1791, two years before the incorporation of the town, a petition to incorporate such a society was presented to the General Court of Massachusetts. Joseph Roberts, Jr., was the first name on the petition. Of the 61 other names on it, 34 were from this township. Their names were as follows: William Irish, William Berry, Jonathan Philbrick, Joshua Wescott, William Doble, Simon Record, Edmund Irish, John Buck, William Cilley, Jonathan Roberts, Jotham Shaw, James Jordan, Jeremiah Hodgdon, James Hodgdon, Thomas Lowell, John Swett, David Warren, Joseph Roberts, John Irish, Jr., Enoch Hall, Benj. Cilley, William Lowell, Eleazer Chase, Caleb Young, Amos Brown, Richard Taylor, Joseph Chase, John Irish, Joshua Davis, Thomas Irish, Stephen Lowell, Lemuel Crooker, Jonathan Record and Nathaniel Smith. In the latter part of the next year the petition was granted and the society incorporated. It never, however, acquired much success or stability and its influence in the community was less than expected. It was unable to sustain regular preaching and its promoters soon drifted away to other associations.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BUCKFIELD.

The missionary labors of Elders Potter and Snow had resulted in the conversion of several persons in the village and vicinity and about the same time that the movement was started to incorporate the Turner and Bucktown society, an association was formed of seventeen persons who united with the church and they entered upon the work of the new society with an energy that promised fruitful results but their isolated situation and meagre privileges for public worship were unfavorable to rapid advancement. For the first ten years of its existence (till 1801), the society was without a pastor and dependent for preaching on itinerant ministers with slight aid from the Baptist Bowdoinham Association which extended its fostering care over the church. Various preachers from it volunteered occasional visits here, holding services and making a few converts, but with its small membership and destitution of a settled pastor, the society after a few years of comparative prosperity began to decline in numbers and influence until its perpetuity became a question of serious consideration. But at length through the darkness of depression appeared the dawning of brighter days, which brought rejoicing to the faithful supporters of the church.

Relative to the church here at this period we quote from Millett's History of the Baptists in Maine: "In 1801 Rev. Nathaniel Chase became its pastor. With a warm, vigorous and zealous piety, he strove untiringly to strengthen the things that remained. Nor did he toil in vain. The work of the Lord prospered in his hands and pleasing additions were soon made to the church which now appeared like one coming up from the wilderness."

Elder Nathaniel Chase was a man of great activity and energy. Through his instrumentality, a meeting-house was built, the first church edifice in town, which has always been known as Elder Chase's Church. It stood south from the village near the residence of the late Sylvester Murdock. It fell into disuse in after years and was moved to the village and occupied as a town house until a recent period.

Elder Chase was pastor of this church society for fifteen years, after which he continued his church relations, occasionally preaching here for many years and representing the society at the association meetings and conventions nearly every year. He had ardent supporters and co-workers in Deacons Job Prince,



Stephen Benson, Job Packard and William Berry. After his pastorate, no regular preaching was sustained but meetings with various preachers were held and the Sabbath School with Bible classes were continued.

The decline of the church began in 1804 after which it sustained an annual net loss. In 1828 it reported a membership of thirty-two, but its report of 1839 states: "This church has scarcely a name to live." In 1841 only twelve members remained and the association dropped it from its rolls with a recommendation for the members to unite with other churches. Elder Chase united with the church in Hebron and the mission of the First Church was ended but during its existence it exercised a broad and healthy influence in the community and town and left a lasting impression for good.

#### REV. NATHANIEL CHASE.

Nathaniel Chase, the central figure of the first church in Buckfield, was a man of remarkable personality. Reared under the hardships of pioneer life, in youth a Revolutionary soldier, in 1781, at the age of twenty years he came to the forest wilds of Buckfield, destitute in worldly goods, but rich in courage, untiring perseverance and vigorous manhood. An account of his incoming is given in sketches of early settlers. He cleared ten acres of land on which he built a log cabin, to which he brought his father and mother from Windham in 1782, giving them the land and starting anew in the forest for himself. Legislative provisions enabled him to secure one hundred acres for himself to which he subsequently added more than two hundred acres by purchase. He was a diligent worker, and as the years went by his farm broadened in improved acreage, wrested from the forests till his landed possessions were among the largest and most valuable in the settlement and he was accounted a wealthy man as measured by the standard of those days. Here he successively built three houses; first, a log cabin; second, a small frame house, which in time was succeeded by the large square house still standing on the Chase farm in which he lived till his death in 1853, when he was almost ninety-two years of age. He was three times married and he reared a large family of sons and daughters.

Under rigid religious influences of his youthful days he was converted and became possessed with a desire to preach the gospel. The associations of his youth afforded few educational opportunities. He never attended school a day in his life, but through aptitude and perseverance he gathered knowledge from everyday life and such few books as were attainable until he became well informed. He was ordained to the ministry in the Baptist church in 1800 and he preached in Buckfield continuously fifteen years and occasionally during the remainder of his active life. He also preached many years in Harrison, Woodstock, Livermore, Paris and other places, largely without compensation, reviving and building up churches. He always preached without notes, his Bible and hymn book being his only pulpit aids, but his sermons were characterized with earnestness, terseness and vigorous expression which always impressed his hearers. He was a hard working man on his farm and his fields and the woods were his places of study and while toiling through the week his mind was engaged in preparing his sermons for the following Sabbath. It is amusingly related of him that he would frequently complete the hoeing of a row of corn and then hoe back on the same row, so absorbed was his mind with thoughts of some future discourse. He was a man of firm will, blunt speech, thoroughly honest and zealous in all his undertakings, and under his religious austerity were a kindly heart and a lurking sense of humor. Always an industrious man, he had no sympathy for idlers. His house was a rendezvous for all visiting preachers of his faith, but if one of them showed a disposition to unreasonably loiter on his hospitality he was plainly told that "he should not eat the bread of idleness." Several of the Elder's sayings have passed into local proverbs, as: "The longer I live the more convinced I am that it takes a pretty good man to make a good Christian," and "If a man will steal sheep before he is converted he is quite likely to afterwards." Many anecdotes concerning him are also preserved: He had a large family of boys who kept up the proverbial reputation of minister's sons for mischievous pranks, in which a nephew named Eleazer, took a conspicuous part. It was the custom of the Elder to select his hymns for the Sabbath and then carefully wrap his hymn book in his handkerchief and place it in the pocket of his Sunday coat, ready for use. On one occasion this mischievous loving nephew surreptitiously w.th-

drew the book and substituted a pack of cards. When Sunday came the Elder opened the meeting, taking out the supposed hymn-book, and, as he unfolded the handkerchief, a shower of cards fell in all directions from the high pulpit to the consternation of preacher and congregation. Recovering from his amazement, the Elder gave a tremendous hem and exclaimed: "That's some of Lezer's work." Uncle Nat, as he was familiarly called, was an extensive and prudent farmer and raised large crops of corn, always having a yearly surplus to lend or sell to his neighbors. One cold winter night he had occasion to be out late and on returning, he heard a noise in his corn house as of some one shelling corn. He went in and found a poor man there, who had already shelled about a bushel which he intended to steal. Uncle Nat was greatly displeased and bluntly exclaimed: "You pestilent fellow! What in the name of the world are you doing here at this time of night—stealing are you? Don't you know any better? Take your bag and go home. Stop—take half the corn. I suppose you are needy and I am willing to pay you for shelling; but you are a good-for-nothing fellow, and don't let me ever catch you stealing again."

At another time, when breadstuff was scarce and could only be obtained for cash at high prices, a man came to Uncle Nat to buy corn.

"How much do you want to buy?" the Elder asked.

"Six bushels," replied the man.

"Have you the money to pay for it?"

"I have cash in my pocket."

"Well, then, I can't let you have any. If you have money in your pocket you can buy corn of those who won't sell for anything else. Some of my neighbors, with large families are very poor and can't get money and I must keep all the corn I can spare to lend to them till they can raise some or can pay me in some other way."

#### SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH.

In the minutes of the Oxford Baptist Association, held in Summer in 1850, appears the following historical sketch:

#### THE BAPTIST CHURCH IN WEST BUCKFIELD.

The West part of Buckfield was settled in 1790. It pleased God to send some praying souls to settle in the place, who established prayer meetings and continued them till 1802, when the

Lord appeared in answer to prayer, and poured out His Spirit, and sinners were converted to God. In July, 1802, He moved upon the minds of His people to be organized in church fellowship, to be called The Second Baptist Church in Buckfield. The number organized was thirteen—seven males and six females. After the church was embodied they made choice of Bro. Job Prince to fill the office of deacon, and Bro. John Simmons, as



Baptist Parsonage, West Buckfield

clerk. Twenty-five were added to this little band the same year. In November, 1803, one of their number, Brother George Ricker, was ordained, and became their pastor. The church continued in a flourishing state till 1809 or 1810. About this time Elder Ricker was dismissed, and removed to Minot. This left us destitute of preaching, which caused trials in the church, and many of the members were dismissed to the First Church in Buckfield and Hebron. But the church still held together, and in a good degree kept up the worship of God with but very little preaching till 1815, when God appeared in mercy pouring out his Spirit, and sinners were converted. Thirty-four were added to the church. A good interest continued, by the help of ministering brethren, and the gifts in the church, till 1825, when Bro. Ephraim Harlow was called to ordination, and in July he was set apart to the Gospel ministry. The church had to pass through many trials, until 1830, when God, in his mercy, appeared to build up Zion, and fifteen were added. Nothing of importance oc-

curred in the church till 1839. This was a year of great interest. In this year, twenty-three were added, and a good degree of interest continued until 1842, when we lost our house in which we met for worship, by fire. We were then dependent on other districts for a house to meet in, which caused some difficulty. The enemy crept in, and we were under the necessity of excluding some. Others were dismissed to churches in different places, while others have died and gone to receive their reward, until our number is reduced at present to twenty-six. We are few in number, but are in peace among ourselves.

The deacons who have served in this church, are Job Prince and Ichabod Waterman, from its organization to 1811; Daniel Faunce has served from 1811 to the present time; David Farrar, from 1819 to 1842; Warren Besse, from 1824 to 1847; David Farrar, Jr., from 1841 to 1847. The clerks who have served the church are John Simmons, Ichabod Waterman, David Farrar, and William Pearson.

E. HARLOW, *Pastor*,  
WILLIAM PEARSON, *Clerk*.

West Buckfield, September, 1850.

For nearly half a century this church exercised a strong and centralizing religious influence in the west part of the town. In its seasons of weakness and depression it was frequently the recipient of the ministerial services and fatherly counsel of Elder Chase of the First Church, also of Elder Hooper of Paris. Its membership consisted of frugal, industrious farmers and their families whose interests and associations were largely confined to the quiet events and rigid simplicity of a rural neighborhood in the early days. Church conferences were of frequent occurrences which were recorded as occasions of prayer and "travail of soul," at which members unburdened their minds, relating their trials and crosses, reporting the short-comings of others and confessing their own. One member was reported for his failure to include his money at interest in his valuation return to the assessors of the town, and both informer and delinquent were admonished. The following entry in the church records appears under date of May 19, 1820:

"Met in conference. Told our minds with great coldness, after which there appeared a difficulty in the minds of some that



N. Harlow ought to be reported for driving home from Portland on the Lord's day." Thus personal differences, back-biting, intemperance, neglect of neighborly visits and church attendance and various other short-comings were frequently the travail of mind at these meetings, which were gravely considered and brought under the corrective influence of the church. But the heaviest burden of this church and the greatest disturber of its peace was its intolerance of Free Masonry, the outgrowth of the historic Morgan crusade, which took deep root in this neighborhood in 1828, when Nathaniel Harlow was clerk of the church and his brother, Ephraim, its pastor. The latter in his historical sketch spoke of the many trials of the church previous to 1830, but he omitted to associate them with their origin which was in anti-Masonry. He also failed to include in his list of clerks the name of his brother, Nathaniel, who, under date of 1828, made the following record: "About this time a great excitement arose in the church about Masonry, and Nathaniel Harlow being one, was visited by Deacon Farrow, who was sent to visit me, and a request was made by the church for me, in order to have standing in the church, to renounce Masonry, which thing I have not agreed to do, not being anything immoral in said society."

At a church meeting, Oct. 11, 1828, the following vote was passed: "Voted that we will not receive a Free Mason into this church nor hold any in fellowship who attend their meetings or in any way support them, they being a wicked and immoral society."

The foregoing entry was the last one made by Nathaniel Harlow as clerk. He was soon superseded in office and at a church meeting, Feb. 7, 1829, following grave deliberations and much excitement over Free Masonry, church fellowship was withdrawn from him. Here began the decline of the church which led to its final dissolution; for its action in the case of Mr. Harlow was strongly opposed by several members, who also were later deprived of church fellowship and who were subsequently received as members of Elder Chase's church. This action of the First church, in accepting dismissed members of another without letters, was contrary to church regulations and caused a breach of good feeling between the two churches which continued through much controversy and ineffectual attempts at reconciliation till 1835 when harmony was restored through the agency of the Baptist Association. But the society never recovered its former strength and prosperity, but it gradually declined till like the First church it "fell asleep."

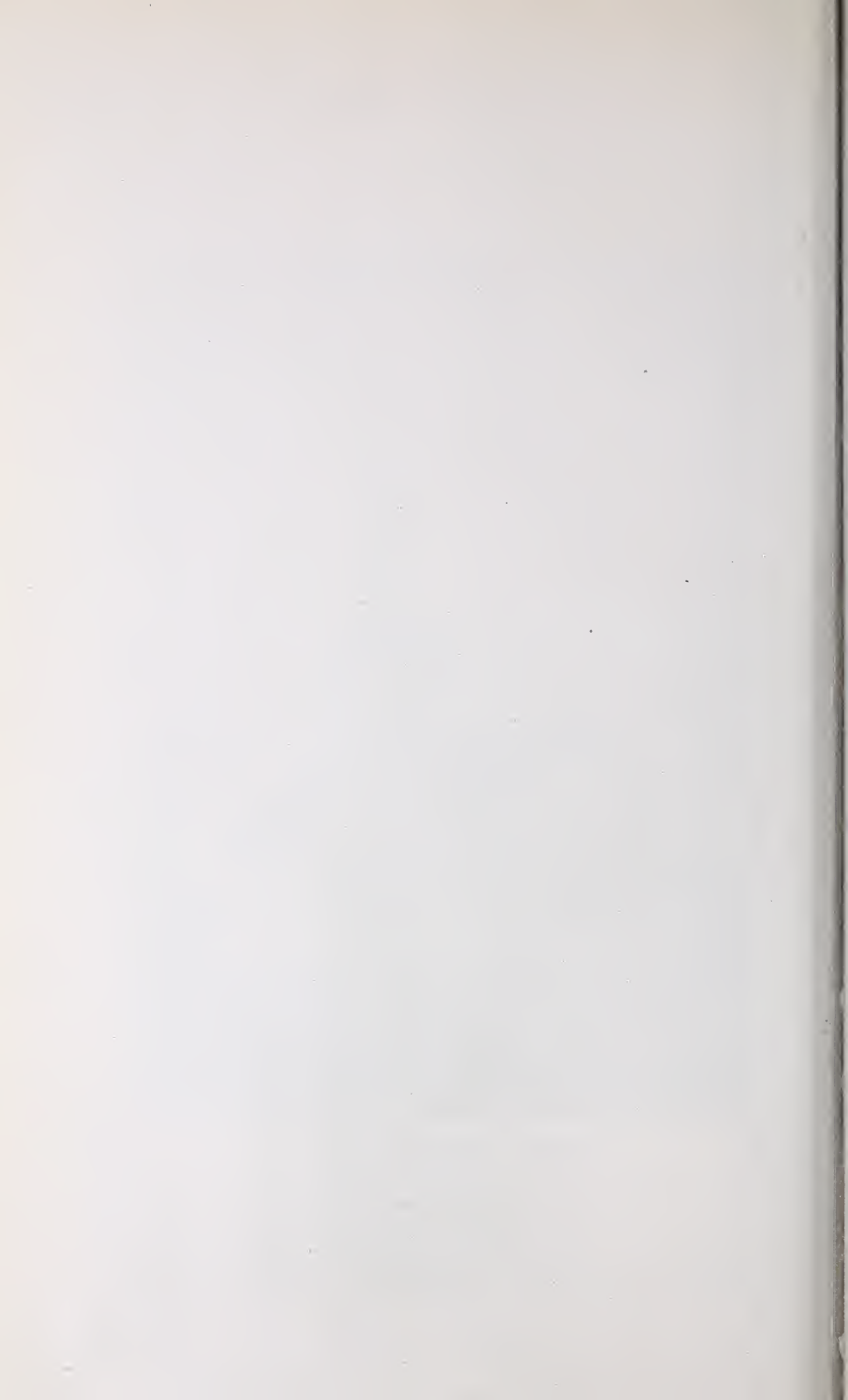
## BUCKFIELD VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH.

This church had its birth during a period of inactivity in the religious affairs of the village when its citizens were devoting their energies to business enterprises associated with the opening of the railroad. It was a time of material growth and prosperity, with increasing population and great activity in the erection of new buildings and but little interest was manifested in church matters. No Sabbath meetings were held in the village by any denomination. The Universalists were inactive, the First Baptist church had passed away and the lights of the Second church at West Buckfield had faded to a glimmer. Nathaniel Chase and Ephraim Harlow, the aged pastors of these two churches, still lived, but had passed their years of activity. But a leaven from those old churches still lingered in the community from which a new church was to arise.

In the year, 1850, Rev. Dr. Adam Wilson, then pastor of the Baptist church in Heborn, became interested in the religious condition of the village and during the summer of the following year, he made arrangements for himself and Albion K. P. Small, the perceptor of Hebron Academy to preach occasionally in Buckfield. Their efforts were productive of considerable public interest and encouraging results and on the first day of September of that year Mr. Small severed his connections with the academy and with his wife moved to Buckfield, hoping to be able to sustain preaching for one year. No church society existed, and no salary was provided. At first the attendance was small and few persons had confidence that meetings would be continued through the winter, but Mr. Small was a young man of energy and promising ability and under his preaching the interest of the people steadily increased till a congregation of respectable size was acquired and one hundred and forty dollars were raised for his support. The second year of Mr. Small's labors brought some additional support, but it was one of many discouragements; for, while there was a general desire to have his work sustained, yet none were found prepared to unite in church fellowship. This condition was disheartening to the young preacher, who sometimes felt that his labors were in vain, but with aid from the Missionary Society and his salary as teacher of the winter terms of the village school, he was enabled to support himself and family. At length, the prospects grew somewhat brighter; several persons manifested a



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desire to make a public profession of their faith and it was thought desirable to have an ordained minister. In accordance with this desire the Baptist church at Paris called a council which met at Buckfield, Oct. 19, 1853, at which Mr. Small was ordained an evangelist, Rev. L. B. Allen of Yarmouth, preaching the ordination sermon. The occasion was one of great public interest which attracted a crowded audience.

The first candidate for baptism was Ichabod Bonney to whom the ordinance was administered in December, 1853, when snow was on the ground and the river was frozen. The event is recorded as an impressive one, and the first baptism in the village. On that day the few persons in Buckfield, desirous of church fellowship, accepted an invitation from the Paris brethren to become a branch of their church. Six were received that day and during the following year eight more were baptized and added to that church. Through mutual consent the meetings had been held in Union Chapel, but a revival of Universalist preaching required use of the house one-half of the time and it was made apparent to the Baptists that a regularly constituted church and a separate place of worship were essential to their future prosperity. Accordingly on the 13th day of September, 1854, those who formed the branch of the Paris church were publicly recognized as the Buckfield Village Baptist Church with nineteen members as follows:

ALBION K. P. SMALL, *Pastor*,

EPHRAIM RICKER, *Deacon*,

DAVID SWETT, *Deacon*.

Ichabod Bonney,	William Pearson,
Margaret Ricker,	Almira Swett,
Sarah Prince,	Prudence S. Record,
Hepsibah C. Cole,	Maria Lowe,
Delphina Lowe,	Lucy Atwood,
Clarinda B. Spaulding,	Susan J. Record,
Eunice A. Atwood,	Nancy Drake,
Sylvia I. Warren	John G. Thayer.

During that year two more members were acquired, but a great loss was sustained through the death of Deacon David W. Swett, who was a zealous worker and liberal supporter of the church.

The church organization greatly facilitated the building of a meeting-house, which had already been projected with consider-



able progress made on its foundation. The society was weak and small in numbers, and the enterprise was entered upon with many misgivings; but the influence of the pastor and zealous co-operation of his associates were rewarded with unexpected aid from various sources, that enabled them, during the season of 1855 to complete a neat and commodious church building which was dedicated Nov. 29, 1855. Subsequently, through the efforts of Zadoc Long, a bell was added to the tower which was the first church bell ever rung in Buckfield.

During Mr. Small's pastorate of about seven years the church passed through discouraging seasons and the vicissitudes usual with a small country parish; but it grew steadily in strength and influence till it reached a good degree of prosperity. Forty-five members were added, by letter and baptism, to the original number but several were lost by death and dismissal. Regular services with Sabbath schools and prayer meetings were sustained and many people outside of the parish contributed liberally to the support of the church and its eloquent young pastor. In the autumn of 1858, Mr. Small severed his pastoral connections with the church to accept a call to a broader field of usefulness in Bangor. The church was deeply depressed by its loss, but through his instrumentality it had acquired strength sufficient for self-reliance and permanency. After his departure the church was without a settled pastor until December 4, 1858, when Rev. Edward W. Pray of Boston became its pastor, remaining until December, 1861. He was a scholarly man, of social disposition and highly esteemed in the community, but his pastoral usefulness was somewhat impaired by the frailty of his health.

The next preacher, with prospects of a settlement was Joseph F. Elder of Portland, a graduate of Waterville College, who was licensed as a preacher by the Free Street church, Portland, in 1861. He was a young man of marked ability and great promise, which has since been amply fulfilled. He remained in Buckfield only a few months but long enough to prominently identify his name with its church history. He was subsequently ordained to the ministry in Orange, N. J., preaching there three years. He has since held long pastorates in New York City and Albany and is now recognized as one of the strongest preachers in his denomination. For several months the church was again without a pastor, but in September, 1862, a call to Rev. John A. Baskwell

was accepted. He remained only about a year and was subsequently dismissed to the church in Amherst, N. H.

During the autumn of 1862 the church was called upon to part with five of its young members who volunteered as soldiers in the defence of their country. They were Capt. Charles H. Prince, Sylvester E. Murdock, Eliphas Ripley, Alpheus A. Ricker and Charles M. Beadle. Two of them, Eliphas Ripley and Charles M. Beadle were never to return. The former died of disease in the hospital at Washington and the latter died in Philadelphia of wounds received at Gettysburg.

The next pastor was Rev. C. H. Carlton, who began his labors here in February, 1864, which were acceptably continued nearly four years with harmonious relations and fair prosperity in the church. His wife was a fine singer and greatly aided the musical interests of the village.

Rev. Alonzo F. Benson of Sumner succeeded Mr. Carlton, remaining some over two years and then resigning to accept a call from Weston, Mass. He was an industrious, self-educated man, whose labors were successful. Nearly a year followed without a settled minister, when Harvey Linsley, a graduate of Crozier Theological Seminary was engaged, who was received into fellowship by letter from the church in Upland, Pa. He entered upon his pastoral duties Sept. 17, 1871 and was ordained in the following November, with a sermon by Rev. A. K. P. Small, the first pastor of the church. The following year a revision of the church rolls was made, which showed a membership of sixty-six. This pastorate covered an eventful period.

The 27th day of October, 1872, was made memorable in the annals of the church and village by a mysterious fire in the still hours of the night, which destroyed the Baptist church building and the brick schoolhouse near it with all their contents. At dawn, nothing but ashes and blackened ruins remained of the two most utilized public buildings of the village. The origin of the fire has never been learned but it was supposed to be of an incendiary nature. There was no insurance on the church and its loss was a severe blow which at first seemed almost overwhelming; but temporary arrangements were made for religious meetings in the hall of the hotel, where the affairs of the church were conducted until another house of worship was provided. The loss of the only building in which regular preaching was main-

tained, aroused the sympathies of the people, who energetically united with the members of the church in the work of raising funds for the erection of another house. A desirable lot of land was donated by Hon. Virgil D. Parris, plans for the edifice were prepared and the pastor spent most of the season in traveling, preaching and soliciting aid. He worked untiringly with great success, securing liberal pledges from individuals and church societies in various parts of the country. The largest society contributions were \$300 from Free Street Baptist church, Portland and \$400 from Madison Avenue Baptist church, New York. Many others gave from twenty to one hundred dollars. The largest individual subscriptions were \$300 from ex-Gov. Coburn and \$100 each from Hon. William P. Frye of Lewiston and Dea. Cyrus Ricker of Hartford. Among other gifts were a chandelier from Charles E. Jose of Portland, a weather vane from Lorenzo Atwood of Buckfield and a pulpit Bible from Mrs. Persis Bartlett of Winchendon, Mass. The new house was built in 1873 and its vestry was occupied in November of that year. Its total cost was nearly \$5000 and it was dedicated, free of debt, Jan. 13, 1874. Rev. Mr. Small preached the dedicatory sermon and the occasion was one of great interest to the people and thanksgiving in the church.

Pastor Linsley soon after resigned, preaching his farewell sermon in September, after about three years of arduous labor, marked with substantial growth of the church. He was succeeded in the spring of 1875 by Rev. R. G. Farley in a pastorate of two years, followed by Leonard A. Freeman, a young graduate from Newton, who was ordained here Oct. 21, 1878. He preached about two years with credit to himself and profit to the church and moved to Brunswick. Rev. H. B. Marshall of Foxcroft succeeded him in a pastorate of less than a year, after which the church was destitute of a regular preacher about a year, but regular services were sustained by supplies till Rev. James M. Follett was engaged, who remained four years, winning the kind regards of all and enjoying pleasant church relations. He was somewhat advanced in years and resigned on account of failing health. He continued to supply the pulpit several months after his resignation, pending the settlement of another pastor. His successor was Rev. John H. Barrows of Warren, whose pastorate began Sept. 18, 1887 and continued about sixteen months. He

was a man of good ability and the society prospered under his pastoral care. Rev. S. D. Richardson of Hebron was engaged as a supply till another pastor could be settled. In 1890 a parish society, to be called the Buckfield Baptist Society, was organized for co-operation with the church.

Rev. Benjamin F. Lawrence of Jefferson became pastor May 4, 1890 and in the following June he baptized thirteen persons, who with two others, admitted by letters, became members of the church. In the fall of 1892 the old reed instrument in the choir was replaced by a good pipe organ, which was procured by funds raised through the instrumentality of Horace A. Irish, Oscar H. Hersey and Charles H. Prince.

This year marked the thirty-eighth anniversary of the church organization which was publicly observed Sept. 26th with a reunion and appropriate exercises, including addresses by Rev. C. A. Towne of Auburn, State Secretary Dr. Dunn, reminiscences by Dr. A. K. P. Small, church history by Dea. William H. Atwood and a roll call of the church which showed a present membership of eighty-five, the oldest of whom was Dea. David Farrar, aged ninety years, who was present.

Against the request of his parishioners and the regrets of the villagers, Pastor Lawrence resigned his charge and preached his farewell sermon Oct. 25, 1896, closing a faithful and prosperous pastorate of nearly six and one-half years, the longest one in the history of the church excepting that of Mr. Small. He was a man of pleasant, social nature, a good pastor and preacher and universally esteemed in the community. Since the retirement of Mr. Lawrence, the pastors have been as follows:

Sumner Bangs of Norway, from Nov. 22, 1896 to June 1, 1898. Ordained here in January, 1897.

John H. Whitson of Camden from Sept. 4, 1898 to April 15, 1900. Ordained here in June, 1899. He resigned to engage in literary pursuits, settling in Massachusetts and has since become prominent as an author.

Benjamin F. Turner of Norridgewock, from Nov. 4, 1900 to Nov. 1, 1903. He resigned and settled at Rumford Falls and is now preaching in Brunswick. During his pastorate a heavy loss was sustained in the death of Dea. William H. Atwood, who died Dec. 12, 1900. He had been a member of the church nearly forty-five years and one of its strong pillars of support.



Rev. W. D. Athearn of Lisbon Falls began labors here Nov. 22, 1903 and is the present pastor of the church. Mr. Athearn has taken deep interest in the historic associations of the Baptists in Buckfield and has copied and compiled their complete record in an admirable manner.

On the 13th of September, 1904, the church observed its semi-centennial, with a historic sketch, roll-call and the presence of the venerable Dr. Small, who fifty years before had gathered the little flock into its first fold.

The clerks of the church have been Rev. A. K. P. Small, Laurin A. Bumpus, Sylvester E. Murdock, Whitney Cummings, E. B. Austin, Rev. L. A. Freeman, William H. Atwood and Mrs. Julia F. Packard.

The deacons have been Ephraim Ricker, David W. Swett, Laurin A. Bumpus, Rodney Hutchinson, Whitney Cummings, Sylvester E. Murdock, Henry Bangs, Alfred Shaw, William H. Atwood, Herman Morse, E. B. Austin, A. F. Warren and Daniel Murch, the last four now officiating.

This church is the direct descendant of the First and Second churches, and thus to a large degree it inherits the history and traditions of those old organizations, the smoldering embers of which were gathered and quickened into organic life through the instrumentality of Elder Small. It has had seasons of adversity, and has never been financially strong but through the devoted labors of small numbers it has regularly maintained public worship from the date of its organization to the present time, centralizing the religious interests of the community. It has always received assistance from the Maine Baptist Missionary Convention and liberal support from citizens outside of the church. It has a good house of worship and a comfortable parsonage and by the will of the late Dea. William H. Atwood it received a bequest of one thousand dollars.

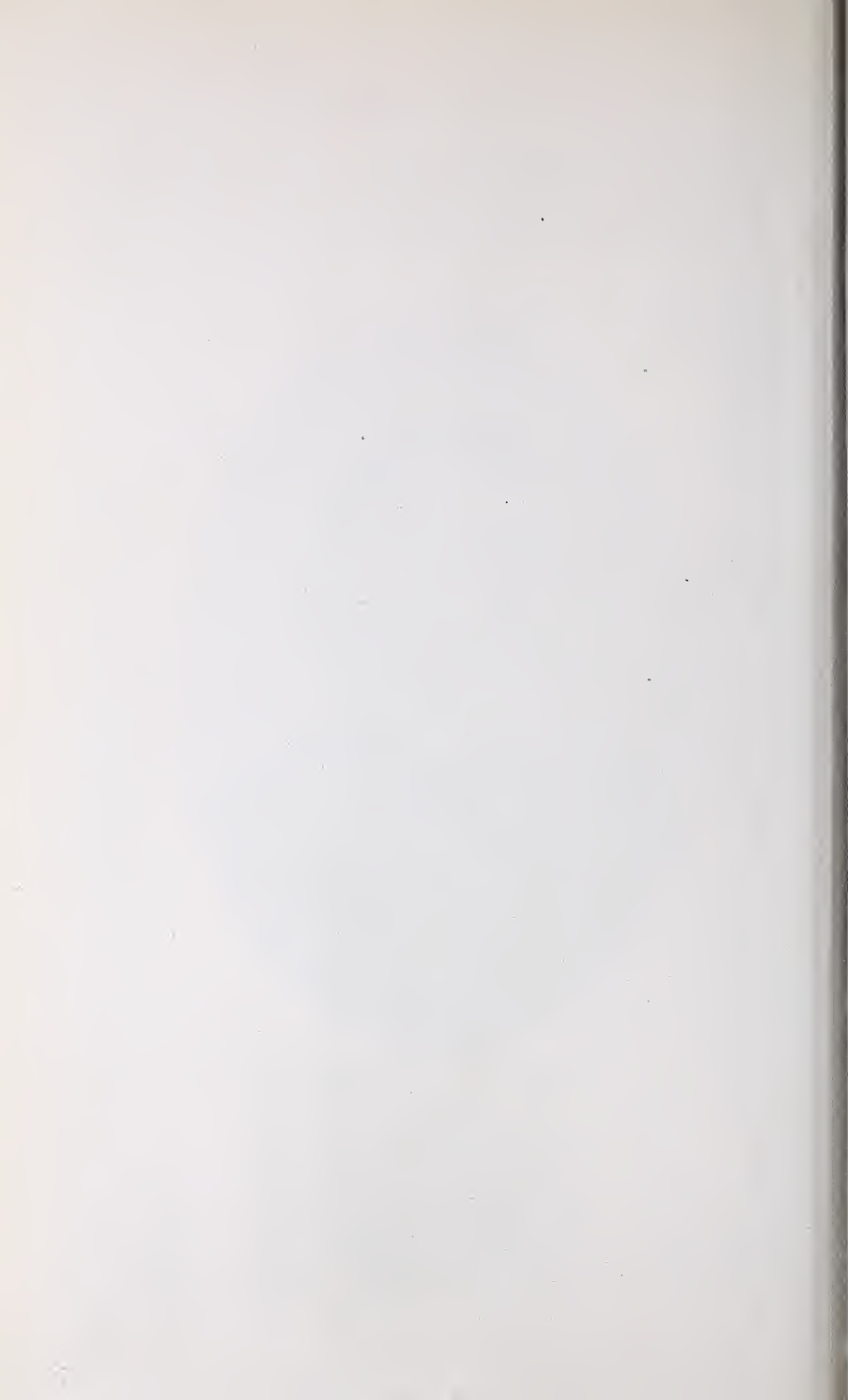
ALBION KEITH PARRIS SMALL, D.D.

The history of Maine has few nobler records of effective religious labors than is found in the life-work of Albion K. P. Small, and the narrative of the church history of Buckfield would be materially incomplete without a special sketch of this honored clergyman of the Baptist faith.





Albion Keith Parris Small, D. D.



He was born in the town of Limington, Me., Aug. 26, 1821. In his infancy, death deprived him of a father's care, and he passed the years of his youth in Cornish, Me., where he learned the trade of tanner. But his youthful ambitions were not content with the prospects of a trade or business, and, with aspirations for a liberal education, he took a preparatory course of study at Yarmouth Academy and entered Waterville College from which he graduated in the class of 1849. After his graduation he became principal of Hebron Academy two years and while there was married, June 26, 1851, to Thankful L. Woodbury, daughter of William Woodbury of Cornish.

While busily engaged with the duties of his school he was persuaded, against his own judgment, by such honored churchmen as Dr. Adam Wilson of Hebron and Elder Davis of Paris Hill, to settle as a preacher in Buckfield, the former having become considerably interested in the place as a field for religious labor. Accordingly Mr. Small reluctantly resigned his position in the Academy, and with his wife took up his abode in Buckfield. Without a religious organization, or even a church member in the village, it was an unpromising field of labor for the young preacher. He commenced preaching in Union Chapel, where, through his zeal, ability and the enthusiasm of his personality a considerable religious interest was awakened. He was soon impressed with the desirability of a smaller meeting-place for minor church gatherings, and with this thought in mind, but with slight anticipation of realizing his wishes, he one day, in company with Hon. Virgil D. Parris, an occasional attendant at his meetings, casually asked him the following question: "If the money could be raised for building a little chapel for prayer and social meetings, how would you feel about allowing it to be placed somewhere on your land?" A few weeks later Mr. Parris replied: "If you will enlarge your plan and build a pretty meeting-house, that will be an ornament to the street, I will give you a lot and buy a pew." But without a church member in the village, and with no capitalists interested in such an enterprise the thought of building such a house seemed entirely utopian; yet here was the beginning of the Baptist Church building. Stimulated with this thought, Mr. Small procured a working plan for a house, and through personal solicitations a frame for a building was obtained by gift from the farmers of Buckfield and adjoining towns, each

bringing a load of timber, as specified on the plan, and by all sorts of similar efforts and untiring work by Mr. Small and the advance sale of pews, the house was brought to completion.

At that time no minister's salary in Buckfield afforded family support, and as some of Mr. Small's former Hebron students desired to continue their studies under his instruction, a plan was formed for ekeing out a living by the aid of a family school, and somehow from almost nothing a family residence was built chiefly for that purpose. Mr. Small began living in his new home on Saturday, Aug. 23, 1856, having modest family apartments and one student's room finished. On the following Tuesday he closed the house, and with his wife went to an association at Yarmouth, and while there he received the distressing news that his house, on which he had built such bright hopes, with all his worldly possessions, was but a heap of ashes, its destruction having occurred Tuesday night. But through his wonderful energy and the generosity of the people another and more spacious house, now known as the Jason Damon house was soon erected.

During Elder Small's residence here he preached once a month for two years in Mechanic Falls, his labors resulting in the organization of the Baptist church in that village. He terminated his labors in Buckfield in the summer of 1858, leaving with great reluctance its people and associations. His resignation was deeply regretted by the whole community, and his farewell sermon was listened to by a large and sympathetic congregation of friends and parishioners. Of this occasion the church records say: "On the Sabbath of August 8, 1858, our pastor, Rev. A. K. P. Small, preached his farewell sermon, having received a call to a larger field of labor with the First Baptist Church at Bangor. The youthful church, having by the blessing of God been gathered through the instrumentality of his faithful and untiring labors, the separation was solemn and affecting. The Great Shepherd above can alone heal the bleeding wound and supply the wants of the little flock." Thus Mr. Small went from the scenes of his early labors to the fields of his great life work. Then followed the strong years of his manhood, with faithful, exalting pastorates in the First Church in Bangor, the Free Street Church in Portland, and the First Church in Fall River, Mass., then back to Portland with the First Church until his advancing years influenced his retirement from its great

pastoral cares. Retaining membership in this church, he resigned as its pastor, with the thought of never again resuming pastoral cares; but moving to Waterville, he occupied the pulpit in Fairfield two years, followed by the same length of time in Biddeford; and then, after fifty years of active, eventful pastoral work, he retired to reside with his son, who had become prominently connected with the University of Chicago.

Soon after his arrival in Chicago a sad family affliction came to him in the total blindness of his beloved wife, who, in all the associations of his life work had been his strong and constant helper.

During Dr. Small's pastorate in Bangor he was elected to membership on the Board of Trustees of Waterville College, which he continued to hold till he left the State, and from that university he received his degree of D.D.

Dr. Small was a man of strong and robust physique, a deep thinker, earnest, forceful, and an eloquent pulpit orator. His personality as a man and a preacher is enduringly fixed in the associations of Buckfield, and the present religious interests of the village are largely the fruits of his early labors.



## CHAPTER XIX.

## UNION CHAPEL.

Union Chapel, the most spacious and prominent public building ever erected in Buckfield is rich in the local historic associations of the past seventy years. From its elevated site, overlooking all the surrounding country, it is a conspicuous landmark from all approaches. It is a typical New England meeting-house suggestive of the good old days of our fathers and mothers. It was a union house in the building of which nearly all the prominent citizens of the community of various religious denominations zealously participated. The building of this house was the outgrowth of public sentiment in favor of a more central and suitable place for public worship than the town house and the various small schoolhouses in which meetings were occasionally held. To carry the new enterprise into effect a society was formed as shown from the following copy of its records:

"To SAMUEL F. BROWN, one of the Justices of the Peace, in and for the County of Oxford and State of Maine:

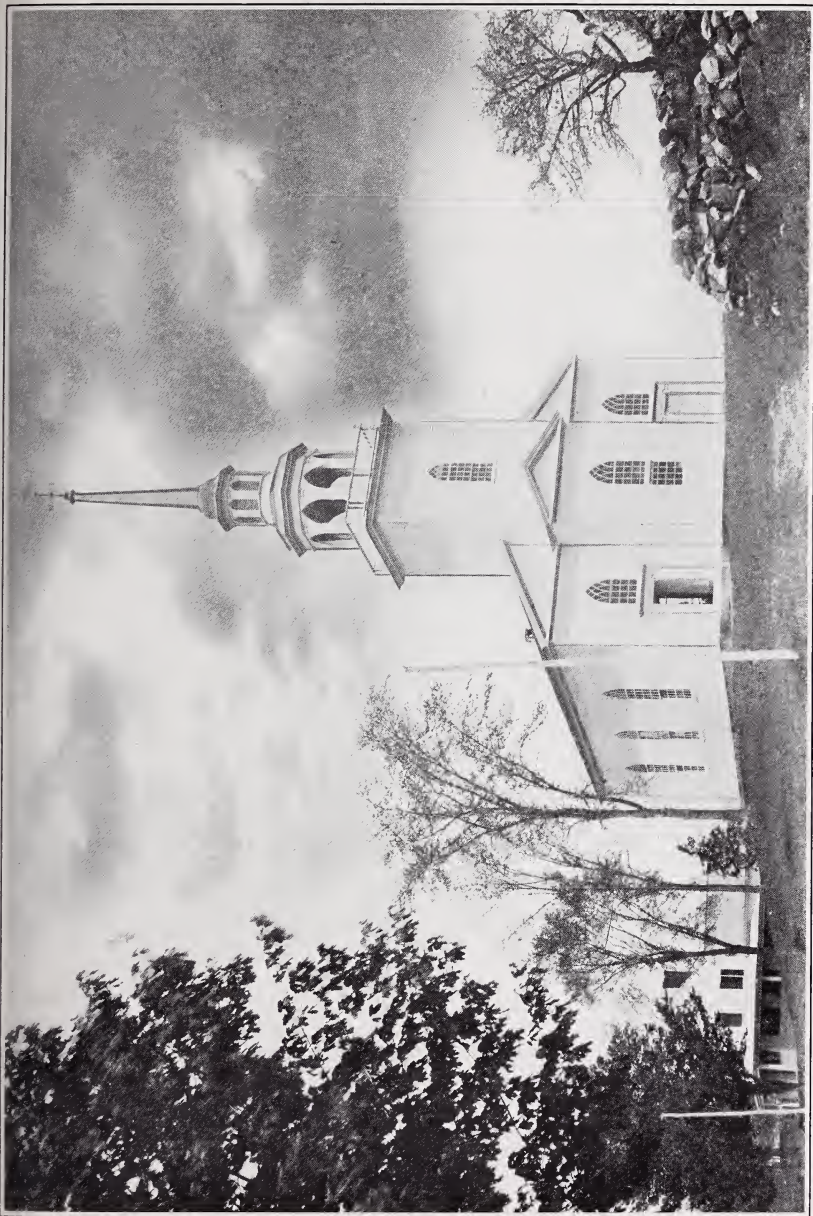
The undersigned inhabitants of the towns of Buckfield, Hartford and Sumner, in said County, being desirous of incorporating ourselves into a society, with other associates, for the purpose of erecting a Meeting house in said Buckfield, hereby request that you will issue your warrant to one of us, directing him to notify us to meet at the Academy in said Buckfield Village on the third day of April at one o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of forming said corporation.

Buckfield, March 25, 1830.

Aaron Parsons,  
William Cole,  
James Jewett,  
Lucius Loring,  
Nathan Atwood,  
Levi Turner,  
Caleb Cushman,  
Zadoc Long,  
William Bard,  
David Warren,  
George Bridgham,  
Samuel Buck,

Benjamin Spaulding,  
Jonathan Buck,  
Daniel Chase,  
James Bonney, Jr.,  
Larnard Swallow,  
Nathaniel Shaw, Jr.,  
Leonard Spaulding,  
Benj. Tucker,  
Noah Hall,  
James Bowker,  
Virgil D. Parris."

In response to this petition a warrant was issued to Nathan Atwood and at a meeting on the date named an organization,



Union Chapel



to be called "Union Chapel Society" was perfected. Aaron Parsons was moderator of the meeting and Samuel F. Brown was chosen clerk. Several others were subsequently admitted to the society.

At an adjourned meeting, April 12, 1830, the following votes were passed:

"Voted that the house shall be for the use of the pew holders in proportion to the number of their pews, each pew having the right of two votes, and each denomination shall have the use of the house for such a proportion of the time as their number of votes bears to the whole number, but no denomination shall deprive any other from use of the house when they shall not occupy it themselves, even during the time in which it belongs to them.

Voted that all timbers, shingles, etc., shall be delivered on the spot on the first day of April next, and the house be completed before December 1831.

Voted that the pews be put up at auction and bid off to the highest bidders, to be paid for as follows: In October, 1831, in neat stock, or if not so paid, then in January following in corn and grain, or if not so paid, then in March following in cash.

Voted that those who bid off materials and labor shall receive their pay in pews and the balance in neat stock, corn or grain according to above vote."

It was voted to adopt as a model for the plan and style of the house the Universalist church in Livermore with the exceptions of the belfry and gallery which were to conform to those in the Universalist church in Norway. Nathan Atwood, one of the most active promoters of the house was delegated to visit the church at Livermore and from his measurements, plans and specifications were made. To accommodate the many patrons of the house the supplies of building materials were divided into small lots which were awarded to more than fifty different bidders at prices per thousand averaging as follows: Hemlock boards and dimension lumber, \$4.50; pine boards, \$6.50; clear seasoned pine boards for pews and inside finish, \$16; shingles, \$2.25; clapboards, \$15.

A site for the church was first selected on land of Benjamin Spaulding near the Academy, but this was abandoned for the more conspicuous half-acre lot near the dwelling house of Don D. Daggett, which was offered by Rev. William Pidgin in exchange for pew numbered forty-two, as shown on the plans for the proposed building. At a society meeting, June 15, 1830.



fifty pews were sold at auction at an average price of thirty dollars and the sale was continued at subsequent meetings.

Union Chapel was erected in the season of 1831 and in the spring of that year active building operations, under supervision of various committees were begun. Daniel Chase, Nathan Atwood and Jonathan Buck were a committee on grading and foundation and Larnard Swallow, William Cole and Rodney Chaffin a committee to appraise neat stock, which was to be received in payment for pews and to be sold or turned over to the building contractor for his services. Aaron Parsons contracted to build the house at a price of one thousand dollars for the labor above the underpinning, he to receive in payment the unsold pews and the balance in such property as might be received from pew-purchasers. The building carpenter was David Carey of Turner. The raising of the house was an event of great public interest which attracted a large gathering of people. The women and children were stationed in Mr. Spaulding's pasture across the street while the men reared the massive frame with shouts and cheers. The total cost of the structure, excluding gratuities in labor and materials was a little more than two thousand dollars. Its size was fifty-six by forty-one feet and the top of its spire was ninety-one feet above the ground. William Pidgin frequently gave the geometrical measurement of this spire as a problem for his academy students to solve. The house was not entirely completed and accepted till February, 1832.

One who reads these pages or knows anything about the town at any period cannot fail to note the strong individuality of the people of Buckfield and this marked characteristic has been manifested from the earliest times to the present day. Nothing better illustrates this fact than the division of religious views entertained by the builders of this edifice. This variety of individual beliefs and purposes divided what otherwise might have been a united effort to establish in the early days a permanent religious society. It is evident the good people of that day did not realize the true cause of their failure and it is scarcely to be wondered at, that some in their disappointment at times erroneously regarded the citizens of Buckfield, as a whole, a godless people and called them such but they were never this. There may have been a very few such in every age as in almost every community, yet the great mass of the people in every station in life has ever



borne testimony of the highest Christian and moral characteristics.

The denominational rights to the use in the house were apportioned by a committee, consisting of Daniel Chase, Dominicus Record and Samuel F. Brown, who divided the proprietors into five classes, representing one hundred and twenty-two rights on the basis of two rights to a pew, with the following assignments:

To class number one, consisting of Universalists, was assigned thirty-seven Sabbaths of the year, its representation being eighty-eight rights as follows:

William Bridgham, 10 rights; Isaac Turner, 2 rights; Jonathan Buck, 2 rights; Zenas Mitchell, 2 rights; Joseph Turner, 2 rights; Leonard Spaulding, 3 rights; Wm. Bard, 1 right; Elisha Buck, 2 rights; Daniel Chase, 2 rights; Samuel Buck, 2 rights; Levi Turner, 2 rights; Axcel Spaulding, 2 rights; E. Warren, 2 rights; Noah Hall, 2 rights; David Warren, 2 rights; Rodney Chaffin, 2 rights; John Warren, 2 rights; James Bonney, Jr., 4 rights; Geo. Bridgham, 4 rights; James S. and S. Buck, 2 rights; James Bowker, 1 right; Samuel B. Perry, 2 rights; Elijah Jordan, 2 rights; D. B. Warren, 2 rights; Benj. Heald, 2 rights; Benj. Tucker, 2 rights; Nathan Atwood, 6 rights; Calvin Bisbee, 2 rights; Caleb Cushman, 4 rights; Aaron Parsons, 10 rights; Dominicus Record, 2 rights; Luther Turner, 1 right.

To class number two, consisting of those who denominated themselves "liberals" were assigned eight Sundays and twenty rights as follows:

William Cole, 6 rights; Luther Crocker, 1 right; James Jewett, 3 rights; Ira Gardner, 2 rights; Lucius Loring, 2 rights; Zadoc Long, 4 rights; A. D. White, 1 right; Jonas Spaulding, 1 right.

To class number three, consisting of sundry proprietors, requesting to be classed together, were assigned four Sundays, or eight rights, viz.: Benj. Spaulding, Nathaniel Shaw, Samuel F. Brown and Larnard Swallow, two rights each.

To class number four, consisting of Baptists, one Sunday was assigned. This class had five rights, represented by Noah Prince, D. W. Corliss, William Safford and Nathaniel Harlow.

Class number five consisted of only one person, the Rev. William Pidgin, Congregationalist. His rights entitled him to less than a day's use of the house but an overlaying fraction from another class was added to his, giving him one full Sunday.

The house was dedicated June 6, 1832 with a large concourse of people from Buckfield and surrounding towns. The sermon was preached by Rev. Seth Stetson. Nearly seventy years have passed away since that day and the builders of the church have all gone to their final rest, but in the memories of our oldest citizens that interesting occasion is cherished as an impressive event of their youth and a red letter day in the past history of the village.

Union Chapel for several years after its dedication was occupied in accordance with the assignment previously recorded, the Universalists supporting settled ministers and clergymen of various other denominations preaching occasional sermons; but, as the former largely owned and controlled the house, it came to be known as a Universalist church. Sabbath services were somewhat irregularly continued till 1855, after which date the religious exercises were usually confined to preaching and a Sabbath school during the summer months, but these were discontinued in 1874, after which the house remained unoccupied excepting its occasional use for secular meetings. Aside from its use for religious purposes which included many notable conventions, the house was prominently associated with the people as a common meeting place on all important public occasions to which its doors were always open. During a period of forty years it was the exposition hall for the political, educational, musical and other associative interests of the community. In 1836 it was the scene of an enthusiastic celebration of the anniversary of our National Independence with an oration by Hon. Virgil D. Parris and in 1853 the Buckfield High School students, under Principal S. T. B. Willey gave an exhibition in the house which has taken prominence in the educational annals of the village and in which a large number of students who have since become well-known citizens participated. Music was furnished by the somewhat famous Buckfield Brass Band and the program occupied an afternoon and evening.

When the hostilities of the late Civil War began in 1861 this old house was flooded with a tide of patriotic enthusiasm at the war meetings of the citizens which invested it with hallowed remembrance of the old Faneuil Hall of Buckfield; and again when the tidal wave of temperance, known as the Reform Movement of 1873, swept over the country, it became the place of continued

and zeal-inspiring meetings. Here, too, in 1884 occurred the first meeting in Buckfield in observance of Memorial day and also in 1900 of Old Home week with an overflowing house of old and young citizens and with old-time songs, remarks by various sons and daughters of the town and an address by Hon. John D. Long, then secretary of United States Navy. Similar observances were held here the following year, which included the simple dedicatory exercises of the Zadoc Long Free Library. In 1863 the house had become considerably out of repair. Many of the old proprietors had passed away and others had grown indifferent; but a few of those who retained a deep interest in the old house called a meeting and voted to assess the pews to raise the needed funds for repairs. Only a small number of the owners responded and the pews of delinquents were sold at auction, a controlling number of which were bid off by Sullivan C. Andrews and Charles B. Atwood and from the funds thus received the house was placed in good repair. It was subsequently struck by a bolt of lightning which shattered the belfry and left its traces through the interior of the house. The exterior damage was gratuitously repaired by Ozen Spaulding and Alfred Cole and the house was painted by subscription procured through the efforts of Mrs. Charles Withington and other ladies. No further efforts for its perservation were made till 1894, when it had fallen into sad decay. For years it had been abandoned, a prey to vandal hands and the elements of nature, till it stood with vane awry, windows broken and roof gradually falling in and nothing short of prompt repairs could save it from utter ruin. The dilapidated condition of the dear old landmark of his childhood awakened the sympathies of Hon. John D. Long, who offered a liberal contribution towards its restoration, provided the town would purchase it for a town hall. Frank P. Withington immediately devoted his time and energies to this project and sent out appeals to absent sons and daughters of the town which met with generous response. His successful efforts were supplemented by an organization of citizens and the sum of five hundred dollars was soon pledged.

A town meeting was held in October, 1894, to see if the town would vote to purchase the house for a town hall at a nominal price not exceeding one hundred dollars. The meeting was largely attended and the question at issue was hotly contested, a

strong opposition to the proposed purchase having developed; but, after an exciting debate, the friends of the old house won the day. This action was soon followed by a legal re-organization of the proprietors of the church, who voted to sell it to the town for seventy-five dollars for a town hall, on condition that it should be kept in constant repair. Most of the proprietors donated their holdings. At the annual town meeting the following spring the town appropriated two hundred dollars for the purchase and repair of the house and this amount united with the subscription funds, soon restored the house to its old-time condition and appearance. Its dedicatory exercises occurred Nov. 3, 1895, under the auspices of the citizens and the Grand Army Posts of Buckfield and Sumner. It was a memorable occasion, with a sympathetic audience, for the old house was endeared to nearly every one present by sacred memories and associations of an honored ancestry. The exercises were informal and wholly by local talent, with speaking by citizens and music by the Buckfield Band, stationed in the gallery from which the old band of the same name, nearly half a century before, had entertained the people. Since that date the house has been occupied for town meetings and public exercises of Memorial days and Old Home week. Its acquisition by the town insures the future preservation of its most cherished landmark and affords one of the finest town halls in Oxford County.

“Winning the dawning smiles of the sun,  
And its lingering kiss when the day is done,  
From all approaches a beacon seen,  
Piercing the blue above the green;  
O’erlooking the scene a befitting crown  
Of the landscape fair, and the beautiful town;  
The pride of our father’s toil and skill—  
The old white chapel that stands on the hill.”

ALFRED COLE.

#### UNIVERSALISTS.

A large number of the early residents of Buckfield were never in full accord with the dogmas of the established churches and when the doctrines of universal salvation were promulgated as the teachings of an organized church, they were readily em-

braced by many citizens. As Universalism spread over the country its ministers occasionally visited this town, preaching in school houses and winning converts and a controversial spirit on religious matters and scriptural interpretations prevailed in the community. The organization of Union Chapel Society in 1830 included thirty-three proprietors in the proposed church building, who classed themselves as Universalists and eight who classed themselves as Liberals and these two classes represented nearly nine-tenths of the ownership and control of Union Chapel. No society of Universalists was incorporated but under the associations of their classification in the chapel society they united in support of religious services and other church affairs customary with parishes.

Among the early occasional preachers of the new faith in Buckfield were Revs. Samuel Hutchinson, Seth Stetson, William A. Drew, A. M. Hawkins, Russell Streeter, Sylvanus Cobb and George Bates. Several of them became eminent in their denomination. The first resident preacher of record was Rev. Samuel Hutchinson, who came here from Windham, his native town, and settled on the place later known as the Leonard Russell farm, where he died in 1828. Originally a Free Baptist preacher, he changed his views to Universalism and wrote and published a book giving "good reasons" for his change of belief.

The first Universalist clergyman to settle here professionally was Rev. Seth Stetson, familiarly known as "Father" Stetson, who moved here from Brunswick in May, 1830. He had formerly been a resident of Boston and an Orthodox minister but becoming a convert to Universalism, he made a missionary tour to Maine, finally locating at Brunswick. He preached in Buckfield one or two Sabbaths each month about three years, when he fell under the displeasure of some of his strong supporters on account of his public utterances in advocacy of temperance; and, feeling that his usefulness here as a preacher was ended, he returned to Brunswick where he passed the remainder of his life. For several years, however, he made occasional visits here, preaching to the acceptance of all. He is pleasantly recalled as an amiable, exemplary man, always highly esteemed as a citizen and preacher.

The retirement of Father Stetson was followed by a season of dullness in religious affairs with only irregular services by



visiting clergymen of various denominations and many Sabbaths went by with no religious meetings in the village. But in 1838 there was a revival of church interest among the Universalists with a united effort to employ a minister. Rev. George Thomes, then a resident of Turner, began to preach and soon entered upon a prosperous pastorate which continued nearly ten years. The relations of his people continued pleasant until the summer of 1844, when an element of discord appeared resulting from the presence of a preacher named Canfield, then a stranger here, and of whose history little is now known. He obtained considerable temporary popularity but preached only a short time and it does not appear that his services were productive of any good results.

Mr. Thomes was succeeded by Rev. Frederick Foster, who moved here from Winthrop in the spring of 1845. He preached occasionally for a time and in 1847 began to supply the pulpit in Union Chapel. He was employed regularly only a few years but he continued to reside here till 1861, preaching in this and various other towns. He was a scholarly man and acquired a wide reputation as a teacher. He was the last resident Universalist preacher in Buckfield and after his removal no regular preaching was sustained; but during the summer months support was frequently given for sermons by various clergymen, prominent among whom were Revs. George Bates and William R. French and in later years, Prof. Cone and J. M. Paine, a student, both from Canton N. Y. Theological Seminary. During the many years of their activity the Universalists sustained public services a part of the time at East Buckfield where they had an assigned holding in the meeting-house, visiting and resident clergymen of the village often preaching there. Associations of the denomination were also held there. Among the prominent patrons in that part of the town were Lewis Mason, Isaac Shaw and Varanes DeCoster.

In August, 1867, a Universalist parish was organized in the village, partially in the interest of the denomination, but more especially as a means for the repair and preservation of Union Chapel. During the last decade in the occupancy of Union Chapel for public worship its religious associations were centered in a large and flourishing Sabbath school successively under the superintendence of Thomas Chase, Sullivan C. Andrews and Alfred Cole. A good library was acquired, and patrons, old and

young, from all parts of the town contributed to the success of the school, giving it a broad influence in the community; but for various natural causes its prosperity declined till in 1874, when it was discontinued, and the old church on the hill was left with closed doors alone with its memories. Since that time Universalist preaching has been confined to occasional sermons at North and East Buckfield and in the Methodist church in the village.

The association of Universalists in Buckfield embraced many representative citizens of the past. In its early years one of its strongest supporters was Dr. William Bridgham, whose spacious house was always a place of hospitality for clerical representatives of his chosen faith. Aaron Parsons was another patron whose long devotion is worthy of special record. Other faithful helpers were James Bonney, Jr., Noah Hall and Benjamin Heald, whose descendants in this town to this day retain the religious faith of their fathers. The zealous workers of later years were Thomas Chase, Sullivan C. Andrews, Asa Robinson, Nathan O. Storer, Ozen Spaulding, Josiah W. Whitten, Dastine Spaulding, Andrew J. Hall, Albion P. Bonney, Mrs. Charles Withington and Mrs. Sullivan C. Andrews. Dastine Spaulding and Mr. Storer were enthusiastic singers and the former led the choir. All of the men have passed to their final rest, leaving their names in honored memory.

#### REV. GEORGE THOMES.

Rev. George Thomes was born in West Gorham, March 9, 1795. He was a son of Samuel Thomes, a Free Baptist clergyman. At the age of eighteen he was converted and baptized in the faith of his father; but when he came to ponder on religious matters he became inclined towards a more liberal doctrine and was impressed with a desire to become a preacher of the gospel. He moved to Portland where he often conferred with a Universalist minister called "Father" Raynor, who advised him to become a preacher of his faith. Accordingly he prepared himself and preached his first sermon in his native town, following with pulpit labors in various parts of Cumberland County. In 1836 he accepted a call to Otisfield and from there he moved to Turner, then to Buckfield, where he passed the remainder of his life. He had a wide acquaintance with the people of his denomination, his house being a home of visiting clergymen, with whom he often

exchanged. He was active in public affairs, took a deep interest in school matters and was widely known as an educator. In politics he was a Democrat of the Jeffersonian school and served as postmaster under the administration of President Buchanan. He reared a large family of sons and daughters, who became prominently identified with the social and business interests of the community. He was a devoted Free Mason, having joined the order at Bridgton in 1826, and was one of the founders of Mt. Moriah Lodge, Denmark. He died in Buckfield, May 6, 1871, and was buried with Masonic honors by Evening Star Lodge of which he was acting chaplain. His funeral sermon was from the text, his own selection: "I know that my Redeemer liveth."

REV. FREDERICK FOSTER.

Frederick Foster was born in Salem, N. H., May 10, 1813. His father died, leaving a family of eleven children when Frederick was six years old. His mother, being unable to provide for so many, they were necessarily separated, Frederick going to Newbury, Vt., with an uncle. He remained there six years and then passed three years in a store in Charlestown, Mass. He returned to his native town, learned the trade of shoemaker, and went into business in another town. At the age of eighteen he became impressed with a strong desire to enter the ministry. He had diligently improved his limited opportunities for reading and study and acquired the rudiments of a good education. But he saw the necessity of more thorough acquirements and against the discouragements of friends and relying wholly upon his own efforts, he entered Dartmouth College from which he graduated in 1840. He prepared for the ministry under the tuition of that eminent theologian, Dr. Hosea Ballou, and declining a call from Manchester, N. H., he settled at Winthrop, Me., in 1842, where he was ordained. He remained there until August, 1845, when he moved to Buckfield, residing here fifteen years and preaching here and at North Turner, Sumner, Harpswell, Freeport and New Gloucester, a portion of the time in each of these places. In 1860 he responded to a call from Meriden, Conn., but in the following spring removed to Weare, N. H., where he continued to preach until the day of his death. On the first Sunday in March, 1865, he preached two sermons to the great satisfaction

of his hearers from this text in Psalms: "Create in me a clean heart, O Lord, and renew a right spirit within me." On the following day, not feeling well, he lay down to rest and was soon apparently in a refreshing slumber. An hour later his wife approaching his bedside found him in the quiet sleep of death. Mr. Foster had three children, but none of his family now survive him. His wife is recalled as an estimable lady and his son, Frederick, as a precocious student under his father's exacting tutelage. He became a teacher and devoted most of his years to literary work. He died a few years ago in New Hampshire.

The individuality of Frederick Foster has been well preserved in the association of Buckfield, not so much, perhaps, for his ability as a preacher as for his reputation as a scholar and his impress as the village schoolmaster to the boys and girls of half a century ago, who now, as members of an elder generation, relate the school-day tales of their youth.

#### FREE BAPTIST.

During the first half of the century just passed quite a number of Free Baptist families resided in the northwest part of the town and public services were held in the schoolhouse there many years with preaching by Elders Charles C. Witham and Joseph Hall, who were farmers and residents of the neighborhood; but the local interests of this denomination centered in the east part of the town at Federal Corner where a union meeting-house was erected in 1833. Here their earliest church associations were formed, which in later years developed considerable strength and influence. We are fortunate in the following historical sketch of their early days written by Rev. Joseph Fullerton in 1847:

"There was preaching by the Free Will Baptists in Hebron, a town southerly of this, about the commencement of the present century and a church constituted. Some of the members lived in Buckfield and the brethren of the two towns were united in one church until 1824. A young man, named Daniel Hutchinson, a native of Windham, lived in the town and improved publicly and to profit. Nov. 21, 1802, at a quarterly meeting held at Gorham, he was set apart to the work of the ministry by prayer and the laying on of hands. He labored in Buckfield and vicin-

ity with success and then adopted Calvinistic sentiments and joined the Baptists. After he had been in that connection awhile he embraced Free Communion sentiments and left the denomination. After some years he returned to that church again. His son, Joseph, is also a Baptist preacher.

The next preacher who did much in Buckfield was Elder Samuel Hutchinson, who was ordained at Parsonsfield in November, 1806. He lived in town and preached some time, after which his mind became entangled with several new notions and finally he settled down to the belief of Universalism. He died not far from 1828. He was useful while with the Free Will Baptists. Elder Stephen Hutchinson and Bro. Asa Hutchinson, a licentiate, are now Free Will Baptist preachers and have, we trust, a great attachment to the cause so dear to their father in the days of his prosperity.

The bretheren in Buckfield were separated from Hebron and formed into a church April 16, 1824. The number of members at first was twenty-three. At that time Elder Hubbard Chandler, a native of Wilton, was in the place blowing the trumpet of jubilee with success. In the course of that spring and summer he baptized about thirty. The meetings were held in private houses and barns, but the presence of Christ was there and the places were awful to the wicked, but glorious to believers. In the course of a few years that followed, the church enjoyed the occasional labors of Elders Jordan, Files, Hathorn, Hobson, Hutchinson, White, Tracy and Witham. At length, some time after 1830, Elder Clement Phinney, a native of Gorham, moved into the place and tarried two or three years, devoting a portion of his labors to this church. The church had become much disordered and while he was with it, in September, 1831, with the assistance of Elder Hobson, a re-organization was effected in which twenty-four united.

The next minister that resided in the place was Elder Zachariah Jordan. He commenced about 1834 and continued some three years, during which there was some increase. In the latter part of his labors in 1837, it was a dying time. About the latter part of August, five children of Mr. Henry DeCoster died in ten days. God's judgments were abroad and some feared but did not fly to the Savior. In 1839 the church was low, but in the spring some had a mind to arise and build. A protracted meet-



ing was commenced which continued eleven days. Much of the labor was performed by Elders A. Wheeler and Levi Hersey. God worked with them and several were converted. In May, Elder Wheeler baptized about twenty. The church adopted a covenant and about this time Elder Levi Hersey took charge. The season continued glorious and he baptized about forty. Elder Hersey preached in the place two years and left the church in a good state. After this, Elder Wheeler supplied one year.

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The sketch of Mr. Fullerton closes during the pastorate of Elder Robert Hayes when the church had a membership of seventy-nine. Elder Hayes was a native of Windham and took charge of the church in January, 1843, remaining four years and laboring acceptably, but with small growth of the church.

During the next two years the pulpit was supplied by Elders Phinney, Hayes and William C. Witham of West Buckfield, who became a member of the society. They were followed in 1849 by Elder Charles Dow, who remained two years, during which a good degree of interest was sustained and some additions made to the membership by baptism. For several years following the church was without a resident minister and its prosperity somewhat declined. Elder Witham was the principal preacher and labored faithfully in the interests of the society.

In 1856 Elder E. G. Eaton became a resident and preached several years with success. He was succeeded by Elder Otis Andrews, who remained several years, preaching here and in other places. He was the last resident clergyman and since his departure the church has been dependent on transient preachers and clergymen from neighboring churches. In 1878 a revival occurred and thirteen persons were baptized in July of that year by Rev. Mr. Marriner of Auburn and in 1879 four were baptized by former pastor, E. G. Eaton, and two others were received into the church. For several years preaching was supplied by the pastors of the church at East Hebron. In August, 1881, Rev. Robert Scott began a pastorate which continued two years. He was followed by Rev. Mr. Towne in 1884 and by C. C. Keen during the two succeeding years. Of late years the society has become scattered and lost much of its former denominational interests and its services have been largely by Methodist clergymen from the village.

One of the most beloved pastors of the church was Elder Clement Phinney, who followed his early pastorate with short terms of service and frequent visits for many years and in the society affairs of difficulty his advice and counsel were often sought. He was an interesting preacher and a delightful singer and the interests of the social meetings were greatly enhanced by his gift of song. He was a great-grandson of Capt. John Phinney, the first settler of Gorham. He died in Portland, March 2, 1855, aged 74 years.

REV. LEVI HERSEY.

Rev. Levi Hersey was one of the most highly esteemed pastors of the Free Baptists in Buckfield and his long and successful services with various churches rendered him one of the most widely known clergymen of his denomination in Maine. From his autobiographical notes the following sketch is largely gleaned:

He was born in New Gloucester, Sept. 11, 1803. During the early part of his manhood he was a business man and in 1836 was a trader at West Minot. He was a skeptic on religious affairs, but in 1838, under the preaching of Rev. George Ricker, he was converted and received into the Baptist church. His mind was at once filled with religious zeal and an irresistible desire to become a preacher. His conversion occurred March 20, 1838 and on the first Sabbath of July following he delivered his first sermon. Finding he was not in full accord with some of the articles of faith of the Baptists, he withdrew from that church and united with the Free Baptist church at Lewiston. He was licensed to preach in 1838, ordained to the ministry in June of the following year and commenced pastoral labors the next month with the church at East Buckfield, where he remained over two years, during which he baptized forty-two persons in Buckfield and many more in other towns and saw his labors rewarded with a wonderful religious interest. In January, 1842, he settled at Falmouth, preaching there two years and baptizing forty-four persons. From the date of his retirement from that town until 1871 he was constantly engaged in pulpit work, with long pastorates successively in Harpswell, Brunswick, Phippsburg, Bath, Bowdoinham and Richmond Corner. In 1871 he purchased a farm in Buckfield to which he removed his family and upon



Rev. Levi Hersey



which he resided until his death, which occurred March 12, 1885. Thus, after his long and faithful service in the church he returned to pass life's evening among the scenes of his first religious labors, for which he always cherished a fond attachment. During all the years of his absence he had never failed of an annual visit to the brethren at East Buckfield, invariably preaching to them the last Sabbath in September. This appointment came about informally and without public notice, and came to be understood as a matter of course. These annual visits, covering an unbroken period of more than forty years were always pleasantly anticipated by the whole community and made occasions of deep interest in the church. The Elder was never sent home empty-handed but with bountiful supplies from the fruits of the farm to replenish his larder. After his final return to Buckfield he preached for this church three years and during the succeeding five years, or until the infirmities of age prevented further public service, he preached occasional sermons for the various churches in his vicinity and officiated at funerals far and near. During the first fifteen years of his pastoral work he attended forty-eight protracted meetings and he estimated that during his whole ministry he had baptized three hundred persons and attended six hundred funerals. Elder Hersey was a man of sterling character, strong convictions and a fearless champion of right. Though lacking early opportunities for a liberal education, he possessed a wonderful fund of native ability, and his sermons were characterized with an originality and earnestness which reflected the sincerity of his motives and zeal for the cause he advocated and made him one of the most successful revivalists of his day.

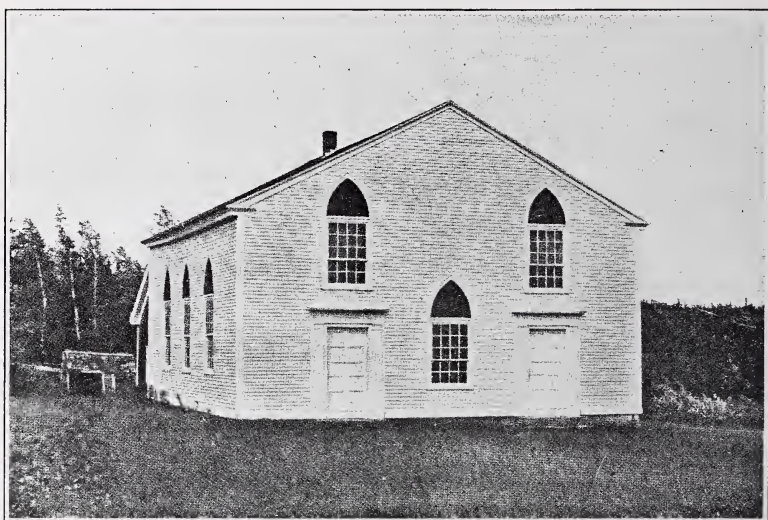
#### FEDERAL MEETING-HOUSE.

East Buckfield, as outlined by the old Federal school district limits, embraced nearly all the town easterly from the village district. With no stores or mechanical shops, it has always been a neighborhood of prosperous farmers, who have contributed largely to the agricultural wealth of the town. Its historic center is Federal Corner, which, with its church, schoolhouse and Good Templars hall, has been a place second only to the village in social interest. It not only embraces all the east part of Buck-



field, but also includes a part of Hartford within the circle of its associations. How the name "Federal" came to be applied to this locality is related elsewhere.

Federal Meeting-house has occupied a place in the history of East Buckfield similar to that of Union Chapel in the village, having been the center of the social and religious interests of a large community for about three-quarters of a century. It was erected as a union house in 1834 by an association, called the Free Meeting-house Society, with which the most prominent citi-



Federal Meeting-House

zens of East Buckfield and South Hartford were associated. A building lot, containing three-fourths of an acre, was purchased by the society of Alvah Gammon at Federal Corner for thirty dollars and the building contract was let to James B. DeCoster for the sum of one thousand dollars. As with Union Chapel the price of its pews was paid in neat stock, which in turn was received by the contractor for his services. The house was of plain, simple architecture, common with country churches of that day and patterned largely after Union Chapel but without a steeple and less spacious than that building. The fencing of the

lot was put up at auction and struck off to Thomas Chase at "eighty-six cents for every sixteen feet." The house was dedicated March 25, 1835, with small attendance caused by the large amount of snow and hard travelling.

A large number of the proprietors of the house were Free Baptists and the members of this denomination have always been its principal occupants and makers of its history; but several of its pew-owners were Universalists to whom one Sabbath in each month was allotted in the original assignment of time, and who held public services in the house for many years. This allotment, however, did not prove harmonious, and denominational contentions arose, several of the pew holders being adverse to its occupancy by Universalists. In this contention, Dr. William Bridgham of the village, never lukewarm in controversial affairs, took a deep interest, becoming a purchaser of pews in order to sustain his Universalist brethren, and the original apportionment, with slight modifications, was preserved. But these sectarian influences passed away in time, and under the broader toleration of a later generation, public services by all denominations have received cordial and united welcome in the community. This house has been repaired from time to time through assessments on pews and subscriptions, but at several times it has fallen into sad neglect, becoming a few years ago unsafe for occupancy, and religious meetings were held in the nearby Good Templars' hall. But in 1903 Virgil P. DeCoster secured contributions of sufficient amount for the restoration of this old landmark of East Buckfield. Dedicatory services were held with a sermon by Rev. George N. Bicknell, D.D., of Cambridge, Mass., and speeches by Hon. John D. Long and many others.

Many interesting associations of the easterly part of the town cluster about this old meeting-house, as the home of the Free Baptists and an abiding place of Universalists. Many stirring religious revivals, largely attended quarterly meetings and other interesting public gatherings have occurred within its walls, which have been far-reaching in communistic influences.

An occasion that lingers vividly in the minds of the older people occurred in the church March 22, 1850, in the public observance of the one hundredth birthday of Jonathan Record, one of the earliest settlers of Buckfield and a Revolutionary soldier. He was then hale and hearty with nearly five years of life be-

fore him. The house was filled to overflowing and a large choir was present with appropriate selections which sang:

"I take my staff and journey on,  
Till I the better land may view."

And again the old familiar lines in minor strains:

"My three score years," etc., substituting the word five for three and rendering it:

"My five score years are almost run  
And like an evening gone."

The occasional sermon was delivered by Rev. Adam Wilson, then of Hebron. The old-time choir of the church is of pleasant remembrance. Composed of a large number of good singers and led by Isaac Shaw, it furnished music on all public occasions and was somewhat famous in its day. Mr. Shaw was a tenor singer with a voice of remarkable compass. Whenever there were plenty of other tenors present he would sing "high alto" with bell-like clearness, his inspiring notes ringing through the house to the great edification of the congregation. Another prominent feature of the old choir was its violoncello, skillfully played by Lewis Mason.

#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Only occasional preaching by Methodists was heard in Buckfield previous to 1878, and the first movement in the interests of this church here was made by Holman W. Waldron, who in former years, while sojourning in California, had been converted to the Methodist faith. Zealous for the church with which he had united and anxious for local associations with it, he attended the Maine Conference in April, 1878, and made known to that body his desires that a preacher might be sent to his town, which was an untried field of labor with the society. His appeal was favorably considered and during that year W. H. Trafton, a local preacher, under the direction of Rev. C. C. Mason, Presiding Elder, came to Buckfield and preached in Reform Hall, over the Ephraim Atwood store. He found only six persons in town of his denominational faith, but a small class was formed, of which he was the leader, and the meetings were well attended.

This class was organized into a church in Reform Hall by Presiding Elder Mason, Jan. 10, 1879, with eight members as follows: Holman W. Waldron, Stephen Childs, William B. Parsons and their wives, Miss Elizabeth Waldron and Mrs. Bethiah Davis. Stephen Childs was chosen class leader.

At the annual Maine Conference in April, 1879, it was decided, on account of the smallness of the churches in Buckfield and Turner, to unite the two in one charge and Rev. Samuel T. Record was appointed pastor of both churches. Mr. Record had been a farmer and worker in shops and took up preaching late in life. His educational advantages had been limited, and he had received no preparation for the ministry; but he had great enthusiasm and much native ability which attracted a good attendance at his meetings and created considerable public interest in the affairs of his church. His increasing congregations and the liberal patronage bestowed upon the church suggested the propriety of building a house of worship and through his efforts and the substantial aid from Mr. Waldron and others, this enterprise was carried into effect in the spring of 1881, by the erection of the present Methodist Church edifice. It was dedicated free from debt June 29, 1881, Rev. H. W. Bolton of Boston preaching the dedicatory sermon. Mr. Record remained pastor of the church three years and left it in a prosperous condition.

Rev. N. C. Clifford was next sent to this charge and remained one year. He was a man of excellent character, but somewhat advanced in years and in poor health. He resided on a farm in Monmouth and with his home cares and pulpit supplies so far from his place of residence, he could render but slight pastoral associations to the people of Buckfield aside from his brief Sabbath services, public interest consequently suffered a decline, which, with the loss of several prominent members of the church through removal from the State, left the affairs of the society at the end of the year in a discouraging condition. Nor was the situation improved, but rather farther depressed by the action of the annual Conference in 1883, which severed the existing pastoral union between Buckfield and Turner and united the latter with North Auburn in one charge, leaving the Buckfield church alone in its weakness and without provisions for a pastor. Its local revenues were slight and its anticipated recognition as a charge was not realized. This depressing state of affairs con-



tinued three years without a regular pastor and with only occasional preaching. The members of the church became greatly discouraged, some of whom took letters and united with other religious organizations.

At the annual conference in May, 1886, it was decided to reunite the churches in Buckfield and Turner in a charge. This union continued until 1890, when the two churches were again separated. The Conference, failing to supply a pastor for Buckfield, a local preacher was provided through subscription. In 1891 the union with Turner was restored, which continued until 1894, when the Buckfield church was made a charge by itself, since which time it has continued an independent church.

In 1895 a convenient annex to the church building for vestry purposes and social gatherings was erected and partially finished through the instrumentality of the pastor, F. W. Sadler, which was completed the following year by his successor, Rev. R. A. Rich, the greater part of its work being performed by these two clergymen.

In 1897 the society received, through a bequest of Mrs. Eliza J. Mitchell, a devoted member of the church and a resident of the village, her late residence on Elm street, conditioned on its use as a parsonage.

This church society has never been financially or numerically strong, but it has always had a few faithful workers and supporters; and, with the exception of its three pastorless years, before mentioned, it has sustained regular preaching by supplies or resident pastors and maintained Sabbath schools and other church meetings customary with the denomination. Public Sabbath services have generally been held in the afternoon and its pastors have usually conducted services in the forenoon at East Buckfield. Its church edifice is located near the village center and has always been a favorite place of public meeting on Memorial days and other patriotic occasions.

The pastors have been as follows:

Year.	Names.
1879, (With Turner)	S. T. Record.
1880,	S. T. Record.
1881,	S. T. Record.
1882,	N. C. Clifford.
1883, By itself,	No supply.
1884,	No supply.
1885,	No supply.



1886, (With Turner)	J. P. Roberts.
1887,	E. K. Mabery.
1888,	E. K. Mabery.
1889,	E. K. Mabery.
1890, By itself,	F. W. Snell.
1891, (With Turner)	A. D. Graffam.
1892,	Henry Crockett.
1893,	Henry Crockett.
1894, By itself,	G. B. Hannaford, Sup.
1895,	F. W. Sadler
1896,	R. A. Rich
1897,	R. A. Rich
1898,	G. B. Hannaford
1899,	E. L. Hooper
1900,	Henry C. Munson
1901,	H. C. Munson
1902,	H. C. Munson
1903,	John C. Prince
1904,	John C. Prince

## CHAPTER XX.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

## SAMUEL ANDREWS.

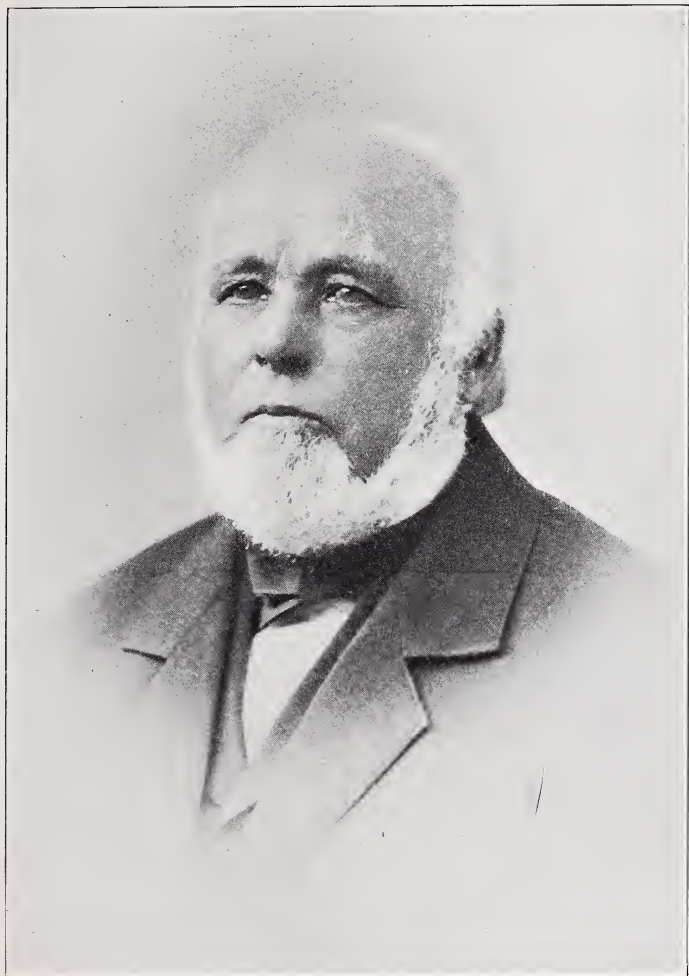
Samuel Andrews was born in Berkley in the old Commonwealth before 1760. He married in June, 1779, Hannah Smith of Taunton, an aunt of Seba Smith, the author. They moved into Turner, then called Sylvester Canada, about 1780. He was the first trader there and kept his goods in his house. They were brought from Portland on horseback in saddle bags. He became one of the leading citizens of the town. He possessed an inventive turn of mind and when the great freshet of 1785 or 1786 swept away the mills on the river, he made a stone mortar to grind corn in—the motive power being furnished by wind.

In 1790 he was elected as a member of the board of selectmen and was re-elected three times. The following year, 1795, he moved into Buckfield and bought of his brother, Mark, his place near the residence of Capt. Josiah Parris. According to the journal of Rev. Paul Coffin, Samuel Andrews was in trade here with his brother. In 1796 he was elected one of the board of selectmen and was three times re-elected, the last year serving as chairman of the board. In 1798 he was elected representative to the General Court—Buckfield's first representative in any legislative body.

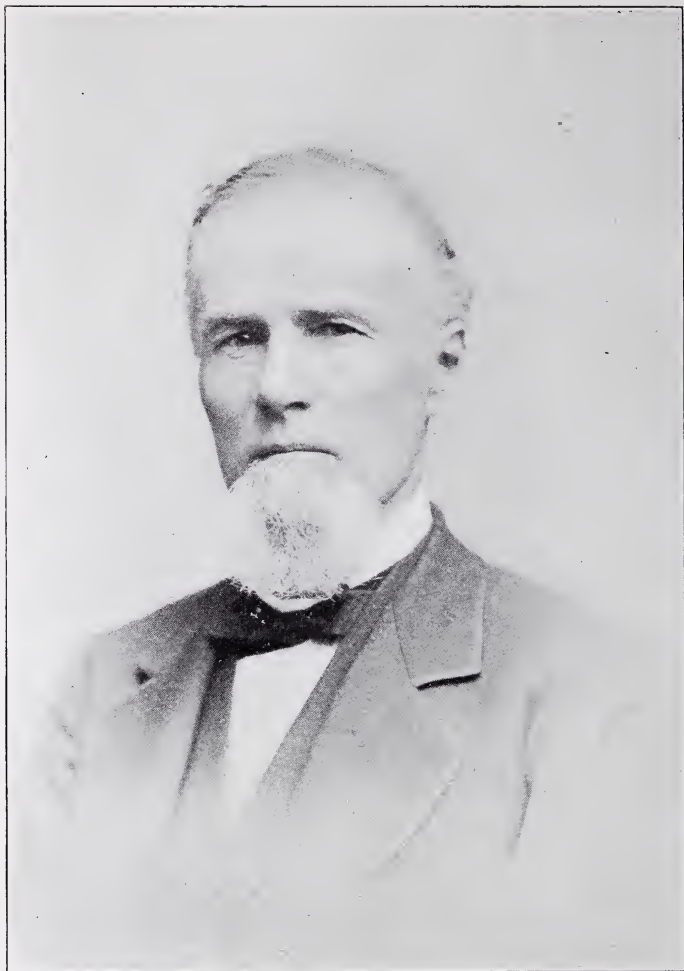
In 1799 he moved to Bridgton where he passed the remainder of his life. Largely through his efforts, North Bridgton Academy was founded.

## EPHRAIM ATWOOD.

Ephraim Atwood was justly regarded in his day as one of the most substantial and upright of the business men of Buckfield. He was born in Livermore, Oct. 2, 1808. At the age of 18 he came to Buckfield and entered the store of his brother, Nathan Atwood, as clerk and served an apprenticeship of several years. In 1830 he made a journey to Calais, Me., to visit his oldest brother, William B. Atwood. Returning to Buckfield he soon after formed a partnership with Nathan Morrill and purchased the store and goods of Nathan Atwood. In partnership



Ephraim Atwood



William H. Atwood

with others or alone he traded so long in the store located on the corner formed by the Hebron road with the street running over the bridge, that it came to be known as the Ephraim Atwood store. About 1844 with his brother, Lorenzo Atwood and Levi Cushman, the business of making starch from potatoes was started and factories were built at Buckfield and Sumner and these did a good business for several years. He was afterwards engaged with others in the wholesale flour business and in the manufacture of shovel handles.

Mr. Atwood was one of the chief promoters of the Buckfield Branch Railroad and lost the principal part of the fortune he had then made by the failure of the Smith enterprises. This was a severe blow but he did not sink under it. He kept on in trade and literally died in the harness.

Ephraim Atwood's integrity was never questioned. His sound sense and excellent judgment were proverbial. In 1833 he was chosen town clerk and the next year was re-elected. In 1852 he represented the Buckfield district in the Legislature and was among those "Morrill Democrats" by whose votes William Pitt Fessenden was elected United States Senator in Congress. On the break-up of parties in 1854 he joined in forming the republican party as did all of the name in Buckfield and firmly held to th's faith through life.

Mr. Atwood was twice married. His first wife was Eliza Ann Morrill, a sister of Nathan Morrill. She was born May 23, 1808 and died Jan. 29, 1850. He married second, Adaline Whiting. She was born Jan. 30, 1824 and died May 4, 1872.

#### DEA. WILLIAM H. ATWOOD.

William H. Atwood was born in Calais, Maine, December 25, 1826. Died in Buckfield, Maine, December 12, 1900. He was a son of William Boyden Atwood, and grandson of Capt. Samuel Atwood of Livermore, Maine.

Inclining to mercantile pursuits, after finishing his education in the Calais High School, he came to Buckfield, August 4, 1847, at the solicitation of an uncle, the late Ephraim Atwood, and became a clerk in the store of E. Atwood & Co. The following year, 1848, he was admitted as a partner in this firm. In the spring of 1853, seeing an opportunity to go into business for himself, he removed to North Turner, where he was in trade three



years in the brick store still standing in that village. Returning to Buckfield in 1856 he went into business taking as a partner the late Laurin A. Bumpus (father of Dr. Hermon Bumpus, until recently Director of the American Museum of Natural History and now President of Tufts College.) Later, forming a partnership with his cousin, Benjamin Spaulding, the firm of Atwood, Spaulding & Co., of which he was the senior partner, built up the largest store and business in the place and at the time of its erection the first Department Store in Oxford County.

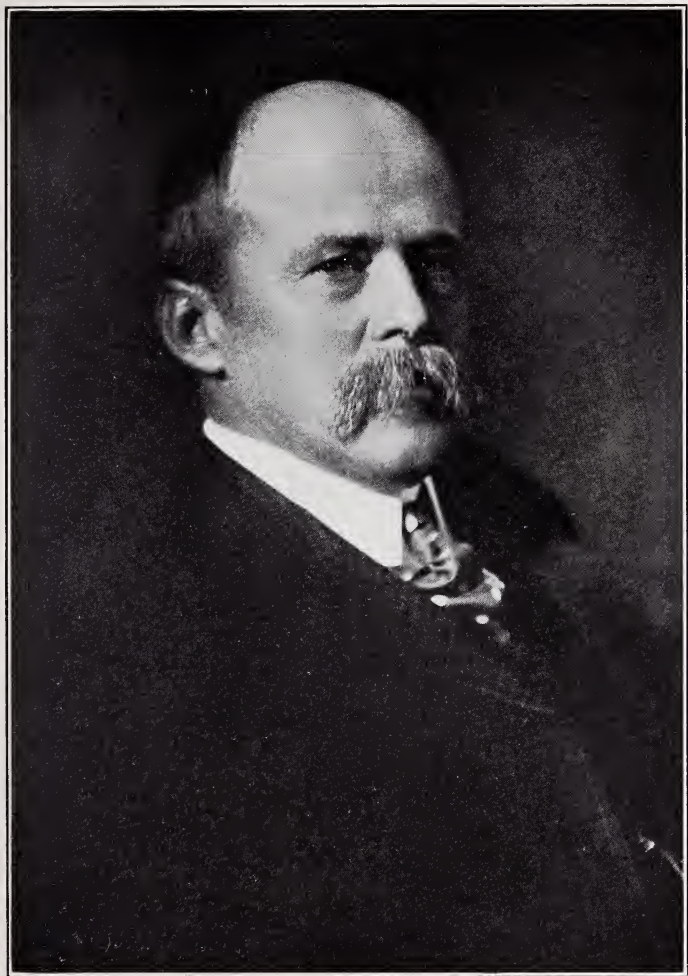
Mr. Atwood met with more than average success in mercantile enterprises and sustained a valued reputation as a sound and conservative business man.

Early in life he identified himself with the Baptist denomination and was an acknowledged leader in its councils. In 1881 he was made a trustee in Hebron Academy, serving until his death. He was a member of the building committee in charge of the erection of Sturtevant Hall and the present Atwood Hall at Hebron was made a memorial to him.

Mr. Atwood married Helen M., daughter of the late Nathan and Ruth (Rogers) Atwood, September 10, 1849. The product of this marriage was five children: Edna A., born April 16, 1851, who married George H. Watkins, of Paris, then editor of the Oxford Democrat and died Nov. 23, 1886; Kimball C., born Jan. 3, 1853, president of a leading New York insurance company and a very successful business man; Albion S., born May 3, 1858, died in infancy; George M., born Oct. 6, 1860, now treasurer of South Paris Savings Bank and for twenty-six years treasurer of the County of Oxford and Evelyn P., born Sept. 30, 1864 and died in infancy. The mother died June 8, 1865. In 1867 Mr. Atwood married Janette Loring, only daughter of the late Major Lucius Loring, who survived him by several years. Her death occurred at Buckfield, Jan. 6, 1903. There were no children by the second marriage. In the death of William H. Atwood, Buckfield lost one of its best citizens. For more than fifty years he was an active and useful member of the community, identified with all its best interests and faithful to every trust.

#### KIMBALL C. ATWOOD.

Probably no native son of Buckfield has had a more successful business career and acquired a more substantial fortune than Kimball C. Atwood. His parents were Dea. William H. and



Kimball C. Atwood



George M. Atwood

Helen M. Atwood, and he was born in Buckfield, January 3, 1853. His education was obtained in the village schools and at Hebron Academy. During vacations he was clerk in his father's store. As a boy he was passionately fond of hunting and fishing and also of riding and driving. These tastes have clung to him in later life and he is to-day as enthusiastic in any outdoor sport and pastime as when a boy.

At the age of nineteen he left home for New York with the passive acquiescence of if not with much encouragement from his father. He could see nothing ahead in his native town to strive for but he did have hope of a future in a larger field where his faculties and energies would have a full opportunity for development. He had about him, however, something which but few realized or understood and this was the determination to accomplish, no matter what the obstacles might be, whatever he set about acquiring or attaining. And this characteristic, his pluck and sticktoitiveness, has been the great secret of his success. He had chosen his field of labor wisely—there is very much in that—and after putting his hands to the plow so to speak, he has never turned to look back or change his purpose. This is an example for young men worth more than money or influence, though these are not to be slighted if taken at their real merit and value.

Mr. Atwood on getting settled in New York City found employment in an old established dry goods commission house where he remained several years. He then changed to another firm in the same line of business for a shorter period when he accepted the position of cashier in the office of the United States Mutual Accident Association and for some time after was actively interested in building up that institution. In 1885 he organized the Preferred Accident Association which in 1893 was reincorporated as a stock company. How well this company succeeded is shown by the fact that it is the largest in the world, doing exclusively a personal accident business. From being founder of the company he has been secretary and general manager and is now president and the largest stockholder. Its splendid standing to-day is chiefly his work and to him more than any one living or dead is due the present methods of conducting accident insurance business. He originated the preferred and combination policies and he has probably done more to popularize accident insurance than all others.



In 1895 Mr. Atwood purchased a tract of land in Southern Florida, which he cleared up and planted to various fruits, chief among them being the pomelo or grapefruit as it is popularly called. His pomelo grove is one of the finest in the world. Here he spends several months of the winter season.

At Northland, his beautiful country seat near New York City, Mr. Atwood has a 200-acre farm, where fine blooded horses are bred. He is also extensively interested in shipping and is the principal owner of several vessels plying between New York and foreign ports. Mr. Atwood is a member of numerous clubs and has a fine faculty of making and retaining friends. He is estimable in all his social relations and in every instinct of his nature a gentleman.

Mr. Atwood married July 11, 1881, Miss Carrie B. Hutchings of Portland, Me., and they have had two children, Helen Mary, born in New York City, May 24, 1882, died Sept. 19, 1893; Kimball C., Jr., born Clifton, New Jersey, Nov. 10, 1892, now (1915) a student in Columbia College.

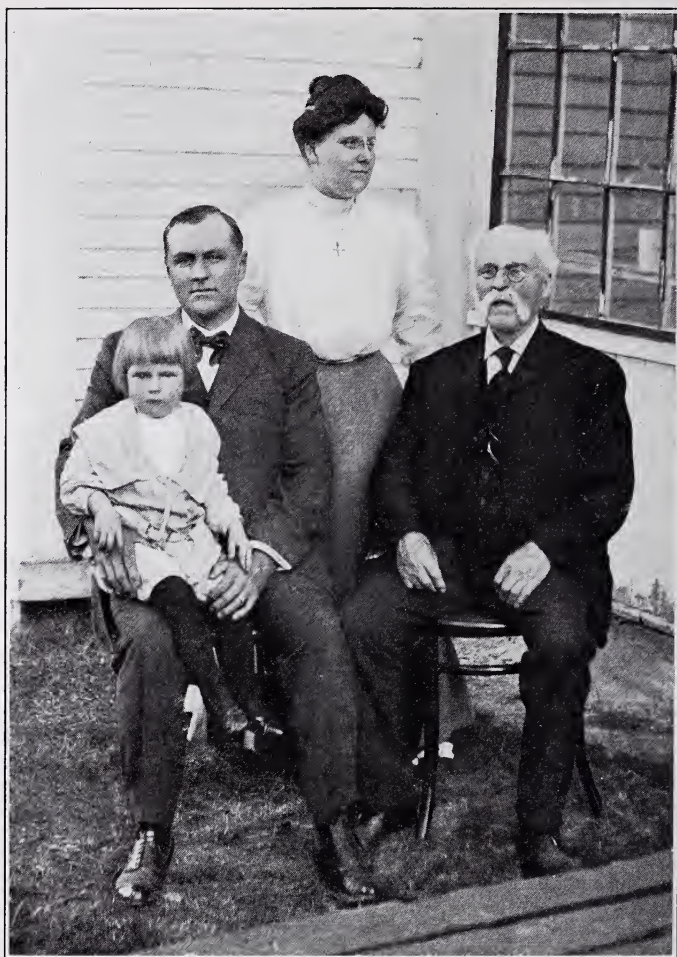
#### GEORGE M. ATWOOD.

George M. Atwood was born in Buckfield, Oct. 6, 1860. Son of William H. and Helen M. Atwood. Educated at Hebron Academy and Columbia College Law School. Married Anna, daughter of Hon. Elbridge G. Harlow, of Dixfield, Me., April 5, 1886—a lady of rare accomplishments and business ability. Member of firm of Atwood & Forbes, publishers of The Oxford Democrat since 1885. Admitted to the Oxford Bar in October, 1885. County Treasurer of Oxford County from 1889 to 1915. Treasurer of South Paris Savings Bank since 1900. One of the promoters and director of Paris Trust Company since its organization in 1908. Trustee of Hebron Academy and vice-president and director of the Atwood Grape Fruit Company of New York. Mr. Atwood built the first telephone line into Buckfield in 1894 connecting with long distance lines of the New England Tel. & Tel. Co., at Norway. The line was used through to Boston for the first time on July 2, 1894. Has two sons: William Elbridge Atwood, a graduate of Bowdoin College in 1910 and now Treasurer of Hebron Academy and Raymond Loring Atwood, a graduate of Hebron in 1914 and entering col-





Charles B. Atwood and Wife



Four Generations of Charles B. Atwood's Family  
Chas. B. Atwood, 82; Fred H. Atwood, 46; Helen Atwood Lyon, 24;  
Fred Atwood Lyon, 3

lege in 1915. William Elbridge Atwood (son of the above) married Viola M. Dixon of Portland and has one son, William Elbridge Atwood, Jr., born June 18, 1914.

CHARLES B. ATWOOD.

Charles B. Atwood, son of Nathan and Ruth H. Rogers Atwood was born in Buckfield, April 9, 1825. The story of his life reads like a romance. In his 12th year he went to sea as a cabin boy on board of a whaling vessel which was wrecked on the Chilian coast of South America in December, 1838. Fortunately young Atwood escaped with his life and was taken on board of another ship bound for Fall River, Mass. This vessel was also shipwrecked near Montauk Point, Long Island, with the loss of nearly all the souls on board. Atwood was one of the persons saved and reached home in the summer of 1839. Strange as it may seem after being twice shipwrecked on his first voyage at sea, this experience did not cure him of a sea-faring life. In 1841 he shipped again as a harpooner on a whaling vessel of New Bedford, Mass., under Captain Horton in the Atlantic and Indian oceans. He was gone 20 months but soon returned to the sea and made several voyages into different parts of the globe—one of which was into the African Congo region. His last voyage was made with Captain Horton to Cuba as second mate. Returning home to Buckfield, he engaged in business with his uncle, Ephraim Atwood. In 1851 he went to the gold fields of California but did not remain there long. For two years during the Civil War he was in trade in Chicago and afterwards for several years in Portland, Me., but in 1884 he resumed business at Buckfield Village which he continued with his youngest son, Edwin F. Atwood, born in 1866, as partner up to about the time of his death. Mr. Atwood married Aug. 20, 1867, Miss Emily D., daughter of Joshua Irish, Esq. She was born in Buckfield, June 27, 1827. They had several children who died young. A daughter, Sarah E., married John E. Moore, station agent at Buckfield. She has deceased. Mr. Atwood made a success of his business life and left a handsome competence as the fruits of his career. He was a man of sterling worth and high character and was a useful citizen in the community in which he lived. He died Oct. 6, 1907.

FRED H. ATWOOD.

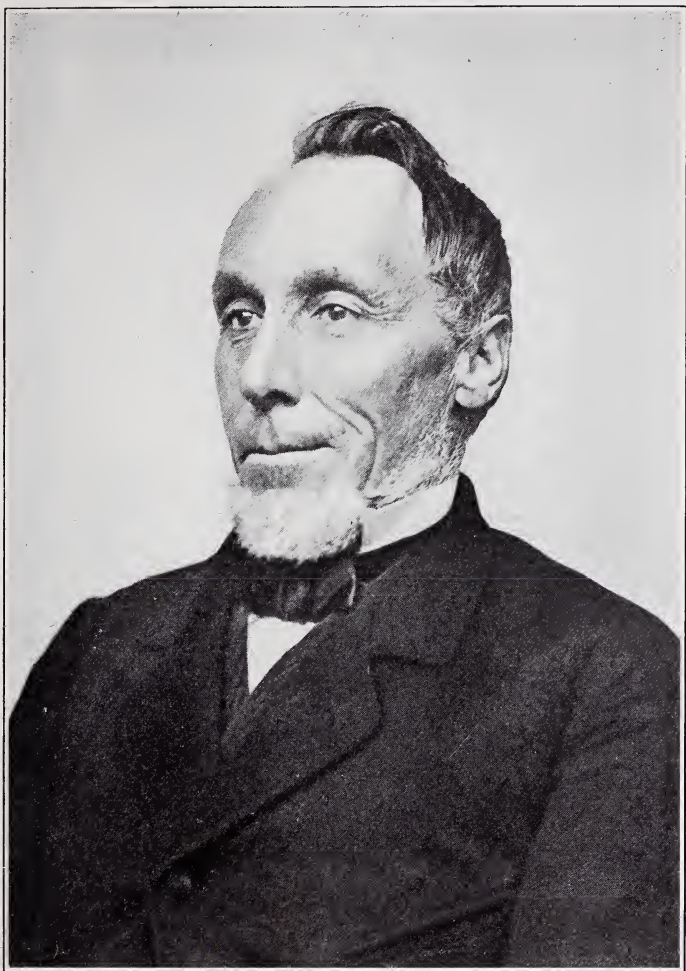
Fred H. Atwood, the only other child of Charles B. Atwood, who lived to grow up, was born in Buckfield, July 25, 1861. His education was acquired in the public schools of Buckfield, Portland and Auburn and Smith's Business College of Lewiston. His business career commenced as messenger of the American Express Company on the P. & O. R. R. from Portland to Fabyans, N. H. After five years with the Express Company he returned to Buckfield and engaged in trade with his father till 1895 when he moved to Rumford Falls and started in the retail grocery business. Three years after he was appointed post-master there which position he has held by successive re-appointment. In politics he is a republican and a Universalist in religion. He married Aug. 12, 1882, Margaret, daughter of Elijah and Lucy A. Turner of Sumner and has three children, (1) Helen F., born in Portland, Dec. 11, 1883, married Newman C. Lyon. He died at Rumford Falls, April, 1905. They had one child, Fred Atwood Lyon, born Aug. 2, 1904; (2) Lucy E., born December, 1885 and (3) Charles R., born October, 1891.

HERMON C. BUMPUS, PH.D., LL.D.

Hermon Carey Bumpus is a descendant of Edward Bumpus who came in the Fortune with the second detachment of the Pilgrims. He was born in Buckfield, May 5, 1862. His parents were Laurin A. and Abbie A. (Eaton) Bumpus. His great-grandfather, William Bumpus, served in the Massachusetts Line in the Revolutionary War. He married Hannah Barrows at Plympton, Mass., Feb. 10, 1780 and died in Hebron, Me., Jan. 7, 1813. She survived him 33 years. Dea. Alden Bumpus, their third child, was born in Hebron, June 9, 1786. He married Polly, oldest daughter of Samuel Crafts, a soldier in the War for Independence from Bridgewater, Mass., and his wife, Anna Packard. They were the parents of Laurin A. Bumpus.

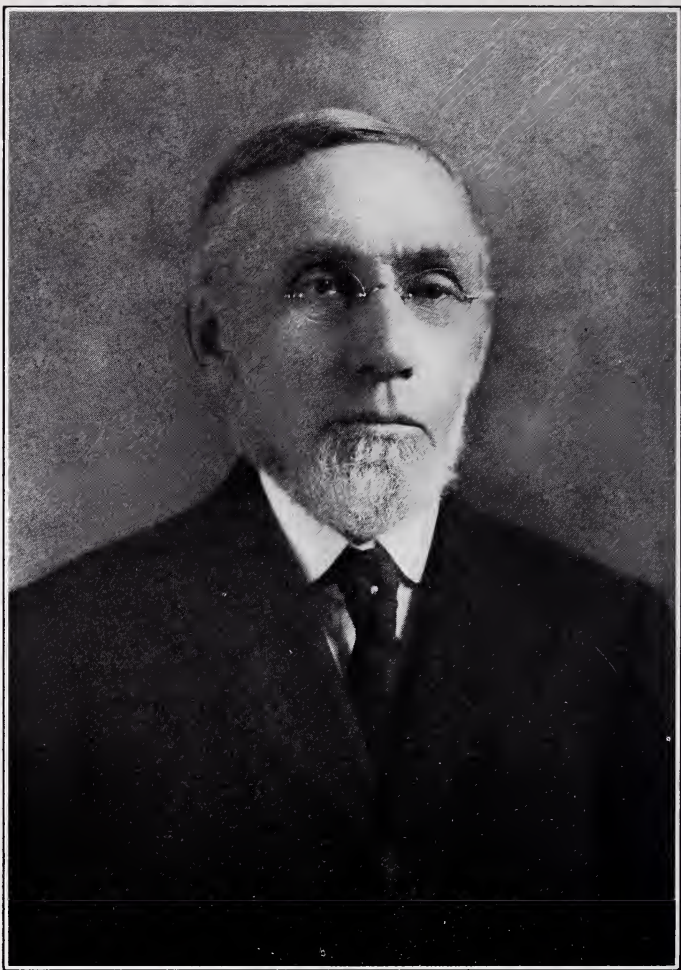
The subject of this sketch attended the school at Hebron Academy and later took courses at higher institutions of learning and his subsequent life has been devoted to educational and literary attainments and pursuits. He received his degree of Ph.B., at Brown University in 1884, his Ph.D., at Clark Uni-





Thomas Chase





Roscoe G. Chase

versity in 1891, Sc. D., at Tufts College in 1905 and LL. D., at Clark, 1909; member faculty of pure sciences at Columbia since 1905; member board Mass. Biol. Lab.; Brooklyn Institute Arts and Sciences since 1902; Fellow A. A. A. S., New York Academy of Sciences, etc., etc., etc.; author of various works on biological subjects and Natural Science. He is now President of Tufts College. In December, 1886, he married Miss L. Ellen Nightingale of Dorchester, Mass.

#### HON. THOMAS CHASE.

Thomas Chase, son of Rev. Nathaniel and Jemima (Haskell) Chase was born in Buckfield, June 5, 1808. As a young man he showed great interest in acquiring an education and early espoused the cause of temperance and moral reform. He became one of the noted teachers of this section of the state. He married Miss Esther M. Daggett and raised a large family of children, all worthy of their excellent ancestry. Mr. Chase was selected by his parents to care for them in their old age and have the old homestead. This duty he and his good wife faithfully performed.

On the break up of parties in the fifties, Mr. Chase assisted in the formation of the republican party and became one of its principal leaders. He was its first representative in the Legislature from Buckfield. This was in 1855. He was elected several times as one of the board of selectmen, officiating as chairman in 1861 and to other town offices. Mr. Chase was elected State Senator in 1865 and died while a member of that body, March 13, 1866. His death was deeply lamented by all who knew him.

#### ROSCOE G. CHASE.

Roscoe G. Chase, the oldest son and second child of Hon. Thomas and Esther M. (Daggett) Chase, was born in Buckfield, Nov. 3, 1837. On the breaking out of the Civil War he enlisted in Co. K, 13th Regiment, Maine Volunteers.

This organization was in Gen. Benj. F. Butler's Expedition which went to Louisiana. The 13th Maine participated in the capture of the forts on the Mississippi river below New Orleans, but Commodore D. G. Farragut had run his warships past them

and took the city. Mr. Chase contracted disease in that hot climate and was discharged for disability.

In November, 1865, he married Miss Ellen E. Gerrish of Sumner. They had a daughter, Lila G., born in Buckfield, April 3, 1867, who died May 2, 1871. The family had moved to Auburn but after a stay there of about three years Mr. Chase settled in Geneva, New York, where he has since resided. His son, Orville Gerrish, was born there, May 26, 1873. He married Miss Helen Stothoff and they had three children. He died July, 1914. Mr. Chase on going to Geneva engaged in the nursery business, which under his supervision as the principal member of the firm or company has become one of the largest and most reliable dealers in the country of nursery stock.

#### CHARLES CHASE.

Charles Chase, the second son and fourth child of Hon. Thomas and Esther M. (Daggett) Chase was born in Buckfield, July 18, 1841. On attaining his majority the War of the Rebellion having broken out he enlisted August 4, 1862, in Co. D, 23d Regiment, Massachusetts Infantry Volunteers and was killed at Cold Harbor, Va. Charles Chase, as a young man and a soldier, as might be expected from his training and ancestry was one of the most upright and promising of youths. No better training could any boy receive and what ancestry is more to be prized than Pilgrim and Puritan stock and sires who fought to establish English rule in America and the Independence of this Land of Liberty? The love of home and country is one of the highest and best characteristics of human nature. This noble and manly youth risked all and made the greatest sacrifice possible—gave his life that our country and its free institutions might endure. He and others like him who fell in that great conflict, did not die in vain. The Union was preserved and slavery abolished through their valor and sacrifice of their precious lives.

Our country to-day for what they did is the first, the freest and the best upon the earth, and will soon be the greatest and most powerful. A grateful people will never forget what the Northern Soldiers did and will keep their memory green through all time and annually decorate their graves with flowers and honor them as no others are honored.



Charles Chase





George H. Chase



The following lines were written by Mrs. Abbie Chase Holbrook. It was reported after the battle that her brother was among the missing. It was subsequently ascertained that he was killed:

## IN MEMORIAM

Here on fair slopes the warriors lie  
Beneath their shades of green;  
Earth clasps them close, the summer sky  
Doth o'er them brooding lean.  
These well beloved, these martyred dead,  
Who sleep each in his hard won bed.

But winds that stir the blossoms fair  
Above each war-scarred breast,  
May fan no love-wreathed garland where  
My soldier takes his rest.  
His far lost grave fore'er shall miss  
Love's tender touch and longing kiss.

No solemn dirge may reach the blue  
Of skies that arch his head;  
No tears the untrimmed turf bedew  
Above him rudely spread.  
There, only sound the wild bees' hum  
And songs of birds, that unscared, come

To perch and trill above his feet,  
And winds that shrilly sweep;  
And there, maybe, some wild flower sweet  
Will through the grasses creep,  
And softly lay its blushing face  
Against my soldier's burial place.

For some, the pageantry of grief,  
The pomp of funeral trains;  
For him, but rustling grass and leaf  
With nature's careless strains,  
While Love, that sought his place of rest,  
Turns, grieving, from its hopeless quest.

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Nay, heart, where'er came death's surprise,  
He needs not dirge nor prayer;  
As sweet his sleep 'neath alien skies  
As though his own bent there.  
What matters to the pulseless clay,  
The tribute that the living pay?

But take the lessons of his deeds  
Nor drown it in your tears;  
Nor fame, nor years, the true heart needs  
That God's great summons hears.  
High purpose in achievement wrought,  
Then his white soul to heaven upcaught.

So haloed, stands this brave young life  
Against war's background dread,  
Who gave his bosom to the strife  
Nor spared its tide of red.  
Had longest years brought sweeter death,  
More glorious hours for his last breath!

#### GEORGE H. CHASE

George H. Chase, son of Hon. Thomas and Esther M. (Daggett) Chase, was born in Buckfield on the old Chase homestead, the settling lot of his grandfather, May 5, 1844. He married, Sept. 24, 1865, Miss Miranda M. Morton of South Paris. Three sons were born to them: Charles H., born at South Paris, Feb. 17, 1868, married June, 1891, Miss Alzada Chisholm of Malden, Mass., and they have one son born in 1892; George Morton Chase born at Auburn, Me., Dec. 18, 1873, married Nov. 2, 1898, Miss Anna McKeon of Malden, and they have one son, Richard, born in 1904; Harry Chase, the third son, born in Malden, March 6, 1879, died unmarried in September, 1892.

Mr. Chase after his marriage, spent two years in South Paris, then removed to Auburn and engaged in the nursery business with his brothers. In 1874 he settled in Malden, Mass., where he has since resided. His wife died there March 7, 1901 and in September, 1903, he married Mrs. Amelia Bradford Harding of Denver, Colorado. She died Sept. 8, 1913.

Mr. Chase has been one of the most energetic, enterprising and successful of business men. The firm of Geo. H. Chase & Co., of which he is the principal member, is connected with R. G. Chase & Co., of Geneva, N. Y., dealers in nursery stock.

#### HOWARD A. CHASE.

Howard A. Chase, son of Hon. Thomas and Esther M. (Daggett) Chase, was born in Buckfield, Oct. 15, 1846. He followed his oldest brother to Geneva, New York and went into the

nursery business with him. He married, Nov. 23, 1871, Miss Mary E. Gibbs of Geneva. They removed to Philadelphia, Pa., where they now reside. They have had five children: Howard G., born April 7, [REDACTED]; Mary Esther, born Feb. 4, [REDACTED]; Charles Thomas, born Oct. 27, [REDACTED]; Alice E., born [REDACTED] and Annie A., born [REDACTED]. The two first named were born in Geneva and the others in Philadelphia.

#### WILLIAM D. CHASE.

William D. Chase, son of Hon. Thomas and Esther M. (Daggett) Chase was born in Buckfield, Aug. 26, 1852. He married, Aug. 15, 1877, Miss Lizzie C. Withington of Lawrence, Mass. They have had one child, Ethel, born Augusta, Me., April 16, 1879. Mr. Chase is a man of literary ability and a writer of note for the press. He was one of the editors of Chase's Chronicle during the rise and fall of the greenback crusade. He settled in Auburn.

#### HOMER N. CHASE.

Homer N. Chase, the youngest son of Hon. Thomas and Esther M. (Daggett) Chase was born in Buckfield, Sept. 30, 1855. He settled in Auburn, Me., where he now resides. He married Miss Emma F., daughter of Col. Charles S. Emerson of the 29th Maine Regiment in the Civil War. They have two children: Emma F., who married Robert C. Chase of Chase, Alabama, and Thomas E. Chase, who resides in Auburn.

Mr. Chase early became interested in the nursery business with his brothers and has built up a large and successful trade in Maine under the firm name of Homer N. Chase & Co. Its supplies of stock are obtained from the nurseries of R. G. Chase & Co., at Geneva, New York.

#### HON. JOHN LEWIS CHILDS.

It is the dream of the human race to find in the higher life a place lovely and beautiful beyond description and far exceeding anything the imagination has pictured of the locality from which the fabled Adam and Eve were driven. But it has been the rare good fortune of only a very few to live in a locality in

any way approaching what we conceive the earthly paradise to have been. John Lewis Childs, however, is one of that number, and the floral paradise where he resides was the creation of his own genius.

His parents were Stephen and Lydia A. (Chandler) Childs of Turner, where the father was born in 1807. He was the grandson of Dr. Daniel Childs who settled there in early times and was the first physician to practice his profession in the neighboring plantation of Bucktown. The family of Stephen Childs moved to a farm in Jay where the son, John Lewis, was born May 13, 1856. In 1867 Stephen Childs removed to Buckfield which he made his home till his death in 1884. His wife survived him for a few years. They had raised a large family of children.

The subject of this sketch principally acquired his education in the village schools, but having from early boyhood developed a passionate taste for flowers, instead of taking a college course and entering one of the learned professions, he determined to devote his life to their cultivation, and to dealing in them as a business. How well he chose is seen in his present circumstances and surroundings. After he had fully determined what to do, with excellent judgment, he selected a tract on Long Island, that he might be near to the New York City market and he purchased it. The land then was little more than a dreary waste, but the young man from way "Down East" in Buckfield saw in it great possibilities and went to work to carry out his plans and make the place, as it is in fact to-day, a veritable Garden of Eden. As might be supposed, there were periods of discouragements and threatened failures but he persevered and finally wrought upon the soil, the reality of the picture he had formed in his mind. His "Floral Park" of 300 acres or more, as it is named, is now one of the beauty spots of earth.

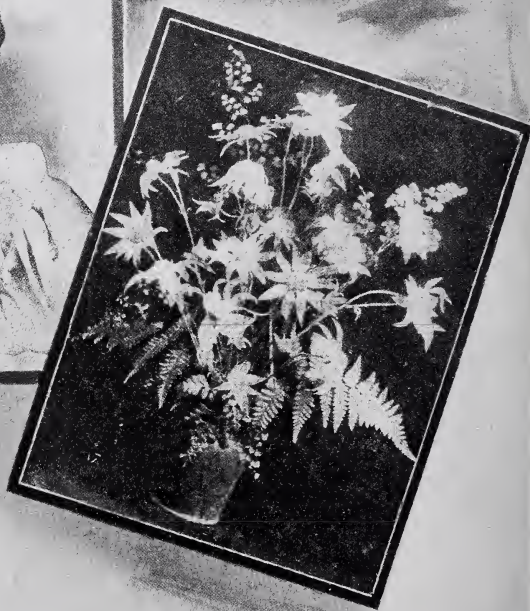
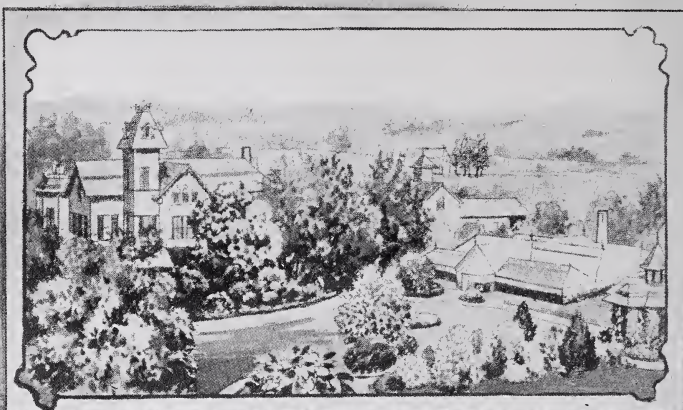
Around the home of Mr. Childs has grown up a village of handsome buildings, neat, pretty, homelike cottages with well kept streets lighted with electricity, church, school and hotel and a system of water works constructed by Mr. Childs, who has been the author and promoter of it all.

His private residence is in the center of a tract of ten acres dotted with beds of rare cacti, choice shrubbery and magnificent displays of all conceivable designs artistically formed with



John Lewis Childs





Floral Park

foliage plants. The loveliness of the plots of flowers of every kind and color is surpassing description and must be seen to be appreciated. The business has grown to immense proportions. He employs an army of laborers and runs his own printing plant where hundreds of thousands of advertising circulars and labels for flower and garden seeds are printed and a magazine called the Mayflower is published.

The products of this tract with another of 900 acres named Flowerfield and the many acres of greenhouses under glass are sent to nearly every important country on earth—there being especially a large trade with Australia and New Zealand. Individual customers number over half a million yearly. Thousands of letters are received and sent out per day and it requires many stenographers and typewriters to attend to the correspondence, while some fifty or more young ladies are constantly booking and filling orders and a small army of boys and girls are needed to pack and prepare the seeds for shipment. Financially, Mr. Childs has succeeded far beyond the wildest fancies and desires of his boyhood. Twenty-five years ago he was said to have accumulated a fortune of \$1,500,000.

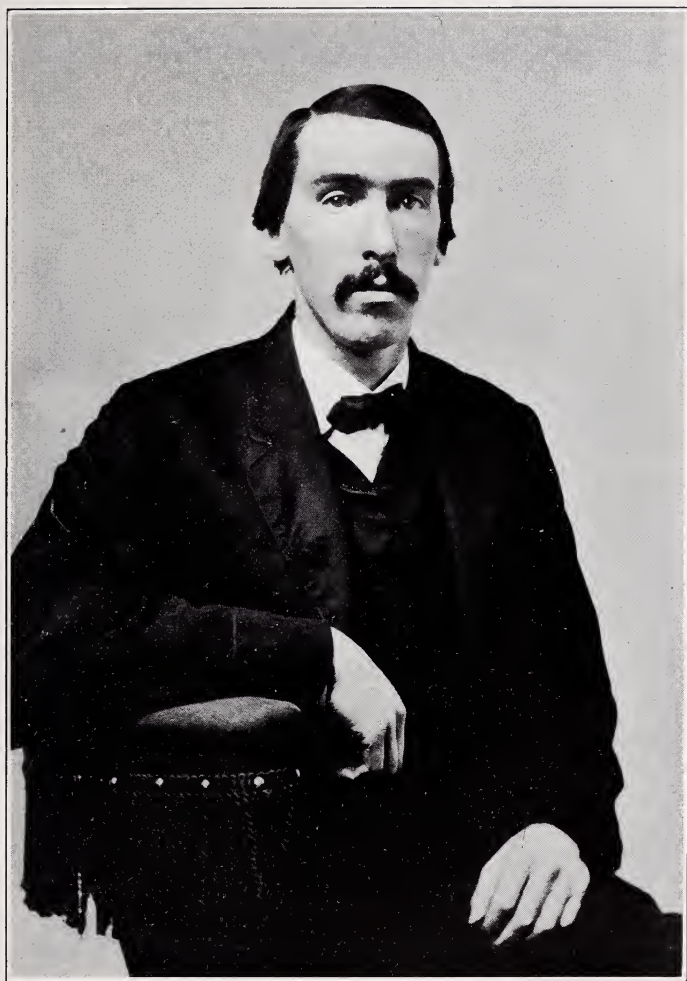
Mr. Childs has been prominent in the politics of his adopted state and has always favored the interests of the people against corrupt boss rule. From being chairman of the republican county committee, he was chosen a member of the state committee and was twice elected to the senate of the New York Legislature from a democratic district, usually good for 2000 majority and was twice a candidate for Congress, running far ahead of his party ticket. He is known as an authority on ornithology and possesses the finest private library in the world on North American Natural History and has the largest private collection in existence of mounted North American birds, together with their nests and eggs, but the world in general knows him as "John Lewis Childs, the Florist." He was married in 1886 to Miss Caroline Goldsmith of New York and they have four children. She is a charming and accomplished lady, a writer of stories, sketches of travel abroad and a prominent and well-known club woman.

## ALFRED COLE.

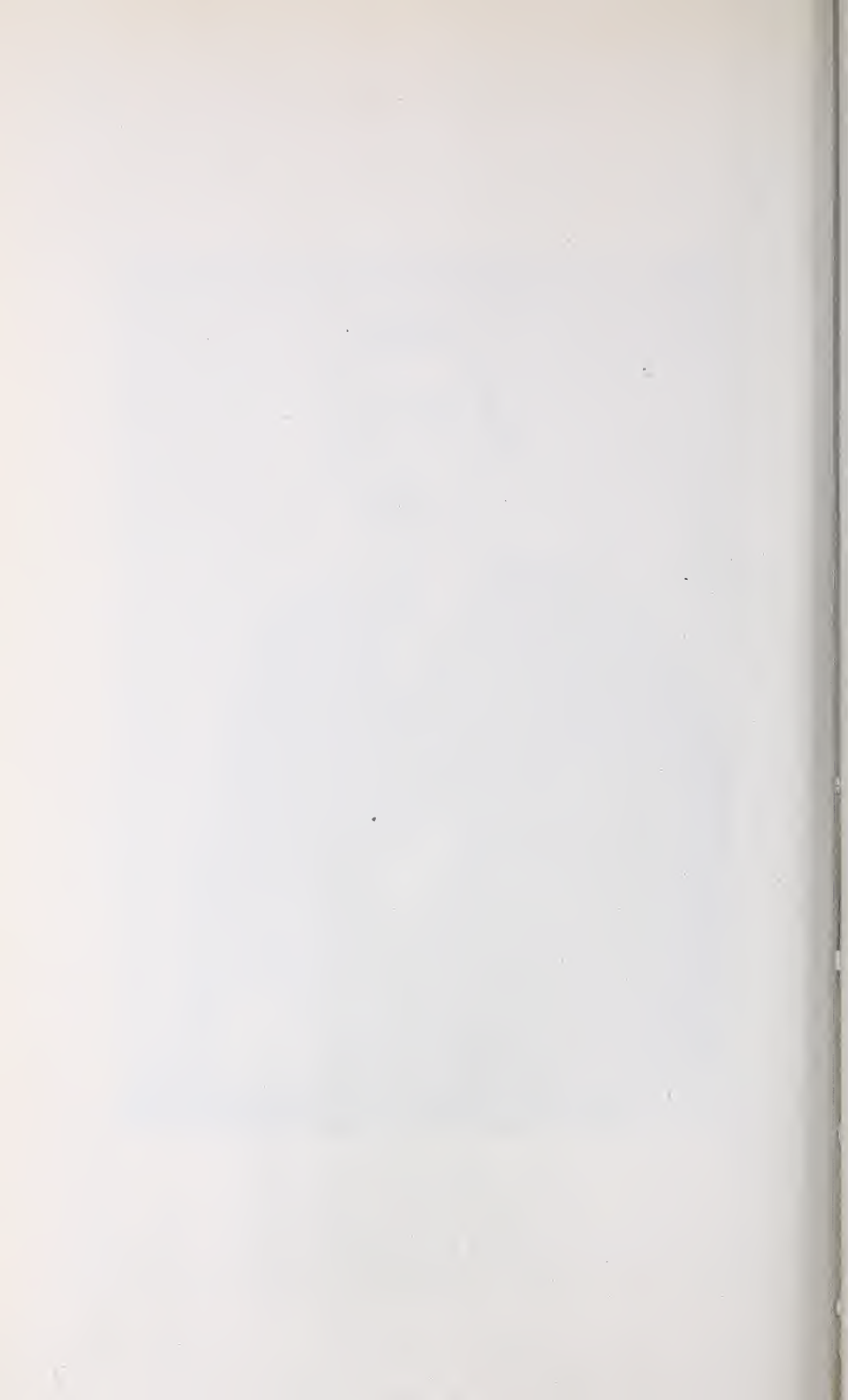
Alfred Cole, the youngest son of Lemuel, Jr., and Lydia (Lucas) Cole, was born in Hartford, Me., May 16, 1843. He passed his boyhood on the farm, attending the district school of his native town, the high school at Canton and other places. In 1861, he moved with his father's family to Buckfield village, where he resided till his death, March 13, 1913. Owing to ill health he was prevented from pursuing his studies at college but continued a course at home, acquiring an ardent taste for classical literature which he always cultivated. Mr. Cole was a writer of good prose and poetry. His productions have appeared in the Portland Transcript and various other papers and magazines and were widely read and admired. His rank is very high among the writers of his native state.

He had long service as an official of the town, was five years on its board of selectmen, twenty-seven years town clerk and a member of its school board for many years, Notary Public and a Justice of the Peace. He was Postmaster for nearly a quarter of a century, holding through changes of administration without any efforts made to displace him which attests his efficiency and great popularity. Mr. Cole was long identified with Free Masonry, having been secretary of the local lodge, thirty-four years. He was a member of several historical societies, was much interested in local history and was one of the compilers of this work. He was especially instrumental in securing and promoting the Zadoc Long Free Library, the gift of Hon. John D. Long and was chairman of its board of trustees. He passed away after a long and wasting sickness, March 13, 1913, deeply lamented by all who knew him. The following is from Governor Long's tribute to his memory which appeared in the Oxford Democrat of March 18, 1913:

"The death of Alfred Cole, though anticipated in view of his long illness, is a shock to this community and to the large circle of his friends and admirers outside of Buckfield. He was one of its most prominent citizens, beloved and respected, and for many years its postmaster. His literary culture was broad and pure. He had great facility in prose and poetry. Many of his verses have appeared in public print, always breathing an exquisite refinement of spirit and full of those touches of nature,



Alfred Cole





of the idealization of rural scenery and of the tender affiliations of our old New England life, which appeal to the heart."

After mention of the great labor of years in collecting material for a history of Buckfield and the literary ability Mr. Cole had brought to the work, Mr. Long well says: "But his best memorial will be in the hearts of his friends."

DEA. WHITNEY CUMMINGS.

Dea. Whitney Cummings came from Sumner to Buckfield with his family in 1863 and resided here till his death. His parents were Oliver and Phebe (Churchill) Cummings. The father was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, as was also his grandfather, Capt. Oliver Cummings of Dunstable.

Phebe Churchill was the daughter of Zachary Churchill of Sumner, who with several of his sons took part in the War for Independence. She was also a descendant of Mary Chilton, the first woman to land on Plymouth Rock from the Mayflower. The Cummings family is of Scotch descent and the name was anciently spelled in various ways but at the suggestion of Deacon Cummings, the present form has been generally adopted by all the Dunstable families. The American ancestor was Isaac who settled in Topsfield, Mass., in 1632.

Oliver Cummings, Jr., born in Dunstable, Mass., July 12, 1756, was one of the proprietors of Butterfield, now Sumner and Hartford. His first wife was Betsey Bailey, who was brought up in his father's family. He settled in West Butterfield, now Sumner. While making his clearing and building his log house, his wife and children boarded at Abijah Buck's in Buckfield, where he passed his Sundays. He kept an account of the days by cutting notches on a stick. Once he neglected to do so and worked all day Sunday, to the great disturbance of his conscience. He became a prosperous farmer. Fond of music, he played the bass viol and sang tenor in church.

His wife dying, he married Feb. 1, 1804, Phebe Churchill. By the first he had Sybil, who married Zadoc Bosworth and Oliver, who married Polly Churchill. By his second wife, he had three children, Betsey Bailey, who died young, Rev. Larnard, a Free Will Baptist preacher, noted for his droll, original and unexpected remarks, who married Nancy White, and Deacon Whit-

ney, born Dec. 18, 1808. The latter, after attaining what education the schools of his town afforded, married Mary Hart Prentiss, daughter of Henry Prentiss of North Paris, and began life as a farmer on his father's place. She was a school teacher of note in the town, a great reader of good books and a writer of both prose and poetry for the newspapers. She took great interest in young people with ambition; and her influence in the community was great and her memory will long be remembered and cherished.

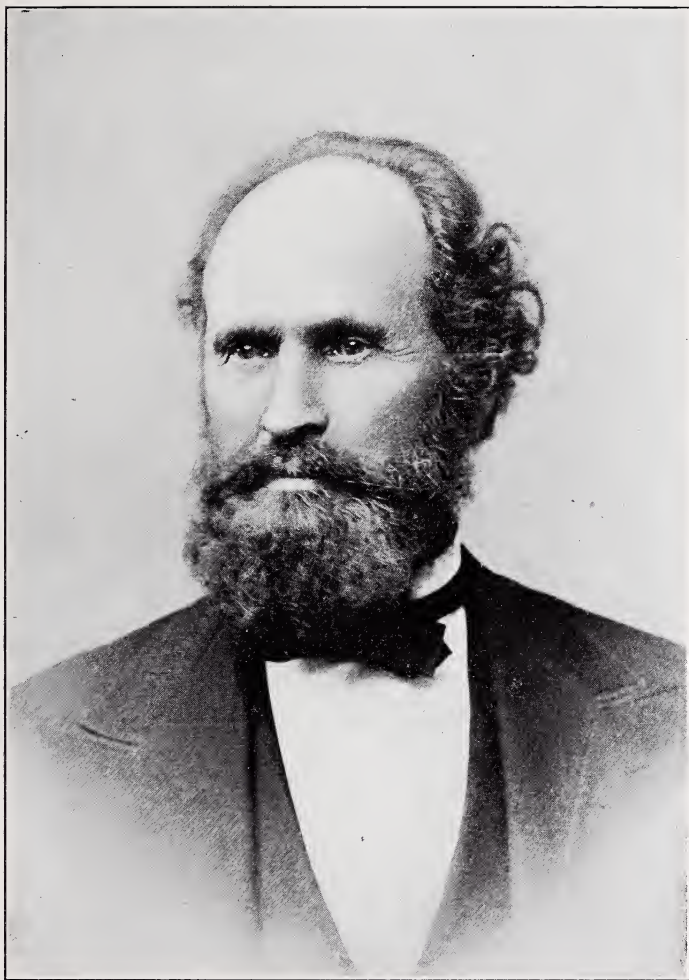
Deacon Cummings became interested in mills and he owned and operated several at West Sumner. For many years, he was postmaster at Jackson Village and served several times on the board of selectmen. He was for so long a period deacon of the Baptist church, that during the latter part of his life he was called by all who knew him Deacon Cummings. He died past his three score years and ten, March 4, 1881, respected by all. His wife died Feb. 18, 1879 and they are buried in the cemetery at North Paris.

They had three children, Isabella, born April 15, 1834, married Joseph S. Ingraham, an apothecary at Bangor. He was a son of Rev. John S. Ingraham of Augusta. He died, leaving two daughters, Pauline, who lives with her mother at Brookfield, Mass., and Mary, who married Albert E. Davis of Brooklyn, N. Y. They have one daughter. The second child was named Prentiss and the third Mellen. The latter died young.

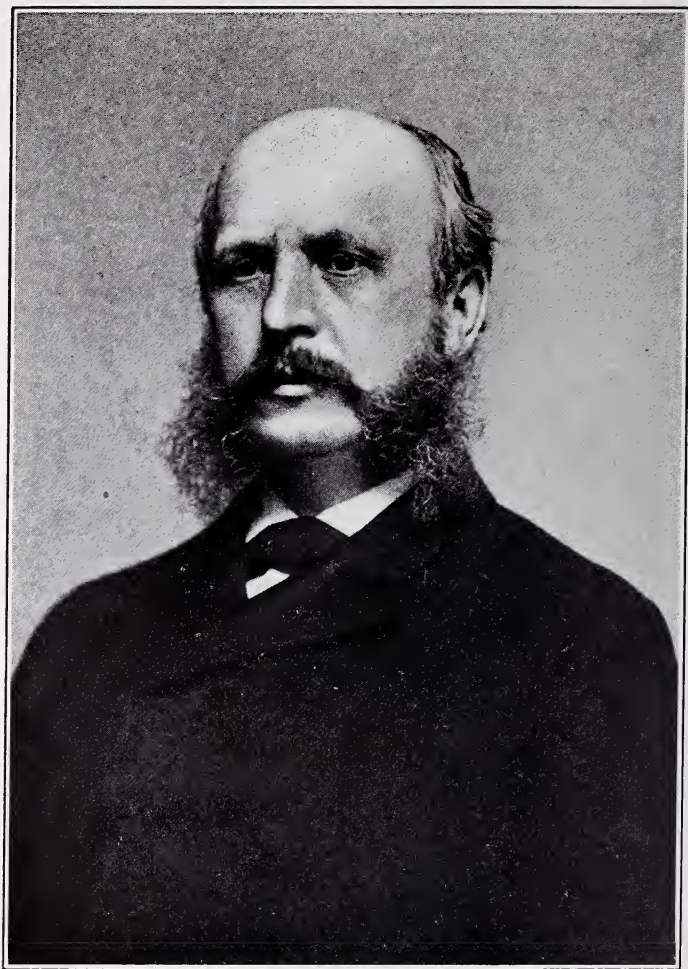
#### HON. PRENTISS CUMMINGS.

Prentiss Cummings, son of Dea. Whitney and Mary Hart (Prentiss) Cummings was born at West Sumner village, Sept. 10, 1840. When he had attained the age of fourteen he began working in the office of the Oxford Democrat on Paris Hill and here he remained for three years. He then began fitting for college and attended the academy at Hebron and later he took a two years' course at Phillips Academy, Exeter, N. H. Then he entered Harvard University where he graduated with distinction in 1864. The following year he was principal of the high school at Portland and began the study of the law in the office of Nathan Webb afterwards Judge of the United States District Court.

In the autumn of 1865 he entered the Law School at Harvard and while pursuing his studies was unexpectedly to him appointed



Dea. Whitney Cummings



Prentiss Cummings



tutor in Latin and had charge of the Sophomore class in that department till 1870. He had previously graduated from the Law School and in the autumn of that year having been admitted to the Suffolk County Bar, he opened a law office in Boston.

In 1874 he was appointed First-Assistant U. S. District Attorney and for six years had almost exclusive charge of the law business of the Government in that important district. For three years he represented the great business ward of the city in the common council. In 1884 and 1885 he was a member of the General Court. In the latter year, he was chosen president of the Cambridge Railroad and held that position till the company was consolidated with the other Boston street railways under the name of the West End Company, of which he became vice-president. This office he held for ten years when the road was leased to the Boston Elevated Railway and he became advisory counsel for the company.

In 1880 he married Annie D. Snow of Cambridge, Mass. They have no children. His home is in Brookline, Mass. Mr. Cummings is trustee of the Public Library and Savings Bank there and of the Mt. Auburn Cemetery Association and for many years chairman of the school board and president of many societies and clubs. Of the many offices Mr. Cummings has held, he has never sought even one.

Mr. Cummings has a keen legal mind and would have made a good judge. He has a fine private library of choice books. Since retiring from active business after having attained eminent success at the bar, he has made a specialty of Homeric literature and his translation of the Iliad has given him great repute as a scholar. Mr. Cummings has a summer home on Paris Hill near that of his sister, Mrs. Ingraham.

REV. ELEANOR B. FORBES.

Rev. Eleanor Bicknell Forbes, second daughter of Melvander and Julia (Bicknell) Forbes and great-granddaughter of Jonah Forbes, the Revolutionary soldier and "Minute Man," was born at East Buckfield, Nov. 11, 1860. Her mother was the daughter of William Bicknell, Esq., of Hartford, who was one of the noted school teachers of his time and a large contributor to the press under the nom de plume of "Hartford."



The father of Miss Forbes died in 1873 and the mother wishing to give her two daughters a good education, took them to Hebron, where they worked their way through the academy and graduated with honors in 1878. Miss Eleanor B. Forbes then entered Bates College where she also attained high rank in her studies. During her last year at that institution, her health and eye-sight failed. But she persevered. Her mother read all her lessons to her and by this means she was enabled to pass creditable examinations and kept her standing in her class. She graduated in 1882. For several years she was in very poor health. Of this period of her life she thus writes:

"For several years after graduation I struggled with ill health, seeking relief at the Eye and Ear Infirmary in Boston, also from the old school physicians, but all in vain. At last a friend suggested the metaphysical treatment. Accordingly, I went again to Boston and placing myself under the care and instruction of Mr. and Mrs. Julius A. Dresser, began the work of coming back to life through the understanding of 'divine law.' From that time I have been a student of the New Thought and it was this new revelation of the gospel of Jesus that awakened in my soul the desire to preach the glad tidings of universal hope. Improving every opportunity for reading, attending lectures, studying in the school of experience, I thus prepared myself for my present work."

She was ordained as a Universalist minister at Gray, Maine, Oct. 17, 1901, where she has since resided.

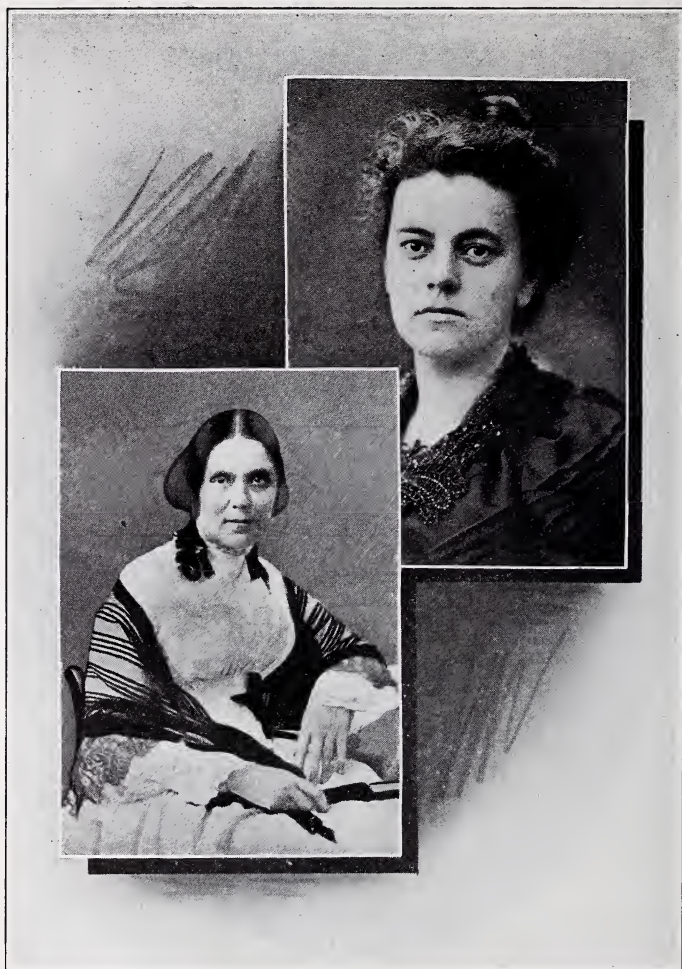
Rev. Miss Forbes is a rising preacher in the denomination. She is a pleasing and eloquent speaker and an earnest worker with full confidence in her mission. She is beloved by her people and has the respect of all classes.

#### COLUMBIA GARDNER.

Columbia Gardner was one of the most talented women ever born in the town of Buckfield. Her parents were Ira and Naomi (Gray) Gardner of that town. She was their oldest child, born September 28, 1820. Her grandfather was Jonathan Gardner, who served in the Revolution from Hingham, Mass., and after that contest settled in Buckfield.



Rev. Eleanor B. Forbes



Columbia Gardner

Gertrude Gardner

Miss Gardner inherited her father's great strength of will and energy and her mother's amiable and lovely character. For her mother she ever showed the deepest feeling and the tenderest attachment. Her education was obtained in the grammar school in the village near where she was reared and at Kent's Hill (Me.) Seminary. She early developed a taste for study and literary culture.

Soon after she was twenty years old she went to Baltimore, Maryland, where she was engaged in teaching for some two years. From there she went to Memphis, Tenn., going alone by stage to York, Penn., by canal boats and river steamers to Cincinnati, Ohio, and through Kentucky and Tennessee to her destination. This journey was more of an undertaking at that period than a trip around the world to-day. She kept a journal in which are recorded many delightful incidents, interestingly related. At Cincinnati where she stopped for a few days with friends she heard the venerable ex-President John Quincy Adams deliver the address at the dedication of the observatory there which had been recently built.

At Lexington, Ky., she met Henry Clay, then the Whig candidate for the Presidency, and was so impressed with his intellectuality and the charm of his manners that she determined to write her father to vote for him, but after sleeping over the matter and considering the intense partisanship of her parent for the opposing party and its candidate she concluded it would do no good and her letter was not sent.

Before Miss Gardner reached the Tennessee line she had an adventure in a stagecoach where a robbery of some of the passengers who had attended a horse race and won large sums of money, had been planned. It was a very dark and stormy night and the coach had to pass down a very steep hill and cross an unsafe bridge over a raging torrent. This was the time and place for the highwaymen, but they must needs get all the persons out of the vehicle to walk over the dangerous part of the road to accomplish their purpose. One of the confederates was a passenger. The rain was falling in torrents, the horses became almost unmanageable and the coach rocked and swayed back and forth in danger of being overturned.

Miss Gardner strenuously refused to leave the carriage and the passengers liable to be robbed followed her example. Some,



however, got out and went on foot. Lights were extinguished to prevent the robbers from making out the exact locality of the team on its way down the hill. Shots were fired but in the intense darkness and the great downpour of the rain no one was hurt. And, strange to relate, the carriage with its occupants went safely down the hill and over the bridge. Miss Gardner showed the greatest nerve and self-possession of any of the passengers, and they were profuse in their praises. Her action undoubtedly prevented the robbery.

While at Nashville, Tenn., she visited the Hermitage, the home of Gen. Andrew Jackson. He was then in very poor health. When she told him that she was going to Memphis to teach, that her home was in Maine and that her father was one of his staunchest supporters, he praised her in the highest terms and when she went away, placed his hands upon her head and blessed her.

Miss Gardner taught in Memphis with great success for several years and in 1847 she went to New Orleans, La., as assistant teacher in a French and English seminary of which she soon became the head. There she formed a wide circle of literary friends among the cultured people of that section of the South, and was a frequent and esteemed contributor in both prose and poetry, to the leading journals and literary publications of the time.

In 1850 she came back to her Northern home, but soon returned to New Orleans. Some five years later her health began to fail and in spite of all efforts towards a restoration, she died on the 16th day of June, 1856, at Mt. Vernon, Alabama, while on a visit to a friend, and was buried there. Though greatly attached to the Southland and her many devoted friends and acquaintances there, she had expressed in one of her poems the wish to be buried in the land the Pilgrims founded.

Her writings attracted wide attention and favorable comment among literary people. She was a lady of attractive bearing, charming manners, well-informed upon the topics of the day and widely read in the classics and general literature. She was thus a general favorite in whatever society she happened to be.



## GERTRUDE GARDNER.

Miss Gertrude Gardner is the daughter of Oscar F. and Jennette (Thomes) Gardner and niece of the gifted Miss Columbia Gardner. Her mother was the daughter of a Universalist preacher and a very intelligent and most estimable lady. Her father was often in town office and was highly respected by all who knew him.

She was born in Buckfield, May 18, 1875, nearly a month after her father's death. Till she was old enough to take care of herself, she lived in the family of her uncle, Samuel Thomes, who had married her father's sister, Britannia Gardner.

Miss Gardner obtained her education in the Buckfield village schools and began teaching at the age of sixteen. She soon secured a position in the Norway village schools which she has held to the present time (1915.) She has kept fully up-to-date in her methods of instruction, is a strict disciplinarian, and is one of the very best teachers in her grade in Maine.

There is no higher or more honorable calling than that of a teacher of youth and from her long period of service, the hundreds of her pupils, the foundation of whose character and future usefulness has been so largely due to right principles inculcated and the proper instruction given by her, must ever remember her with gratitude.

Miss Gardner comes of good Revolutionary and Puritan New England stock on both sides and both family lines are characterized by deep moral conviction, great firmness of purpose, fine intellectuality and a very strong love of home and country, and she has inherited a full share of all these qualities.

## HON. J. PRESTON HUTCHINSON.

James Preston Hutchinson, eldest child of John Colby and Emeline E. (Doe) Hutchinson was born in the southeastern part of Buckfield, Jan. 6, 1848. He was educated in the district schools and at Hebron Academy and at sixteen began teaching school, which he followed for several years with marked success. His parents having moved into Hebron, the year he attained his majority he was chosen a member of the school board and later superintendent of schools and was re-elected. In 1872 he went to Auburn, remaining there four years, then to Portland where

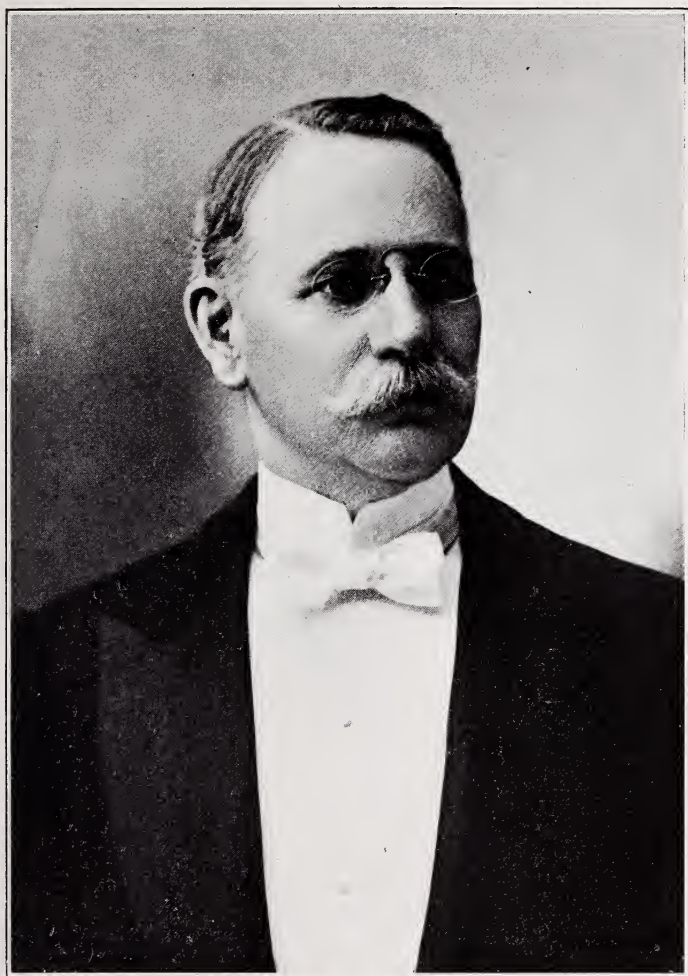
he engaged in the milk business, in which he was very successful and accumulated a handsome property. In 1887 he sold out and traveled for a year in the West, spending the winter in California. Returning to Auburn in 1888, where he resided till his death, he purchased in June of that year a part interest in the real estate business of Lewis O'Brien. After five years, Mr. O'Brien's health being poor, he sold his interest to D. W. Verrill, from which time the management of the business fell upon Mr. Hutchinson. It steadily increased till the firm of J. P. Hutchinson & Co. became one of the largest and most reliable dealers in real estate in Maine.

Mr. Hutchinson had no bad habits, was moral and upright, square in his dealings and was always interested and identified with all movements for the public good. Such a man is sure of public preferment. While in Portland he was a member of the city government. In 1892 he was elected as an alderman in Auburn from his ward and in 1894 was chosen as representative to the Legislature and was re-elected. He was a member of Gov. Wm. T. Haines' Council, at the time of his death, Nov. 24, 1914. He was president of the Mechanics Savings Bank, a director of the National Shoe & Leather Bank, of the Central Maine General Hospital and also a director in several other corporations. For four years he was a member of the Public Works Commission, a member of the Board of Trade, Secretary of the Auburn Loan Association and president of the Androscoggin Board of Underwriters.

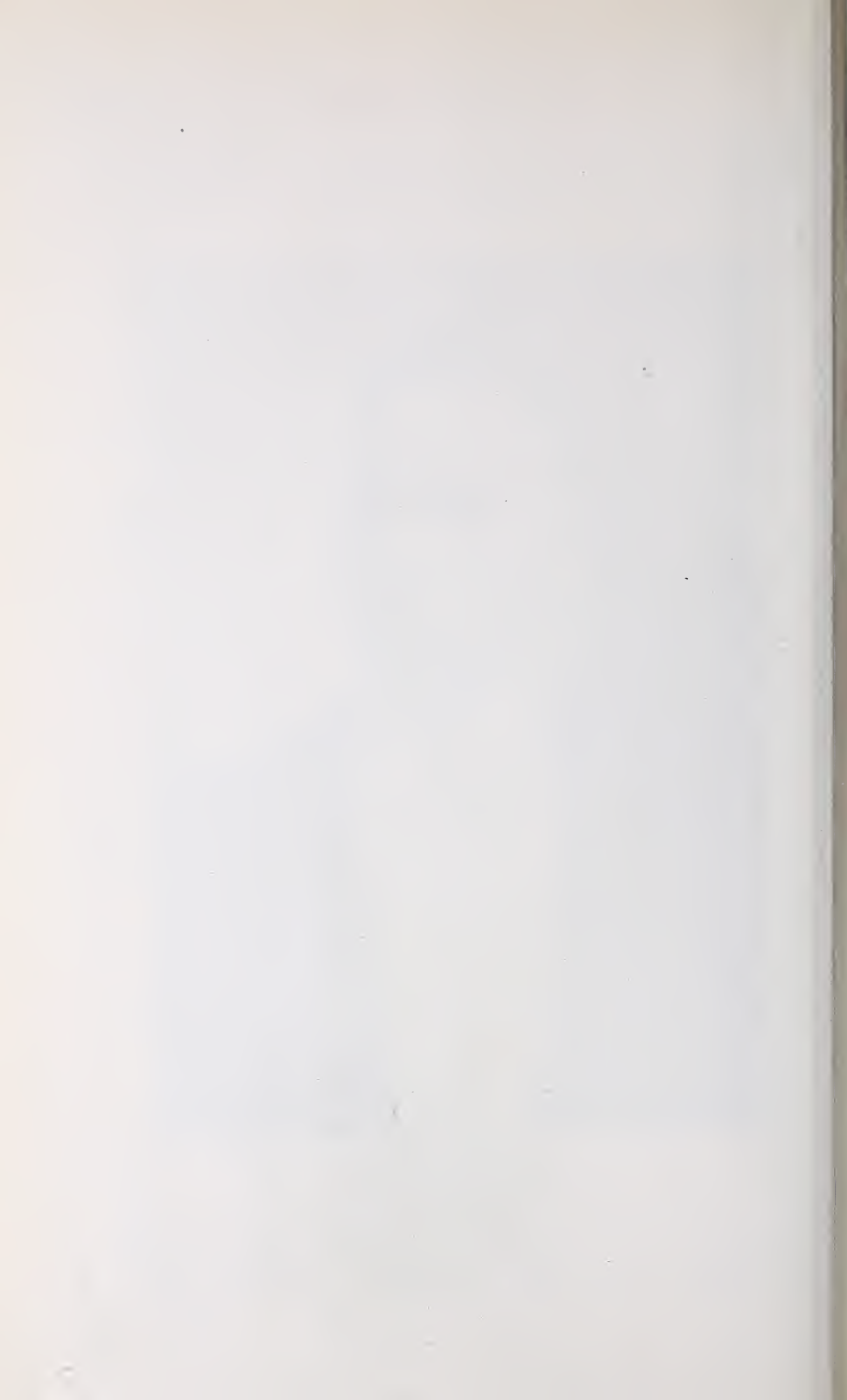
Mr. Hutchinson was prominent in several secret societies. In Masonic circles he held high position. He had been master of his lodge, commander of Lewiston Commandery, K. T., grand commander of the Grand Commandery of Maine, and Kora Temple representative to the Imperial Council in 1907 held at Los Angeles, California.

In politics Mr. Hutchinson was a republican and firmly believed in the cardinal principles of his party. In religion he was a Universalist. For many years he was a trustee of the Auburn Universalist church and superintendent of the Sunday School. He married, March 4, 1873, Miss Maria Loring. Their children were: Lucy Augusta, born April 30, 1874; Ruth, born Dec. 15, 1879, died June 8, 1880, and Mina Emeline, born Dec. 25, 1883.

Mrs. Hutchinson died March 19, 1905 and Mr. Hutchinson married for his second wife, Mrs. Abbie Morse Southard of



J. Preston Hutchinson



Lewiston, Oct. 30, 1909. She was born May 6, 1854. By her first husband she had two children, Colly, who married Dr. A. M. Andrews of Gray and Frank Elwyn Southard, Esq., a practicing attorney of Augusta.

CAPT. JAMES JEWETT.

James Jewett was the son of James, Jr., and Lucy (Farley) Jewett of Hollis, N. H., where he was born Sept. 13, 1789. He learned the trade of cabinet maker in Boston and came to Portland to settle in business; but at that time the business of the cities had been seriously disturbed by the war of 1812 and while prospecting for a more promising location, he was attracted to Buckfield, where he settled and built up one of the most important industries of the town. His first shop stood on the riverside near the present home of Emily A. Shaw. This was destroyed by fire Jan. 23, 1834, and he at once moved into the Farwell store, ever since known as the Capt. Jewett Cabinet Shop, in which he remained during the remainder of his business years. He was a skilled wood-worker, an energetic business man and probably employed more workmen than any other person in the village. His furniture found its way into nearly every home in Buckfield and adjoining towns and now remains as heirlooms in the homes of the older families. He was prosperous and retired from business somewhat early in life, a man of wealth for his times, though he later, in common with many others, suffered heavy losses through investments in the railroad. He was a popular officer in the militia and highly respected as a citizen. He married, May 5, 1824, Vesta, daughter of John Loring, Esq. He died May 10, 1863. Children: John Loring, born May 28, 1825; married Eliza Jacobs of Camden. He was bred to mercantile life with his uncle, Lucius Loring, and, on attaining his majority, he went into business in partnership with John S. Ricker of Turner in South Thomaston and later in Bangor, doing a large and prosperous business as wholesale and retail grocers; but they lost their accumulations in the lumber business and the firm was dissolved. Mr. Jewett remained in business there and afterwards became a commission merchant in flour in New York and Milwaukee. While on a visit to Buckfield he died of pneumonia, May 30, 1870. He had two daughters, who died young and one son, Ralph



Loring, now a resident of Cripple Creek, Colorado. Ralph Cummings Jewett, born March 11, 1827; married Emma A., daughter of Dea. Benjamin Emery. Like his elder brother he was bred to trade with Lucius Loring, with whom he remained about ten years as clerk and partner. He then became associated with his brother, Loring, in Bangor and New York. He returned to Buckfield to reside with and care for his aged widowed mother, and engaged in the wholesale grain and flour business. He was also a general broker in stocks and bonds. He afterwards went to Auburn and became a partner in the firm of Oscar Holway & Co. He died in that city and was buried in his native town. Mr. Jewett was a careful, methodical man of affairs, of sound business judgment and upright character.

James Farley Jewett, born Dec. 4, 1837, was educated at Gould and Hebron Academies and at the age of sixteen years became a clerk in the large wholesale dry goods house of Wellington & Grose, later Wellington Brothers of Boston. He was salesman many years, making frequent and extended commercial trips for this firm of which he became a member. He formed a large acquaintance and was popular and successful in business. He married in 1862, Sarah W., daughter of Dea. Benjamin Emery, and resided in Malden, Mass., where she died. He subsequently engaged in the wool business in Auburn, and many years retained his ancestral home in Buckfield as a stock farm and place of summer visitation. He is now living in retirement in his native town.

#### ALPHEUS AUGUTUS KEEN.

Alpheus Augustus Keen, the son of Simeon Keen and Sarah Adams (Elwell) Keen, was born in Buckfield on his father's farm on the line between Buckfield and Hartford on Sept. 26, 1824. He attended the "Line" District School, then as now attended by scholars from both towns. When not at school he worked on his father's farm and was at once a studious and an industrious boy. Praise from some observer for a recitation in mathematics was the first impulse to ambition for a college education. He went to the High School in Buckfield in 1841, walking the three miles distance daily back and forth. His mother encouraged his going to college and his father did not oppose it, but felt hardly able to meet the expense. The boy said that he would ask for only \$100

a year and would give his note for the amount and pay it as soon as possible after graduating. This he did, the amount paid back being \$375. He earned money during his college course by teaching, as he had also by teaching and by manual labor earned money at the preparatory schools where he fitted for college, especially at Bridgton Academy and at North Yarmouth.

He entered Harvard College in August, 1845, and graduated there in July, 1849. In June before graduating he had charge of the high school in Marblehead, Mass., where he remained till 1854 when he went West to take charge of Pomeroy Academy, Pomeroy, Ohio. While there, in August, 1857, he was chosen Professor of Latin and Greek in Tufts College and he returned to Massachusetts. In 1859, Mathematics was assigned to him in place of Greek. Later, he had the department of Latin Literature and Roman History. In 1862 he was made Librarian.

It was a notable and honored life and career, made especially interesting and exemplary by his early struggles and his steady growth in usefulness and influence as a scholar and teacher. While still in the full tide of his educational activities at Tufts he died in the fall of 1864, deeply lamented. In the words of the resolutions on his death, adopted by the trustees of the college he was "an accomplished teacher and devoted friend, a consistent Christian believer and self-sacrificing laborer and in the cause of liberal learning an earnest and faithful servant."

His denominational relations were with the Universalist church. His domestic life was a charm. No son of Buckfield merits more honored mention. He now lies in the little burying ground near his father's farm and only this last summer of 1914, his devoted wife was laid there by his side, by their son, Alpheus A., who is a resident of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

ZADOC LONG.

*By John D. Long*

Zadoc Long was born in Middleboro, Mass., July 28, 1800. He was descended from the Pilgrim stock of 1620, though his surname came from a grandfather, Miles Long, who came from North Carolina to Plymouth, Massachusetts, and there married a descendant of Thomas Clark, who came to Plymouth in

the Ann in 1623. On the maternal side, Zadoc was descended from three of the Mayflower Pilgrims, Bradford, Brewster, and Warren.

Zadoc's father, Thomas Long, a native of Plymouth, was often in summer time employed on board fishing vessels, then lived on a farm in Middleboro and also made shoes. In 1806 the family moved to Buckfield, going by sloop to Salem and thence overland by team to Buckfield. Zadoc often described the arrival at the foot of North Hill, up which he and his brother Tom ran, stopping now and then to pick the thistles from their bare feet. At the top were the house and farm now owned by his son, John D. Long. Here Zadoc, until he was fourteen, helped his father on the farm. The hardships of that pioneer time were severe, the living of the large family poor and simple, the firewood often taken in the morning from the snow that had covered it overnight.

At fourteen the boy broke down with a running sore on his leg, a part of the bone of which was removed. At fifteen he attempted to learn shoemaking and turned his leisure to study. He was soon convinced of the importance, whatever a man's position in life, of an education. He went to a woman's school in the summer and to Hebron Academy for a few weeks in the fall. His board there was paid in shoemaking. Afterwards, in 1850, he wrote a rhyming letter to his son John, then at that Academy, describing his own very different experience there:—

"How I got up before 'twas light  
And snuffed my candle late at night,  
And toiled and studied to surpass  
The smartest scholar in my class;  
Wrote composition like a sage,  
And spoke my pieces on the stage;  
Five hundred lines in Virgil read  
In one day on a wager laid.  
How I was poor and lame and lean,  
Wore homespun clothes of bottle green,  
Your grandpa's wedding trousers lined,  
Turned inside out and patched behind,  
My brother Tom's waistcoat of blue  
Three summers after it was new,  
And how I traveled to recite  
A mile at morning and at night,  
Because I could not then afford  
To pay the price of nearer board,  
Or people nearer did not choose

To take their pay in making shoes.  
This is not poetry, but better,  
The simple truth, John, every letter,  
Yet I was counted bright, you see, John,  
When I attended school at Hebron."

In his diary he says: "Summer of 1816 attended Buckfield Grammar School under the tuition of Charles Mongride. Boarded with Henry Farwell, whom I have reason to remember with gratitude for his assistance in my education. That winter taught school in the district where my father lived—a great undertaking for one in my circumstances, a mere boy obliged to walk on my lame leg. Succeeded however, and my school was commended by the committee as the best in town. Summer of 1817 unable to do anything. Attended school at Hebron a few weeks. Kept a private school in the fall at Buckfield. Summer and fall of 1818 instructed a private school in Buckfield six months, and in the winter taught school in the west part of the town. Had now nearly fitted myself to enter college and was ambitious to go, but sickness and poverty were insurmountable obstacles. Spring of 1819 let myself clerk in Stephen Phelps' store at Buckfield till I should be twenty-one years old at something more than \$100 a year. About three months before the end of my term was attacked with another bone sore upon the leg which had till then been sound. Was carried to my father's and confined five months before any hope was had of my recovery. Had several surgical operations. The pain was excruciating and I was reduced to a living skeleton. I expected I should die and prepared to take leave of the world. The evidence of its being well with me after death was not so clear and satisfactory as I desired it to be. I lacked faith in the immortality of the soul. I wanted to raise the curtain between time and eternity that I might see more clearly the things beyond this life. This sickness was a sore disappointment to me. I had arrived at that age when life's prospects are brightest. By rigid economy had saved from my earnings about \$200. I was dreaming of honors and pleasures to come when the hand of affliction waked me to the vanity of all earthly hopes. While in the store I devoted some leisure time to study and recited lessons in Greek to Mr. Moses Emery, preceptor of Buckfield Academy. There I first saw and became acquainted with Julia T. Davis, who attended school at Buckfield. She was then about thirteen years old."

He was married to her August 31, 1824, at New Gloucester, which was her home. She was a direct descendant of Dolor Davis, who came from Kent, England, in 1634. He was the ancestor of the numerous New England Davis family, among whom have been three governors of Massachusetts; and his wife, Margaret, was a sister of Major Simon Willard, famous in colonial history. The correspondence of Zadoc with his sweetheart before marriage is copied in his journal and is marked by refined sentiment, but is in the formal style of that time. Even then he had formed the habit of scholarly writing both in prose and poetry.

Meantime, to quote again from his journal, "in the fall of 1821 recovered my health in some measure. It required all the property I possessed to defray the expenses of my sickness. Infirm and moneyless, my chance in the world was not very fortunate, but my ambition was good. Was able to take charge of a school in the winter. In the spring of 1822 taught the district school. April, 1822, went into S. F. Brown's office with a view of studying law. Read Blackstone and quit it. September, 1822, commenced trading in Buckfield in company with Nathan Atwood on capital of my own of \$58. Found it difficult to buy goods on credit. The traders in the village would not recommend me on account of our inexperience. September 4, 1823, have dissolved partnership with Nathan Atwood, arranging to trade in company with Lucius Loring under the firm of Long & Loring. Our business has been more favorable than we expected. We have saved from it about \$400 for each. February 6, 1825, dissolved partnership with Lucius Loring, having taken the whole concern, store, potash, goods, debts and credits, upon my own shoulders."

From this time till 1838 he was engaged in trade in Buckfield, and then retired from active business. He had acquired a property of some \$16,000. He lived immediately after his marriage in a house, afterward Sydenham Brigham's tavern, which stood where Benjamin Spaulding's store now stands, then in the house next east on the Turner road, and in August, 1834, he bought and repaired the old Dominicus Record homestead, which is to-day occupied as a tavern, called Hotel Long, and for which with nine or ten acres of land he paid \$1000.

He had four surviving children, two daughters and then two sons. He was devotedly attached to Buckfield, and never failed to sound its praises. He had a sincere love of nature and was



devoted to his garden, his books, his correspondence and especially his diary which consists of twelve large folio volumes, written in his peculiarly fair, legible hand and which is a true and interesting transcript of the doings and life of a country village in Maine in the first two-thirds of the last century. He was deeply interested in the maintenance of good schools, giving each of his children the best education the time afforded. He helped support religious worship, being himself a liberal Unitarian.

He was a zealous Whig in political convictions, although that party was in a great minority in the State and especially in the town. To the village Lyceum and to the Portland newspapers he contributed articles on political and other subjects and many verses, some of which appear in the town history. He made speeches at Whig conventions and was nominated for Congress in 1838, but his competitor, Virgil D. Parris, a native of Buckfield and the democratic candidate, was elected.

In 1840, when the whole State went with a rush for Harrison for President, Mr. Long was elected a presidential elector. He was for many years a justice of the peace, acting as a trial justice, and showed judicial quality in that office.

In person he was tall and spare with fine cut features and a gentle manner. His elevating influence attached to him those who met him and made a strong impression on many young men who in after years remembered him with sincere respect. Especially he impressed upon his children, by conversation and by his copious letters, the fruits of his own life experience and reading.

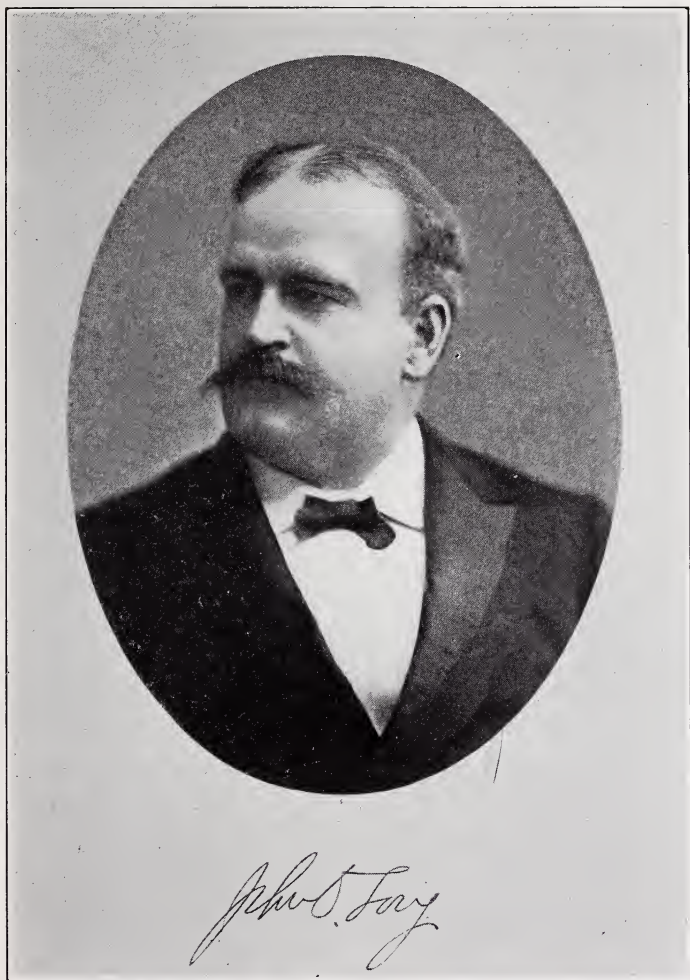
He was recognized as one of the most cultivated men in the State, and though not accustomed to public speaking had rare facility in conversation and a fine sense of humor, with great aptness for anecdote. He was fond of literature, and accumulated the largest library in town, making special purchases for his children in order to give them a good range of reading. It is especially fitting that the free public library in Buckfield, erected by his son in 1890, should bear the name of Zadoc Long engraved on its front and stand as a monument to his memory.

He was a conservative in literature as in politics. His favorite authors were Channing and Scott and Cooper, whose novels he read, but he never could join in the then rage for Dickens. He was a devoted follower of Webster and Clay, regarded the

Federal Constitution and Union as sacred, and had in his advanced years become so imbued with the spirit of preserving their integrity that he did not accept, as he would have done if younger, the splendid uprising of the Civil War with its risk of bringing both Constitution and Union to dissolution. Hence he remained throughout that period not quite in step with the radical and more progressive political spirit of the day. His journal at the time of the defeat of Henry Clay for the presidency is a despairing lament over what then seemed to him and many others the approaching downfall of our democratic system. Happily the world moves on its onward and upward course in spite of convulsions that now and then make the philosopher anxious but soon give place again to order and progress.

Mr. Long's home in the center of the village, shaded by great elms and maples, most of which he had planted, and bordering on his garden and on the beautiful field which he loved and which had not yet been cut in twain by the unsightly railroad embankment, was the welcome resort of neighbors and friends. It was an idyllic home. Some can yet recall the great spice apple tree near it—now gone like himself—under which in summer days he sat with a son or a neighbor or guest keeping him company, and near which in winter lay twenty cords of hard wood waiting to be cut and fitted for the fire and then piled by his hand neatly in the neighboring shed, and the chips gathered for kindling. Ah, happy days!

His children, Julia Davis, Persis Seaver, Zadoc Junior, and John Davis, all left the paternal nest, the two daughters marrying and settling in Massachusetts, the two sons both seeking their fortune in that State. His beloved wife died September 19, 1869. Then the fire on the old family hearth went out, and in his old age, his heart breaking with all its sad changes, he also went back to the State of his nativity, living a year with his son John in Hingham, Mass., and then with his daughter, Mrs. Nelson D. White, in Winchendon, Mass., till he died on February 3, 1873. He lies with his wife and his son Zadoc in the family lot in the Buckfield village burying ground.





Summer Home of Hon. John D. Long



HON. JOHN DAVIS LONG

*By Mrs. Mary E. Robbins.*

John Davis Long, son of Zadoc Long and Julia Temple Davis, was born Oct. 27, 1838. He came of a line of Massachusetts ancestry which extends back to the "Mayflower" and the "Ann."

On his father's side, Mr. Long hails from Plymouth. His grandfather was a descendant of the Pilgrim Thomas Clark, who came over in the "Ann" in 1623, and his grandmother, Bathsheba Churchill's forbears were seven Mayflower passengers, the Bradfords, Brewsters, Chiltons and Warrens. His mother's progenitor, Dolar Davis, came with the emigration of 1634 and settled first in Cambridge and died in Barnstable. His wife was Margery Willard, the sister of Major Simon Willard of Concord, Mass.

From the strong stock which first occupied Massachusetts went forth into the Province of Maine a class of especially vigorous settlers, whose descendants still return from time to time to the parent state, to administer its affairs and lead in its councils, with the freshness and force characteristic of the sturdy men of the Pine Tree State. Among these pioneers went in 1806, sailing by packet from Plymouth to Salem and thence overland in a pioneer's wagon, Thomas Long, the grandfather of John D. Long.

Zadoc Long, the latter's father, was then six years old, and often told him of the mile-long hill at their journey's end which they had to climb to reach the half-finished house and half-cleared farm which was to be their future home in Buckfield, Maine. The other men who settled Oxford county were a sturdy set, whose descendants are well-known to fame. They were poor, as everybody was poor in those parts, but shrewd, intelligent, thinking men, who read books and talked politics, kept alert minds, and gave their children the best education going.

Among these sturdy people, in a hill country, which always develops individuality, and in an atmosphere of home cultivation (for Zadoc Long was a reading man and a writer of verse), little John grew up. In one of his speeches he feelingly alludes to the impression, never to be effaced, of snowy peaks, cool woods, and picturesque roads over hills and through valleys, upon his childish mind. Alluding to Oxford county he says:



"Enlarging and educating as were its physical influences, I pay my tribute still more gratefully to the living influence of its people . . . the solid democracy of a country such as Oxford county typifies—absolutely meeting the ideal of a free and equal people, and ignorant of such a thing as caste or class. Add to such a democracy the elements of the education of the common schools, the unfettered exercise of religious freedom, the popular political discussion of the street corner, the store, and the hay-field, the frequent vacancies of leisure, the common knowledge of men and things, the splendid ingrained inheritance of English common law ripened into the maxims, habits, converse and system of the people, the absence on the one hand of great accumulations of wealth, and on the other of any consciousness of the deprivations of extreme poverty, and especially that unconscious unreserve and inartificiality of intercourse which made the hewer of stone the free and easy, if not superior disputant as well as companion of the owner of the field—add all these, and you have an atmosphere of education out of which no boy could emerge and not have a fitting future life such as the metropolis with its schools, the university with its colleges, could not give, a homely familiarity with the popular mind, an inbred sympathy with the masses, not artificial nor assumed, but a part of the character itself, and a helpful agency in public service, and in useful conduct in life. Its fruits you see to-day, and for years have seen, in the elements which from rural counties like Oxford have gone into the busy avenues of our national life, and given enterprise, growth, success to the business, the government, the literature, and the progress of the country."

This paragraph is quoted at length as the keynote of that popularity, arising from his true humanity, which has made the career of the able ex-Secretary of the Navy a long progress from one honor to another. A life so wise, serene, and successful affords little light and shadow for writing a dramatic story full of sharp and interesting contrasts; but it is worth studying as a product of the truest Americanism, and we can see, though Buckfield was too small to long hold a man of his caliber, how his roots are there, how his heart ever fondly returns thither, while to it his happiest hours of leisure are still devoted on the old home farm.

One of Mr. Long's classmates at Hebron Academy, where he prepared for college, alluding to his early proficiency in composition and declamation, says:

"We looked upon Johnny Long as if he were Daniel Webster himself." This must have been when he was quite a boy, for he entered Harvard at fourteen.

The youth was really too young to reap the advantages of college life, but he was a good student, with a fine memory and unusual abilities, so that though almost the youngest member in his class, being only eighteen when he was graduated in 1857, he stood second in it in the senior year and fourth for the whole course, and was assigned a commencement part.

He narrates his experiences in a way which must find an echo in the heart of many a solitary country boy struggling far from home for an education.

"I got no lift from college at all. Nobody noticed me. I had the knack of getting lessons easily. I was under age and out of sight." Again, in a speech, he tells how he walked from Boston to Cambridge, to take his entrance examinations, so that every inch of Main street is "blistered into his memory" and later, when his father left him there "sat crying for sheer homesickness on the western steps of Gore Hall," a record which may be a consolation to some of the university's future LL. D.'s, now heart-sick from neglect and solitude in that cosmos.

He did not live in the college except in his senior year, and so did not get the benefit of its social life, but trudged back and forth four miles a day to his lodgings, working hard no doubt, and learning at least the valuable lessons of self-reliance and fortitude.

After leaving college he taught for two years at Westford Academy, which he alludes to as "an outburst into a larger life," and then settled down to the study of the law in the office of Mr. Sydney Bartlett, one of the famous lawyers of Boston. This contact he considered wasted, for his chief never spoke to him but once on any legal subject. "From him," he says, "I got nothing. I was in his office nearly a year, reading a book, and now and then copying a paper, but never talked with him five minutes. He took no interest in me and was otherwise occupied."

Afterwards the youth attended the Harvard Law School for a while, taught for a few months in the Boston Latin School, and

was finally admitted to the Suffolk bar, and began the practice of the law in 1862 in Buckfield, Maine.

Fond as Mr. Long had ever been of the simple neighborhood in which his boyhood was spent, it was "a pent-up Utica" for mental powers like his, and very soon we find him drifting back to Boston, into the office of Mr. Stillman B. Allen, with whom he formed a partnership in 1867, in which they were afterwards joined by Mr. Alfred Hemenway, who had been a neighbor and warm friend of Mr. Long from the beginning of the latter's life in Boston.

These years were not conscious periods of development for the young lawyer, but were undoubtedly spent in gaining knowledge of men and life and books, of which he was the eager and industrious reader, which was to be of service to him in his after career.

Later, he looked upon them as drifting, purposeless years, when he was without ambition, or any particular object except that of getting some kind of foothold so as to earn a living.

He worked at his profession when he got a chance, and in his leisure moments he wrote poetry by the cart load, and he even composed a play for Maggie Mitchell, then a popular actress, which was given several times at the Boston Theater. When he was afterwards speaker he published a well-known translation of Virgil's *Aeneid* in blank verse.

By an accident he drifted to Hingham, one of the earliest settlements on the south shore of Massachusetts bay, where a pleasant boarding place was offered for the summer. The quaint, picturesque old town suited him, and he chose it as his home. Born among mountains he had always dreamed of living by the blue waters, and as he walked to and from the steamboat landing, he often crossed the lot on which his dwelling now stands, and thought of it as one he would like to own, and occupy with his parents. His mother died before that dream came true, but when in 1870 he married Miss Mary Woodward Glover, daughter of George S. and Helen M. (Paul) Glover, he bought it and built his house upon it, and there his two daughters, Margaret and Helen, passed their childhood. In 1882, Mrs. Long died in Boston.

To his life in a country town Mr. Long owes his political preferment. Undoubtedly his ability would have won him a

position as a lawyer in Boston, had he settled there; but as a recognized force in a small community he came very soon to the top.

His father was always an old-fashioned Whig, but the great tide of 1860 swept the son into the republican party, and he cast his vote in that momentous election, for Isarel Washburn, its candidate for governor of Maine, and spoke for Lincoln on the stump. Before the November election he went to Boston, and there, having no vote, he lost the opportunity which he desired to vote for Abraham Lincoln for President. After that he seems to have had for a time no special interest in politics, and when his abilities first brought him to the attention of the Hingham people as a possible candidate for the Legislature, he was nominated in 1871 without previous notice to him by a democratic caucus, but in his reply to this action he wrote his desire to be regarded as

"An independent candidate, free to do my duty in the improbable event of my election, according to the best of my own judgment and intelligence, unpledged and unbiased, and considered as the representative, not of party issues, but of the general interests of this district and of the Commonwealth."

This was not enough for Hingham, however, and he was defeated. In 1872 he shared the dissatisfaction of Sumner and other republicans with Grant, and voted for Horace Greeley. In the fall of 1874 he was nominated and elected by the republicans and represented them in the General Court for four years. In the Legislature his readiness in debate, his geniality, and his fairness of mind were promptly recognized. The Speaker often called him to the chair, and in 1876 he was elected to occupy it, and remained for three years Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

In 1878 he was elected Lieutenant Governor of the State, and upon the retirement of Governor Talbot, the following year, he was given the first place on the ticket. He was Governor of Massachusetts in 1880, 1881 and 1882, and distinguished himself as an administrator, and by the excellence of his appointments. His official public speeches were admirable for appropriateness and eloquence.

Many vacancies in the courts occurred during his terms of office, and so rapid were the changes on the supreme bench, that at one time every judge there held his commission from him, in-

cluding such distinguished men as Chief Justice Morton, Judges Devens, William and Charles Allen, Field, Holmes, Colburn, etc. Five of the eleven judges of the superior court also held their commissions from him.

His choice of men for important positions has always been marked by the clear insight and sound judgment for which he is distinguished. Those who know him best say that his intuitive perception of character is never at fault. His decisions are swift and sure, and always justified by results.

He made a steady and efficient chief magistrate, and one most popular with the people. His clear, prompt habits of mind, his perfect coolness, and his absolute faithfulness in the performance of every function, made executive duty easy for him, and as an administrator he has always excelled. His dignified and cordial manners, his memory of names and faces, combined with the happy humor and eloquence which made his official speeches models of their kind, endeared him to every one, and then, as now, he was always warmly and eagerly welcomed as a brilliant figure in any gathering.

At the close of his third term, Mr. Long was elected to the Forty-Eighth and afterwards to the Forty-Ninth and Fiftieth Congresses of the United States, distinguishing himself in these by attention to legislative business and by certain noticeable speeches: On the Whisky Tax (March 25, 1884), on Interstate Commerce (December 3, 1884), on Silver Coinage (March 27, 1886), and on the French Spoliation Claims (August 4, 1888), all of which were logical, well-reasoned discourses of weight and interest.

Legislative duty proved, however, not altogether to his taste. He chafed at being everybody's errand boy, and the issues of that time did not call especially for his gifts of oratory, while his administrative ability was largely thrown away.

The necessity of looking after his private interests induced him to decline a re-nomination and he returned to his law practice in Boston at the close of third term in Congress. In 1886 he had made a second marriage with Miss Agnes Peirce, daughter of Rev. Joseph D. Peirce of North Attleboro, Mass., and his son, Peirce, was born in that town December 29, 1887.

As a jury lawyer Mr. Long was called one of the foremost in the state. His knowledge of the law, founded on long, intelli-



gent study, became instinctive rather than the result of memory. He knew what the law ought to be, and announced it fearlessly, while the junior counsel looked up the authorities. His simple, direct statements, his genial humor, carried juries with him and insured a favorable verdict.

In the law he was held in high esteem on account of his aptitude for business, his quick insight, and rapid methods, and also for an unusual ability to adjust cases by the fairness of mind which enabled him to see both sides, and bring opponents to an understanding. He was senior counsel for the defendant in the famous Trefethen murder case and after two long trials secured an acquittal. His elaborate argument was published with the proceedings by the Commonwealth. For some years he was a member of the State House Construction Committee, and was influential in obtaining the open space about the building so essential to its effect.

It was in February, 1897, after he had taken a much-needed rest in 1896 from the arduous duties of his profession, that President-elect McKinley between whom and him existed a warm friendship that ripened till the former's tragic death into the closest relations, made him the unlooked-for offer of a seat in his cabinet, with a choice between several offices. The suggestion was such a surprise to Mr. Long that there was some delay in his acceptance, but he finally selected the Navy, thinking that under its able chiefs of department its perfection of routine was such as to make the position of Secretary of the Navy comparatively easy in a time of profound peace such as was then enjoyed.

His nomination was sent to the Senate by the President and on March 5, 1897, it was promptly confirmed, but to his surprise, after a short time, the post of Secretary of the Navy became one of unexpected importance. After a few months of enjoyment of the *otium cum dignitate* of the position, during which he had an opportunity to become familiar with the duties of his office, and a chance to learn to know the qualities of his subordinates, the outbreak of the war with Spain made the office of the Secretary of the Navy, contrary to all expectations, one of the most responsible positions in the United States.

To this surprising emergency Mr. Long brought the calm good judgment and ready perception which have never failed

him in his administrative career. Recognizing the need of technical counsel, he promptly called about him the most experienced naval men and organized them into a board of strategy. The purpose of this board was to devine and forestall the possible plans of the enemy, and to devise a plan of campaign to which the best skill in the profession should contribute advice and knowledge.

The results of this well considered scheme promptly testified to its value. The success of Dewey in Manila Bay speedily brought about a respectful consideration from those nations of the old world which in the beginning were most hostile in their attitude towards the United States.

The forethought of the Secretary of the Navy had insured proper preparation for the event long before war was declared.

"Let me know," he said, "just how much money you need to put the ships in sailing order and you shall have it." Congress had made an emergency appropriation of fifty million dollars of which more than twenty millions were put by President McKinley at the entire discretion of Secretary Long, thus giving him the means of carrying out the promise, and when the 19th of April, 1898, came, the navy was ready, and its victory was the first thing to turn the scale among foreign governments, and to win for the United States the enthusiastic moral support of England, most important to it at this crisis. During the year of the war, the business of his department involved amounts aggregating \$140,000,000, every cent of which was properly accounted for.

The story of the astounding success of our fleets in the Philippines and Cuba, without the loss of a vessel, is a tribute not only to the valor and ability of officers and men, but also to the foresight and wise supervision of the Secretary, owing to which the great increase in the laboring force at the navy yards, in the beginning of the war, was accomplished without undue rush, and under such regulations as resulted in obtaining only skilled men. Also the right commanders were sent to the right places.

Though the Secretary modestly awarded the merit to the able department chiefs, no one can deny that mal-administration at the head might have brought about fatal delays or lack of proper equipment at the right time; and the country did not fail to recognize that in the Secretary of the Navy, the right man was in the right place, and gave him its entire confidence.

A little untimely neglect, a few appointments for some reason besides proved ability, a lack at headquarters of an intelligent plan, and the lack of a master hand at the helm, might have brought about disaster, a lagging campaign, disaffection at home, and the mockery of those outside spectators whose sympathy it was important to win.

One of his considerations for the comfort and welfare of the sailors at the front was the provision of refrigerating supply ships, which are practically innovations in naval warfare, and never before were hospital ships so admirably equipped for service.

After the war with Spain was over, Secretary Long gave his direct attention to increasing the material and personal efficiency of the naval service, and also to the reduction of the expenditures of his great department to the lowest limit consistent with efficiency. During his incumbency the entire personnel of the navy was re-organized upon a new basis; the naval militia organizations of our various states were fostered and encouraged, the upbuilding of the navy was carried on with a proper regard for our future necessities, and the beginning of the 20th century found him urging upon Congress a naval reserve force to act as an extension of the navy in time of war, and thus enable the regular establishment to be kept at the lowest limit consistent with due regard for the care of our vessels during peace times. He resigned early in 1902.

A subordinate said of him during his term of office: "Secretary Long's devotion to the business of the department is complete. Reaching his office before nine (the opening hour) every morning, he makes it a point to answer every communication addressed to him. When this is accomplished he gives the rest of the morning to the examination of and decision in matters of business of the various bureaus, and to receiving official and private visitors. Nor does he leave the department until all the letters are signed, and every item of the day's business has been completed."

A gentleman, who was his guest for a few days during the war, was struck with an interview at which he was present, between the Secretary and two Senators who came to advocate some plausible scheme. Mr. Long listened to them with his usual cordial deference, but, when the plan had been laid out before him,

politely asked a question or two, which showed that he had laid his finger at once upon the weak point in the proposition, and afterwards could not be moved by any specious argument or personal influence to give his consent to it.

This honesty and keen perception of shams have been invaluable to Mr. Long in his executive positions and he has that practical sense and celerity in dispatching business characteristic of the able administrator, which always makes itself felt. Exciting the least possible friction by a courteous and conciliating bearing, he obtains what he wants without bluster or fuss. Behind his suavity of manner lie a resolute will, and a passionate, high spirit in excellent control, and his playful ease never detracts from a simple and manly dignity upon which no one dares to presume, while his acuteness prevents deception.

Perfectly reasonable in listening to argument, deliberate in coming to an important decision, Mr. Long is entirely tenacious of a position once taken as the result of his mature judgment, and this clearness and moderation, combined with resolution, give his opinions great weight in cabinet councils. Sharing the anxiety with regard to the ambassadors in Peking at the time of the massacres in the summer of 1900, the Secretary of the Navy alone firmly maintained the logical opinion that the foreign ministers must be alive, since we knew for certain of the one death which had occurred and by the same token would probably through the same channel have information of other deaths. This shrewd judgment, though ridiculed at home and abroad, proved to be correct, and is another instance of that sagacity which has often stood the administration in good stead.

Add to these qualities a great power of turning off work with coolness, insight, and dispatch, apparent freedom from doubt or anxiety, a large serenity of temper, the capacity to change promptly from one duty to another, combined with a fresh, gay humor which enlivens and makes palatable serious counsel—and we have an ideal administrator, whose steadiness and cheerfulness in emergencies were a great support to the Executive as well as to public confidence.

Such briefly, is the sketch up to the beginning of the 20th century of the life of a typical American, who has performed his duty simply and effectively to his town, his state and his country. The story shows no dramatic events, no melancholy depths, no daz-

zling glory, but a career manly, efficient, distinguished, honorable alike to the individual and to the civilization of which he is a characteristic product.

In estimating the causes of his success we must not fail to take into account, after his sincerity, and the kindliness of his nature, his exceptional mental ability and his remarkable gift of oratory, especially that which is best characterized as "occasional," the aptitude for speaking at a given moment words beautiful and appropriate which move every listener and touch the heart.

In his speeches Mr. Long has the literary gift of grace and poetic feeling, but still better he has the power to comprehend and express the popular sentiment, not with effort, but from true understanding. He is by turns playful, tender, impassioned; he can strike the keynote of the moment, always. Of dignified and appropriate eloquence, he is a master. His published speeches give a clew to his character, and in them the true, hearty, kindly simplicity of the man are clearly apparent, lighted up by that cheerful optimism, that boundless confidence in the future of the race, which distinguish him.

One of his warmest friends, speaking of him, says: "He has no personal enthusiasms, and no vanity. He never thinks highly of anything he does himself, but only feels that anyone in his place would have done as well." And this feeling he brings to bear on historical characters whose greatness he feels to be the greatness of the hour, of the opportunity, rather than of remarkable heroism or ability.

Whether one agrees with this or not, that he believes it, is a part of the unpretending nature of a man who thinks that doing one's duty is easy and natural to every one, and that its simple performance in high moments must lead to high results. Great men he considers myths, and when we search for his own best title to distinction, we find it in that large common sense—the common sense of Washington, of Lincoln, of Queen Victoria, which acts sincerely and acts wisely, because it feels with the people, and knows instinctively the larger human needs.

In summing up his character, Mr. Long's great friendliness and sympathy must not be forgotten, a generous helpfulness that all his townspeople recognize so fully, that every one of them turns instinctively to him in an emergency for aid and advice, sure



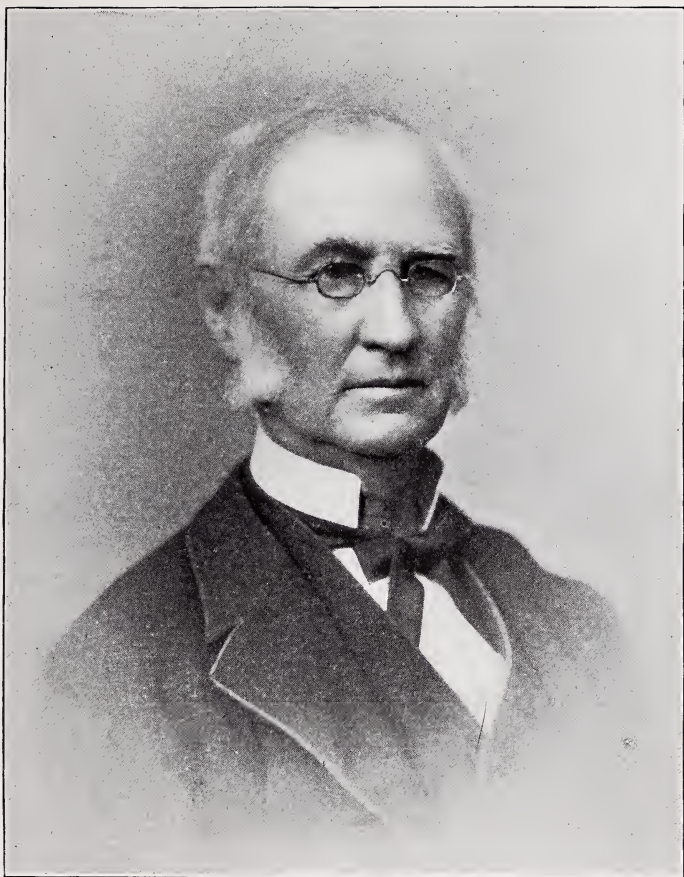
of comprehension and service given without stint. That flower of courtesy which recognizes every individual as having equal rights distinguishes him from lesser men, and wins him a place in the popular heart, such as can only be gained by something genuine, cordial, and unpretending in the individual himself.

In looking back over his career we find nothing adventitious in his success in life—no struggle for effect, no ambitious grasping for power, no powerful backing, no great financial support. We have only the straightforward progress of a country lad of fine abilities and sound judgment, endowed with the gift of silver speech, who, by the sheer force of his intellect, and his honorable fulfillment of every duty which fell to him, rose in time to distinction in his town, and in the capital of the state, to the highest place in the gift of the commonwealth, and to one of the most responsible positions in the nation. We see him filling these offices with efficiency and dignity, with no shadow on his fair fame, respected by his fellow-men of all stations; and we are anew proud of a country where such a character is sure of recognition, and in which we can truly claim he is no uncommon type of the public men who are the result of the splendid opportunities for development afforded by the United States of America.

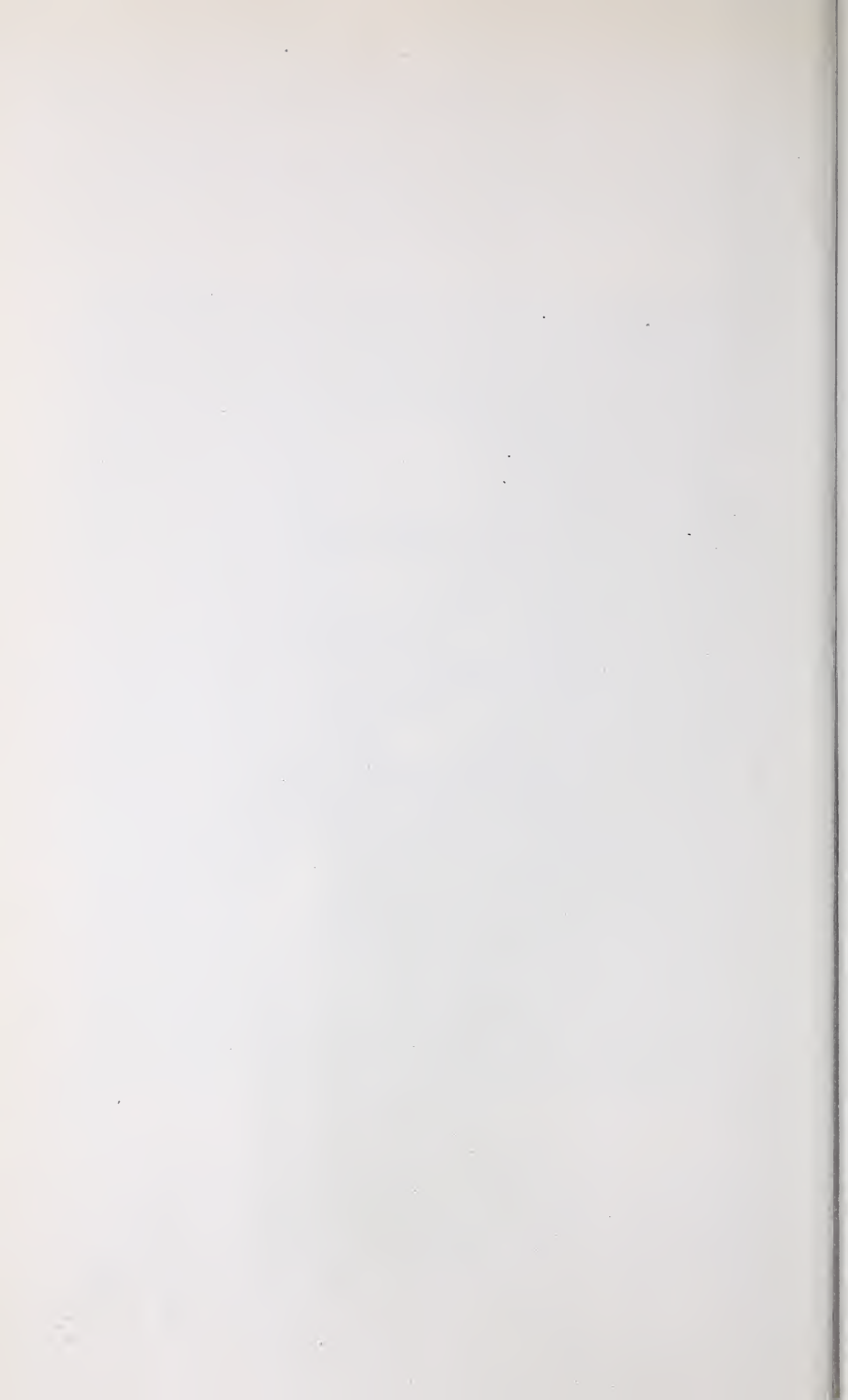
He has been President of the Alumni of Harvard College, and is now President of the Harvard Board of Overseers. He holds many other positions: President of the Unitarian Club, of the Massachusetts Total Abstinence Society, of the Trustees of Derby Academy in Hingham, of Westford Academy, Mass., and of Hebron Academy, Me., and of the Puritan Trust Co. He was Chairman of the Commissioners who remodeled the State House twenty years ago. In Hingham he has held the usual positions of Moderator for many years and of school committee man. He also published in two volumes a history of the New American Navy, as well as his volume of After-Dinner and other speeches and many occasional poems.

Mr. Long, while on his annual visit with Mrs. Long to Buckfield, was taken ill. The following day they returned to their Hingham home. Later in the week he had a more serious attack from which he never rallied, and passed away on Saturday evening, August 28, 1915.

John D. Long just missed the Presidency; but was everywhere recognized, as the scholar in politics, the model public man of his day, and the first citizen of Massachusetts; honors fairly won in a life time of honest endeavor, and greater far than any temporary public position, often dependent upon anything but real merit, could ever bestow.



Washington Long



## HON. WASHINGTON LONG.

Washington Long, youngest son of Thomas Long, was born on the home farm on North Hill in Buckfield, April 6, 1811. He attended the district school and worked in his boyhood with his father. While still in early youth he went to live in the family of his brother, Zadoc Long, who had established himself in business in Buckfield Village and in whose home Washington had the education of instructive influences. It was at this time that he laid the foundation of the political interests to which he was devoted all through his life. Later he went to Turner, and was in business there. In 1850 he went to Lyndon Plantation, now Caribou, in Aroostook County, and engaged in trade. From this time he was identified with Aroostook County and became one of its most prominent business and political leaders, known throughout the State. He lived in Lyndon five years, and then took up his permanent residence in Fort Fairfield in the same county, thenceforth regarding it as his home. He was in partnership there in trade with Jesse Drew, who, like himself was an emigrant from Oxford County. This partnership continued until Mr. Long's appointment, under the first administration of Abraham Lincoln, as Collector of Customs at Eastport, that Custom district including Aroostook County. This office he held nearly nine years. At the expiration of his last term he returned to Fort Fairfield.

He was an earnest and active Republican from the beginning of that party, taking part in its conventions; going as a delegate to the National Convention of 1860, which nominated Lincoln. He sometimes spoke in public, but was especially forcible and effective in that arena of local argument at the fireside or on the street and in the village store, which in our rural politics often accomplishes more than a set speech on the stump. Buckfield people whom he knew, as they all knew him, remember his skill in this direction. He read the leading papers, was a disciple of Horace Greeley, kept up acquaintance with our leading men, followed the debates in Congress, and was an encyclopedia of personal, national and local politics and public men. He talked easily, had a ready wit and knack of direct homely expressive speech, and was a welcome guest at any family circle or neighborly gathering. Henry D. Irish of Buckfield sometimes refers to the days, when a mere boy, he sat at his father's hearth on

North Hill a near neighbor to Thomas Long and listened, with an interest that no late hours could repress, to Washington Long discoursing on the public news and characters of the day during an evening call.

Mr. Long never lost his interest in Buckfield. He often returned to it as to his old home. He owned till his death a house in the village, where his twin sister, Mrs. Harriet Lovering and his sister, Mrs. Thankful C. Bacon lived. The people regarded him as one of their own. He was a member from Aroostook County on the Governor's Council during the gubernatorial administration of Lot M. Morrill and a member of the Legislature from Fort Fairfield in 1879. During his later years he passed a good deal of his time in Lawrence, Kansas, in which he became much interested socially and otherwise and made investments there. But it was to Fort Fairfield and Aroostook County that he was most devoted, contributing largely to the material and social interests of the community, and to the prosperity of that section of the State. His influence was always strongly on the side of public and private morals and reform. He erected a large and expensive building to provide a suitable hall for Fort Fairfield. He was a faithful member of its Congregational church, and died in that town Oct. 21, 1882, fearless of death and ready to go. He is buried in Buckfield with his father's family in the old burying ground at the foot of North Hill.

[The following lines were read and sang at a memorial service held in his new hall, Sabbath P.M., October 22, 1882:]

Within these virgin walls, now scarce complete,  
Fit emblem of the spotless life he bore,  
'Tis fitting here, in sadness thus to meet,  
To bid farewell to him we greet no more.

With anxious care, and oft with weary feet,  
Early and late he watched the progress still  
Of this fair structure, deemed by him most meet,  
To leave as his memento of good-will.

We here behold a public need supplied  
By his last crowning deed of lengthened years;  
Yet still we contemplate with higher pride  
His moral worth, though now recalled with tears.

Those loved him most who long had known him best,  
Who knew his tender, sympathetic heart,  
That ever yearped for fellow-man distress,  
And of each burden took a gen'rous part.



We mourn his loss; we fain would have him still;  
'Tis hard to part. We feel the chastening rod,  
But meekly yield to the Diviner Will,  
Trusting that now he rests at home with God.

## ZADOC LONG, JR.

Zadoc Long, Jr., son of Zadoc Long, was born in Buckfield, April 26, 1834. He went to the village schools and to Hebron Academy. He was then employed for a few years in the village stores, being at one time in partnership with his cousin, Carroll Loring. It was not long before he went to Boston and became a salesman in the hardware business with one or two large firms. In this vocation he travelled much in Maine and later in the Western States, and his personal bearing and business dealings were such that he was successful and highly esteemed. It was on one of his trips that he died at Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 14, 1866.

Few young men brought up in Buckfield have been more universally beloved. His manner was cordial, his heart was "big as that of an ox" and his presence was good cheer. He was full of music, singing, and playing the violin with that sympathy that goes to the heart. He was the merriest of story tellers, and he overran with wit, anecdote and humor. He attracted around him, wherever he went, hosts of friends, who still recall, especially in his native town, his abundant life and spirits, his generous and unstinted helpfulness and his sympathy and humor.

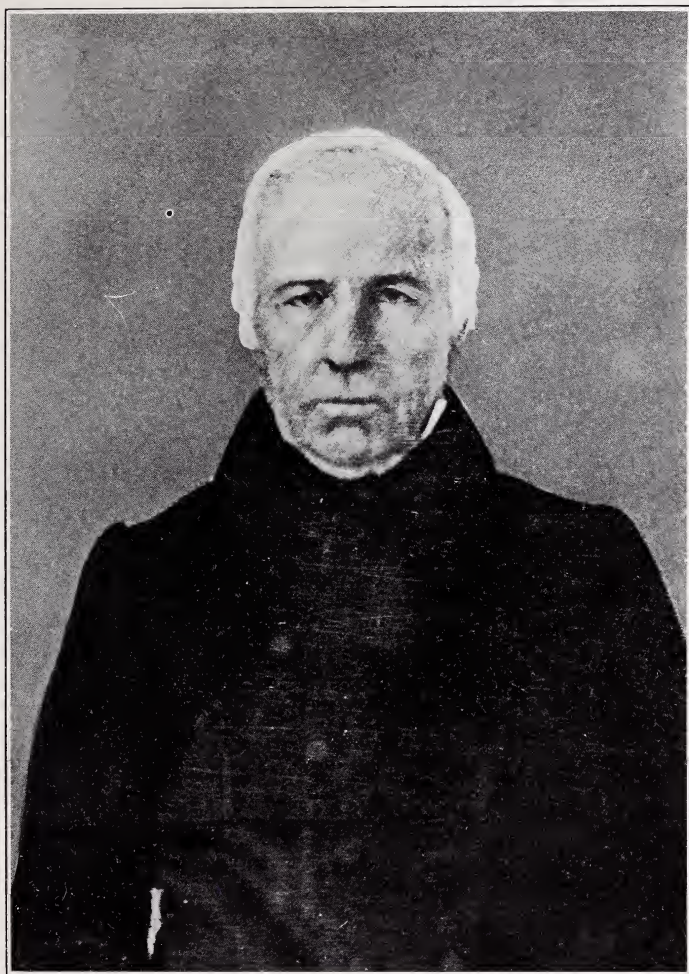
He married Ruth A. B. Strout of Portland, granddaughter of Rev. George Thomes, a preacher, and long a resident of Buckfield. There were four children of this marriage: Zadoc Long, 3d, who lived much of his childhood with his grandfather and grandmother Long and was the delight of their old eyes, a sweet, loving generous boy, now dead; Charles Strout Long, now with the Eastern Drug Company in Boston; Julia E. Long, now the wife of Edward C. Forbes of California, and Ruth Cardie Long, a professional singer in Portland and Boston, whose voice was of the most exquisite sympathy, now dead and lying with her father and mother in the Buckfield cemetery. All these children were much in the town in which were so many of their relatives on both the father's and mother's side, and are well remembered there.

## JOHN LORING.

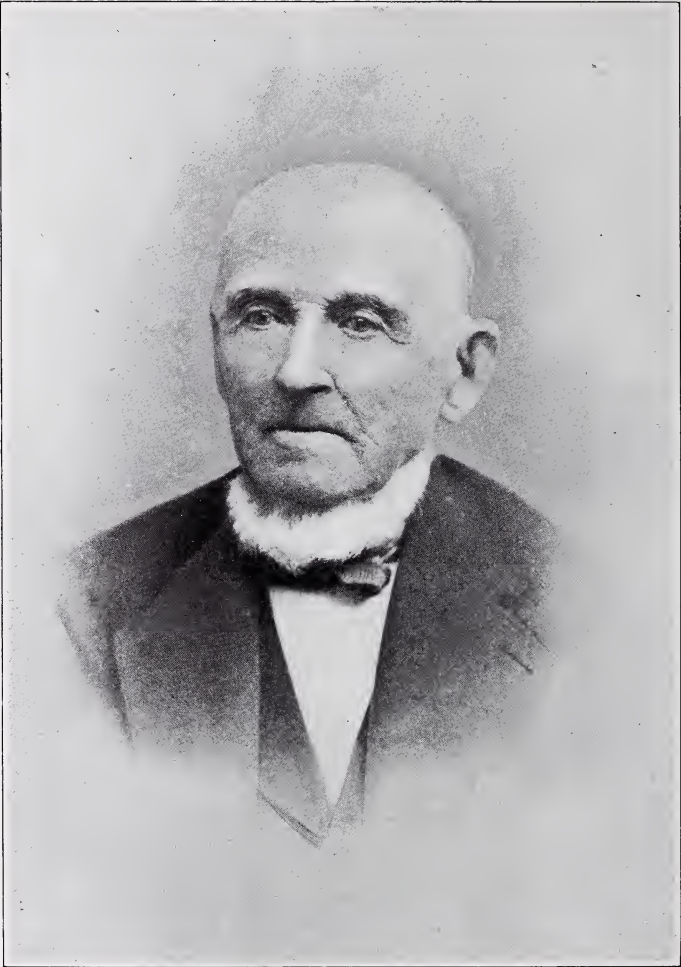
The family to which the Buckfield Loring's belong is the same as that of nearly all of the name in New England. They are descended from Thomas Loring of Axminster, England, who, in 1635 left that place for the colony of Massachusetts Bay, with his wife, Jane Newton, and sons, Thomas, born in 1629 and John, born in 1630. He settled in Hingham, Mass., early in 1636 and in 1641 removed to Hull, an adjacent town, where he lived until his death. The fifth child of his oldest son, Thomas, was Caleb, who settled at Plymouth, Mass., and married Lydia Gray in 1696. He was a physician and settled in Plympton; where he died on an estate, which his descendants have continued to occupy until within recent years.

The ninth child of this Dr. Caleb Loring was Capt. John, born Nov. 15, 1715 at Plympton. He was captain of the Bridgewater troops which marched to Crown Point and is supposed to have been killed in the attack on that fort or during that campaign. His son, James, born May 1, 1739, was a sergeant in his father's company and also was a Revolutionary soldier. He married, Jan. 1, 1770, Jane Kingman at East Bridgewater. Their children were John, the first of the name in Buckfield, Laban who settled in Hatfield, Mass., and James who lived and died in Bridgewater, where his descendants may now be found.

From the foregoing account of the family for which we are indebted to Mr. John A. Loring of Springfield, Mass., it appears that John Loring of Buckfield, son of James, the Revolutionary soldier was a direct descendant in the sixth generation from Thomas, who settled in Hingham in 1636. He was born in Hatfield, Mass. It appears that in his youth he was ambitious for an education; for he worked out for his board and an opportunity to attend school and after several years of study, he became a successful teacher in Bridgewater. He there married in 1794, Jennett, daughter of Joshua Barrelle, and moved to Turner, Me., where his father-in-law, the progenitor of all the people of his name in that town had also settled. While in Turner Mr. Loring engaged in trade and also in the manufacture of oil and card boards. He appears of record there in 1804 as Justice of the Peace and trustee of the ministerial and grammar school fund. He removed to Buckfield in the spring of 1805. At that time the lower part of the present site of the village was all an alder swamp, with only



John Loring



Lucius Loring



two houses on the southerly side of the stream, the Capt. Parris house and a small one-story house near the present summer house in Kimball N. Prince's yard. He bought the latter house, cut away the alders and that year built a store, twenty-five feet square, just south from the store now owned by Randolph C. Thomes. This store, until the days of the railroad, was a notable center of country business. Here he engaged in trade and continued his former Turner business of making card boards. He remained in business many years, the store finally passing into the hands of his son, Lucius, with whom he resided until his death. During his later years he was in feeble health, suffering greatly from asthma. He died in Buckfield, April 1, 1851, aged 80 years, 9 months and 14 days.

The marriage record of Mr. Loring in Bridgewater invests him with the title of esquire, which he continued to bear during his whole after life and he is now seldom recalled in memory except as "old Squire Loring." He was a Justice of the Peace many years, and his court sittings were prominent features of by-gone village days. Saturdays were then field days in Buckfield, on which the people from all the surrounding community would flock to the village for trade or convivial gossip and the incidents of the day usually resulted in some litigious affairs to be aired the following Monday before Squire Loring. These courts were first held in his house, but the crowd became so intrusive upon his domestic affairs that he built an office for the better convenience of an eager public.

Squire Loring was a man of conspicuous personality, of courtly manners and somewhat aristocratic bearing. He was deeply interested in educational affairs, for which he always advocated liberal public provisions. To his latest days he preserved a quaintness of dress, retaining the old continental style, with a three-cornered hat, ruffled shirt, knee breeches and low shoes with shining buckles, which rendered him a picturesque figure in the grouping of old-time village life.

His children, all born in Turner, were: Lucius, born Dec. 27, 1797, married Sally Long; Jennette, born July 25, 1800, married Judge Stephen Emery; John Alfonso, born Aug. 18, 1802, died in 1803.



## LUCIUS LORING.

Lucius Loring, son of John, was seven years of age when he came with his father to Buckfield. Growing to manhood during the growth of the village from a wilderness to a business center, he became familiar with all the early associations of the town, pleasant pictures of which he gives in his "Reminiscences," elsewhere appearing in this volume. From the limited educational provisions of the times and the instructions of his well-informed father he acquired a good knowledge of the English branches. At an early age he became familiar with the ways of country trade in his father's store, where he formed an extensive acquaintance with the people. He was in trade several years with his father, later becoming sole proprietor, and having at different times partnership associations with Zadoc Long, Washington Long and Ralph C. Jewett. While in business with the latter the second Loring store was built to which the large business of the firm was transferred. For many years he was the most prominent merchant in town, his heavy spring and fall stock of goods from Portland and Boston always attracting a throng of visiting purchasers from both near and distant towns. The continuity of his mercantile career, covering a period of forty-two years in active, prosperous trade is without a parallel in the history of the town. With a large circle of old-time friends and highly esteemed by the whole community he retired with a competence to the enjoyment of an ideal country life and a green old age. His residence, with its surrounding shade trees and large terraced flower garden was one of the most attractive country seats in the county. The first break in his family circle came in the death of his wife in 1861, after which he continued housekeeping with his daughter and son until the marriage of the former in 1867. He then sold his paternal estate and purchased the house on the opposite side of the street, in which he and his son resided until the death of the latter in 1868. He then resided with his widowed daughter-in-law, who faithfully cared for him in the house of her father until his life ended.

Mr. Loring always kept in touch with the world's events and though never controversial, had strong convictions respecting public questions, being in religion a liberal, in politics a republican. Though never seeking public preferment, he was appointed staff major in the militia and in 1861 was chosen to represent the Legis-

lative district, composed of Buckfield, Sumner and Woodstock, against the candidacy of his nephew, John D. Long. The campaign preceding the election was brisk and exciting and is now often humorously recalled as the one in which the future Massachusetts Governor and Secretary of the Navy was knocked out up in Maine by his mild-mannered old Uncle Lucius. But the younger man won a crumb of consolation from his flattering majority in his own town, the vote standing 228 to 179 in his favor.

During his whole life Mr. Loring was a liberal patron of every good cause. He had a sunny, sympathetic nature, a face of cheer and a kindly greeting for all. Though old in years, his heart was always young. He was as companionable with the young as with those of riper years, and to his latest days was always performing some kindly act, using his income freely for the comfort and pleasure of others. During his last years he could walk only by aid of crutches, but this did not keep him indoors, and his frail figure, as he slowly worked his way along, was for many years a familiar one on the village streets. He died Sept. 29, 1889 at the advanced age of 92 years, honored by all and leaving on the memory of the present generation a lasting impression of his lovable character.

His children were: Jennette, born Sept. 16, 1825, who married William H. Atwood, June, 1867, died Jan. 6, 1903; Charles Carroll, born Nov. 23, 1832, married Emily, daughter of Ephraim Atwood, October, 1868. He died Oct. 7, 1868.

#### CHARLES CARROLL LORING.

Charles Carroll Loring from his youth to manhood was associated with business in his father's store, and was subsequently in trade several years with other village merchants; but his nature was never fully in touch with matters of trade. Failing health caused his early retirement from business, after which he rapidly declined until his death when but thirty-five years of age. An only son, his relations with his father were of the most confiding nature, not only tenderly filial, but having the nature of an unre-served and life-long companionship. He never attended school beyond the limits of the village, but he became liberally educated through private instruction and years of diligent study. He was of thoughtful cast of mind, a poetic lover of nature and

a devoted reader and student of literature. In the literary associations of the village he was an active member, excelling as a conversationalist and public debater. He was a frequent contributor to the periodicals of the day and a graceful writer in both prose and verse.

The history of the Buckfield Loring family is notably reflective of the pathos of human life. Beginning here in a wilderness, it was prominently associated with the best interests of the town from the dawn of the century until its going out, and then the last representative of the family name, Mrs. Jennette (Loring) Atwood, passed away and the tale of its generations was fully told.

#### APPLETON F. MASON.

Appleton F. Mason, the son of Naphtali and Arvilla S. (Waterman) Mason, was born in Buckfield, Aug. 3, 1841. His grandfather, Mr. Philip C. Mason, an early settler in Paris, who followed the occupation of a blacksmith, passed the last years of his life in Buckfield and died here Feb. 7, 1856, aged about 65. He had two wives—Betsy Coburn, who died in 1826 and second, Lucy Coburn; six children born of each union.

The father of Appleton F. Mason was a prominent man and kept a livery stable at South Paris for many years and served for a time as a deputy sheriff. He died in Buckfield at an advanced age. Mr. Appleton F. Mason acquired his education in the public schools of the town and fitted himself for a teacher, which occupation he followed for several years. He opened a store at North Buckfield in 1864 which he has successfully managed and has been frequently in town affairs. Since 1875 he has been the village postmaster. In 1868 he married Miss Emma Adelaide, daughter of Elias and Eliza Turner Monk. She was born Sept. 14, 1847. (He died in 1915.)

#### NAHUM MOORE.

Nahum Moore, son of John and Esther (Ryerson) Moore, was born in Sumner, Me., April 2, 1824. His grandfather, Thomas, came to America as a British soldier in Gen. Burgoyne's army. After the surrender at Saratoga, he was taken into the

service of the patriots and after the war settled permanently in the country.

In 1845 the subject of this sketch went to Abington, Mass., and worked in a shoe shop. Two years after he entered a store as clerk and in October of that year married Miss Phebe C. Stephens of Sumner. In 1850 he opened a dry goods store in Dover, N. H. The next year he went into the wholesale dry goods and groceries business with Samuel Ellis, a native of Sumner. Two years after he sold out and went into trade at East Abington. In 1855 was elected to the Massachusetts Legislature. In 1857 he moved to Buckfield and purchased the Nathan Morrill farm on the Turner road. He sold to Silas Mitchell in 1865 and removed to the village and went into trade with Isaac Morrill. His wife died in 1865 and he married second, Miss Ruth Snell, daughter of Mellen Snell of Turner. In 1870 he was elected to the Maine Legislature. Having received the appointment as conductor on the passenger train of the Portland & Rumford Falls Railroad, he moved to Canton in 1881, and later to Rumford Falls. Mr. Moore served for 22 years as conductor and in 1902 he was appointed as special agent of the company, a position he held at the time of his death about 1912.

Of engaging manners and pleasing address, he was well fitted for the positions he occupied and the business he followed and was thoroughly liked and respected by all who ever knew him.

By his first wife, he had four children: Geo. Henry, born Dec. 26, 1848, is in Illinois; John E., born Dover, N. H., Sept. 15, 1850, married Sarah E. Atwood, daughter of Charles B. Atwood. They have had five children, Charles Nahum, born May 6, 1872, died Jan. 16, 1889; Emily May, born Feb. 17, 1875, married Adelbert Parsons; Sarah Phebe, born Dec. 6, 1877; Bessie Louise, born May 16, 1882, married Fred Holland and, Othel Harold, born April 7, 1884. The third child and son of Nahum Moore, Eugene Herbert, born Dec. 20, 1852, died Oct. 24, 1854 and Charles Sumner, born Jan. 4, 1865, died Sept. 24, 1872. By his second wife he had two children: Wallace Ryerson, born Oct. 21, 1873, married August, 1897, Miss Lucy E. Park, daughter of Henry W. Park, Esq., of Mexico, Me., and Esther Louise, born March 10, 1879, married June, 1900, A. J. Bernis. They reside at Plymouth, Mass.

## CAPT. JOSIAH PARRIS.

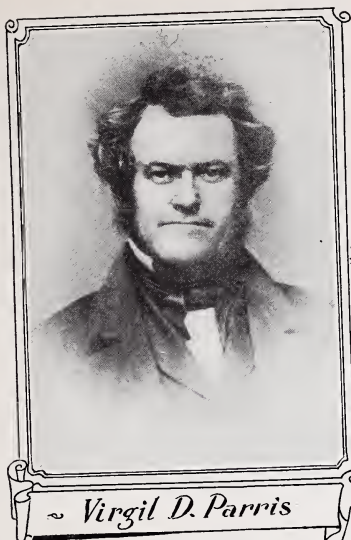
Josiah Parris, who settled in Buckfield about the time the town was incorporated, was born in Pembroke, Mass., Aug. 30, 1760. He enlisted as a volunteer in the War for American Independence in September, 1776, when scarcely 16 years of age. From statement in his declaration for pension in 1832 it is certain that he served thereafter a portion of every year during the war. He was in six campaigns and several battles and during some periods of his service was under Washington and LaFayette. In after life he often spoke of the Father of our Country with affection and reverence and of his bearing and characteristics. During an engagement with the British near Newport, R. I., an order of Gen. LaFayette's on account of his imperfect use of English was not understood and some confusion for a time resulted. Capt. Parris long remembered the incident and related it with much amusement.

After the Declaration of Independence on every 4th of July he discharged the gun he carried during the conflict, a custom which has been followed by his son and grandsons to the present time. It is one of the very few firearms used by American soldiers in that war, now in existence. This gun has on the whole a very interesting history. It was brought from England in 1683 by Thomas Parris, the American ancestor of the family and handed down from father to son and thus came into the possession of this Patriot of the Revolution.

Captain Parris came first to Hebron where he remained awhile with his brother, Samuel, who was appointed one of the judges of the court of common pleas when Oxford County was organized. He had married, July 23, 1788, Miss Experience Lowden of Bridgewater, Mass., born April 25, 1768. On coming to Buckfield in 1793 they settled on Loring's Hill in the village where they passed the remaining years of their lives.

Mr. Parris engaged in trade for several years and at first brought his goods from Portland on horseback in saddle bags. Appointed ensign in the militia about the time of coming to Buckfield, he was promoted to lieutenant and to captain. He commanded the Buckfield company at the first regimental muster in this part of the District of Maine, held at Norway in 1802. His wife died Jan. 4, 1832. Capt. Josiah Parris lived to be the last surviving soldier of the War of the Revolution in Buckfield

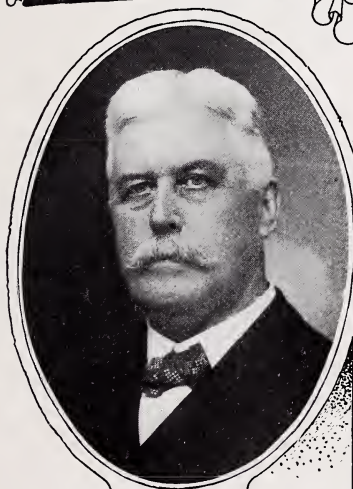




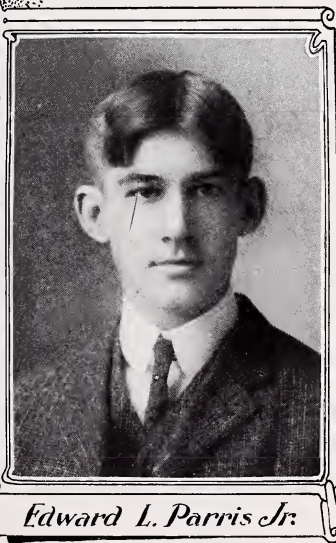
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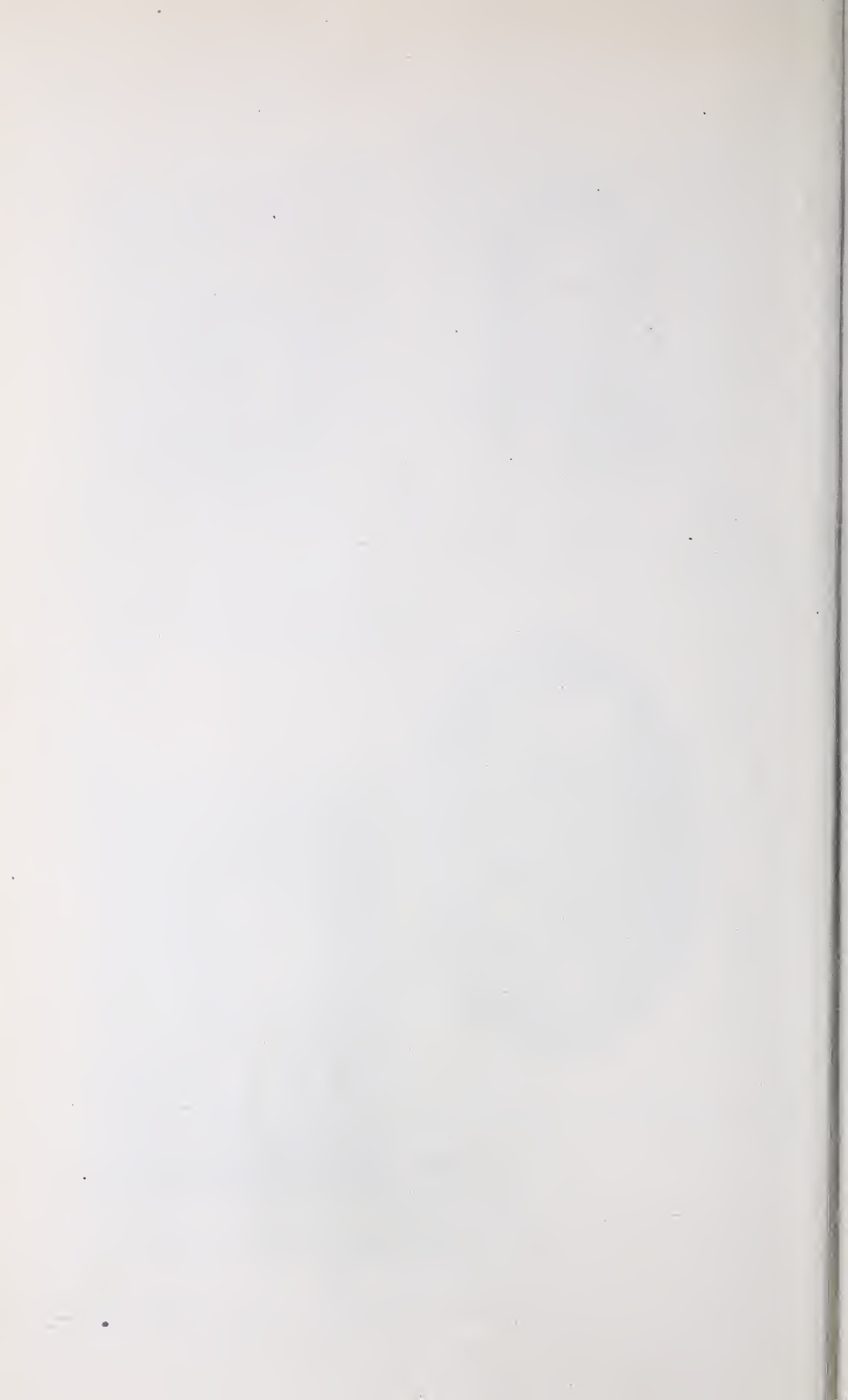
*Capt. Josiah Parris at 90*



*Edward L. Parris*



*Edward L. Parris Jr.*



and "the last survivor of the battle of Rhode Island." He died March 24, 1856 and was buried in the family lot in the cemetery above the village.

The following inscription is on his gravestone:

*"Sacred to the Memory of*

CAPT. JOSIAH PARRIS

A Patriot of the Revolution,

Born at Pembroke, Mass.,

Aug. 30, 1760.

At the age of 16 with his father and

two brothers, he joined the Army

and served six campaigns

in the War for American Independence.

He afterwards became one of the pioneer

settlers of Hebron and an early

resident of Buckfield where

he died March 24, 1856

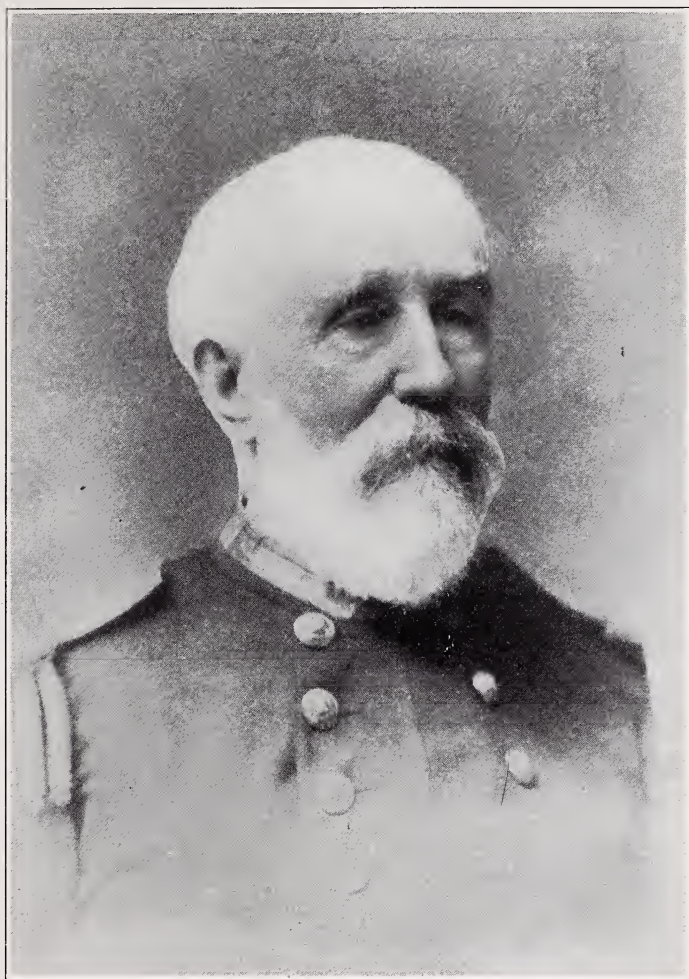
aged 95 years."

HON. EDWARD L. PARRIS

Edward Lowden Parris, oldest child of Hon. Virgil D. and Columbia (Rawson) Parris, was born on Loring's Hill in Buckfield Village, Sept. 3, 1837, attended the school near his home in early boyhood, lived in Portland for six years prior to 1852 and after that on Paris Hill. Fitted for college at Norway Liberal Institute and at Hebron Academy and graduated at Union College, N. Y., in class of 1857 with the degree of A. B. and afterwards the degree of A. M. was given him by the same institution. He was in the office of his father as United States storekeeper at Kittery, Maine, Navy Yard for several months and for about three years in the office of Fletcher Webster, son of the Great Defender of the Constitution, Daniel Webster, who had received the appointment of United States Surveyor of the Port of Boston.

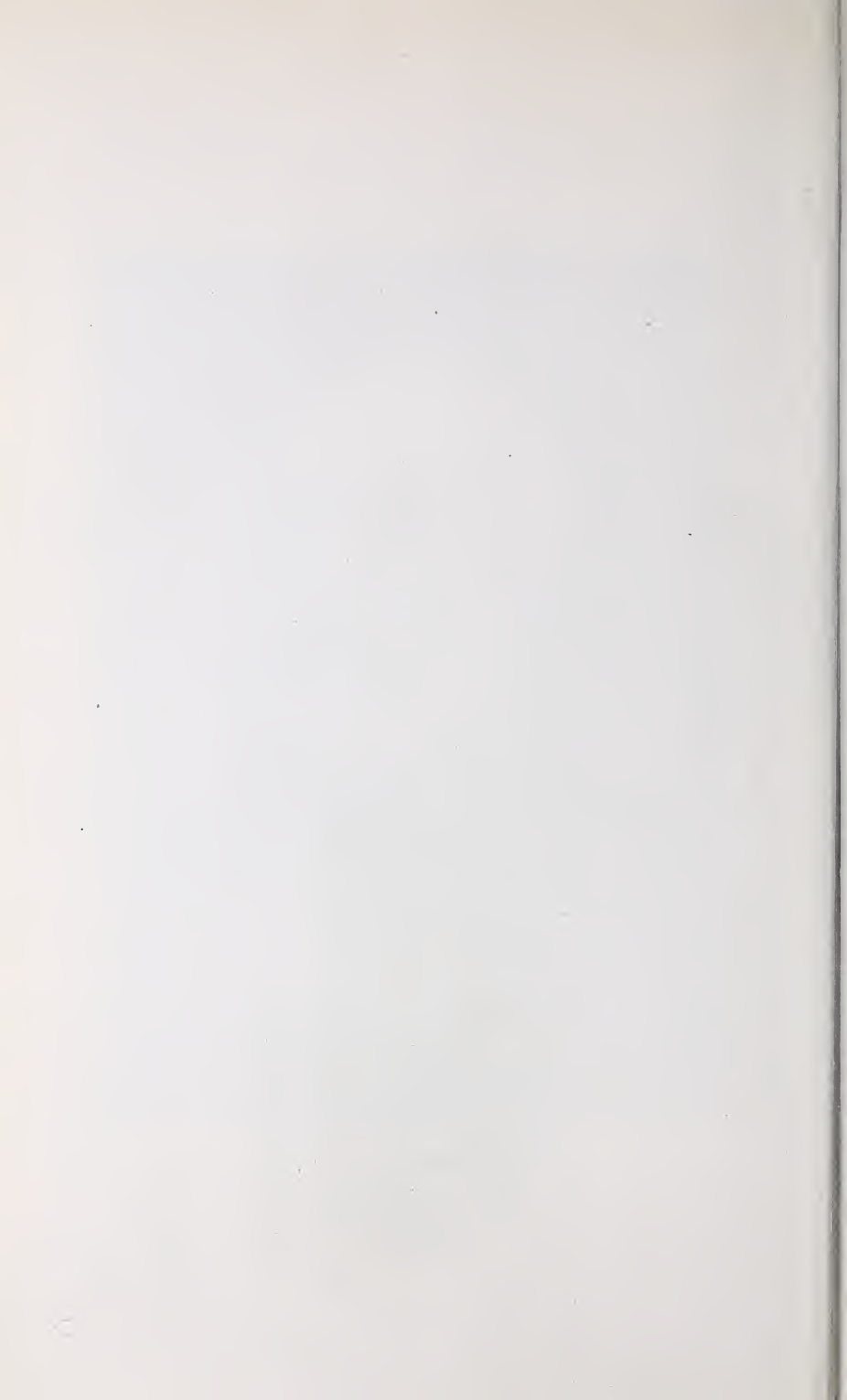
Mr. Parris began his law studies in the office of Rufus Choate, one of the most famous lawyers of his time and remained there till the death of Mr. Choate—Mr. Parris being his last law student. He graduated at Harvard Law School with the degree of

Bachelor of Laws; in 1866 was in the office of Alvah Black, Esq., at Paris Hill for a time and was admitted to the Oxford Bar at Paris the same year and at once moved to New York City and began the practice of his profession where he has remained to the present time. He was Assistant United States District Attorney from 1867 to 1870, was the founder of the Young Men's Democratic Club in the city which was afterwards to play a prominent part in the overthrow of the Tweed Ring and was one of the counsel in the prosecution and conviction of Wm. M. Tweed. Attended as a delegate from the New England Society of New York, the Centennial Celebration of the Battle of Bunker Hill, June 17, 1875 and was one of the counsel for Hon. Samuel J. Tilden in the contest following the Presidential election of 1876 and was of the counsel in Florida in the court proceedings there for the Tilden electors and before the United States Electoral Commission which decided the contest by a strict party vote of 8 to 7 on all vital questions raised. From 1884 to 1889 Mr. Parris was Assistant District Attorney for the city of New York and Commissioner of Taxes and Assessments 1889-1893 by appointment of Mayor Abram S. Hewett. Appointed in 1900 by President Wm. McKinley a member of Board of Visitors to United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. Mr. Parris is a member of many social and college clubs and associations and is highly esteemed and thoroughly liked by all who know him. He married in 1866, Miss Mary Ida DuBois of Fishkill, N. Y., born there June 22, 1850. She is an accomplished lady and as popular as her husband. They have had three children: (1), Marion, born May 22, 1879, prepared for college at the Brearley School in the city and entered Bryn Mawr College, Pa., where she graduated in 1901, warden of Rockefeller Hall in same institution 1902-1905, Fellow in Economics there 1905-'06, awarded Bryn Mawr European Fellowship 1906-'07 and spent that year studying at the University of Vienna, Professor of Economics 1907 at Bryn Mawr, received the degrees of A. M. and Ph. D. from same institution in 1908, chairman of board of directors of Bureau of Occupation for Trained Women in Philadelphia and a member of many other societies and associations. Miss Parris married June 11, 1912, Wm. Roy Smith, Professor of American History in Bryn Mawr College; (2), Edward Lowden, born Aug. 3, 1881, died Mar. 21, 1883; (3), Edward Lowden, born Jan. 20,



Rear Admiral Thos. S. Phelps





1887, after attaining his education went to Philadelphia, Pa., where he remained for two years when he returned to New York City where he has since been located in business. Young Parris has made a special study of mechanical engineering, is an inventor and manufacturer of electrical automobile equipment, general manager of the Ignition Specialty Co., of New York, member of the Society of Automobile Engineers, Sons of the Revolution and several other societies and clubs.

REAR ADMIRAL THOMAS S. PHELPS.

Thomas Stowell Phelps was born in Buckfield, Nov. 2, 1822. His parents were Stephen and Elizabeth N. (Stowell) Phelps. Stephen Phelps was born in Sutton, Mass., July 8, 1783 and his wife in South Paris, Oct. 5, 1785. They were married at South Paris, once called Stowell's Mills, Jan. 29, 1806. They moved to Buckfield in 1816 where he went into business as a merchant or trader on the south side of the river. He died in Buckfield, Feb. 21, 1829. She died Oct. 7, 1832.

The son, Thomas S. Phelps, having an inclination for a seafaring life, obtained an appointment through Hon. Virgil D. Parris, then a member of Congress from the Oxford District in January, 1840, as midshipman in the United States Navy. His service was in all parts of the globe, a part of it on the famous old frigate "Constitution." He was promoted from one grade to another till he was commissioned as commander with rank of lieutenant of the steamer "Vixen" on special service, coast survey, from August, '59 to September, '61 and was attached to the expedition for the relief of Fort Sumter in Charleston, S. C., Harbor. Nov. 14, '61, his vessel had an engagement with the Rebel gunboat "Curlew" in Pamlico Sound, N. C., for which he received the compliments of the Secretary of the Navy. Early in the year, 1862, he was assigned to the command of a division of the North Atlantic Blockading Squadron off the Virginia coast, where he was in frequent engagements with the enemy, capturing five and destroying two vessels. At the bombardment of Fort Fisher, N. C., in January, 1865, he commanded the "Juniata." In August, 1865, he was commissioned commander, promoted to captain in the regular service in 1871, to Commodore

in 1879 and Rear Admiral in 1884. Retired on account of age, Nov. 2, 1884.

He died in New York City, Jan. 10, 1901. His wife is also deceased. Both are buried in the National Cemetery at Arlington, near Washington, D. C. His son, Thomas S. Phelps, Jr., also entered the Naval Service and is now (1913) a Rear Admiral and stationed at Mare Island, Cal.

#### DEA. JOB PRINCE.

Dea. Job Prince was a descendant in the fifth generation from Elder John Prince of Hull, Mass., who in 1633, being then a student at Oxford, England, and expecting to succeed his father, Rev. John Prince as rector of the East Shefford Church Society in Berkshire, was driven to America by the persecutions of Archbishop Laud. Rev. John Prince married Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. Dr. Tolderburg and had four sons and seven daughters. Elder John Prince born in 1610 at East Shefford, was their oldest child. He lived at different periods after coming to America at Watertown, Hingham, Nantasket and Hull, was Ruling Elder at the latter place in 1644 and died there. He was twice married, first to Alice Honour and second, Anne —. His death occurred in 1676. Nine children, all by first wife. Thomas, the youngest child born in 1658 at Scituate, married Ruth, daughter of John Turner, Sr., of Scituate. He died at Barbadoes in 1704. Five children, Job, the youngest, born in 1695, married Abigail Kimball, and had six children; Kimball, the third child born May 9, 1726, married October 13, 1750, Deborah, daughter of Dea. John Fuller and had Christopher, born July 22, 1751; Kimball, born July 29, 1753; Sarah, born Jan. 15, 1756; Ruth, born May 7, 1758; Deborah, born July 13, 1760; Noah, born January 18, 1763; Job, born May 22, 1765; John, born Feb. 23, 1768, and Hezekiah.

Job Prince married in Turner, June 23, 1791, Hannah Bryant. Their children recorded on the Buckfield records were: Lydia, born June 21, 1792, married Dec. 18, 1817, Daniel Young of Norway, died Jan. 20, 1888; Rebekah, born May 2, 1793, married June 2, 1839, Daniel Pond of Paris, died Aug. 29, 1861; Hon. Job, born Mar. 17, 1795, married June 28, 1821, first, Zilpha Spaulding, second, Olive Leavitt, settled in Turner, died April

20, 1875; Hon. Noah, born April 13, 1797, married March 12, 1826, Sarah Farrar; Hannah, born Aug. 16, 1799, married first, Ezar Morton, May 2, 1852, second Eliphalet Sturtevant, August, 1835, died Mar. 20, 1837; Rufus, born Sept. 24, 1801, married 1820, Sophia Brewster, settled in Bangor; Olive, born Jan. 21, 1804, married May 15, 1834, Abel Stetson of Sumner, died Mar. 17, 1863; Louisa, born Feb. 15, 1806, married first, Peter G. Bailey of Bangor, Feb. 27, 1826, second, Rev. Geo. Bates of Turner, July, 1832, died Sept. 1, 1888 and Ardelia, born Aug. 24, 1808, married June, 1833, Wm. R. Hersey of Lincoln, died June 21, 1873.

Kimball Prince, the father of Job, was in the expedition against Louisburg in 1745, and was also a soldier of the Revolution. Kimball Prince and Deborah Fuller, his wife, were descendants of Elder Wm. Brewster.

Job Prince removed from Kingston, Mass., to Bucktown, probably in the spring of 1788 as his deed of 100 acres, for which he paid £15 in gold, is dated June 23, 1788. On this farm he lived and died. In 1802 the 2d Baptist church was organized, Job Prince and his wife, Hannah, being of the 13 who founded it. Mr. Prince was its first deacon and afterwards, the records say, was one of the leading members of the 1st church.

In 1793 Hezekiah Prince of Thomaston, grandfather of Gen. Jona. Prince Cilley, visited all his brothers and sisters from Maine to Virginia in a 1200-mile horseback ride; and, in his diary says of Bucktown—"There are about 550 inhabitants. The soil seems fertile and the people are industrious and happy in their forest homes. I can but admire, in these new settlements, the kind, neighborly feeling that exists. They assist each other in all heavy work, settlers for miles around joining forces in house building, wood clearing, husking and quilting bees. When one farmer kills a cow the neighbors share and so butchering is timed to suit the community. Homespun clothing of flax or wool is principally worn. Farm hands are paid from \$8 to \$10 per month and female help \$.50 per week. Spelling and singing schools, gunning, sleigh rides and coasting are the recreations. Letters are carried by private parties and delivered as opportunity offers."

The Princes are long lived. Mr. Geo. Prince, in a magazine article, speaks of relatives living to the ages of 88, 96, 95, 92, 85, 89, 94, 91 and 96.

## HON. NOAH PRINCE.

Noah Prince, second son of Dea. Job and Hannah Bryant Prince, was born in Buckfield, April 13, 1797, on the original Prince farm on which he lived until 1855 when he removed to the village three miles away. He grew to manhood working on the farm and getting a little schooling in the winter by walking two miles after the "chores" were done. His integrity, sound judgment and forceful character made themselves felt early in life, and for many years he was prominent in town affairs. He held commissions as Justice of the Peace and as Trial Justice from 1839 until his death, and also a commission from President Taylor and two Internal Revenue licenses.

In 1840, '41, '42, '43, Mr. Prince represented the town in the legislature and in 1850, '51, '52 was state senator from Oxford County. In 1851 and '52 he was President of the Senate, during which time the "Maine Law" was passed which measure he supported.

In 1852 Mr. Prince presided at a convention in Norway, composed of bolters from the democratic party, which convention it is claimed, gave birth to the republican party, and in 1853 as chairman of the democratic state committee, he issued a call to the "Democratic Republicans of the State of Maine" for a "Mass Convention in Portland" of which meeting he was made chairman.

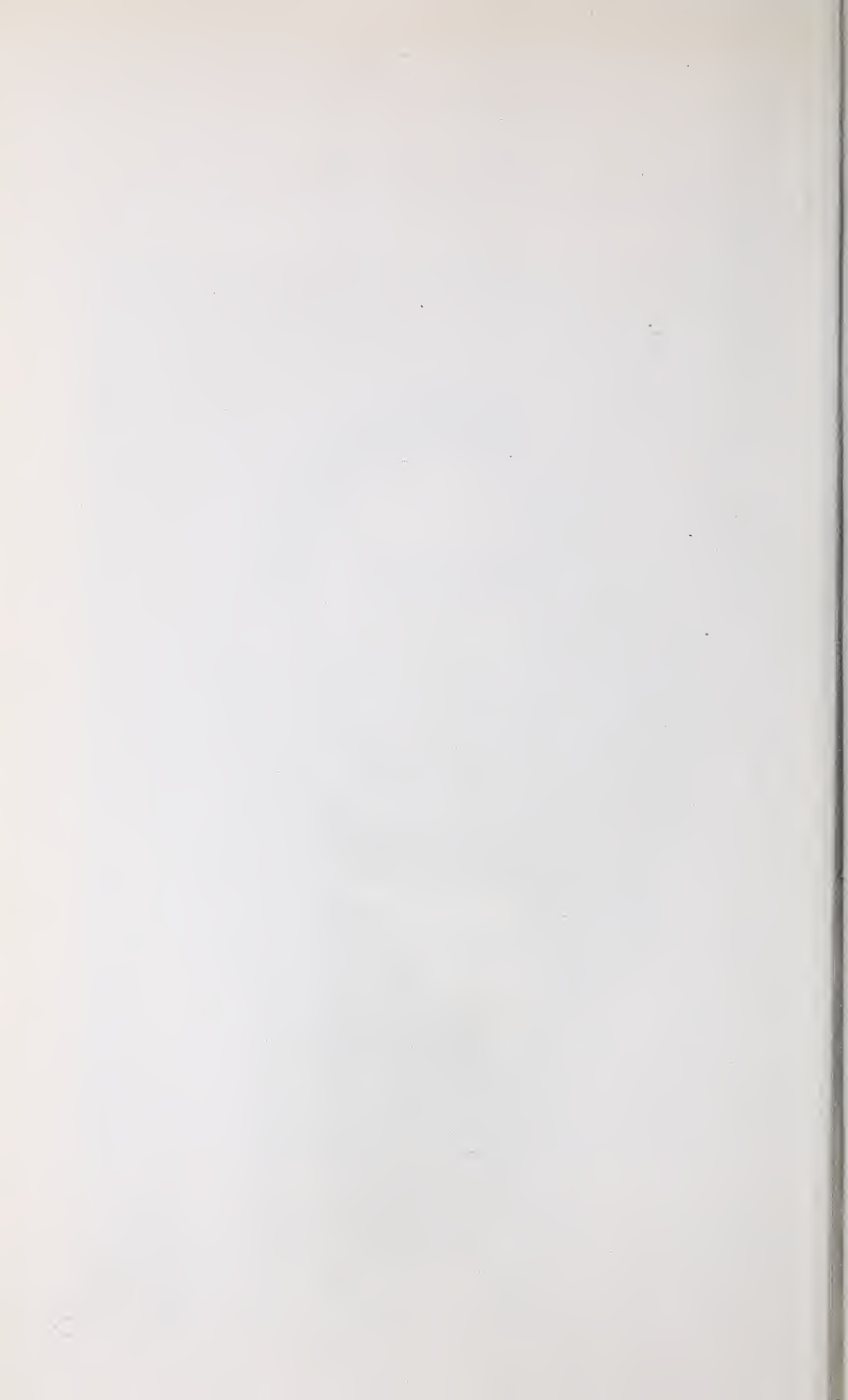
Mr. Prince was one of the projectors and directors of the Buckfield Branch Railroad, now a part of the Portland & Rumford Falls road.

In 1825 he married Miss Sarah Farrar and together they lived happy, prosperous and useful lives until his death, Feb. 14, 1872. Both were members of the Baptist church to which they gave generously. She died Aug. 2, 1881. They had seven children: S. Louise, born Aug. 28, 1826, married Francis C. Buck, Dec. 27, 1849 and died May 13, 1858; N. Kimball Prince, born May 8, 1828, married Mary J. Emery, Oct. 8, 1854; Augusta M., born Nov. 28, 1831, married Nov. 17, 1853, A. Hamilton Thayer, who died July 6, 1868 and she married second, April 5, 1872, Thomas E. Stevens; Ardelia H., born July 10, 1835, a school teacher of sufficient length of service to be pensioned and a writer of both prose and poetry; Charles H., born May 9, 1837, married Eunice A. Atwood, Jan. 30, 1859 and died April 3, 1912 and Mary R., born April 19, 1841, married Dec. 9, 1868, Dr. Orrin R. Hall.





Noah Prince



## HON. CHARLES H. PRINCE.

Charles Henry Prince, second son of Noah and Sarah (Farrar) Prince, was born on the Prince farm in Buckfield, Maine, May 9, 1837. He was educated in the common and high schools of Buckfield where, in 1861, he was appointed postmaster, and in 1862 raised Co. C. of the 23d Regiment, Maine Volunteers, of which he was captain during its term of service.

In 1866 Mr. Prince removed to Augusta, Ga., where he was cashier of the Freedmen's Savings and Trust Bank, and Superintendent of schools under the A. M. A. He was a member of the Georgia Constitutional Convention and also of the Forty-first Congress. He was a delegate to the national convention in Philadelphia which nominated Grant for his second term; to Chicago where Hayes was nominated, and to Cincinnati where Garfield received the nomination.

Mr. Prince was Postmaster at Augusta for twelve years and of him Alex. H. Stephens wrote to President Grant: "Capt. Prince, though a very decided and strong Republican, is a personal friend of mine and as he has made the best Postmaster that Augusta has had in twenty years, my suggestion is that he be retained. I think the people of Augusta would prefer him to any other man of his party."

The Springfield Republican said of him: "He is that anomaly, a reputable carpet-bagger, who has illustrated the truth that an honest northerner can make a place for himself in any southern state."

Augusta papers said on his retirement: "Capt. Prince has been an able and courteous officer and has the whole city for his friends." "Our people will regret to part with him."

Mr. Prince returned to Buckfield in 1882 where he engaged in trade and was for some years superintendent of schools. He was a member of the Maine Senate of 1901 and, at the time of his death, April 3, 1912, was a brush manufacturer.

Mr. and Mrs. Prince were staunch members of the Baptist church.

He married Jan. 30, 1859, Eunice A., daughter of Lorenzo and Lucy (Harris) Atwood, born Oct. 5, 1838 at Avon, Mass. Her parents moved to Buckfield in 1842. They had four chil-

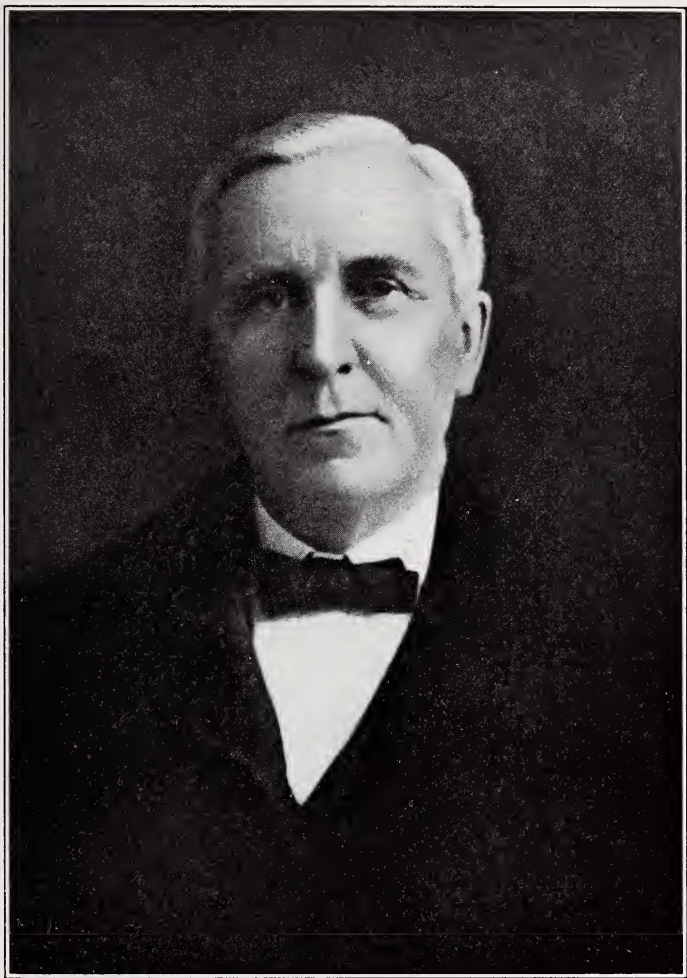
dren: First, Ellsworth, named for Col. E. E. Ellsworth of the New York Zouaves in the Civil War, whose tragic death occurred at Alexandria, Va., while tearing down a Confederate flag, born March 30, 1861, died May 3, 1866; second, Henry Charles, born Feb. 26, 1866, married Mellie J. Keene; third, Josephine Louise, born Sept. 17, 1868, married Albert Foster Drummond of Waterville, Sept. 25, 1889. Children: Louise, born Oct. 25, 1891; Prince A., born Jan. 23, 1893; Katherine S., born Sept. 26, 1894; Clark, born April 5, 1900; fourth, Lucy Atwood, born Aug. 1, 1874, married at Waterville, Oct. 18, 1897, John E. Shearman of Portland, born at Keswich, England, April 18, 1871, children: Evan John, born April 2, 1900 and Josephine, born Mar. 12, 1903.

Augusta Marion Prince, daughter of Noah and Sarah Farrar Prince, was born in Buckfield, Nov. 28, 1831. She attended the schools in Buckfield and afterward entered the Oxford Normal Institute at South Paris where she took high rank. After teaching in various places, she was married in 1852 to A. Hamilton Thayer of Paris, where they settled, where her only child, Charles H. Thayer was born and where her husband died in 1868. In 1873 she married Thomas E. Stearns and moved to Snow's Falls in Paris.

In 1881 the family removed to Cambridge, Mass., where, zealously espousing the movement for no license, at that time the paramount issue in Cambridge, she at once became a co-worker with the temperance women of the city. In 1883 she was president of the Cambridge W. C. T. U. and in 1886 the Union presented a petition to Mayor Russell urging her appointment as the first police matron of Cambridge, which position she accepted only after a personal appeal from the mayor. How satisfactorily she performed this service was effectively expressed by Capt. Murray of Station 1 in a conversation with the present mayor regarding the appointment of her successor.

"Do the best you can, you cannot expect to find another Mrs. Stearns."

Beloved and esteemed by all who ever knew her, Mrs. Stearns died suddenly at her home in Cambridge on March 15, 1904.



Capt. Charles H. Prince





Henry C. Prince

## HENRY CHARLES PRINCE.

Henry Charles Prince, son of Charles H. and Eunice Atwood Prince, was born in Buckfield, February 26, 1866. He commenced his education in the common schools of Buckfield and later attended Hebron Academy and Coburn Classical Institute and entered Colby College but did not complete the course, returning to Buckfield after one year to enter into business with his father. In the early spring of 1887 he went west being located in Kansas and the Indian Territory for four years. In the spring of 1891 he returned to Waterville and in company with E. T. Wyman bought the Waterville Mail. In 1896 the firm started the Waterville Evening Mail, the first daily paper to be published in that city. A little later he bought out his partner and ran the paper successfully until 1905 when he sold the business and purchased the Bulletin plant in Madison, which he still continues to run.

In 1910 Mr. Prince was appointed State Librarian, serving until February, 1912, when he was removed to make room for one of the same political faith as the governor. In January, 1913, there coming another change of administration, Mr. Prince was re-appointed, serving until February, 1915.

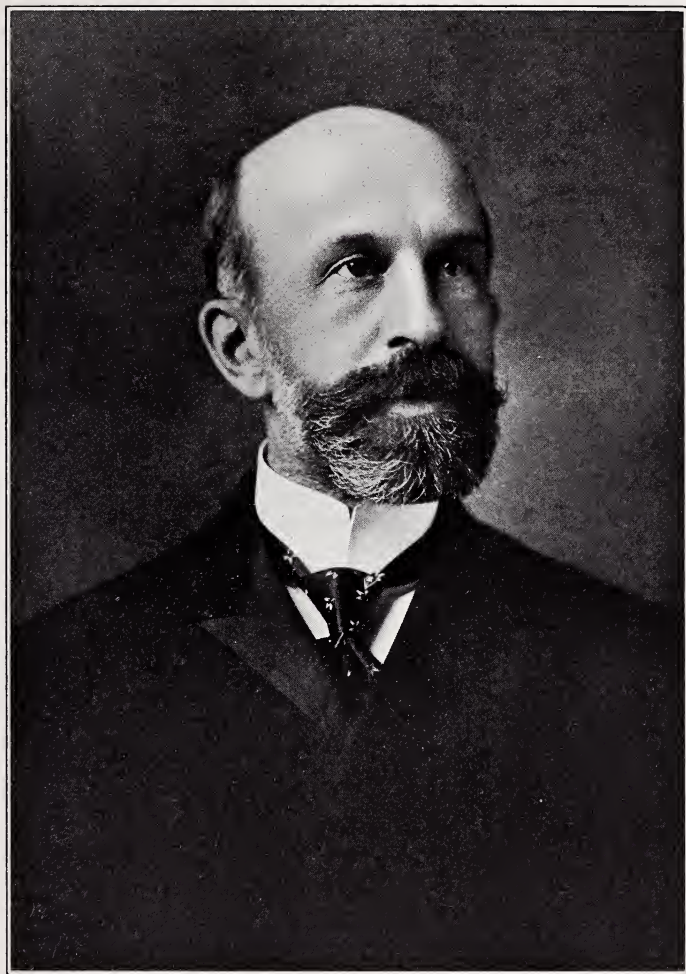
Mr. Prince has always taken active interest in city and town affairs, serving in the city government three years while in Waterville, for two years being president of the Common Council. He also served on the Board of Registration and was a member of a committee which had charge of the construction of one of the large grammar school buildings there. In Madison he also served on a building committee for a new school building and has taken an active part in the meetings of the Board of Trade.

Mr. Prince joined the order of Knights when in Kansas in 1889, being transferred to Havelock Lodge, Waterville, in 1892. He has held nearly all of the offices in the lodge and also in the Uniform Rank. He is also a member of the Sons of Veterans and the Modern Woodmen. He joined the society of the Descendants of the Mayflower in 1913, tracing back the Prince ancestry to Elder William Brewster.

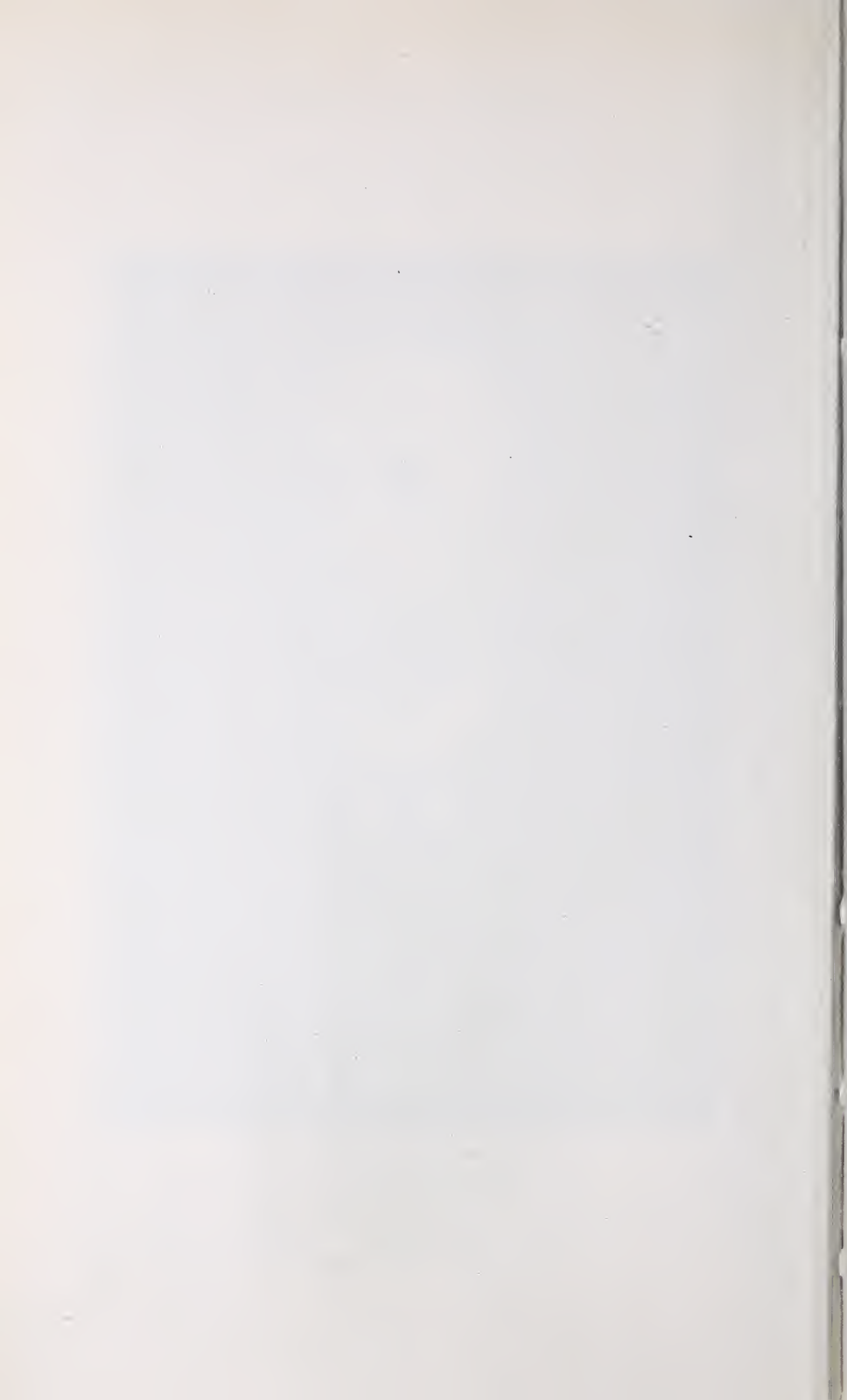
In 1893 Mr. Prince married Miss Mellie J. Keene of West Poland, and they have two children, Ellsworth, born July 20, 1895, and Helen, born June 3, 1900.

ALBION W. SMALL, PH.D., LL.D.

Albion Woodbury Small, the son of Rev. Albion K. P. and 'Thankful (Woodbury) Small was born in Buckfield, Maine, May 11th, 1854. When he was four years of age his parents moved to Bangor, Maine; he was in the public schools of that city until he was fourteen, when his parents moved to Portland, and during the next four years he was in the high school of that city. The following years he was a student at Colby University, Waterville, Maine. Then he completed the three years' course in Newton Theological Institution in 1879, and during the years 1879-81 he was a student in the Universities of Berlin and Leipzig, using the vacations for travel over large portions of Europe, and following his university study with a period of investigation in the British Museum. In June of 1881 he was married in Berlin to Fraulein Valeria Von Massow of an old Prussian land-owning family. Before returning from Germany, on the recommendation of President Robbins, Mr. Small was elected Professor of History and Political Economy at Colby University, and began his work in September, 1881. In 1888 he was granted leave of absence for one year, spending the time at Johns Hopkins University and receiving the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1889. During the following summer, on the nomination of President Pepper, Mr. Small was elected as the latter's successor to the presidency of Colby University. In 1892 he was invited by President Harper to the headship of the department of Sociology in the University to be founded at Chicago. He accepted the position, beginning his work in the following October. Since that time he has been engaged as an instructor of graduate students, as a writer upon the subject of Sociology, and as editor of the *American Journal of Sociology*, which is now entering upon its twenty-first annual volume. His chief books are: "General Sociology," published in 1905; "Adam Smith and Modern Sociology," 1907; "The Cameralists," 1909; "The Meaning of Social Science," 1910, and "Between Eras," 1913. The degree of LL.D., was conferred upon him by Colby College in 1900. His only child is Mrs. Hayden B. Harris, whose husband is a member of the firm of Harris, Forbes & Company, New York City.



Albion W. Small, LL.D.





## SEBA SMITH.

Next to Governor Long, the most famous son of Buckfield is Seba Smith, the younger, who was born here, according to the town records, Sept. 14, 1792. His father's family moved to Buckfield from Turner shortly after the first United States census was taken in 1790. The births of four children are recorded here—the last in 1796. The family removed to Bridgton probably at the same time as did Samuel Andrews who was a connection by marriage. That was in 1799. The census of 1800 shows that both families resided in Bridgton at that time. We have been thus particular as to the poet's birth, because it is said that his gravestone states that he was born in 1802. This may be an error in copying or a typographical error, but in any event is not correct. Young Smith before he left Buckfield showed the bent of his mind toward literature. It is said that his uncle, Lieut. Jasiel Smith and his grandmother, Anna Crossman Smith, had great influence in determining his future literary eminence. He worked his way through the high and preparatory schools and also through college and graduated at Bowdoin in 1818 and settled in Portland, where he went into journalism. In 1823 he married Miss Elizabeth Oakes Prince of Yarmouth, a lady of literary tastes and accomplishments, who became more famous as a writer of poetry, one would think from reading the encyclopedias than her husband. In 1829 Seba Smith began the publication of the *Portland Courier*, the first daily newspaper in Maine. Into its columns one by one, almost unnoticed, at first, appeared many little gems of poetry, and some of these were considered of sufficient literary merit to be reproduced in the school readers of a later period. One was a scene the poet witnessed while a boy in his native town. The burying ground connected with it is situated on the Paris Hill road in the westerly part of the town. His poetical productions were overshadowed by the "Major Jack Downing Letters" that began to appear in the *Courier*, and which caught the popular fancy so that the author soon found himself famous. Mr. Smith was the originator of that class of literature, later so well represented by P. V. Naseby, Josh Billings and Artemus Ward. The latter particularly took Smith as his model. Smith removed to New York where he thought to have a wider scope for his abilities. His "Way Down East" though widely read, did not equal the interest aroused by the Downing Letters. He wrote be-

sides these, which appeared in book form, other works. His later career did not attract so much notice in the literary world as his earlier course had done. He died in 1868 and is buried near the little village of Patchogue, Long Island. A dozen years ago it was called by a New York newspaper reporter, "an abandoned graveyard of the long ago." On a storm-worn marble slab, about four feet high and three feet wide, was the following inscription:

*"Sacred to the memory of*

SEBA SMITH,

Poet and Scholar.

Born in Maine, September 14th, 1802.

Died in Patchogue, July 28th, 1868.

He graduated at Bowdoin College in  
1818, and was the original

"Major Jack Downing."

Also author of "Way Down East," of

"New Elements of Geometry,"

"Powhatan," and many other  
works.

He was well beloved!"

HON. FRANCIS O. J. SMITH.

Francis Ormond Jonathan Smith was born at Brentwood, N. H., Nov. 23, 1806. He fitted for college at Exeter and was prepared to enter a junior class but instead of taking a college course he began the study of the law. His parents having removed to Portland, Me., he completed his legal studies in the office of Fessenden & Deblois. The senior member of the firm was Gen. Samuel Fessenden, one of the very best lawyers in the state at that period. He afterwards became the leader of the "Liberty Party" and for several years was its candidate for governor. Smith was admitted to the Cumberland Bar in March, 1826, before he was twenty years old and at once took a leading position among the lawyers of the state and acquired an extensive practice.

He became intensely interested in politics and espousing the cause of Gen. Andrew Jackson for President in 1828 he contributed many pungent articles to the press under the nom de plume of "Leonidas." These writings attracted wide attention. As in

1824 Maine voted in 1828 for John Quincy Adams for President, but the State then voting by districts for electors, the Cumberland district was carried for Jackson, principally through Smith's efforts. Besides his attacks upon the Adams administration through the newspapers, Smith had taken the stump, where he showed himself well adapted for such political work.

General Jackson was elected, though John Quincy Adams' administration had been most successful financially and a large surplus was accumulated in the United States Treasury which was afterwards distributed to the different towns throughout the country. John Quincy Adams was our most learned President.

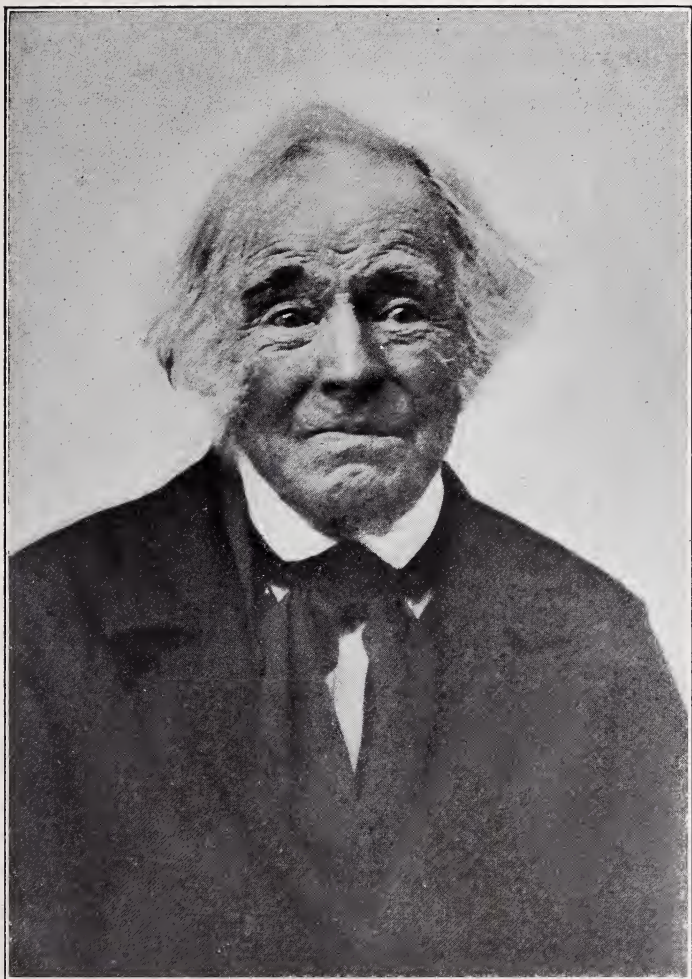
In 1831 Smith was elected to the lower house of the Maine Legislature and the next year to the Senate. The Presidential election of 1832 aroused all Smith's energies. He assisted in the organization of Jackson clubs, addressed meetings and was a prolific writer for the "Eastern Argus" which was recognized as the leading Jackson organ in New England and was called by the national leaders of the party, "The Star in the East," which after the election when Maine had first been carried by the Jackson party was applied to the state. Smith was rewarded by an election to Congress, then in his 26th year. He was twice re-elected. Before he had attained such prominence in politics, he had published several works and a book against lotteries. This last publication raised a storm of denunciation from the promoters of such schemes.

While in Congress he was the Washington correspondent of the Argus and at different times was connected with several newspapers, two of which he started. Smith was chairman of the commerce committee of the National House and a resolve was submitted to it for an appropriation for a telegraph line between the capital and the Northern cities—the first project of the kind in the world. Unfortunately, Smith became interested financially in establishing such lines in the country which forced him to give up his political career and tied up his resources and involved him in litigation, thus preventing his carrying out other projects and particularly in regard to the Buckfield Branch Railroad, elsewhere fully treated. The suit he had brought in the telegraph matter was not determined till after his death when a judgment was rendered for his estate for nearly half a million of dollars. With such a sum at his command when he took up his

residence in the fifties in Buckfield, no such lamentable consequences, with the financial distress and ruin to so many of its citizens would have occurred. In 1840, Smith re-entered politics as an opponent of his party's policy and the astonishing result of Maine going that year "hell-bent" for Governor Edward Kent, and "Tippecanoe and Tyler, too" has been attributed largely to Smith's efforts and influence. The early death of President Harrison and the defection of Tyler to the party's political enemies, prevented Smith being appointed to a high position. In 1848 Smith again came into public notice as a champion of Gen. Zachary Taylor for President who was elected but Maine did not as in 1840 follow Smith's lead—the Liberty party polling a sufficient number of votes to prevent it. For several years after this, Smith appears to have taken no part in politics, but when the country began to ring with the shouts of "Freemen, Fremont and Dayton" in 1856, he espoused the popular cause which was defeated by the vote of Pennsylvania being given (some said by unfair means) to James Buchanan. When the Rebellion broke out in 1861, Smith appears to have had little faith in the government being able to preserve the Union by force of arms and having been elected to the Legislature from Portland where he had removed from Buckfield, he advocated in a speech of great eloquence, that in the event of the Southern States succeeding, Maine should be annexed to Canada. He had purchased the Portland Advertiser and as its editor he took position against the vigorous prosecution of the war and in favor of settling the differences between the North and South by compromise. It was the great mistake of Smith's political life. The loyal business men of Portland resented his course and that of Hon. George Evans, a former Whig United States Senator often called the Daniel Webster of Maine, who entertained views similar to Smith's, and the Portland Press was established. Both these great men disappeared from public view and thousands of people to-day in our state scarcely know anything about them.

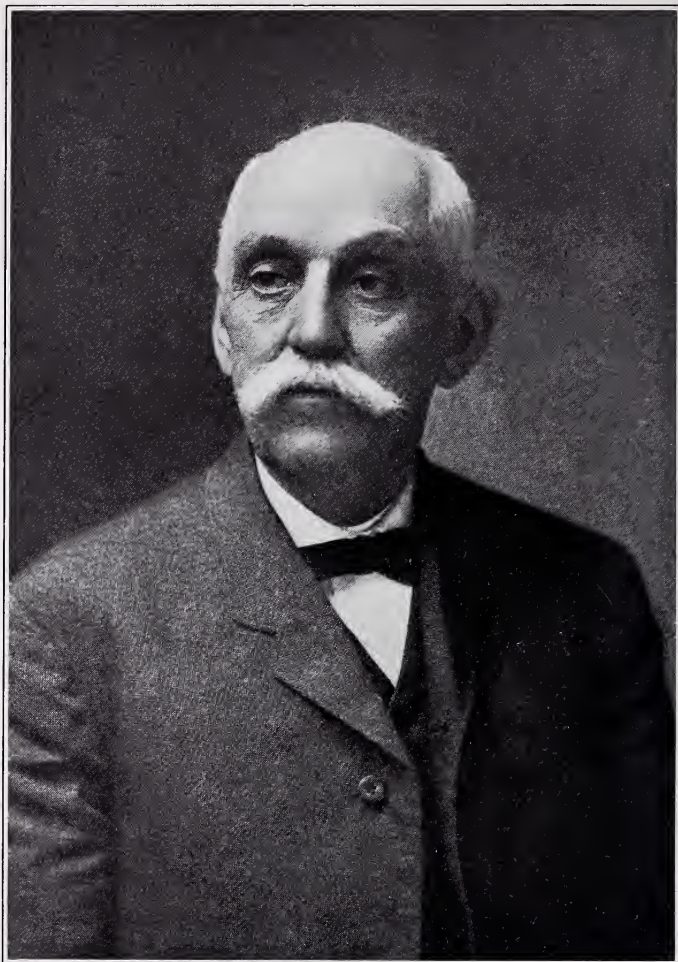
As a lawyer in the conduct of cases in court, Smith had few equals and no superior. As a writer he was clear in expression, energetic and forcible and possessed just the style to catch and hold the popular interest, especially in a great crisis, when the passions of men are excited by real or fancied wrongs. As a speaker, he had a grace of manner, a charm of delivery, an easy





Benj. Spaulding, Jr.





Ben Spaulding

flow of language and a clear and melodious voice. He could move his hearers to denunciation or pity; to laughter or to tears. Before prejudice had destroyed confidence in him, there was no man in Maine who could sway an assembly with equal force.

His public career is an interesting study for old and young. In some respects he reminds one of Aaron Burr, but unlike Burr he would always lead in whatever matter he was engaged and could bear no rivalry. He was the truest of friends, but the sternest of mortal foes. Of charming manners and of extensive general information he was always a social favorite. Probably as an all-round man, writer, speaker, lawyer, business man and politician, he had not his equal in his day in New England. On his 21st birthday, Mr. Smith had married Miss Julia L. Bartlett of Kingston, N. H., an accomplished and beautiful lady of fine literary attainments. People of culture found in their "Forest Home" in Deering, near Portland, an attractive resort. She died in 1853 and he afterwards married Miss Ellen Groton of Bath. He died Oct. 14, 1876 from heart disease and was buried in the Eastern cemetery, Portland. He had caused to be cut on a city missionary's monument the following which was undoubtedly his ideas of man's duty to man:

"Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will."

BENJAMIN SPAULDING, JR.

Benjamin Spaulding, Jr., was born in Chelmsford, Mass., August 15, 1768. He moved with his father's family to Bucktown when ten years old. His first wife was Myrtilla Robinson of Sumner, daughter of Increase and Rebecca Robinson. They were married Oct. 15, 1790 and settled in the village on the road leading to Paris Hill. The house they lived in is said to be the first frame house in the place. He was much in public life. For many years he held the offices of treasurer and one of the board of selectmen and assessors of the town. He was unanimously elected representative to the General Court in 1812 and was re-elected in 1813, 1814, 1815 and 1816. He was also elected representative to the Legislature of Maine in 1821, 1823, 1824 and 1827. He served a term as county commissioner. His wife died Oct. 1, 1816 and he married second, Mrs. Mary (Sturtevant) Bumpus, Nov. 6, 1817. He had nine children, seven by his first

wife and two by his last. Three of his children were much in town office and two of them were town clerks. He died Feb. 18, 1858 in the 90th year of his age.

The Gospel Banner printed an obituary notice from which the following is taken: "No man ever lived in the town more respected, venerated and beloved and none ever died more generally lamented than Father Spaulding. He was prudent and temperate in all his habits. He was honest in principle, pure in mind and motive and of strict integrity. He possessed a mild and amiable disposition and was always seeking to make those around him happy. His habitual uprightness, honesty, goodness and ability secured him the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens, who many times raised him to the highest honors and offices within their gift. These offices he filled with honor to himself and with credit and usefulness to his constituents."

#### BENJAMIN SPAULDING.

Benjamin Spaulding, oldest son of Sidney and Eliza G. (Atwood) Spaulding, was born in Buckfield, June 15, 1836. He married Mary Barrett of Sumner. Mr. Spaulding did not seek his fortune away from his native town. He early began business as a trader and has been very successful. For many years he was in company with Dea. Wm. H. Atwood and since the latter has deceased, the business has been carried on by Mr. Spaulding and his two promising sons, Benjamin, Jr., and Gilbert Barrett Spaulding. Mr. Spaulding has held several town offices. His integrity is proverbial. No man now living in Buckfield is more highly respected and honored.

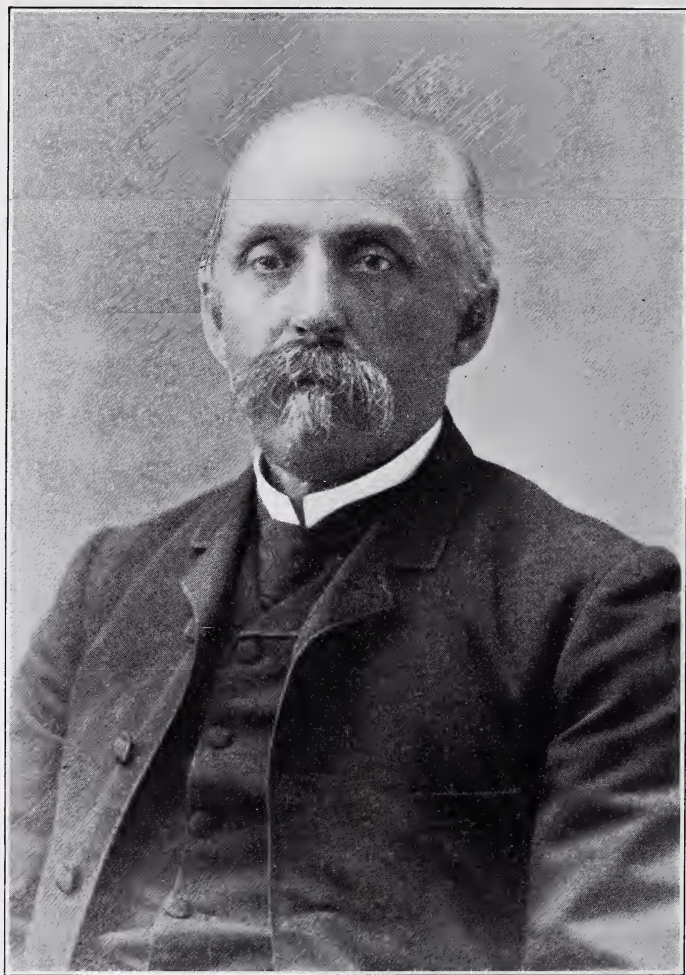
#### WILLIAM C. SPAULDING.

William Cole Spaulding, third son and fourth child of Sidney and Eliza G. (Atwood) Spaulding, was born in Buckfield, June 18, 1841. He was brought up on his father's farm, but on reaching his majority he went to Fort Fairfield in Aroostook County and engaged in the hardware business. In July, 1865, he married Lovina Jane, daughter of John Sterling, Esq., of Halifax, Nova Scotia and two years after they settled in Caribou where he has since resided. Mrs. Spaulding was born in Halifax, April





William C. Spaulding



Cyrus C. Spaulding



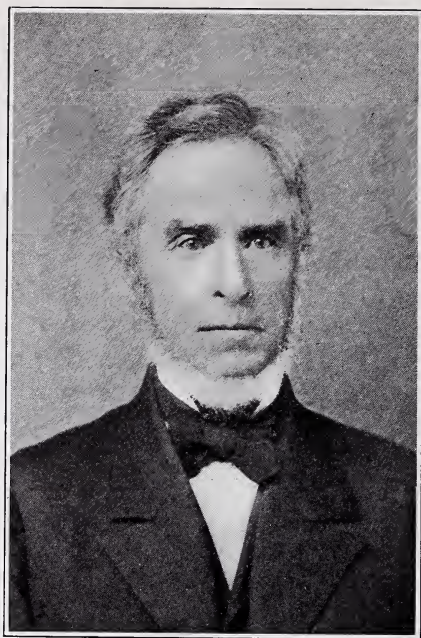
14, 1842, and died, March 31, 1904. William C. Spaulding is one of the solid men of Eastern Maine. He has followed the same business in which he first started and has been eminently successful. Of high character and sterling worth, he is an honor to the town which gave him birth and the community in which he lives.

He died quite suddenly at his home July 6, 1915, deeply lamented by all who knew him. No better man ever lived.

He had two children, John Sterling, born July 21, 1869. He married Harriet Louise Burpee of Fort Fairfield. He died at Caribou, Dec. 15, 1896. His other son, Atwood W. Spaulding, was born in Caribou, Jan. 6, 1873. He graduated at Columbia Institute, N. Y., in 1892 and on his return home, engaged in the hardware business with his father. In 1898 during the Spanish war he was military secretary of Governor Powers, which position he filled in a very able manner. He is a member of all the principal secret societies of his section and is very popular with all classes.

#### COL. ALBERT D. WHITE.

Albert D. White, son of Josiah and Rachel (Robbins) White of Dedham, Mass., was born in Freedom, Me., July 17, 1808. He came to Buckfield from Winthrop and engaged in the tanning business. He married April 2, 1837, Miss Lydia B. Harlow of this town. Mr. White was an energetic and a resolute man and being naturally fitted to command usually succeeded in accomplishing whatever he undertook. He rose from private in the militia to the rank of colonel. As an officer of the law, he had scarcely his equal in the county. In politics, Col. White was a Whig and later a Republican and upon him, Zadoc Long, the leader of the Whigs in this section of the state in the thirties and forties largely depended to carry out the party projects and keep the party machinery in good working order. When the Whig overturn in Maine occurred in 1840 by the election of Hon. Edward Kent for governor, Col. White was rewarded by the appointment of sheriff of the county. His administration was vigorous and effective, especially in the enforcement of the liquor laws. Fearless in the discharge of duty, he won a reputation for faithful service that lasted him through life. The defeat of Henry Clay for President in 1844 was a severe blow to Col. White and to Zadoc Long.



Col. Albert D. White

After many years of successful business as a tanner he sold out to Mr. Josiah W. Whitten and bought the farm above the village where Abijah Buck, the founder of the town had settled. Here Col. White passed the last years of his life. He died Dec. 13, 1887. His wife died July 17, 1891. They had three children: (1), Julia O., born Feb. 7, 1841, married Rev. S. L. B. Chase and had four children, Albert W., Harold L., William B., and Alice W., all deceased except Wm. B. Chase, who resides in Thompson, Conn. She died May 18, 1893. (2), Alice M., born July 31, 1845, died March 16, 1871. (3), E. Frances, born June 7, 1851, married June 30, 1880, Elmer B. Austin of Buckfield and has six children: Albert W., born Aug. 9, 1882; Harold C., born Oct. 10, 1883, died July 30, 1887; Grace J., born July 6, 1885; Edward J., born Dec. 11, 1887, died Oct. 10, 1888; L. Bessie, born May 4, 1889 and Melinda H., born Nov. 12, 1890.

## CHAPTER XXI.

## BUCKFIELD POETS.

ALFRED COLE.

(See Sketch)

## CONVALESCENCE.

How beautiful is the world!  
After the weeks in a dreary round,  
While I, a helpless prisoner bound,  
On my lonely bed have lain,  
With the weariness of day and night,  
And only glimpses of sun and light,  
Thru the blur of the window pane.

Oh, the deep blue sky and the blessed air!  
Oh, the glorious sunshine everywhere,  
And the bird-songs in the trees!  
Blossoming orchards and fields of green—  
Was ever before such freshness seen?  
Or such sweetness haunting the breeze?

I see the flash of the oriole's wings  
In the leaves of the lofty elm, where he sings  
His joy to the sunlit hours;  
And idly I watch the swallows fly  
And list to the droning lullaby  
Of bees in the garden flowers.

Passersby I note as one in a dream—  
How sprightly and full of vigor they seem,  
While I in weakness remain;  
And I sigh and wonder if ever, or when  
I may walk as of old with my fellowmen,  
And my tenure of life-work regain.

Yet how beautiful is the world!  
Throbbing with life and bright with cheer,  
Thrilling with promise and hopes of the year—  
There can be no fairer place  
Than Earth, when its springtide voices call  
And Heaven seems bending over all  
With a tender, smiling face.

## CHILDREN AND FLOWERS.

Flowers, gathered from fields and the valleys  
And borders of country ways,  
With ferns from the wildwood alleys  
Come to brighten my shut-in days:  
For they bring the sweet breath from the days that  
are long,  
The murmur of bees and the bobolink's song.

Bright-eyed and with faces glowing,  
 Little children before me stand,  
 Each on me some flower-gift bestowing  
 With a sun-browned, chubby hand;  
 And my heart is touched with a tender thrill  
 By these offerings sweet of their own free-will.

Thus, while summer is weaving its story,  
 Oft these little gleaners I see;  
 Gifts, fairer than Solomon's glory,  
 They are modestly bringing to me:  
 Blessings upon you, my little friends,  
 For the sweetness of life that your presence lends.

#### MARY HART CUMMINGS.

Mary Hart Cummings, wife of Dea. Whitney Cummings, was daughter of Henry Prentiss of North Paris and his wife, Mary Hart and was born January 26, 1807. She died in Buckfield, February 18, 1878. While a mere girl she began to write for the County paper, then the Oxford Observer, and all through life was an acceptable contributor both in prose and verse to the Oxford Democrat, the Portland Transcript and Zion's Herald. She also wrote a number of successful stories which were published in the Philadelphia Courier. She had a facile pen, an excellent ear for rhythm and rhyme, much genuine poetic feeling, and great human sympathy. Unfortunately her work was not preserved with any care and even her descendants have little of it. She wrote sometimes under her own name but more commonly under the name of Oithona. The following is taken from the "Poets of Maine:"

#### REVERIES.

My child will come no more,  
 My ministries of love  
 Are changed for those above—  
 The little journey of his life is o'er.

My young and happy boy—  
 I see his glad step springing,  
 I hear his sweet voice singing,  
 And yet these mem'ries bring no thrills of joy.

I see his garments hang  
 In many a spot—  
 How can he be forgot,  
 Tho' every mem'ry brings the heart a pang!

But why these restless days?  
The promises are mine;  
I hear a voice divine  
Call on my soul a sovereign God to praise.

'Tis vain to change the scene—  
From each sequestered nook,  
His little treasures look;  
I cannot wander where he hasn't been.

Why spend my hours in gloom,  
Or weep for treasures gone,  
When I am hurrying on  
To join them in a world beyond the tomb?

Spring's glorious sunbeams stream,  
And brightly do they fall,  
Alike on floor and wall;  
But my lost boy looks out on every beam.

My cherished one is there,  
He spends his glorious days,  
In songs of holy praise  
To Him who heard on earth his daily prayer.

I turn my eyes above,  
But tears will force their way  
E'en when I strive to pray—  
Is there no place of rest for earthly love?

Then let my heart arise  
To his bright home above,  
And to the God of love  
Look for a blessing on "Earth's broken ties."

COLUMBIA GARDNER

(See Sketch)

THE OLD CATHEDRAL BELL.

How many mem'ries crowded fast,  
As on my ear it fell;  
Those melting tones to childhood dear,  
That old cathedral bell.

Long years had passed and childhood, too,  
But youth had thrown its spell;  
Around each chord that echoed back,  
That old cathedral bell.



## HISTORY OF BUCKFIELD

'Twas here a mother taught me first,  
 My simple prayer to tell;  
 And here I bowed, whene'er it rang,  
 That old cathedral bell.

How oft—full oft, it sadly peals,  
 The mourner's grief to tell;  
 And yet it cheers the bridal band,  
 That old cathedral bell.

I hear it now, it speaks of home,  
 Where dear and loved ones dwell;  
 And brings my happy childhood back,  
 That old cathedral bell.

It comes again, that deep-toned chime!  
 It breaks o'er hill and dell;  
 It calls the huntsman to his home,  
 That old cathedral bell.

O may it ring me to my home,  
 And chant the parting knell;  
 And sing the requiem, o'er my tomb,  
 That old cathedral bell.

For I could calmly, sweetly die,  
 If on my ear it fell;  
 And half I wish 'twas tolling now.  
 That old cathedral bell.

## MY MOTHER.

My mother! O how much I love  
 To speak that cherished name;  
 My mother! though thou canst not hear,  
 Its music is the same.

A destiny, I know that's strange,  
 Has from thee, bid me roam;  
 Yet I have but to speak thy name,  
 And Fancy wafts me home.

My mother! 'twas the earliest sound,  
 My infancy could learn;  
 And ever as I hear it lisped,  
 Those joyous hours return.

And when in listening wonder stood,  
 A prattler by thy knee;  
 I ever thought the world was where  
 My mother chanced to be.

My mother! yes that very sound,  
Can make me quite forget;  
How much thy daughter's heart has felt,  
Since last thy smile she met.

My mother! When my heart is sad,  
And silent steals the tear;  
I'll softly breathe thy gentle name,  
And feel that thou art near.

## CLARA MARCELLE GREENE.

Clara Marcelle Greene, the youngest child of the 3d Dea. David Farrar, was born in Buckfield, Me., April 17, 1840. She is the great-great-granddaughter of Anna Crossman Smith, the grandmother of Seba Smith, Jr., the author from whom he appears to have inherited his literary tastes. Miss Farrar began writing under the nom de plume of "Kate Kendall." She opened an art studio in Portland in 1870. Some of her poems, particularly "Possession" and "The Magdalen" have been highly prized for their dramatic quality. She married Mr. Wyer Greene of Portland, where they have resided many years.



Clara Marcelle Greene

## IN BONDS.

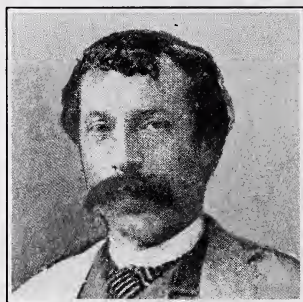
Hedge a lion in his lair,  
Bind him fast with leash and thong;  
Muscles quiver, eyeballs glare,  
Nerves and thews wax iron strong;  
Mad with fury and despair,  
He will rage against his wrong.  
With his bonds and fiery heart,  
Spirit! This is what thou art.

Cage an eagle, maim his wings,  
Seek to tame his dauntless eye;  
Teach him songs, the linnet sings,  
Tell him to forget the sky;  
Tell him flight brings arrow-stings,  
He must soar or he will die.  
    Beating pinion, eye of flame  
    Spirit! This is thou, the same.

Mark the everlasting sea,  
Watch its mighty heart uplift;  
O'er its bosom, broad and free,  
Fleets may ride and wrecks may drift,  
Aye, storms may rage;—what recketh thee,  
Boundless freedom is thy gift,  
    "Spirit, wait," it murmurs thee  
    "Eternity—Eternity."

## DANA B. HARLOW.

Dana Bradbury Harlow, son of Christopher and Miriam (Farrar) Harlow was born in Buckfield in 1854. His education was acquired in the town schools at Hebron Academy and at Hamil-



Dana B. Harlow

ton, N. Y., Theological Seminary. He early evinced a talent for composition, both in poetry and prose. Has written much for the press and is soon to issue a volume of his poems. Is an elocutionist of ability and for many years has been a successful teacher. Several years ago he moved to Paris where he now resides.

## THE BOYS IN BLUE.

Oh, green the robe that Nature  
wears,

Bespangled o'er with flowers,  
And birds and brooks are sing-  
ing low

Through amaranthine bowers.  
And soon the loved Memorial  
Day

Will fresher call to view  
The never-dying names and  
deeds

Of our loyal boys in blue.

Full many a soldier sleeps to-  
day

In Southern lands at rest;  
Where white magnolia blossoms  
fall

Above his faithful breast.  
And many others, all unknown,  
Their comrades brave and true,  
Been laid to rest at Arlington,  
Of the loyal boys in blue.

Oh, dark the day that called  
them forth

By Freedom's side to stand,  
For them to die, if need be so—  
For God and native land.

Ye bands of happy children fair,  
This day was meant for you.  
Bring flowers from all the vir-  
gin bowers,

For the loyal boys in blue.

And scatter them upon the turf  
That gently wraps them  
round,

For each known spot where they  
repose

To us is hallowed ground.

Oh, maidens twine the ever-  
green,

Fresh with the morning's  
dew,

And white, unfading immor-  
telles

For the loyal boys in blue.

## ABBIE CHASE HOLBROOK.

Abbie (Chase) Holbrook is the daughter of Hon. Thomas and Esther M. (Daggett) Chase and was born in Buckfield, Oct. 23, 1839. She married Wm. C. Holbrook and resides at Malden, Mass.

## THE OLD SOUTH HILL SCHOOL HOUSE.

Again I climb the old South Hill;  
Stands there the time-stained schoolhouse still;  
Unchanged, its windows blankly stare,  
The walls their mildewed clapboards wear;  
And rusting in its ancient grooves  
The noisy door-latch stiffly moves  
As when we pressed it, years ago,  
To cross the threshold, broad and low.

In rows the vacant benches stand,  
And, frescoed o'er in school-boy hand,  
The plastered walls disfigured rise,  
As when they met my childish eyes;  
And, fronting all, the master's throne  
In state majestic, stands alone;  
Less awful now than when we heard,

For saucy prank, the threat'ning word  
 From him who tried, with rod and frown,  
 To keep our bubbling spirits down.

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Here sitteth one, a phantom fair,  
 With tender eyes and nut-brown hair;  
 With outstretched arms and longing cry  
 To clasp her close I vainly try.  
 Alas! she melteth in my grasp—  
 My arms but empty air enclasp.  
 Ah, me! I know she sleeping lies,  
 And well I know from her dear eyes  
 No tender glance my own shall meet,  
 Until her angel-self I greet.

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Good-bye, old house,—dear haunt of mine,  
 Where young I drank of life's new wine,—  
 May rains fall gently on thy roof,  
 May harsh winds keep from thee aloof,  
 May winter snow fall soft and light,  
 And fold thee warm in mantle white,  
 And Time deal gently with thee still.  
 While thou dost stand on old South Hill.

#### JOHN N. IRISH.

John N. Irish was born on North Hill in Buckfield, January 23, 1838. He was christened Jonathan Nelson, but has always been called John. His education was obtained in the district school on South Hill and the high school in the village. He began teaching at the age of eighteen—his first school being taught in the Lothrop school house. His sister, Emily, also taught her first school there. The writer of this sketch attended as a pupil and has ever since held them both in grateful remembrance. In his 20th year Mr. Irish went to Kentucky to teach and was attacked with a serious illness which came near proving fatal. His father went there and brought him to his home in Rumford, he having in the meantime sold the old Buckfield homestead and purchased another in that town—where his good mother nursed him back to health. After recovery he worked on the farm summers, teaching winters, writing and occasionally lecturing.

His father having died, Mr. Irish returned with his mother to his native town, where he settled down on a small place, a mile



below the village on the Turner road. He has always been an ardent lover of the drama and dramatic poetry and for many years has been a large contributor of wit and wisdom to the weekly county papers under the pseudonym of "John." For years these have held the interest of the general reader. Mr. Irish has always been a sturdy advocate of Temperance, education and all moral reforms. His poems are characterized for their pathos and sentiment. He died at the home of his brother, Henry D. Irish, Nov. 1, 1913.

## EVELYN.

Fallen asleep, in the flush of the morning,  
On green sunny slope of life's mystical hill:  
Weariness came in her youth's early dawning,  
Her tired hands fell, and her young heart is still.

Sweet in her rest 'neath the wide spreading willow,  
Undisturbed by the tread of the world passing by;  
Death scattered poppy leaves under her pillow,  
Yet she can't awaken to smile or to sigh.

Fairiest of maidens, all others excelling;  
She had dawned in my soul like a beautiful star;  
Light shone again in my long darkened dwelling,  
Faith and love entered which had lingered afar.

Vanished from sight and now aimless, I wander,  
A grave in my heart and a grave by the sea;  
Is there a land and a home over yonder,  
With the blessings of life for my darling and me?

## HON. JOHN D. LONG.

(See Sketch)

Forefathers' Hymn sung at Plymouth Celebration, 1882.

## THE PILGRIM.

Almighty God, to thee we raise  
Our hymns of thankfulness and praise,  
Within the hollow of whose hand  
The Pilgrim sought his promised land:—

Not the rich pastures of the vine  
Flowing with honey, milk and wine,  
But bleak shores swept by storm and sea,  
His rude sole welcome—*thou art free!*

With corn he wooed the sullen soil,  
 But more with learning, home and toil,  
 Till now no vineyard of the sun  
 Blooms like the wilderness he won.

Inspired by faith, in purpose great,  
 He steadfast set his church and state;  
 Made them to stand 'gainst flood and shock,  
 For both he built upon the rock.

One taught—to God and conscience true—  
 More light to seek, the right to do:  
 The other broadened to the span  
 Of man's equality with man.

Children of fathers such as he,  
 Be ours his true nobility!  
 Lord of the realm, he served its growth;  
 To serve—be still the freeman's oath!

#### THE MOUNTAINS OF MAINE.

I ne'er shall forget when returning one day  
 To my home 'mid the mountains of Maine,  
 When the summer was nigh and the fair hand of May  
 Was bedecking the country again,  
 What a thrill of delight, inexpressibly sweet,  
 I felt while extending my gaze  
 O'er the scenes, unforgotten, where often my feet  
 Had rambled in earlier days.

What a welcoming look I imagined I found  
 In the old streaked mountains in view,  
 In the quick-flowing streams, and meadows elm-crowned,  
 And the fields clothed in summer's bright hue.  
 How the full honest breeze I had tasted so oft,  
 With health and with vigor o'erladen,  
 Swept over my cheek with a touch that was soft  
 As the smooth, velvet hand of a maiden.

My soul swelled with joy, springing up to the skies  
 With the view that was spread out before it;  
 Then, deeper emotions beginning to rise,  
 A feeling of sadness came o'er it:  
 For I knew from these scenes of my boyhood around me,  
 The lakes, and the woods and the plain,  
 I must part and dis sever the ties that had bound me  
 So long to the mountains of Maine.

## NEZINSCOT.

Returned from years of rack and toil,  
Escaped from fetter-locks of care,  
Again I walk my native soil,  
Again I breathe my native air.

The snow is on the circling hills;  
The crisp smoke curls its morning tress;  
My heart with old-time freedom fills,  
I feel again its restfulness.

Beside bright hearths with clustering friends,  
We live our memories back once more;  
Too soon the winter evening ends;—  
It can recall but not restore.

## AT THE FIRESIDE.

At nightfall by the firelight's cheer  
My little Margaret sits me near,  
And begs me tell of things that were  
When I was little, just like her.

Ah, little lips! you touch the spring  
Of sweetest sad remembering,  
And heart and hearth flash all aglow  
With ruddy tints of long ago.

I at my father's fireside sit,  
Youngest of all who circle it,  
And beg him tell me what did he  
When he was little, just like me.

## THE FLAG.

Like the grass swayed to and fro  
Over which the breezes go,  
Like long tresses tumbling down  
Rippling up from foot to crown,  
Like billows rolling on the ocean,  
Our glorious flag floats full and free.  
Its matchless hues now interfuse,  
And now swell wide against the tide  
That bloats its straining canopy;  
Like smoke it wreathes in rills, and breathes  
Its fainting blaze into the haze,  
And slowly palpitates until  
It lures the eye as if it still  
Went rippling further through the sky—  
The very poetry of motion!

Emblem thou of liberty!  
 Banner of the brave and free!  
 Stars and stripes! Red, white and blue!  
 Old Thirteen, new Thirty-two!  
     Afloat aloft on land or ocean,  
 There's not an eye with tears untraced  
 That sees thy glory in the sky;  
 There's no true heart that would not die  
 To keep thy scroll, no stripe erased,  
 No star obscured, still floating high;  
 There's no man, worthy to be free,  
 Who doth not look and cling to thee  
     With all a patriot's devotion.

ZADOC LONG.  
 (See Sketch)

#### MY OLD VIOLIN.

While evening's dim folds round me gather fast,  
     And the chill breezes chant a low moan,  
 My fancy is busy with scenes of the past,  
     As I sit by my fireside alone.

The group that once cheered me affection recalls;  
     Beloved ones I ask, where are they?  
 My own voice comes back from the echoing walls,  
     And sadly repeats—Where are they?

A sound like a serenade, plaintive and sweet,  
     An almost inaudible strain,  
 Now rises and swells into tones more complete,  
     Now sinks away softly again.

It seems like the spirit of many a lay—  
     A voice from the past that I hear,  
 In lingering cadences dying away,  
     On memory's faltering ear.

Or the music of dreams in the stillness of night,  
     By some spirit guardian sung;—  
 'Tis the air through the cracks, and the vibrations  
     slight  
     Of my old violin, all unstrung.

How many a cherished remembrance it brings  
     Of dear friends and pastimes of yore;  
 A sorrowful touch on the heart's shattered strings,  
     That soon will respond never more.

## TO THE ROBIN.

Sing away, robin, thou gay little thing;  
 Thy melody heralds the coming of spring;  
 Bright verdure is spreading o'er meadow and tree,  
 And buds leafing out where thy dwelling shall be,  
 Where the air shall be vocal till summer shall fade,  
 At morning, and eve, with thy sweet serenade.  
 Then sing, robin, sing, sound thy notes loud and long;  
 Our hearts fill with love as we list to thy song.  
 The sun, all unclouded, is opening the day;  
 O, sing, merry bird, while the dew melts away;  
 The earth wears a smile at the charm of thy voice,  
 The echoing groves and the valleys rejoice;  
 The zephyrs breathe blandly, the light branches bend,  
 Their delicate rustlings in harmony blend;  
 The tinkling of bells, and the brooks, lend a chime,  
 And with thy sweet warbling *all nature keeps time.*  
 Then sing away, robin, thou beautiful bird,  
 With grateful emotions our hearts shall be stirred,  
 And joy shall abound where thy music is heard.

## HORRORS OF WINTER.

(1841)

Hoar winter rules with awful might  
 The trembling world below;  
 We have to wallow day and night  
 Up to our knees in snow.  
 The frosty atmosphere is rife  
 With epidemics dire;  
 We can't keep warm to save our life  
 So many round the fire,  
 When midnight darkness veils the world  
 With shadows cold and drear,  
 When puss lies in the corner curled,  
 And bose is growling near,  
 When in the yielding downy bed  
 Our weary bodies sink,  
 The rats so noisy overhead  
 We cannot sleep a wink,  
 What dismal fancies haunt our souls,  
 And thrilling scenes of woe!  
 How much those brutes that have no holes,  
 Poor devils, undergo.  
 Our dreams are filled with warnings dread;  
 And when Aurora wakes,  
 We find our likeliest lambs are dead  
 And frozen stiff as stakes.



Thick robes of ice and fetters chill  
 The earth's broad surface bind;  
 The naughty urchins slide down hill  
 And tear their clothes behind.  
 When rising storms the heavens begird  
 And mortals stand aghast,  
 When rattling window-blinds are heard  
 Above the loudest blast;  
 When furious winds the valleys sweep,  
 And rend the mountain oak,  
 When chimney currents downward leap  
 And fill the house with smoke;  
 And men of dauntless spirit pause  
 Their gushing tears to stay,  
 And women scold like fiends because  
 Their clothes are blown away,—  
 Oh how we long in scenes like these  
 For summer's milder reign,  
 When striped squirrels leap the trees  
 And thistles bloom again—  
 Once more to range the hills and glens,  
 O'er verdant lawns to stray,  
 And hear the cackling of the hens  
 When they begin to lay;  
 When radiant suns and lucid skies  
 And myriad warblers greet us,  
 And lightning bugs and butterflies  
 And legions of musketoes;  
 And divers flowers abound,  
 And turkeys gobble as we pass  
 Their happy roosting ground.  
 Come, gentle spring, the earth renew  
 With showers and shadowing roses  
 Before all flesh turn black and blue  
 And thousands lose their noses.  
 If winter's reign much longer time  
 Continue thus to vex us  
 One-half the folks will curse the clime  
 And emigrate to Texas.

CHARLES CARROLL LORING.

(See Sketch)

#### THE BEATING OF THE RAIN.

I lay the book aside,	I try to pierce the gloom
And turn my weary eyes	That swallows half the plain,
To the river's rolling tide,	No sound invades the room
And the overhanging skies.	But the beating of the rain.

Yes, the river murmurs low,  
Like a spirit under pain,  
In its ever onward flow  
To the waters of the main.

But for these a silence deep  
All the valley seems to fill,  
Flowers of the garden sleep,  
The singing birds are still.

I hear no echoing feet,  
Nor din of moving wain;  
No noise comes off the street  
But the beating of the rain.

I love the soothing sound,  
And monotonous refrain,  
That come from roof and ground,  
At the beating of the rain.

I often think of thee,  
As the hours so slowly wane,  
Dost thou listen, now like me  
To the beating of the rain?

Though from me thou art gone,  
Thy pleasant looks remain;  
Still I hear thy tender tone  
In the beating of the rain.

The day will shortly end,  
For the twilight shadows gain,  
Yet the river's murmurs blend  
With the beating of the rain.

And the notes of yonder bell,  
From the steeple of the fane,  
For vespers lapse and swell  
'Midst the beating of the rain.

#### WILLIAM WALLACE MAXIM.

The subject of this sketch is the 4th child of a remarkable family and was born in Buckfield, Sept. 19, 1844. He was educated in the common and high schools of his native town and vicinity and early began writing for the newspapers and periodicals. He has been a voluminous writer on agricultural topics and has produced many fine poems which he designs to produce in book form. For many years he has been a resident of Paris.

#### NEZINSCOT.

Sweet flowing stream, couldst thou but bear the sorrow  
Of those whose shores are washed with foaming crest  
On thy pale brow, what joy would come to-morrow  
To cheer these troubled ones and hush to rest!

Ah, many a lad has followed down the meadows,  
Close by thy side, and laughed and leaped with thee,  
When leaves were bursting from their winter garments,  
And all thy waves were hurrying to the sea.

Maidens with flowing ringlets coming after,  
With rosy cheeks and merry laughing eyes,  
Have watched their faces mirrored in the water  
With waving branches and the bending skies.

Ceaselessly flowing, though the winter's reigning  
 Shut all thy sparkling glory from our view,  
 We hear the sobbing and the low complaining,  
 And long to greet thy silvery waves anew.

Sad is the cadence when the heart is weary  
 And all thy moaning seems to mock its pain;  
 When loved ones part, and all the world is dreary,  
 And winter binds us with its icy chain.

Loved ones are laid to rest beside thy billows,  
 And sobs and tears are mingled there with thine;  
 And the same sun that shines among the willows,  
 Glows on thy breast beneath the whispering pine.

O, sobs and tears! O laughing, joyous river!  
 The psalm of life can well be sung from thee,  
 When the sun and breeze from all thy chains deliver,  
 And set the smitten soul from sorrow free.

#### MY RETROSPECT.

Once in my younger days I longed for fame,  
 And swiftly ran, her form to catch and hold;  
 She shied my grasp, I ran and called her name  
 She answered—"Sold."

I came to grief but conquered all its ills,  
 And learned to love the cruel chastening rod;  
 I had grown patient cured by bitter pills,  
 Nor walked abroad.

She knocked at length upon my hovel door  
 And begged an entrance, bade me go with her,  
 Out from the smoky walls and dusty lore  
 Where shadows were.

I said, my solitude is better far  
 Than all thy pomp and pageantry and "tone,"  
 I have no fancy for thy glittering car,  
 Leave me alone.

#### AMANDA MAXIM VINING.

Amanda Maxim Vining is the 6th child of Capt. Benjamin and Susan (Harlow) Maxim and was born Nov. 3, 1848. Both her parents had the natural gift of writing poetry which this daughter with four others of the family, inherited. Her productions are



Rose  
Maxim



Amanda  
Maxim  
Vining



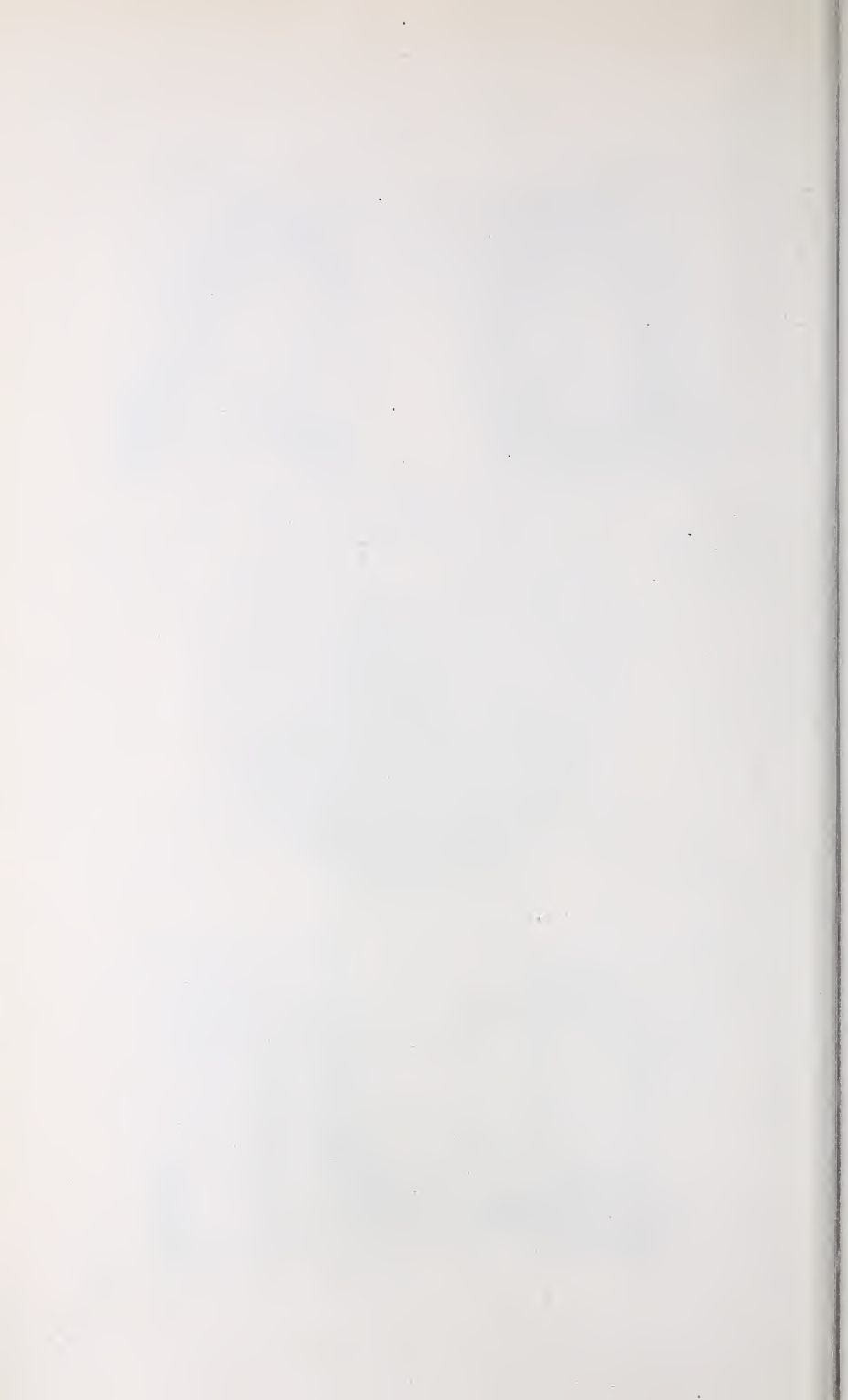
Hm.  
Wallace  
Maxim



Martha  
Maxim



Mary  
Maxim





characterized by simplicity of style, richness of tone and sweetness of rhythm. She married Mr. Bernard E. Vining and now resides at Farmington, Me.

## STREAKED MOUNTAIN.

Where skies bend down with smiling glance  
O'er forest, hill and stream,  
O'er waters in the sunlight  
Flashing back an azure gleam,  
'Tis there with visage calm, serene,  
Ne'er heeding wind or storm,  
In grave and silent majesty  
Old Streaked rears his form.

Ever the same; Time's changes leave  
No furrows on his brow;  
The grey old cliffs still beckon  
As in years long vanished now;  
And through his dim and shady groves  
The wild deer loves to roam,  
Above, where sweep their loftiest boughs  
The eagle has his home.

Full many a time in days gone by  
Our youthful feet have strayed  
Through winding paths, o'er ledges bare,  
Alternate sun and shade,  
Till high upon the rocky steeps  
We stood with bated breath  
And viewed the scene that stretched afar  
Our wondering gaze beneath.

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And long we tarried on the mount,  
Reluctant to depart;  
The wind of heaven upon our cheeks  
Life's joy in each young heart;  
Till shades of evening, falling fast,  
Warned us, without delay  
To seek again the twilight path,  
Adown the homeward way.

Dream on, old crags and towers sublime!  
Dream on without a fear;  
Though strangers deem unworthy  
All thy children hold so dear,  
And though we dwell in lands apart,  
Or roam the distant sea,  
With thoughts of pride our loyal hearts  
Still fondly turn to thee.

## BEAUTIFUL EVENING STAR.

Musing alone in the silence  
After the close of day,  
My thoughts go out to the loved ones  
And friends who are far away.  
Faintly the twilight glimmers  
Over the dusky walls,  
And into the gloom of my shadowy room  
The silvery starlight falls.

Shine on, O beautiful star!  
Shine o'er the dear ones afar.  
Are they watching for thee,  
Are they thinking of me,  
O beautiful evening star?

Sweet was the home-life together,  
Glad were the songs that we sung,  
There in the glow of the firelight  
When the day's labors were done.  
Some have gone out from its shelter,  
Life's sterner duties to share,  
And some are asleep where the low grasses creep,  
In a valley so sweet and fair.

Softly, O beautiful star  
Shine on their rest from afar—  
Shall we meet where no word  
Of farewell e'er is heard,  
O beautiful evening star?

## ROSE MAXIM.

Rose Maxim, daughter of Capt. Benjamin and Susan (Harlow) Maxim, was born in Buckfield, Aug. 30, 1850, the 7th of a family of ten children. Her opportunities for obtaining an education were only what the district school afforded, but the family though living on a farm was an intellectual one, and good books and newspapers constantly found their way into the home. She commenced writing poetry very young. That she came to write real poetry and not simply rhymes, her productions demonstrate. When her two youngest sisters went to reside at Cambridge, Mass., she went there with them. While there she published a book of her poems. There can be no question of her taking rank with the very first of writers of poetry in Maine. She died Feb. 26, 1898, much lamented.

## PRAYER FOR THE NATION!

Ruler Supreme, our help and consolation,  
Our King and Sovereign grand,  
To Thee we cry, Oh save this blood-bought nation  
By thine all-powerful hand,  
From every form of slavery and oppression,  
From every act of treason and secession,  
From unwise rulers, tyranny, transgression,  
God save our native land.

Grant that the blood poured out on fields of slaughter  
May not have been in vain;  
Grant that so many tears, that flowed like water,  
May not be shed again;  
O patriots, heroes, martyrs, gone before us,  
We trust that still ye too are watching o'er us,  
Help us as when through strife ye bravely bore us,  
Our flag without a stain.

May human hands be strengthened, hearts united,  
For good not partisan;  
For common interests, may these wrongs be righted  
By thine eternal plan.  
Crush out the wrong by one supreme endeavor;  
Break down our idols, from them let us sever;  
Teach us but this—to know and feel forever—  
The brotherhood of man.

And so amid the dark clouds and the breakers,  
Firm as a rock we'll stand,  
If, when the dangers threaten to o'ertake us,  
We feel thy guiding hand.  
Oh, by that peace foretold in ancient story,  
By that good will proclaimed by prophets hoary.  
By justice, love, and liberty's true glory,  
God bless our native land!

## A WISH.

I wish that I could feel once more,  
The strength and joy of youth;  
For hope which is delusion  
Is happier than truth.  
Give me a beauteous spot where I  
Can on the greensward lie,  
O'ershadowed by the greenest boughs,  
Beneath the bright blue sky.

Forgetting all life's tumult there  
 In solitude and peace,  
 For living would be weariness,  
 If love of Nature cease;  
 For human ills are many,  
 And each must bear his sting,  
 So would I be, where harmony  
 Abounds in everything.

#### MARY AND MARTHA MAXIM.

Mary and Martha Maxim, the youngest children of Capt. Benjamin and Susan (Harlow) Maxim, were born in Buckfield, April 16, 1857. While attending the district school both began writing poetry and showed great aptitude for composition and drawing. They were easily first in their classes. Both were natural musicians and since leaving school took up music as a profession and have only occasionally written poetry.

Several years after they moved to Cambridge, Mass., where they have since resided. Martha plays the violin with rare skill, as in fact any stringed instrument. Mary has devoted more time to drawing and painting, and is an artist of much talent. She is a teacher also of both vocal and instrumental music. Since residing in Massachusetts, they have studied with the best teachers in Boston and Martha with noted musicians in Paris, France. They are a credit to themselves and an honor to the good old town, where they were born and reared. In 1897 Martha visited Europe—going to England and France. The next year she went to Ireland and Scotland. She wrote of her experiences in foreign lands which are very delightful reading.

#### MARY MAXIM.

##### A NOVEMBER IDYL.

The fields in somber garb are sleeping,  
 'Neath leaden skies that cheerless seem,  
 The tall pines, faithful watch are keeping  
 Over meadow, hill and stream.

The maple's gold and crimson splendor  
 Which but yesterday seemed complete—  
 And song of wood-thrush low and tender  
 Now, are only memories sweet.

Down by the swiftly flowing river,  
In russet garments, rich and deep,  
Tall ferns in chilly breezes quiver  
And sigh, as they lie down to sleep.

And yet, there's charm in this sweet sadness,  
Brooding o'er the dear, dead flowers,  
Tho' no bird-note of joy and gladness  
Echoes through the leafless bowers.

Tho' lovely May brings scenes alluring,  
Glad songs of hope and promise sings,  
November, rich reward, enduring,  
To the toiling reaper brings.

In the giant oak, dismantled, standing  
With outstretched arms against the sky,  
In sovereign majesty, commanding  
Reverence, none can e'er deny.

Strength, beauty, grace, we see—undying  
Through winter's blust'ring storms and sleet—  
That tempers with content, our sighing  
For flowers that blossomed at his feet.

And tho' the thrush's song at even—  
That for aye, we fain would keep—  
Brings the soul to the gates of Heaven,  
There is joy in Silence deep,

That folds, with tender, fond caressing  
The brown earth, to its placid breast  
Breathing benediction, blessing,  
Whispering of peace and rest.

And for this sweet calm that enfolds us  
For the peace that crowns our land,  
We, thankful, bow to Him who holds us  
In the hollow of His hand.

#### WHERE I WOULD REST.

When for me, the unseen boatman  
Piles his silent oar,  
When to Nature's wondrous glories  
These eyes shall ope no more,  
When these weary hands no longer  
Seek their earthly task,  
Not for praise or worldly honor,  
Be the boon I ask.



Where sweet wild flowers bend o'er me,  
 May I calmly rest,  
 Where the tall and fragrant grasses  
 Wave above my breast,  
 Where a singing brook glides swiftly  
 O'er mossy stones away,  
 And song birds fill with melody  
 Each long sweet summer day.

Thro' winter's frost, and summer's sunshine—  
 O'er my dreamless sleep  
 May a pine tree, tall and stately,  
 Faithful vigil keep.  
 While a graceful birch, low bending  
 My grassy bed above,  
 Answers to the west wind, fondly  
 Whisp'ring tales of love.

There to sleep, 'neath Nature's bosom,  
 Watched with loving care,  
 By her children, softly breathing  
 Hymns of praise and prayer  
 Would sweeter be than commendation  
 Phrased by pen or tongue.  
 Sweeter far, than highest tribute  
 E'er to mortal sung.

#### MARTHA MAXIM.

#### AT HOME ONCE MORE.

My native hills! I stand once  
 more  
 — Upon your sacred sod,  
 And for this glorious heritage  
 I thank our father's God.

The echoings of other lands  
 But call to me in vain,  
 For the longings of the heart  
 reach out  
 — To the dear old hills of Maine.

Where'er my footsteps wandered  
 By castle or palace gate,  
 I seemed to see the hills and  
 vales  
 Of the grand old Pine Tree  
 State.

O pine trees, radiant pine trees!  
 In your stately, fair array  
 You are dearer yet, and nearer  
 When I am far away.

Sometimes you're crowned with  
 snowflakes  
 Sometimes thru branches free  
 The song of woodthrush was  
 wafted  
 Over the ocean unto me.

And I heard again the music  
 With its ceaseless sad refrain  
 Of the "murmuring pines and  
 hemlock"

Of my dear old State of Maine.

I've looked upon thrones of  
 kings

Whose fame has spanned the  
 sea,

But to sit beneath thy pine  
 trees' shade

Is throne enough for me.

I've gazed on scepter and crown  
 On gems that monarchs wear  
 But the jewels from thy rugged  
 glens

Are far more rich and rare.

O glorious hills of Homeland!  
 O beautiful woods of Maine  
 Again I bow in thankfulness  
 To be with you again.

And for this safe return to thee  
 From lands of ancient lore  
 But most of all, that I am here  
 At home, at home once more!

## ARDELIA H. PRINCE.

Ardelia H. Prince, daughter of Noah Prince, is today the most cultivated woman in town. A graduate of the old fitting school at South Paris, she became a teacher and followed that profession in Brooklyn, N. Y., for many years. Retiring therefrom, she has since resided in Buckfield, at one time teaching in its schools. She is trustee of the Zadoc Long Free Library. Her fine literary tastes, her interest in all that tends to the good



Ardelia H. Prince

of the town, her refined home and her still youthful and vigorous seventy-seven years of useful life make her a distinguished figure in society.

Miss Prince has always been an extensive reader of good, clean literature and the classics and is a fine writer of both prose and poetry. Her two little gems of verse here given will attract the attention and interest of all who read this history.

## IN SUMMER-TIME.

In summer-time white lilies blow,  
And in the sun red roses glow.  
Blue hazes cap the distant hills,  
And hum of bees the soft air fills  
Where tall the scarlet poppies grow.

The shifting winds drive to and fro,  
Across blue skies, light clouds that go  
Like thistle-down on grassy rills,  
In summer-time.

## HISTORY OF BUCKFIELD

In these glad days, our footsteps slow  
 Fall light by fair Nezinscot's flow:  
     Sweet speech, or sweetest silence, fills  
     The happy hours. The frost that kills,—  
 The love that dies,—how can we know  
     In summer-time!

## IN WINTER-TIME.

In winter-time fair trac'ries grow  
 On window panes while smoke-wreaths go,  
     In early morn, far overhead  
     In billowy, amber clouds that shed  
 Pale tints athwart the wastes of snow.

In steely skies the star points glow;  
 'Neath ice is lost the river's flow;  
     While creaks the passers hurried tread  
     In winter-time.

Thro' bitter days the fierce winds blow  
 And drive the ever deepening snow  
     Across bleak plains where lie the dead,  
     In narrow house, on coldest bed,  
 'Neath marbles white, row after row,  
     In winter-time.

## SEBA SMITH.

(See Sketch)

## ON AN EVENT OCCURRING IN THE GREEN MOUNTAINS.

The cold winds swept the mountain's height,  
 And pathless was the dreary wild,  
 And 'mid the cheerless hours of night,  
     A mother wandered with her child.  
 As through the drifted snow she pressed,  
 The babe was sleeping on her breast.

And colder still the winds did blow,  
 And darker hours of night came on,  
 And deeper grew the drifts of snow;  
     Her limbs were chilled, her strength was gone;  
 O God, she cried, in accents wild,  
 If I must perish, save my child!

She stripped her mantle from her breast,  
 And bared her bosom to the storm,  
 And round the child she wrapped the vest,



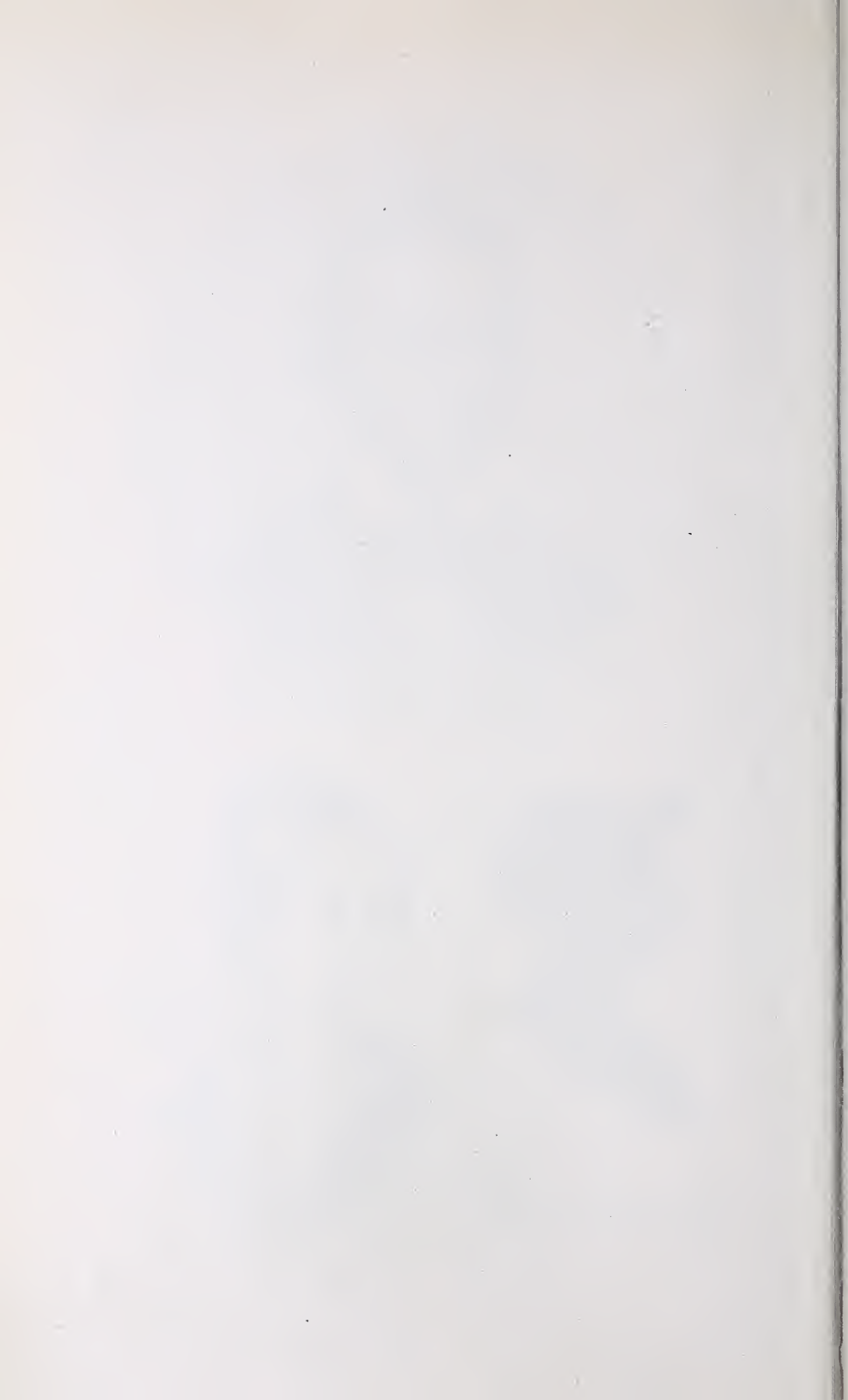
~ *Seba Smith* ~



*Anna Crossman Smith*



*Elizabeth Oakes  
Smith*





And smiled to think her babe was warm;  
With one cold kiss, one tear she shed,  
And sunk upon a snowy bed.

At dawn a traveler passed by,  
She lay beneath a snowy veil,  
The frost of death was in her eye,  
Her cheek was cold, and hard, and pale;  
He moved the robe from off the child,  
The babe looked up and sweetly smiled.

## ELIZABETH OAKES SMITH.

Elizabeth Oakes (Prince) Smith was born in North Yarmouth in 1806. She was a remarkable child. Early acquiring a taste for literature she began writing essays and poetry when eight years old. She became acquainted with Seba Smith, who had taken up his residence in Portland and was connected as a contributor with the principal newspaper of the city of which he afterward became editor and in her seventeenth year she married him. It was the most fortunate event of the author's life. All his literary projects received from her hearty support and assistance. She assisted him in establishing the Portland Daily Courier and contributed to its columns both prose and poetry. She developed rapidly and seemed to grasp many subjects intuitively and handle them in a masterly manner. Mrs. Smith could talk in public as well as use the pen in her sanctum. The anti-slavery cause and the rights of women found in her an able champion. Hawthorne and Lowell highly complimented her for her literary productions while her oratory won the praises of Sumner and Phillips. She was the pioneer speaker among American women. In religious faith she was a Swedenborgian. After the family moved to New York she wrote and published her first novel. Their lovely home at Patchogue, L. I., was for many years a social center for people of literary culture and attainments. She was one of the most beautiful and charming of women. It has well been said of her that "she long stood before the public eye as essayist, poet, novelist, lecturer and preacher. In her poem of 'The Sinless Child,' which she called her best production, there are some of the most beautiful passages to be found in English literature." One who personally knew her has

left this statement about her: "She outshone every other person in her grace, beauty and literary attainments." Her fame is more enduring than her distinguished husband's. She outlived him for many years and died at Long Island in 1893 at the age of 87. She left several children and grandchildren, several of whom as might be expected are poets.

#### TO PORTLAND.

O City of my heart! in dreams,  
 Sweet dreams, I see thee as of yore,  
 And catch the light's first early beams  
 Glint o'er White Head's roar;  
 Old Ocean's Daughter! beam with smiles,  
 And wear thy royal crest,  
 Three hundred sixty-five green isles  
 Sleep on old Casco's breast.

And each is fair and bright to see,  
 With tuft of breezy pine,  
 Where I have often longed to be  
 In these long years of mine:  
 Accept, fair daughter of the sea,  
 A simple, loving rhyme,  
 For thou hast always been to me  
 A tender, solemn chime,

Such as the mariner has heard  
 Far out upon the sea,  
 Where bell of church or song of bird  
 Could never hope to be.  
 But village bell and song of bird  
 Had furnished memory's cell  
 With many a whispered sound and word  
 Remembered over-well.

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Farewell! oh, daughter of the sea,  
 Right royally thy throne  
 O'erlooks the isles that wait on thee,  
 Where White Head sits alone;  
 Thy regal head bears not a scar  
 From all the perils past;  
 Thine is the glory of the star,  
 When skies are overcast!

## ANNA CROSSMAN SMITH.

Anna Crossman was born in Raynham, Mass., Oct. 30, 1734. She married Lieut. Jasiel Smith, an officer in the Revolutionary war. They moved to Turner, Me., late in life (1786) from Taunton, Mass. Their nine children married and settled in Turner, Buckfield and adjoining towns. She died in Boothbay, Me., May 18, 1823 in her 89th year. She was a remarkably intellectual woman and much of her famous grandson's (Seba Smith, Jr.) talent is thought to have been inherited from her.

The following poetical farewell to her relatives and friends was found in her clothing after her death and read at her funeral:

## MY 88TH BIRTHDAY.

This day my years are eighty-eight,  
An unexpected age:  
O may I now with patience wait  
My weary pilgrimage.

O guide me down the steps of age,  
And keep my passions cool,  
To understand thy sacred page  
And practice every rule.

May I with those in realms above,  
That here are my delight,  
Forever sing redeeming love  
In glory infinite.

Upon a poor polluted worm,  
O make thy grace to shine!  
O save me for thy mercy's sake,  
For I am doubly thine!

## GILBERT TILTON.

Gilbert Tilton was born in Livermore, Maine, Nov. 16, 1828. He was educated in the public and private schools of his native town and upon attaining his majority chose farming and the mechanic's trade for an occupation. He went West in 1868, but came back the next year to Maine and settled in Buckfield village. He died Jan. 9, 1907.

## THE SCHOOL OF NATURE.

When the apple is in bloom,  
We'll inhale the sweet perfume  
And revel in the beauties of the spring;  
When the spring is come and gone  
And the summer-time is on,  
Old Nature will her choicest blessings bring.

When the autumn doth return,  
Nature's lessons we will learn,  
And garner up her treasures by the way;  
Then the journey of our life,  
With the closing of its strife,  
We'll compass in the doings of a day.

Then we'll wonder, wonder still  
Whether good or whether ill  
Shall be the lot of mortals here below;  
While the sage will oft declare  
There'll be trouble over there,  
But ne'er we'll heed his ruling thus and so.

'Tis with virtue we'll enshroud,  
Seek to have our claims allowed  
By Him who is vested with all power;  
All sufficient is the day,  
As we travel on our way,  
The Golden Rule to guide us evermore.

We'll banish every thought  
By imagination wrought  
Of impending evils held in store,  
For the nations who were sent  
Without knowledge or consent  
To a cold and cheerless desert shore.

FLORA E. WHITMAN.

Miss Flora E. Whitman is the daughter of Ellis and Cora (Record) Whitman and was born in Buckfield, April 30, 1889. She is a graduate of Buckfield High School and the State Nor-



Flora E. Whitman

mal School at Farmington. For several years she has been a successful school teacher. Only recently has she turned her attention to writing poetry. Her productions show remarkable talent and give great promise of future prominence in this field of literature.

## A TRIBUTE TO OUR SOLDIERS.

'Tis the month of buds and blossoms,  
Ushering summer on her way,  
'Tis the time of tender memories,  
For it's now Memorial Day.

Here and there the soldiers gather,  
Growing fewer with the years,  
Now their steps are slow and feeble,  
Now their eyes are dimmed with tears.

Once they were so strong and valiant,  
Marching to the drum and fife,  
Pressing forward in the battle,  
Glorying in the soldier's life.

O'er old memories now they ponder,  
Review the old scenes once again,  
Look upon their comrades' faces;  
'Tis the day of days to them.

Now they are on the battlefield,  
Where they fought so long and well,  
Where the cannon roared their vengeance,  
And the whistling bullets fell.

Now they're marching, sick and weary  
Through the country of their foe;  
What they suffered in those old days,  
Only God and they can know.

Along the beautiful Potomac,  
Now the armies quiet lie;  
Now they are at Chattanooga;  
Now at Lookout Mountain high.

Then Gettysburg and the Wilderness  
With other battles known to fame,  
Then the siege at Petersburg,  
And at Richmond on the James.

Then the war's great Southern leader,  
Taking counsel with the Lord,  
Near Virginia's fairest city,  
Surrendered unto Grant his sword.

Five days later came the tidings,  
Which made sad the hearts of all;  
That Lincoln, their noble Chieftain,  
Had answered to the last great call.



In memory the bells are tolling,  
As they tolled upon that day,  
When the Leader of the People  
Was laid from earthly cares away.

Thus at last the war was ended,  
After suffering and pain;  
Thousands were among the wounded,  
More there were among the slain.

Of the many thousand soldiers,  
Of that band so tried and true,  
Only a little group of veterans,  
Who wore the faded coat of blue.

Let us honor them while living,  
With our flags and garlands gay;  
Honor them with songs and speeches,  
And thus keep Memorial Day.

## CHAPTER XXII.

## LAWYERS.

## DANIEL HOWARD, ESQ.

Daniel Howard was the first lawyer of whom we have any account, to practice his profession in Buckfield. He came from Turner shortly after the county of Oxford was formed in 1805. Howard was no doubt the second lawyer who settled in Turner. He was employed in 1802 to defend that town which had been indicted "for neglecting to provide itself with a public teacher of piety, religion and morality" (minister). We find his name on the petition to the General Court of the Commonwealth in 1804, opposing the incorporation of a Universalist society in Turner.

On coming to Buckfield he purchased lot No. 10 on North Hill of the heirs of Thomas Coburn. He represented the town in the first court of General Sessions in the county at Paris Hill in 1806. These courts were opened with great formality. A fifer and drummer, after playing awhile in front of the meeting-house in which the courts were held till a court house was built, marched to the tavern and escorted the justices to the court room. The magistrates having been ushered into their seats by the sheriff, the crier stepped to the door and in a loud voice, made the opening proclamations.

The law practice of Daniel Howard appears to have been very large. No lawyer in the county had a larger number of cases in court. At the first term he tried two actions before the jury. One he lost but the other he won. He did not stay long in Buckfield and having sold his farm to Thomas Long and probably his practice to Henry Farwell, he moved to New Gloucester. From New Gloucester, he went to Jay and from there to Vassalborough, where he was a practicing attorney as late as 1841.

## GEN. HENRY FARWELL.

Henry Farwell, who succeeded Daniel Howard in the practice of the law in Buckfield, was born in Chesterfield, N. H., April 10, 1777. He came to Waterford about the time the county of Oxford was incorporated but soon after went to Norway where he probably read law in the office of Luther Farrar, Esq.

He was the first lawyer to be admitted to the Oxford County Bar. This was at the June term, 1807, of the Court of Common Pleas and the same year he opened an office at Buckfield village on the southern side of the river near where the post office now stands. January 1, 1809, he married Sarah, daughter of Capt. Henry Rust, son of the proprietor of Rustfield, now the southern part of the town of Norway. She was born at Salem, Mass., Feb. 26, 1789 and died at Norway, March 6, 1852. While at Buckfield Farwell and his wife resided in the same building or in one adjoining in which he had his law office.

He seems to have prospered for a time, tried his own cases and was fairly successful. But Nathaniel Howe of Paris opened a law office in Buckfield about 1810 and in 1814 Samuel F. Brown came and began the practice of the law. For some reason Farwell appears to have lost the support of the leading business men. The court records show that he was often a litigant as defendant. Judge Reuel Washburn of Livermore wrote in 1877 that "Farwell had the reputation of being slow to pay over money collected for his clients and was often sued for neglect to do so." About 1820, he moved to Dixfield where he was postmaster for many years and prominent in the militia, rising to the rank of Brigadier General. Gen. Farwell while at Buckfield was one of the prime movers in the organization of the first masonic lodge in the county at Paris Hill and of which he was the first master. He died at Dixfield, February 21, 1847.

#### HON. NATHANIEL HOWE.

Nathaniel Howe, called by his enemies "Gouge" Howe, was born in Hillsboro, N. H., in 1776. He was the son of Otis and Lucy (Goodale) Howe of Henniker, N. H., and settled in the practice of his profession at Paris Hill in 1808. For two or three years he had an office at Buckfield village on the northern side of the river on the Hartford road and owned two pieces of land there and on one of them was his office. He also kept open his office on Paris Hill. His commission as Justice of the Peace in 1811 gives his residence as Buckfield. He soon afterwards moved to Bridgton, where he resided for about ten years, then he removed to South Waterford village where he died January 19, 1829. At the time of his death, he was a member of the

Maine Senate and also postmaster at South Waterford, a position which he had held for several years. He was a man of much legal ability. Largely through his efforts special pleading in our courts was abolished.

On three occasions he was the 4th of July orator in Paris, once in Buckfield and once in Bridgton. The extracts from his speeches printed in one of the leading journals of the time fully justify the high eulogiums paid him by the editor.

SAMUEL F. BROWN, ESQ.

Samuel F. Brown was one of the most popular and respected of the lawyers who have practiced their profession in Buckfield. He was born at Sterling, Mass., in April, 1784. For several years during his early youth he was a clerk in a Boston store. When he became of age he made a tour of many of the prominent cities of the United States and spent some time at Charleston, S. C., where an acquaintance advised him to study law. He acted upon that advice and soon began reading law in the office of Judge Mitchell at East Bridgewater, Mass. In 1814 he came to Buckfield and opened a law office in the store of John Loring, esq. He appears from the first to have had the support and influence of the leading men of the town and was elected to the offices of town clerk and selectman and appointed postmaster, a position which he held for about twenty years.

In 1817 he married Jane, daughter of Dominicus and Jane (Warren) Record, and built an office for himself on the lot where the law office of Fred R. Dyer now stands. His wife was well educated for those times and was possessed of considerable property, which she inherited from her father's estate.

Mr. Brown was not a brilliant lawyer, but he was industrious and painstaking and in drawing conveyances, settling estates and disputes between neighbors, proved to be an ideal practitioner and magistrate. From the first, he took a prominent part in temperance movements and was generally selected as secretary of the organizations which he had assisted in forming. He was always an opponent of slavery and advocated its abolition—largely influenced by what he had seen of the institution in the South.

The first Sabbath school in Buckfield was founded principally through his efforts, and he was its superintendent for many years. He also organized a Sunday School in the DeCoster neighborhood in Hebron, then and for many years thereafter called "Sodom." For several years he was a contributor to the Oxford Observer.

In 1850 he sold his real estate in Buckfield to America Farrar and moved to Bangor where he died March 7, 1861 in the 77th year of his age. Judge Washburn thus wrote of him: "He was an honest, fair and honorable practitioner, much respected and beloved by the Bar and his neighbors and clients." S. C. Andrews, Esq., once said of him that he was one of the best men he ever knew.

HON. VIRGIL D. PARRIS.

Virgil D. Parris was born in Buckfield, Feb. 18, 1807. His parents were Capt. Josiah and Experience (Lowden) Parris. He came of a Revolutionary Patriot family, both his father and grandfather having served in the War for American Independence. He attended the home Grammar School, fitted for college at Hebron Academy and graduated at Union College, New York, in the class of 1827, being the first native of the town to receive a college education. He then began the study of the law first in office of Samuel F. Brown and later with Judge Nicholas Emery of Portland. He attended a Law School in Massachusetts and was admitted to the Oxford Bar at the June term 1830 of the court and opened an office in his native village, being the first one born in Buckfield to practice law here.

Mr. Parris early developed an aptitude for politics and soon became one of the most astute and able leaders of his party in Maine. He organized the first Jackson club in the State at Buckfield when he was but twenty years old and the next year he cast his first Presidential vote for "Old Hickory," as Gen. Andrew Jackson was called by his supporters, who was elected. Maine, however, excepting the Portland district, was carried for John Quincy Adams by a vote of 20,773 to 13,927 for Jackson. The town of Buckfield which had cast a unanimous vote for Adams for President in 1824 went for Jackson in 1828 by a vote of 188 to 69. This result indicates the popularity of Virgil D. Parris in his home town and his success in inducing the people to follow his



leadership. The whole Oxford district had gone for Adams, however, by a vote of 3265 to 2093 for Jackson. This political condition was soon to change. From this time, Mr. Parris rapidly rose to political prominence and influence. In 1831 he was elected assistant secretary of the Maine Senate. The next year he was elected to represent the Buckfield district in the Legislature and for five years thereafter was annually re-elected. In 1838 he was elected to Congress to fill the vacancy in that body caused by the death of his brother-in-law, Hon. Timothy J. Carter of Paris and was re-elected. In 1842 and 1843 he was a Senator in the Maine Legislature and during part of the latter year served as president of that body and for a short period acted as Governor of the State. He might have been elected Governor of Maine in 1846 but having been appointed United States Marshal for the District of Maine in 1844 which position he held for four years, he gave his influence in favor of John W. Dana of Fryeburg and he was nominated and elected.

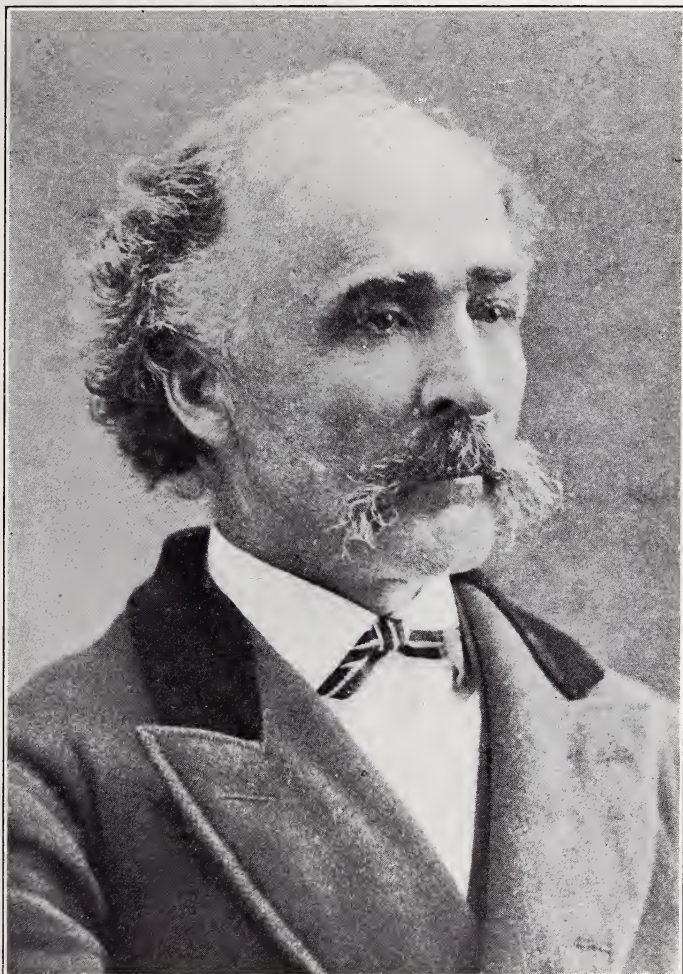
In 1852 Mr. Parris was a delegate to the national convention of the democratic party which nominated Gen. Franklin Pierce of New Hampshire for President and much of the credit for his selection was due to Mr. Parris' efforts. About this time, he moved with his family to Paris Hill, which he made his home to his death. In 1853 he was appointed Special Mail Agent for New England and in 1856 store keeper at the Kittery, Me., Navy Yard which position he held when his party was thrown out of power in the nation in 1861. Mr. Parris was the originator of the Buckfield Branch Railroad and was the first president of the company organized to build it.

For many years he was the principal leader of his party in county and state. He was an honest, bold and straightforward man of great energy of character and of unimpeachable integrity and was always free to state his convictions and fearless in declaring them and he regarded with scorn and contempt those who were politically as unstable as water, or who would be all things to all men for office. He was a born leader of men and the aged always had in him a defender. The old Revolutionary Soldiers of Buckfield regarded him as their special champion and he held all who took part in the War for Independence in the greatest esteem and veneration. For the young, too, he ever had a pleasant word of cheer and encouragement.

The writer recalls when a mere lad that he and an older brother once accosted Mr. Parris while he was at work in his garden near the roadside to inquire the way to North Paris where we were going on some errand. It will never be forgotten how kindly he spoke to us and the directions he gave. Everything about our trip has been forgotten except our seeing and talking with Mr. Parris. The secret of his influence and power over men has never been difficult to understand. In 1833 he married Miss Columbia, daughter of Capt. Samuel and Polla (Freeland) Rawson of Paris Hill. When Captain Rawson died his estate was the largest up to that time which had ever been settled in the Oxford County Probate Court. His wife was one of the remarkable women of Paris. She lived to be nearly 97 years old. It was a noted family. Four of the daughters married men of prominence, two being Congressmen and one a General in the Civil War. Mr. Parris died at his home on Paris Hill, June 13, 1874. His widow survives him (1915) in the 102d year of her age, with all her mental faculties unimpaired—a very intelligent and a most remarkable lady.

WILLIAM B. BENNETT, ESQ.

William Bridgham Bennett, son of John and Lucy (Bridgham) Bennett and grandson of Nathaniel and Hannah (Babson) Bennett, was born at South Paris, Aug. 28, 1810. His mother was a sister of Dr. Wm. Bridgham. William's father having died, the widow with her children consisting of three small boys, in 1813 moved to Buckfield where she supported her family with what assistance she received from her brother, by teaching school. At the age of ten, William went to live in the family of Judge Samuel Parris of Hebron and afterwards with his uncle, Dr. Thomas Bridgham of Leeds. In 1824 he began an apprenticeship to learn the cabinet maker's trade with Capt. James Jewett in Buckfield village and was with him three years. He finally went to Waterville where he attended the college fitting school and taught school winters. In the Autumn of 1838 he began reading law in the office of Hon. V. D. Parris at Buckfield. Two years later having passed the examination by the Bar Committee consisting of Levi Whitman, Reuel Washburn and Samuel F. Brown, he was admitted to practice.



Col. Jacob W. Browne



Sullivan C. Andrews



Mr. Bennett purchased the law library of Mr. Parris and opened an office at Buckfield. He was appointed postmaster that year but the next year the administration having changed he was succeeded in this office by Samuel F. Brown. In 1841 he was admitted to practice law in the United States District Court at Portland and was appointed commissioner in bankruptcy. In 1848 he removed to Mechanic Falls and later to Avon. He finally settled in Durham where he died Jan. 19, 1887. Mr. Bennett married Mary Hawkes and had two children, Charles, lives in Portland, unmarried. He is a dealer in patent medicines. Ada married a Marriner, for many years a letter carrier and resides also in Portland.

COL. JACOB W. BROWNE.

Jacob Wardwell Browne was born in Albany, Dec. 2, 1822. In 1846 he entered Bowdoin College and the next year with E. P. Hinds as principal he helped establish the Norway Liberal Institute of which institution he was assistant teacher. For two years he taught mathematics and the languages at Westbrook Seminary. Mr. Browne read law in the office of Hon. Elbridge Gerry at Waterford, teaching for several terms in the meantime in the high school at Windham. In 1851 he was admitted to the Bar in this county and the following year opened an office at Buckfield where he lived for several years, taking a prominent part in local and political affairs. For two years he was the village postmaster. In 1859 he married Mrs. Margaret Bisbee, daughter of Capt. James Spaulding. Before the breaking out of the war in 1861 he moved to Earlsville, Illinois, where he resided to his death in October, 1892.

In whatever he became interested, Mr. Browne was always a leader. He was a large contributor of both prose and poetry to the press. His son, O'Neil Browne, Esq., has inherited many of the prominent characteristics of his father and is one of the ablest and most influential leaders of his party in Illinois.

HON. SULLIVAN C. ANDREWS.

The Andrews families of New England are descendants of Bishop Lancelot Andrews, D.D., an eminent English divine, son of Thomas of the Suffolk Andrews branch, who came to America in 1630 and settled at Taunton. Bishop Andrews was born in

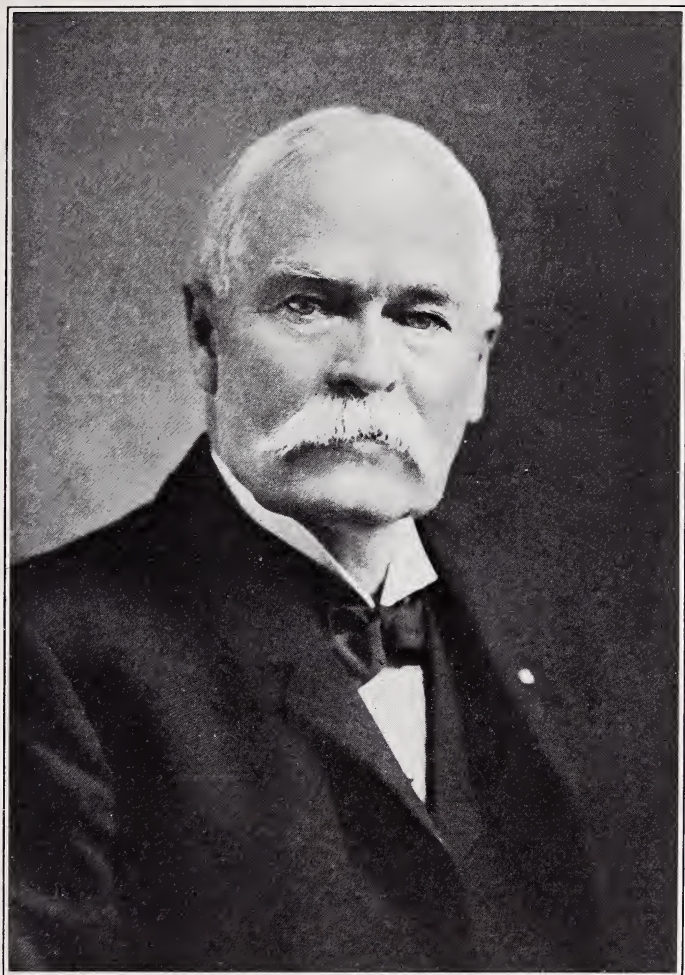


London in 1555. He became an author of note, one of the translators of the Bible, a preacher of wonderful power and eloquence and one of the most distinguished scholars of his age. He died Sept. 25, 1626. David, a grandson of Thomas, born in Taunton, Mass., May 23, 1736, married Naoma Briggs. Their oldest child, Edward, was born Dec. 20, 1767. He married Elizabeth, daughter of John Nevens of Poland and settled in Paris. Hon. Charles Andrews, their youngest child, was Clerk of the Courts and Member of Congress; Alfred, their fifth child, born March 9, 1800, married Eliza Cushman. They were the parents of Honorable Sullivan C. Andrews who was born on Paris Hill, June 18, 1825. He received an academic education and began reading law in the office of Benj. C. Cummings, Esq., in Paris in 1843. He graduated from the Harvard Law School in 1846 and was admitted the same year to the Bar in Cumberland County. The next year was spent in the office of his uncle, Charles Andrews, then Clerk of the Courts. In May, 1847, he opened a law office in Buckfield where he practiced his profession and engaged in various kinds of business for 26 years.

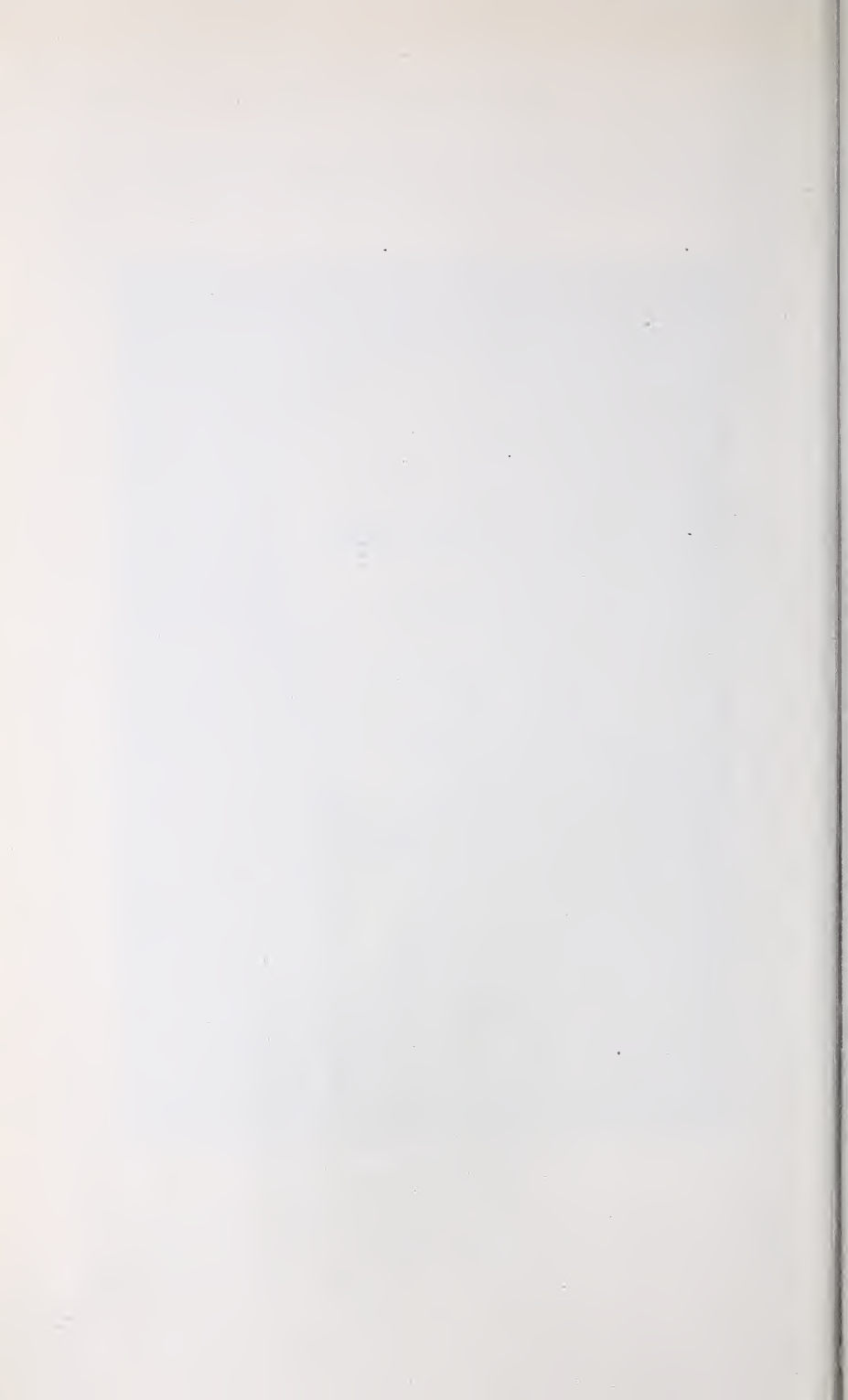
In January, 1855, he married Britannia C. Coolidge of Portland. While at Buckfield, he was repeatedly elected to town office and served a term as attorney for the county and as a member of the Legislature. For many years he was a director in the Buckfield Railroad Company. In 1864, he ran as a candidate for Congress, but was defeated as his party was then in a large minority. He moved to Portland in 1873 and several years later to Cambridge, Mass., where he died Nov. 10, 1889 from Bright's disease, while holding the office of special examiner of the Pension Department.

Mr. Andrews was a business lawyer and he took great pride in being so called. He was a man of courtly manners and dignified bearing, a true friend and a generous enemy. Though aristocratic in his tastes, he was thoroughly democratic in his intercourse with men.

Children: Thirza, an accomplished lady, married Rev. H. B. Smith, residence Mechanic Falls.; Alfred Coolidge Andrews born in Buckfield, July 11, 1873. He graduated at Boston University Law School. Admitted to the Oxford Bar in 1897 and practiced law for a time at Mechanic Falls.



George D. Bisbee



## THOMAS J. BRIDGHAM, ESQ.

Thomas Jefferson Bridgham, son of Thomas of Hebron was born there June 20, 1833. His early education was such as could be acquired at the district school on Brighton Hill in that town. At fifteen years of age he began attending Hebron Academy where he fitted for Waterville College which institution he entered in 1853. After his college course he began reading law in the office of S. C. Andrews at Buckfield and was admitted to the Oxford County Bar in 1857. He opened an office in the village where he remained four years in the practice of his profession. In 1859 he married Miss Susan Hayford of Canton. In 1861 Mr. Bridgham moved to Waterford, where he resided for four years. On account of failing health he returned to Buckfield, dying here May 20, 1866.

## HON. GEORGE D. BISBEE.

One of the most astute and able lawyers and politicians who have ever resided in Buckfield is George Dana Bisbee. His parents were George Washington and Mary B. (Howe) Bisbee. He comes of Revolutionary and Puritan stock and was born in Hartford, Maine, July 9, 1841. He received his education in the common and high schools of the vicinity where he lived and began reading law in the office of Randall & Winter at Dixfield.

The breaking out of the Civil War in 1861 found him still a law student and less than 20 years old. The next year he assisted in organizing a company of volunteers which became Co. C. of the 16th Regiment, Maine Infantry, and he was appointed to the very responsible position of orderly sergeant.

His first battle was at Fredericksburg, Va., on the 13th of December, 1862, where the regiment was hotly engaged and lost heavily. Sergeant Bisbee received such a severe wound in the left arm that the surgeons insisted on its amputation but he would on no account permit it and the arm was saved though it has never healed. He was promoted to second lieutenant and with his wounded arm in a sling rejoined his company in time to participate in the disastrous battle of Chancellorsville, Va., May 1-3, 1863, the regiment making a forced march of 25 miles to reach the position assigned it and was one of the organizations selected to cover the retreat of the army across the Rappahannock. His

third battle was at Gettysburg, Pa., July 1, 1863, where the gallant men of the 16th Maine were ordered to advance northwest of the town and hold their position at all hazards to enable the surviving heroes of the First Corps to take a new position on Cemetery Ridge. Like Leonidas and his immortal 300 Spartans at Thermopyle they knew the order meant death or capture, but they executed the movement quickly and occupied the position designated.

Lieut. Bisbee's company carried the colors as the Regiment went forward "into the jaws of death and the mouth of hell." They stopped the enemy for a brief period—precious moments for what was left of the First Corps, the most of whom got away, but cut down by shot and shell and surrounded by an enemy flushed with victory, there was nothing for Bisbee and his compatriots but to surrender. Here took place an act for which their praises will long be sung. They would not give up their flag and as it went to the earth at Lieut. Bisbee's suggestion it was stripped from its standard and hastily torn into pieces of which each man preserved one to keep as a precious relic of his service.

Lieut. Bisbee was confined in several Southern prisons for eighteen months when he was paroled and exchanged. He joined his regiment in time to participate in the engagement which resulted in the Surrender of Lee's Army at Appomattox. On returning home he took up his law studies and was admitted to the Oxford bar in December, 1865, his mind having gained in his war college course a grasp of principles of justice and equity that no law school could possibly instill. He opened a law office in Buckfield, in January, 1866, and continued there in practice to 1892, when he removed to Rumford Falls, where he is now (1915) senior member of the law firm of Bisbee & Parker. He is a member of the bar of the supreme court of the United States. Mr. Bisbee is recognized as one of the foremost business lawyers in the state. No man in the county has ever so long retained his hold upon the management of affairs and this is due not merely to his ability, sagacity and shrewdness but also to his integrity and of his faithfully keeping his engagements. In the management of causes in court he is especially effective. His knowledge of everyday men and things, his thoroughly democratic bearing and his plain, hard common sense make him very successful with



juries and particularly good as adviser—as counsel before legislative bodies and in getting results in everything he undertakes. Hon. Charles W. Walton, one of the most eminent justices of the supreme court of this state, once during the trial of a case where he was presiding, said to the members of the bar present that Mr. Bisbee's twenty minutes argument for his client was a model. His best piece of legislative work was the law he was instrumental in getting passed to rescue the Buckfield Railroad from the unfortunate condition in which it was left by the Smith management which greatly surprised the old stagers in legislative proceedings. For this Mr. Bisbee was highly complimented by Hon. James W. Bradbury, a former United States Senator.

Mr. Bisbee has served as State's Attorney for Oxford County; been both Representative and Senator in the Legislature, United States Marshal for the District of Maine; State Bank Examiner and as a member of Gov. Wm. T. Cobb's Council in 1905-07. In politics he is a Republican. He is a strong advocate of temperance and a member of the Baptist Church at Rumford Falls. His business interests, independent of his professional and political connections, include the presidency of the Rumford Falls Trust Company, in the organization of which he took a prominent part and is also a director and attorney for the Portland and Rumford Falls Railroad Co. and connected with several other local and business enterprises. Mr. Bisbee was made chairman of the Board of Trustees of Hebron Academy in 1907 and is now president of that institution, having served as vice-president for several years. He married, July 8, 1866, Anna Louise, daughter of Hon. Isaac N. Stanley of Dixfield and their children are: Stanley and Mary Louise, wife of Mr. Everett R. Josselyn of the firm of Brown & Josselyn of Portland, wholesale flour dealers.

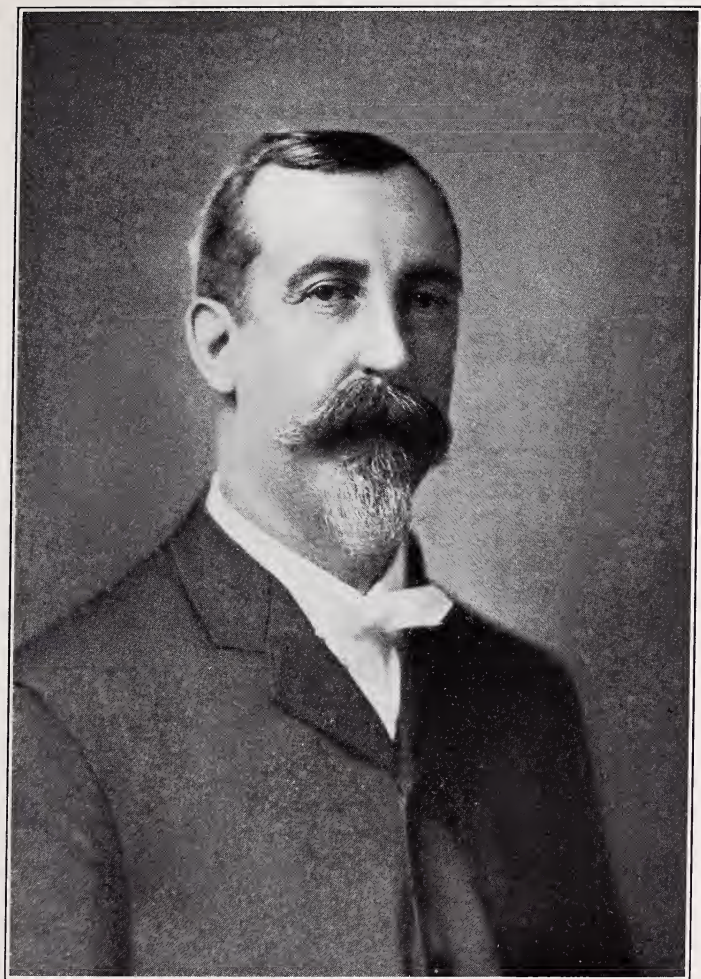
#### CHARLES F. WHITMAN, ESQ.

Charles F. Whitman was the third native of Buckfield to open a law office in the village. He was born Feb. 6, 1848 in the southern part of the town on the farm where his great-grandfather, Jacob Whitman, settled after his service in the Continental Army. On his mother's side he is descended from Abijah Buck for whom the town was named and from Micah Foster of Pembroke, a Massachusetts Minute man in the War for Independence. On both sides, he is descended from seven of that im-

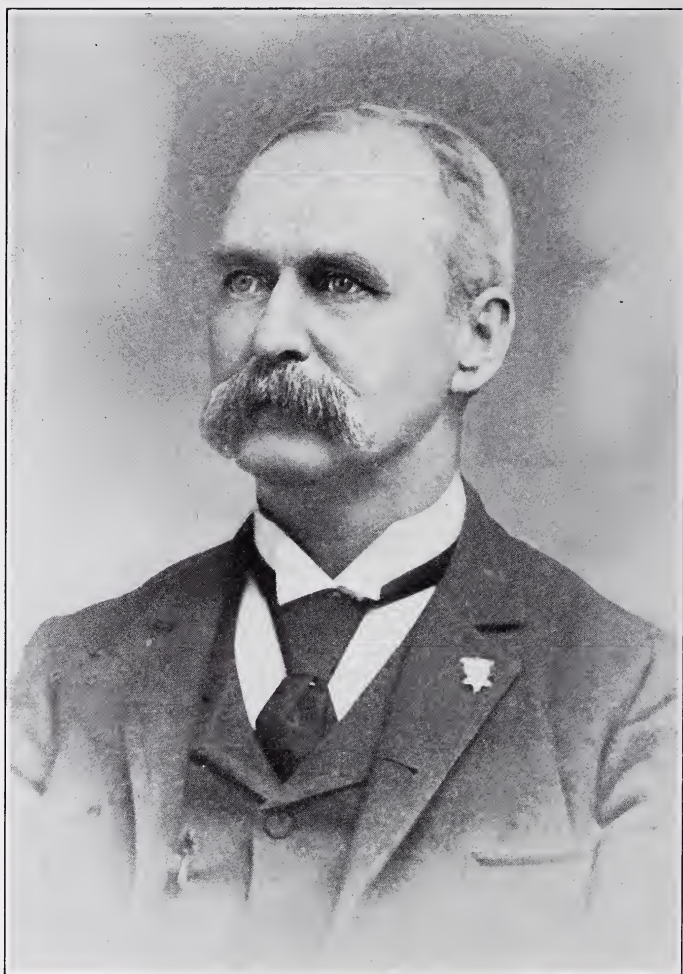
mortal band who signed the "Compact of Government" in the cabin of the Mayflower. Eleven of his ancestors of both sexes, among whom were Elder Wm. Brewster, "Chief of the Pilgrims," William Mullens, Francis Cooke, John Alden and John Howland came in the Mayflower; two, one of whom was the courtly Gov. Thomas Prince in the Fortune and ten, among whom were George Morton and his son, Nathaniel, afterwards the Secretary of the Colony for many years and author of the New England Memorial came in the Ann and Little James. And it is a remarkable fact that the three romantic courtships, among the Pilgrims in these voyages over sea—all resulting in marriages—were of his ancestors.

Mr. Whitman fitted for college at Hebron Academy and the Bates Latin School, but instead of taking a college course, as at first intended, he entered the office of Hon. S. C. Andrews and began the study of the law, and while pursuing these studies, taught the high school in the village for several terms. In September, 1868, when not quite twenty-one, he was admitted to the Bar in this county and having married Miss Mary A. Dinsmore of Norway, daughter of Ansel and Judith C. (Morse) Dinsmore, moved to Mechanic Falls the next year and opened a law office. He met with excellent success but in 1871 he returned to Buckfield and had his office in the one formerly occupied by Hon. John D. Long. In February, 1873, he moved to Norway, where he has since resided.

For many years he was connected with the schools in various positions and has never lost his interest in them. He was the originator of the Norway Public Library and solicited the first subscriptions for buying books. Mr. Whitman has from boyhood been interested in the cause of Temperance and all moral reforms. He delights to take part in the political speaking campaigns and the exercises of Memorial Day. Through his efforts the Norway Municipal Court was established in 1885 and he was appointed its first judge and served ten years, then resigned to become Clerk of the Courts, which position he held for twenty years. Mr. Whitman has been a large contributor to the press, written many sketches and short stories, devoted much time to genealogical and historical research, is a member of the Whitman, Packard and Alden Associations and one of the authors of this history.



Oscar H. Hersey



Capt. Thomas S. Bridgham



## HON. OSCAR H. HERSEY.

A successful practitioner of the law here was Oscar Henry Hersey born at Freeport, Me., April 9, 1852. His father was Rev. Levi Hersey, a Free Will Baptist clergyman. Mr. Hersey is a graduate of Litchfield Academy in this state. In his nineteenth year he moved with his father to Buckfield and, in 1875, began reading law in the office of Hon. Geo. D. Bisbee. He was admitted to practice in March, 1877, and opened an office here. He acquired a great reputation and was successful in building up a good business in the courts of Oxford, Androscoggin and Cumberland Counties.

Mr. Hersey was elected attorney for this county in 1886 and served two terms. He was later elected Representative and Senator to the Legislature. For some years, while at Buckfield, he was a partner of Hon. Geo. D. Bisbee, under the firm name of Bisbee & Hersey. When Mr. Bisbee moved to Rumford in 1894, the partnership was dissolved. In 1899 Mr. Hersey moved to Portland and with Judge Enoch Foster, one of the brightest of legal minds, opened an office under the firm name of Foster & Hersey. Mr. Hersey was admitted to practice in the District and Circuit courts of the United States. He is a sharp and efficient business man as well as a lawyer. When Charles Forster, who had been a large manufacturer of toothpicks in Buckfield and other places died, Mr. Hersey was appointed according to the terms of his will Trustee to carry on the extensive business Mr. Forster had built up. He now resides in Phillips. In 1879 he married Ida A., daughter of Charles H. and Cynthia (Harris) Berry. She is a descendant of Dea. William Berry, one of the early settlers in Buckfield. They have three children: Augustus M., born Oct. 30, 1881; Caroline B., born April 16, 1883; Arvilla M., born May 12, 1892.

## CAPT. THOMAS S. BRIDGHAM.

Thomas S. Bridgham, son of Sydenham Bridgham, the fourth native of the town to practice law here, was born Nov. 25, 1836. He was a school boy with John D. Long, Edward L. Parris and others of later note in the old village schoolhouse on Loring's Hill. He fitted for college in the academies of Hebron, Westbrook and Bethel and entered Tufts College in 1855, remaining



about a year. He then continued his studies in Bethel, went West for a short time and returning to Buckfield, began the study of law with Sullivan C. Andrews, Esq., with whom he remained about a year. He finished his legal studies with Judge Howard and Sewell C. Strout, Esq., in Portland, where he was admitted to the Cumberland Bar in 1859. He then opened an office at Bryant's Pond, where he married Martha H., daughter of Hon. James H. Farnum. He subsequently followed his profession in Windham and Mechanic Falls and on the breaking out of the Civil War became a recruiting officer. He enlisted in 1863 as a private in a Maine regiment, but was soon appointed by Gov. Andrew, a second lieutenant in the 54th Massachusetts Regiment in which he served until his discharge, Aug. 16, 1865. Returning from the war he engaged some years in business pursuits in Buckfield and Portland, after which he resumed the practice of law in his native town.

In politics Mr. Bridgham has been a life-long democrat and prominent in the councils of his party, having served several years as state committeeman and in state and national conventions. He was elected representative to the Legislature from Buckfield in 1880 and under President Cleveland's first administration, he received an appointment in the Portland Custom House, where he remained over four years, holding the office of weigher and gauger and inspector. He returned in 1891 to Buckfield, where he has since remained in the practice of his profession and the pursuits of other business. For several years he has been a large owner in the brush factory. He has been prominent in local public affairs, serving the town many years as one of its selectmen. He owns and occupies the law office formerly built and occupied by Hon. George D. Bisbee, and till its recent sale, resided in the old family mansion built by his grandfather, Dr. William Bridgham. He belongs to the orders of Masonry and the G. A. R. and is a member of the Episcopal church. In 1815 he was appointed by the President one of the Board of Managers of the Soldiers' Homes.

FREDERICK R. DYER, ESQ.

Frederick R. Dyer was born in Oldtown, Me., Oct. 3, 1873 and is the only child of William H. and Catherine (Noonan) Dyer. He is ninth in descent from Deacon Thomas Dyer, the



Frederick R. Dyer



immigrant ancestor who came to America in 1632 and settled at Weymouth, Mass. The name is of English origin, derived from occupation. The family coat of arms is a plain shield surmounted by a wolf's head. A reproduction appears on a tombstone in the Copp's Hill burying ground, Boston.

Thomas Dyer was admitted to the rights of a freeman in 1644 and was an innkeeper in Weymouth and one of the leading citizens of his day. He was deacon of the church there and closely connected with Dea. John Whitman, the first deacon of the church and the first military officer and magistrate in that town. He was a representative to the General Court in 1646. Dea. Dyer married (1) Agnes Reed, who died Dec. 4, 1667 and (2) Elizabeth (Adams) Harding. He had ten children, all by first wife. He died Nov. 3, 1676 and his estate was valued at over 2000 pounds—a property greater in purchasing power then than thirty to forty thousand dollars would be now.

The line of descent from Dea. Thomas Dyer is as follows: William, ninth child born about 1658, married Joanna Chard; Christopher, second child born about 1701, married Hannah Nash and settled in Abington; Lieut. Christopher, third child born about 1735, married Ruth Hunt; Asa, youngest of six children, born July, 1773, married in 1801 Mehitable Chamberlain and settled in Skowhegan, Me.; Joseph, the youngest of eight children, married Dorcas — and had one child, Frederick, born in Hollis, Dec. 22, 1805, married Sarah K. Darrah and settled in Oldtown; William H., a mechanic and millwright, the oldest of three children, born June 9, 1846, married Catherine Noonan of St. George, New Brunswick. She was born June 30, 1846 and died Feb. 8, 1896.

The subject of this sketch was educated in the Canton, Me., schools and graduated at Hebron Academy in 1894. He entered Colby College where he remained two years, then began reading law in the office of Hon. O. H. Hersey at Buckfield and was admitted to the Oxford Bar in 1897. Two years later he commenced active practice at Buckfield village and at once took high rank in his profession. He represented the town in the Legislature of the State in 1907 and was elected State's Attorney for Oxford County in 1912.

Mr. Dyer has the too rare gift of orderliness and promptness—is a close student of the law, a safe counselor and gives great promise of future distinction. He married in 1900, Miss Lena H., daughter of Edwin and Lola (Record) Maxim of Buckfield.

## CHAPTER XXIII.

## PHYSICIANS.

For several years after the settlement of Buckfield it was without a resident physician, and the people were obliged to send to other towns for medical attendance. Probably the first physician to practice here was Dr. Daniel Childs, who was born in Woodstock, Conn., Oct. 8, 1747. He received his medical education in France, was married in 1777 and moved to Turner, Me., in 1781, settling on Lower Street. He was moderator of the first town meeting and was a prominent citizen of that town until his death in 1802. He was a skilful physician, having a great reputation for success in treatment of bilious colic. His field of practice embraced the settlements in Buckfield which he often visited.

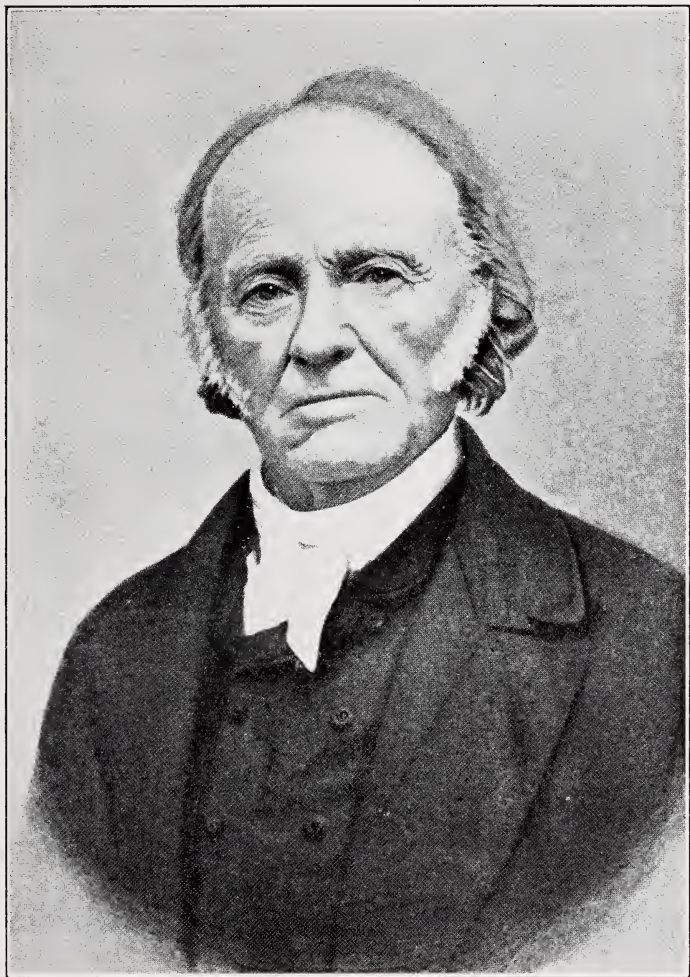
## DR. SAMUEL FRINK.

Dr. Samuel Frink was probably the first resident physician in Buckfield. He was a native of Rutland, Mass., and the son of Dr. John Frink, a man of prominence, who practiced medicine and held many offices in that town, and was a member of the convention to frame the Constitution of Massachusetts. The son, Samuel, came to Buckfield about 1797, but we are led to infer that notwithstanding the prestige of his father and the desirability of a local physician, his settlement here was not warmly welcomed; for it appears from what is related in the annals that he had come into town without the consent of the town authorities and with others was served with notice to leave town, after the custom of excluding new comers who might become town charges. He seems, however, to have satisfied the authorities in this respect and settled on land purchased for him by his father of Rutland, on which he resided during his stay in town. This land was the homestead lot occupied by the late Dr. O. R. Hall. The tax lists show the name of Samuel Frink till 1811, when it is presumed that he returned to Massachusetts. He settled in Paxton in that state, where he died March 31, 1846, aged eighty-two years.

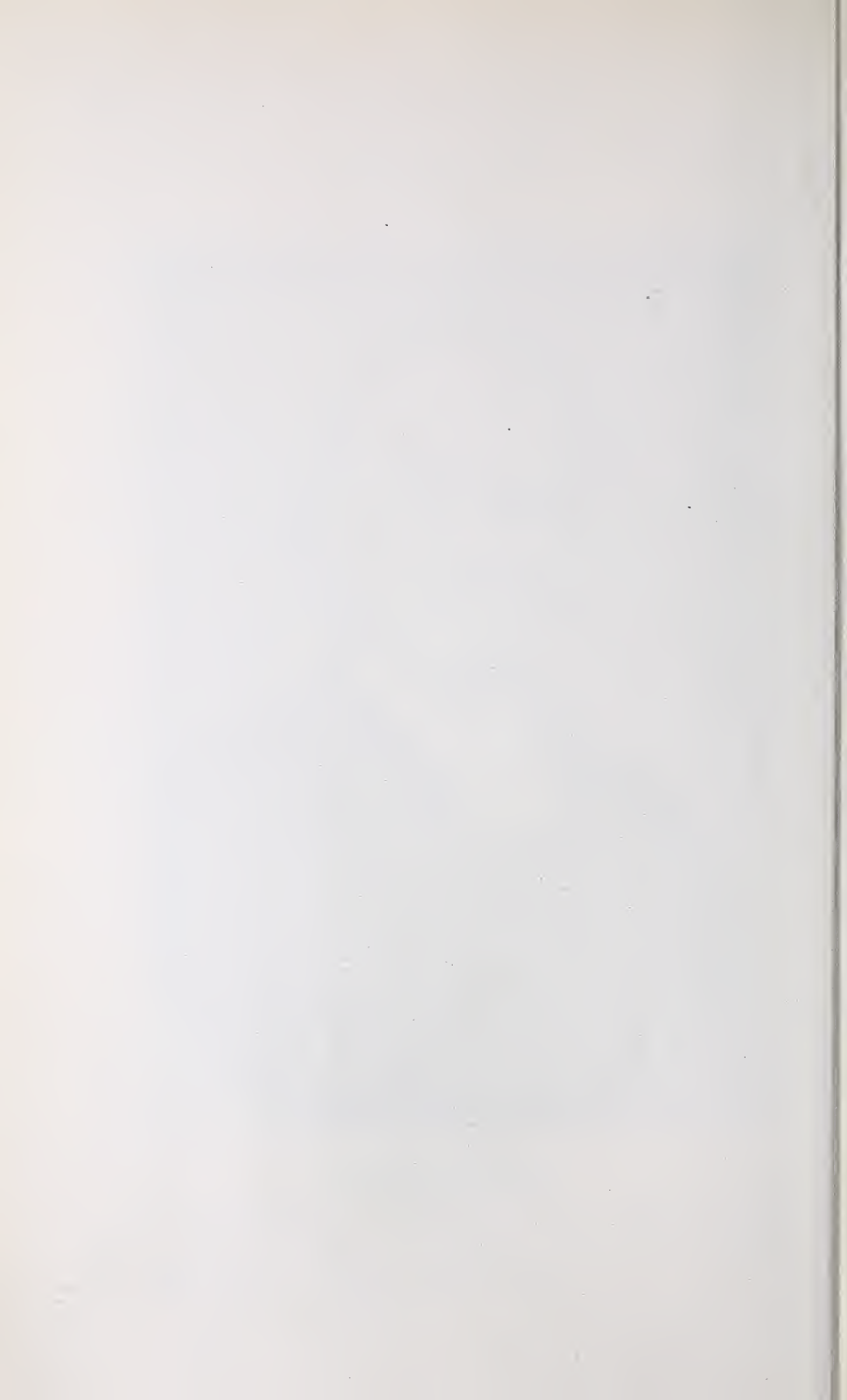
## DR. EBENEZER TAYLOR.

Dr. Ebenezer Taylor was in practice in Buckfield from 1801 to 1804, when he moved to Farmington, where he was regarded as a good physician and was well patronized.





Dr. William Bridgham



## DR. WILLIAM BRIDGHAM, JR.

With clatter of hoofs and their echoes replying,  
Rides the sturdy old doctor, his figure erect,  
Whatever the season, no summons denying,  
With cheer for the living and ease for the dying,  
His hope-giving presence time long will reflect.

Dr. William Bridgham, Jr., was the next physician to settle here. A man of positive character and great energy, he wrought a notable record of usefulness which is prominently interwoven with the annals of the town. He was born in Plymouth, Mass., Nov. 26, 1780, and was the son of Dr. William and Anna (Hammond) Bridgham, who early moved from Massachusetts to New Gloucester, Me. He became familiar with medicine under his father's instruction and subsequently continued his studies with an apothecary in Portland and a physician in Dover, N. H. He was an apt student and after concluding his studies, he commenced practice in Sumner, Me., boarding with Squire John Briggs. But after remaining there a few months he became dissatisfied with his prospects and settled in Buckfield in the year 1803, where he passed the remainder of his life. That year he married Hannah Bradbury of New Gloucester, by whom he had four daughters and three sons.

When he came to Buckfield he was more than penniless, as he had a borrowed horse and bridle and was five hundred dollars in debt, which was a large sum for those days. There soon came a time when creditors took measures to arrest him for debts which he could not then satisfy. Arrest then meant imprisonment, and while evading the officers of the law they suddenly withdrew their importunities, and he was left unmolested. It appears that he had an unknown patron and warm friend in Benjamin Spaulding, the second, who, discerning the sterling qualities of the young physician, quietly assumed his liabilities and gave him his own time for payment. This confidence was not misplaced, for the doctor was soon able to discharge all his financial obligations, and his life-long gratitude and veneration was bestowed on kind-hearted "Uncle Ben," who had befriended him in his time of need. The doctor's career was one of prosperity. He soon distanced all his competitors and acquired large property and eminence in his profession. He was an industrious man, often

spending the day with his hired men clearing land and attending to his professional labors at night.

For many years he lived as befitted his means in the humble home to which he first brought his bride, but after acquiring independence, he erected in 1817, on the commanding site between the two roads diverging northward from the village, the large square house, known as the old Dr. Bridgham house, which became a home of comfort and a mansion of hospitality. His professional and business interests increased till he became one of the most wealthy citizens of the community, but later he suffered heavy losses through investments in the Buckfield Branch Railroad and expensive litigation associated therewith, which seriously reduced his property and weighed heavily upon his declining years.

The mission of the old-time country doctor was one of manifold dependencies and in notable contrast with that of his successor of modern times. He had no convenient drug stores stocked with anesthetics and prepared specifics, no trained assistants or hospitals to which he could take patients in critical cases; but he was the sole reliance, not only the faithful family doctor, but the compounder and dispenser of medicine, the sympathetic friend, often the tender nurse and not infrequently the spiritual comforter in seasons of death and affliction. Dr. Bridgham was a conspicuous type of this class. When he commenced practice in Buckfield the country was comparatively new and sparsely settled with few roads which in many places were nothing but paths. His professional visits were performed on foot and horseback with his supply of medicines in his saddle-bags. He was an expert rider and his erect figure moving along the rough ways was a familiar one to all the country round. From far and near, in sunshine and storm, he answered all summonses, his presence an inspiration in every household. For more than sixty years he was a prominent citizen of the town and a physician of wide renown. He was always active in municipal affairs, served as postmaster and in 1828 represented the town in the Legislature. He was a great lover of rural life, owned extensive tracts of land and cultivated a large farm. He was a man of sanguine temperament and impressive individuality, quick of temper, but kindly of heart; in religion, a strong Universalist, in politics, a life-long Jefferson democrat. He was an ardent Freemason.

having received his degrees at Topsham in 1806. He died Nov. 13, 1864, at the age of eighty-four years and was buried with masonic honors by Nezinscot Lodge of Turner.

DR. SAMUEL FRYE.

Dr. Samuel Frye was in practice here in 1810, but probably was not long a resident here as his name only appears on the town records of that year. He acquired some reputation as a specialist, but little is now known of his personal history and the preservation of his record in town is due less to his personality as a physician than to his litigation with Dr. William Bridgham which has come down to us as a famous lawsuit.

This legal controversy was one of absorbing interest to the whole community and became notorious through the whole county.

When Dr. Bridgham, young, zealous and ambitious, settled in the village he was received as a politic move, into partnership by Dr. Frink, but their total incompatibility of temperament rendered this union of short duration and the growing popularity of the younger man and the corresponding decline in the practice of the elder bred a state of ill feeling between them. This feeling was intensified as time went on and was evidently communicated to Dr. Frye on his settlement in town some years later. At any rate the two were united in implacable opposition to Dr. Bridgham, hoping, no doubt, to displace him in popular estimation, but they found in him an antagonist all ready and eager to accept the gauge of battle.

Dr. Frye, it appears, acquired for a time quite a reputation for breaking up fevers. Finally one of his patients, a promising young girl in the Lowell neighborhood, died from the effects, it was said, of his giving her mercury and a reaction followed. Dr. Frye claimed that Dr. Bridgham started this talk and sued him for slander, claiming damages at one thousand dollars. He employed a noted lawyer, Gen. Samuel Fessenden, and Dr. Bridgham's lawyers were Albion K. Parris and Judge Stephen Emery.

The declaration in the writ was carefully drawn and in part as follows:

"Whereas the said Frye is a good, true, honest and just citizen of this Commonwealth, and is a physician of regular standing



and qualified to do business as a physician in said town of Buckfield, and has the reputation of a good physician as aforesaid, yet the said Bridgham, well knowing the premises, but maliciously contriving to defame the plaintiff, and to bring him into disgrace in his said profession of a physician and wholly to destroy his business did on the 5th day of September, 1810, in a certain discourse of and concerning the plaintiff as a physician; with certain good citizens of the town of Buckfield and in their presence and hearing; and otherwise falsely and maliciously say, speak and publish the following false, scandalous and defamatory words, that is to say:

“She (meaning one Miriam Gammon, who was a patient under the care of the said plaintiff, who was her physician) was poisoned to death by mercury,’ meaning that the said plaintiff had poisoned her, or words to that effect.”

The declaration continues with two other counts in the usual legal phraseology, setting forth similar language attributed to Dr. Bridgham, relative to the poisoning of patients through the use of mercury by Dr. Frye. The action was tried at the May term, 1811, of the Court of Common Pleas. The plea of the defendant was the general issue, not guilty, “reserving liberty to introduce any special matter of defence.” Numerous witnesses were summoned on either side, and the case was thoroughly tried. The verdict was for the defendant, Dr. Bridgham, who recovered judgment for his costs, taxed at \$22.15. The case was appealed to the Supreme Judicial Court then held at Portland. It was probably never entered there, as no record of the action appears in that court. Dr. Bridgham’s victory was complete. His rivals, Doctors Frink and Frye, both soon after disappeared from Buckfield and we hear no more of them.

#### DR. JACOB H. CAMPBELL.

Dr. Jacob H. Campbell was in active practice in Buckfield in 1829. It does not appear of record that he was long a resident of the town, and little can be obtained of his history. He was prominent for his knowledge of anatomy.

#### DR. SPAULDING.

A Dr. Spaulding was in Buckfield in 1830. He boarded with Dr. William Bridgham, with whom he formed some sort of a temporary partnership. He was favorably regarded by the people, but after remaining about a year he changed to another locality.

## DR. WILLIAM COMSTOCK.

Dr. William Comstock was of Smithfield, R. I., in June, 1829. He bought a farm on Sumner Hill, Me., in January, 1832, and practiced medicine some years in Sumner. He sold his farm to James S. Barrett and in 1835 purchased of John Taylor the William Pidgin homestead farm in Buckfield, now the home of Cyrus M. Irish, where he remained in practice till August, 1841, when he went to Massachusetts and established himself in practice. He was a man of refined manners, scholarly attainments and particular in matters of dress and habits. He was popular with the people and enjoyed a large professional business.

## DR. CYRUS H. COOLIDGE.

Dr. Cyrus H. Coolidge was born in Canton, May 11, 1800. He was inclined to study and entered Bowdoin College from which he graduated in 1825 in the class with Henry Wardsworth Longfellow. He studied medicine with his uncle, Dr. Cornelius Holland of Canton and after taking his medical degree commenced practice at Canton Point. He came to Buckfield in 1841, succeeding Dr. William Comstock, whose homestead farm he purchased in 1842. He remained here in active practice about ten years, acquiring a large professional business. He was a man of blunt speech and many peculiarities of character, but was regarded as a very good physician. In 1852 he left Buckfield and went to California, stopping in various places in that state until 1860, when he finally located in Nevada. He again removed to California where he died in 1871.

## DR. JOHN S. DRAKE.

Dr. John S. Drake, son of John Drake, was born in Buckfield, Nov. 14, 1809. When he was young the family moved to Piscataquis County. He graduated from Bowdoin College, studied medicine and became a practitioner of the Thompsonian School. He returned to Buckfield about 1843 and resided in the house now occupied by Gilbert Tilton. He devoted some of his time to school teaching and while here married his second wife, Amanda Wood, then of Hartford. He remained here in practice till November, 1847, when he moved to Turner and from there

to Paris in 1852. In 1855 he went West and passed most of his remaining years in the practice of his profession in Illinois and Iowa. Owing to failing health, he finally removed to Santa Barbara, Cal., where he died June 3, 1887. He was a man of pleasing manners and attractive personal appearance.

DR. WILLIAM PINKNEY BRIDGHAM.

Dr. William Pinkney Bridgham, son of Dr. William Bridgham, was born in Buckfield, Sept. 13, 1816. His early education was obtained in the town schools, the Buckfield High School, taught by Cyril Pearl, and Westbrook Seminary. At an early age he chose the practice of medicine for his life work and in fitting himself for this profession he was highly favored in the associations of his youth with so skillful a physician as his father. When but a mere lad he was a frequent companion of his father on his visits to patients and was present at many consultations of doctors over critical cases, which made a strong impression upon his youthful mind. He made himself familiar with the books in his father's library, making considerable progress in the study of anatomy by himself without the knowledge of any one in the family. He followed his home studies with a course in the medical department at Bowdoin, from which he meritoriously graduated in 1844. He settled in Canton where he married Miss Delphina Hayford of that town and practiced his profession about a year. He then returned to his native town, where he soon gained a large professional business, which was largely augmented during the declining years of his father by calls from families which had so long patronized the elder, which naturally went to the son. With the exception of a five years' settlement in Auburn from 1878 to 1883, he has resided in Buckfield from the date of his settlement till the present time and his active professional life covers about half a century.

Modest of demeanor, unpretentious of skill, seeking no honors or emoluments from his fellow men, Dr. Bridgham has devoted all these busy years solely to his profession, never prominently engaging in any other affairs. He has always enjoyed the fullest confidence of the people and has earned a most excellent reputation as a safe family physician. Physically strong and of an obliging nature, he has always faithfully attended upon the sick

over a wide field of practice, readily exposing himself to the rains of summer and snows of winter. Though of late years he has had some attacks of illness, yet he is well preserved for a man of his years, and is now rounding out a life of usefulness and honor in the retirement of his old home, enjoying the universal esteem and respect of the whole community.

DR. GEORGE WASHINGTON TURNER.

Dr. George Washington Turner was the son of George and Betsey Turner of Leeds and the eldest of a family of eleven children, who lived to reach manhood and womanhood. He was born in that town in March, 1809. He was educated in the town schools and academies of neighboring towns, attended medical lectures in Philadelphia, and graduated from Bowdoin Medical School in 1841. He began the practice of his profession that year in Dixfield. He married Luna Smith of Readfield, who died during his residence in Dixfield. From that town he came to Buckfield where he married in 1855 for his second wife, Angerone Howe of Sumner and resided in the house now occupied by Dr. Arthur E. Cole. After several years of successful practice here he moved to West Sumner, where he followed his profession till his death which occurred Nov. 4, 1859. He had good qualifications for his profession and was a physician of ability and large practice.

DR. CHARLES DANA BRADBURY.

Dr. Charles Dana Bradbury was born in Canton, Me., Jan. 16, 1828. When twenty-one years of age he entered Waterville College and remained two years when he left that institution to take up a course of medical studies which he completed in Vermont. He came to Buckfield, taught school extensively and in 1854 married Malona R., daughter of Hon. Thomas Chase, and established himself in the practice of his profession. In his educational work here he acquired a reputation as an excellent instructor. He continued in practice here many years, and became considerably interested in local and political affairs, holding several town offices. He had scholarly inclinations and was a man of extensive reading and wide information. After his marriage

he resided in Buckfield with the exception of a few years in Woodstock, until his death which occurred Dec. 15, 1892. Owing to poor health in his later years he gave up practice and resided on a farm near the village which is the present home of his widow.

DR. CHARLES A. PARSONS.

Dr. Charles A. Parsons, son of Col. Aaron Parsons was born in Buckfield, Jan. 18, 1824. He attended the schools of his native town and received his medical education in Vermont. After his graduation he settled in St. Albans, Me. He subsequently practiced for a time in Wisconsin, but returned to St. Albans. He was in practice in Buckfield in 1860, remaining about a year, after which he had settlements in Hartland and Caribou and lastly in Friendship where he died in August, 1886.

DR. CHARLES BURR BRIDGHAM.

Dr. Charles Burr Bridgham, grandson of Dr. William Bridgham, was born in Buckfield, May 1, 1841. He commenced the study of medicine at the age of eighteen with his uncle, Dr. William P. Bridgham and subsequently graduated from the medical school at Brunswick. On the commencement of the war of the Rebellion in 1861 he enlisted as hospital steward in the Second Regiment, United States Sharpshooters and was taken prisoner at the second battle of Manassas in 1862. He remained in the Confederate lines two weeks and was released on parole, but remained a prisoner six months. During this time he came home and continued his medical studies at Bowdoin and Harvard. He was released from parole by exchange and appointed assistant surgeon and later surgeon of the 54th Massachusetts Infantry. He remained with the regiment till the summer of 1864, when he resigned on account of physical disability. He returned to Buckfield and established himself in practice, having married, March 22, 1864, Miss Addie M. Williams of this town. At the end of two years he sold his business to Dr. Atwood Crosby and settled in Cape Elizabeth, where he remained two years in company with Dr. John Buzzell. The salt water proving deleterious to his wife's health, he settled in Livermore, where he remained ten years. He then returned to Buckfield, purchased a residence



and remained in practice till April 18, 1887, when he removed to Cohasset, Mass., where he now resides, having a large and lucrative practice. He is a member of the Masons and Odd Fellows, having joined the former when a student at Bowdoin.

Dr. Bridgham enjoys the prestige of a remarkable ancestral record in his profession, he being the fifth physician of the name in direct lineage from Dr. Joseph Bridgham, who graduated from Harvard College in 1719 and was a physician in Boston and the continuity of this professional line is to be continued in Dr. Bridgham's son, Paul, who has recently completed his medical studies and is now associated with his father in practice.

#### DR. ATWOOD CROSBY.

Dr. Atwood Crosby was born in Albion, Me., Nov. 1, 1838. He entered Waterville College in 1860, but on the breaking out of the war in 1861, he enlisted as a private in the Third Maine Infantry, was taken prisoner at Bull Run and remained eleven months in prisons at Richmond, Va., and Salisbury, N. C., coming home on parole in June, 1862. As his parole prevented his return to the service, he commenced the study of medicine with Dr. N. R. Boutelle in Waterville, and graduated from Bowdoin Medical School in 1864. Having in the meantime been exchanged, he at once returned to the service under a commission as assistant surgeon in the navy, but after a service of about a year a serious attack of chills obliged him to return home. His first settlement as a physician was in China, from which town he came to Buckfield in 1866, succeeding Dr. Charles B. Bridgham. He remained here nearly two years, receiving liberal patronage and then in 1868, accepted an offer of partnership with Dr. N. R. Boutelle at Waterville and at once removed to that place, where he enjoyed the esteem of the public and an unusually large practice during the remainder of his life. In 1882 he took a trip to Las Vegas, N. M., and died at that place, Jan. 25, 1883. Dr. Crosby was twice married, first in 1865 to Mary E. Hanson of Benton, by whom he had one child, now the wife of A. K. Butler of Skowhegan, second, while in Waterville, to Mrs. Wilson, now of Dexter, by whom he had four children, only one of whom, Mrs. John E. Wilson of Waterville is now living.

## DR. ORRAN RENSSELAER HALL.

Dr. Orran Rensselaer Hall was born in Naples, Me., April 23, 1838. He graduated at Bridgton Academy in 1859, giving the prize oration and valedictory. He entered Bowdoin College that year, but remained at Bridgton during the two succeeding terms as instructor in the academy, keeping up his college studies there. He was chosen class orator in 1861, but near the end of spring of that year he had an attack of iritis, which through maltreatment, gradually destroyed the sight of one eye and greatly impaired the other. This ended his college course abruptly, changed the current of his whole after life, made law his chosen profession impossible, barred him from army life in the Civil War and wrecked all his future plans and ambitions. For fourteen years thereafter he was unable to read except for a few moments at rare intervals, but during this period he taught several terms of high school, conducting the recitations from memory, as he was unable to use text-books. He studied medicine by being read to and listening to lectures and graduated from Bowdoin Medical College in 1867. In November of that year he bought out Dr. Atwood Crosby at Buckfield and began practice, receiving an appointment as pension examiner the following year. In December, 1868, he married Mary R., youngest daughter of Hon. Noah Prince of Buckfield. In spite of his partial blindness his practice was large and successful for about fifteen years in his various settlements. In the summer of 1872 he sold out in Buckfield to Dr. John C. Irish and moved to Weston, Mass., where he was in practice till the end of 1878, when a growing throat and lung trouble compelled him to leave the damp climate there and return to the interior of Maine, locating at South Paris. A carriage accident, followed with nearly fatal pneumonia, incapacitated him for active practice, and he was appointed to a position in the War Department at Washington, but after two months' stay he had to abandon it and was given a place in the pension office soon after, but was unable to do the work. Returning to South Paris he hastily closed out his practice there and came back to Buckfield completely broken down. He went to Boston for treatment in the Spring of 1887 and on leaving the hospital in July he made a sea voyage to the Azores and Madeira, returning in December with health restored. In the summer of 1888 he became the representative of Reed

& Carnrick, pharmacutists of New York, travelling extensively in New England and the West, and finally settling down in Boston as their resident representative there. But his many misfortunes of life were not ended. In May, 1894, some bits of glass penetrated the cornea of his remaining eye, gradually destroying the sight, an attack of lead poisoning came about the same time and after two years of suffering he was left blind, with health hopelessly impaired. He then bought the Deacon David Farrar farm on the outskirts of the village, which he named "Saint's Rest" and built a plant for the breeding of thoroughbred poultry stock. During the succeeding years of darkness he found mental occupation in literary work and delivering public addresses as strength permitted, but in his last years he suffered great depression from his bodily ailments which resulted in death, Nov. 24, 1903. Notwithstanding his early partial and subsequent total blindness, Dr. Hall had few superiors in scholarly acquirements and literary versatility, having followed his early studies with a life-long familiarity with historic associations and kept in close touch with the world's best literature. He was a book-lover in the truest sense of the term. Books were his daily companions during the years of his professional and business activity and his solace in the days of his retirement. When a young man, contributions from his pen frequently appeared in the periodicals of the day which, with those of later years, are characterized with thoughtfulness and graceful expression. In the lecture field he delivered many admirable addresses, especially on the various phases of the Civil War.

DR. JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN CALDWELL.

Dr. Joseph Chamberlain Caldwell, now an active practitioner in Buckfield, was born in Topsham, Vt., Dec. 3, 1842. He passed his youth on a farm, attending the district school and teaching. Resolving to study medicine he entered the medical department of Bowdoin College from which he graduated in 1870, having in the meanwhile taken special courses in geology and chemistry. He was wholly dependent on his own efforts and paid the expenses of his medical course by teaching school in winter and working in the hay field or at other manual labor in summer. In the autumn following his graduation he came to

Buckfield through the recommendation of Fred H. Wilson, now a prominent pharmacist of Brunswick, who then had a brother, Albion D. Wilson, conducting a drug store here. On the day of Dr. Caldwell's arrival here he met Dr. William P. Bridgham, then having an invalid wife and an overburdening practice, who cordially welcomed the young student, took him to his home and greatly assisted him in securing an independent practice.

In December of that year Dr. Caldwell married Elizabeth P. Stanwood of Brunswick and settled in a home of his own. At first his professional calls were few, but they soon increased till he was fully occupied and during the past twenty years the extent of his practice has rarely been equalled in the history of country physicians. Beyond the limits of Buckfield and surrounding towns his professional calls take him along the whole line of the railroad and he is a frequent visitor with patients to the hospitals of Lewiston and Portland. He has always been responsive to calls in all hours and seasons, often toiling through drifting, wintry storms by aid of snow shovels. During his earlier years in town he was frequently a member of the school board and in 1897 he was appointed a member of the board of United States Pension Examiners for Oxford County of which he is now president.

#### DR. JOHN CARROLL IRISH.

Dr. John Carroll Irish, who has risen to eminence in the medical profession of the country, was the son of Cyrus and Catherine (Davis) Irish of East Buckfield, where he was born Sept. 30, 1843. When a lad on his father's farm he became an aspiring student and improved every opportunity with his limited environments for study and self improvement, attending the village high school and teaching as a means of advancement. He spent three years in Waterville College and received his degree of A. B. from Dartmouth in 1868. He then entered upon the study of medicine, receiving his degree of M. D. from Bellevue Hospital Medical College in 1872. His later educational acquirements included post graduate work in the hospitals of London and Paris. Previous to his settlement in practice he was a successful teacher in schools and academies. In 1872 he married Miss Anna M. Frye, daughter of Hon. William R. Frye of

Lewiston and settled in Buckfield where he remained in successful practice till 1874, when he took advantage of an opportunity for a more desirable practice and settled in Lowell, Mass., in which city he has since resided. He soon acquired a large practice and rose rapidly in his profession. He made a special study of abdominal surgery and was one of the first physicians in America to advocate early operations for ovarian tumors. His work in this specialty and contributions to its literature received prominent recognition from the profession both at home and abroad. He has been consulting surgeon at the Massachusetts State Almshouse since 1890, at St. John's Hospital since 1886, medical examiner for the Fifth District, Middlesex County since the institution of that office in 1886. He is a member of the following societies: Massachusetts Medical and Surgical Society, American Academy, American Medical Association, Gynecological Society of Boston of which he was long president; North District Medical Society, president in 1895, and honorary member of Vermont State Medical Society. Dr. Irish has high rank as a surgeon and is an authority on medical subjects.

DR. ALDEN CHASE WHITMAN.

Dr. Alden Chase Whitman was born in Buckfield, Nov. 15, 1846. He was the second son of Joshua E. and Phebe (Foster) Whitman. While very young he entered the academy at Hebron where he was fitted for college at the age of fourteen. The Civil War having broken out he enlisted in Captain Charles H. Prince's Company C, 23d Regiment, Maine Volunteers, but was taken sick at Portland before being mustered in and was obliged to return home. After several years' severe sickness he recovered and went West, where he taught in high schools and academies with much success. He began the study of medicine at Ann Arbor University, Michigan, and completed the course at Dartmouth, N. H., where he graduated in 1871. The same year he married Iza Gertrude, youngest daughter of James and Sarah (Hanson) Waldron and settled in his native town. A few years ago he removed to Hebron where he has since continued to practice his profession. Dr. Whitman has always been interested in educational matters and has been a frequent contributor to the newspapers, chiefly of an historical character. Through his efforts much of the traditional history of the town has been saved from perishing.



## DR. JOHN FRANKLIN DECOSTER.

Dr. John Franklin DeCoster was a native of Hebron. He was born Sept. 9, 1857 and his early life was passed in his native town and Buckfield. He was studiously inclined and he directed all his energies to obtain an education. After many difficulties and with great perseverance he graduated at Hebron Academy, Colby University and the medical school of Bowdoin College. He passed several years in teaching, after which he settled in Buckfield as a physician. During his residence here he became a member of the Methodist Church and was superintendent of schools several years. He was married here in 1887 to Mrs. Ellen (Abbott) Record, formerly of Rumford. In the spring of 1895 he moved to Rumford Falls where he soon acquired a high social standing and a large professional practice. But he was not long to enjoy the fruits of his success. His constitution had become seriously impaired by several rheumatic fevers and after three years of flattering success in Rumford, his health failed and he died of Bright's disease, June 3, 1898. His body was brought to Buckfield for burial on the Sunday following his death. He was a member of several fraternal orders, all of which were represented at his funeral by large delegations, which numbered about four hundred persons, the largest fraternal gathering ever seen in Buckfield. He was buried with Masonic honors by Evening Star Lodge of which he was a member.

## DR. WALTER I. BLANCHARD.

Dr. Walter I. Blanchard, a native of Concord, N. H., came to Buckfield from New York, Aug. 18, 1895, succeeding Dr. John F. DeCoster, on the removal of the latter to Rumford Falls. He was educated in the public schools of his native city, Dartmouth College and the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York. In 1884 he married Miss Lena D., daughter of Gen. Charles E. Devens of New York. Most of his professional life has been passed in connection with hospitals in New York, Boston and Nashua, N. H., and his success in the ligation of the femoral artery won commendatory notice from high medical authorities. While a resident of Nashua he became interested in the military affairs of the state and rose from the rank of private

to the office of senior major in the New Hampshire National Guards, receiving the compliments of Gen. O. O. Howard, U. S. A., for commanding the best battalion in the state. Dr. Blanchard remained in Buckfield until December 15, 1898, enjoying a good practice. He then moved to Mt. Vernon, N. H., and subsequently to Boston, where he now resides. He is a member of several medical societies and a Fellow of the United States Gynecological Society.

DR. HARRY MARSHALL HEALD.

Dr. Harry Marshall Heald, son of Joshua C. Heald of North Buckfield, was born in Buckfield, Dec. 14, 1870. He attended the schools of his native village, graduated from the academy at Hebron, became a student at Bowdoin College, after which he entered the medical department of that college, from which he graduated in the class of 1897. After receiving his degree he passed about eighteen months at Rumford Falls in association with Dr. John F. DeCoster, then returned to Buckfield, where he has since remained in practice. He was married Dec. 10, 1898 to Alice Gertrude (Cary) Heald of Salem, Mass.

## CHAPTER XXIV.

## ANNALS CONTINUED.

1825.

At the annual meeting, it was "voted to allow Henry H. Hutchinson eight dollars which he lost by fire." While tax collector the year before, his house took fire and his buildings were consumed together with his tax books. He made out from memory a new list of those who hadn't paid their taxes, it is related, which not only satisfied the town, but also the people who might have avoided payment, but did not. He was always held in the highest esteem by all those who ever knew him. The \$8 was doubtless the town's money which he had on hand and had not turned over to the treasurer.—The jury box was revised this year as follows: Caleb Cushman, Eliphalet Packard, Benjamin Spaulding, John Loring, Leonard Spaulding, Thomas Long, Joshua Whitman, Noah Prince, Jonas Spaulding, James Bonney, Jr., Aaron Parsons, Nathaniel Harlow, James Jewett, Daniel Chase, Samuel DeCoster, David Farrar, Isaac Turner, Josiah Bailey, Henry H. Hutchinson, Ephraim Ricker, America Thayer, Richard Waldron, Elijah Jordan, Jr., Noah Hall, Larnard Swallow, Jonathan Buck, James Perry, Silas Austin, Isaac Ellis, Obadiah Berry.—Jonathan Buck was licensed as an innholder and Spaulding Robinson, Zadoc Long and Lucius Loring were among those licensed as "retailers."

1826.

At a town meeting, it was decided that the town meetings in future "be warned" by having the notices posted in Zadoc Long's store.—At a meeting in April, a vote passed to prohibit cattle going at large in the highways both summer and winter, but it stirred up such opposition that, in June, it was voted to let cattle run on the "highways and commons" till Nov. 1st of that year.—The town consented to receive "a strip of land off the southern part of Hartford with its inhabitants." In December, this action was reconsidered and it was then voted to remonstrate against "the petition of David Warren and others" to be set on to Buckfield.—The contest for representative to the legislature this year was very close. The ballot stood thus: Aaron Parsons, 53; Samuel F. Brown, 48; Benjamin Spaulding, 3; Larnard Swallow, 1.—This year there died in the town of Hartford where he had resided for 22 years, Thomas Allen, one of the very first settlers in Buckfield at the age of 74. His will probated in January, 1827, bequeathed his homestead to his wife, Dolly Ricker, during her life, then to George, their son. The will states that his other sons (by first wife) had received what he considered their share in the estate. James Ricker was the executor. The whole estate was appraised at less than \$600.

1827.

Henry H. Hutchinson was chosen collector of taxes.—The sum of \$30 was voted for soldiers' rations.—Larnard Swallow was chosen to remon-

strate in behalf of the town at the court of sessions against the laying out of two roads. These roads were near the East Branch. One was petitioned for by James Morrill and others, and the other, by James Jewett and others.—At the adjourned annual meeting in April, it was “voted that the assessors procure a proper book for the records of their doings and to employ some suitably qualified person to make such records.” It was also voted “to instruct the selectmen to inquire into the subject of John Buck’s affairs and take such measures in regard thereto as they may think advisable without implicating the town in a *law suit*.”—The contest for representative this year was quite as exciting as that of the previous year, the successful candidate winning by only two majority. Benjamin Spaulding had 39 votes. Aaron Parsons had 22 votes. Daniel Chase had 13 votes. Samuel F. Brown had 2 votes.

1828.

At the annual meeting in March, a vote passed for the town “to stand trial with the town of Hebron,” on an action brought by the latter against the former “for the support of Thankful Hodgdon, pauper.” Also “to instruct the assessors to go around the town to each man’s house and take a new valuation of property.”—The sum of \$112 was raised to pay the fine imposed for the defective highway leading by Samuel DeCoster’s to Hartford line.—The following were licensed to sell liquors this year “agreeably to the laws of the State of Maine:” Enoch Crocker, Nathan Atwood, Smith Thompson and “Bray & Spaulding in Co.”—It was “voted to instruct the overseers of the poor to provide such shelter for Webb’s cow and corn fodder as they may think proper.”—The election for representative to the legislature was, as had been the case for several years, hotly contested. Dr. William Bridgham was the leading candidate, and when he was interested, there was “music in the air.” He won out by the following vote, though his principal contestant was one of the most popular men in town, as shown by his election to town office year after year: Dr. William Bridgham, 117; Enoch Hall, 67; Aaron Parsons, 10; Daniel Chase, 9; Henry H. Hutchinson, 13.—The “Oxford District Elector,” Dr. Cornelius Holland, Dem.-Rep., received 188 votes; Gen. Levi Hubbard, Nat.-Rep., received 69 votes.—By an act of the legislature, approved Feb. 19, Benj. Woodbury, Caleb Cushman, Jr., Bela Farrar, Asa Thayer, Ziba Thayer and America Thayer and their estates were set off from Buckfield to Paris. The part set off included five lots of land in the first and second ranges, west division, and all the road leading from America Thayer’s dwelling house northerly to the line of the town of Sumner. It was provided that they should take with them one-thirtieth part of the paupers of the town and that six ratable polls and \$2700 be taken from the state valuation of Buckfield and added to Paris. The parties set off were to pay all taxes assessed upon them in Buckfield and their proportion (1-30) of the debt of the town. Provision was made, in case of disagreement in the settlement between Buckfield and Paris, that the matter be referred to three disinterested persons to be selected by the towns, whose decision should be final. Samuel F. Brown was chosen

agent for the town to settle the matter with Paris.—Mrs. Mary Buck, widow of Nathaniel Buck, died on the 14th day of November, at the age of 73, "leaving 6 children, 69 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren." Hers was the third family to settle in the township. "She cheerfully met all hardships, nor did fatigue ever prevent her from waiting on the weary traveller."—March 4 of this year, John Buck, one of the early settlers in Buckfield, died in Hamlin's Grant, now a part of Woodstock, at the home of his son, Simeon, at the age of 74. He had been an officer in the Continental Army, having entered the service from Haverhill. He at one time was a large land owner in Buckfield. Later in life, he became subject to periods of insanity. At one time he startled the people at church by loud cries at the door, warning them to beware of the wrath to come. At another time, he cut down the Liberty Pole near Dr. Wm. Bridgham's, which had been standing for many years and was an object of great veneration. None was ever erected in its place.

1829.

Virgil D. Parris was chosen moderator, also chairman of the supt. school committee. It was the beginning of a brilliant and notable public career in the state and nation, a career which terminated only when his party was thrown out of power.—Nathan Atwood was elected town clerk and Dr. William Bridgham was chosen town agent.—A town meeting was called in May to elect "two persons to serve as delegates in a democratic-republican convention to be held at Augusta on the 10th day of June next, to agree upon and to nominate some suitable person as a candidate for governor of this State, at the next election." Dr. William Bridgham and Daniel Chase were selected as delegates.—The road as laid out "from Buckfield Village by Luther Turner's to Hebron" was accepted.—The selectmen were authorized to purchase or lease a piece of land "to settle the town's poor buildings upon, now occupied by Mr. Samuel Webb."—The following men were chosen for their respective school districts "to examine the boundary lines in each district" and report: Aaron Parsons, Larnard Swallow, Caleb Cushman, Nathaniel Harlow, Daniel Chase, Sheppard Churchill, Henry H. Hutchinson, Isaac Young, John Brock, Joshua Whitman, Noah Prince, Tobias Ricker, Jr.—The overseers of the poor were instructed "to inquire what have been the causes of our excessive pauper taxes for years past" and what measures could be taken to prevent the increase of pauperism in the future.—The line between National and democratic republicans was sharply drawn this year. Gen. Andrew Jackson had been inaugurated President of the United States on the 4th of March and his supporters, everywhere, were stalwart partisans. Samuel E. Smith, the democratic-republican candidate for governor, had 180 votes and Jonathan G. Hunton, national-republican, had 112.—The representative contest was a three-cornered one. Henry H. Hutchinson had 116 votes, Virgil D. Parris had 51 and William Bridgham had 34 votes.—Jonathan Buck was licensed as inn-holder, as he had been every year from the first time he was so licensed. Africa Spaulding, Nathaniel Harlow, Luther and Enoch Crocker "in Co.," Isaac Parsons, Nathan At-



wood, William Bridgham and Lucius Loring were licensed as retailers and Daniel Young, as "Victualler, Innholder and Retailer."—The town lines were perambulated this year. The town decided to build a new bridge, a "little up stream from the old one, on the road near the Parris Pond farm so called."—It was voted that notices for future town meetings should be posted in Nathan Atwood's store, till the town should decide otherwise.—In this or some time in the preceding year, it is uncertain which, died Abijah Buck, the foremost man of the early settlers, at the age of 87. Early in 1828, he had given a deposition when he was too feeble to write his name. The wife of his youth had died in 1816. To the property he had brought into the township, and that acquired from Jonathan Tyler, his father-in-law, he added large possessions from which he provided well for his children. His estate was settled before his death, a thing quite common in those days. He neglected to provide grave stones for himself and wife and though we know they were buried in the cemetery, north of the village on the Paris Hill road, the exact spot is uncertain. The town, Abijah Buck did so much to found, and which bears his name, is, however, a lasting monument to his memory and worth.

1830.

Noah Prince was elected one of the selectmen this year. It was the beginning of a long career of usefulness to his town and honor to himself and family.—The town appeared to be much troubled over the pauper expenses.—The democratic-republicans this year attained a sweeping majority over the national-republicans. The vote on governor stood 234 to 54.—Samuel F. Brown was appointed to petition the legislature for authority to dispose of the ministerial and school funds.—Virgil D. Parris was chosen to draft a petition to the legislature to change the time of holding its sessions.—When the census of this town was taken this year, there were 78 persons between the ages of sixty and seventy; 30 between seventy and eighty; 4 (all males) between eighty and ninety and 1 man between ninety and one hundred. There were four negroes, three of whom were females.—On the 25th of April, while on a trip to Portland with a two-horse team, Lewis Morrill, aged about 22, was fatally injured. As he was passing down a hill in Falmouth, his horses became frightened from the breaking of a breeching strap. He was thrown to the ground and the loaded team passed over his body. He survived but a few days.—Caleb Young, one of the original 47 settlers, died Feb. 2, at the age of 82. Nathaniel Gammon, another one of the original settlers, died on the 13th of September, at the age of 77. He had occupied his settling lot for some 50 years.

1831.

The sum of \$525 was raised for the support of schools; \$3000 to be expended in labor on the highways and bridges. Voted to repair "Shaw's bridge to answer to pass over the present year."—Voted to accept of a road "beginning at the middle of the road near Nathaniel Shaw's bark house, then a straight line striking the road on the hill near Axel Spauld-

ing's dwelling house."—At a town meeting in September, it was voted to build a new bridge over the East Branch near Nathaniel Shaw's.—Voted "that the Selectmen may deal out the powder now remaining in the magazine, for the use of the highway" and "to raise \$18 and lay out the same for a cow for Mr. Samuel Webb."—The following persons and firms were licensed to sell liquors this year: Nathaniel Harlow, Samuel W. Ingalls, William Bridgham, Morrill & Atwood and Enoch and Luther Crocker. Jonathan Buck was licensed as inn holder.—The vote for governor this year was as follows: Samuel E. Smith, Dem.-Rep., 188; Daniel Goodnow, Nat.-Rep., 40.—For representative to the legislature, Henry H. Hutchinson had 130; Virgil D. Parris, 86; James Bonney, Jr., 4; Daniel Chase, 1.—On the 25th of September of this year, passed away Dea. Job Prince at the age of 66. He had settled in Buckfield about 1790 and raised a family of children, several of whom became noted. Two of his sons were presidents of the Maine Senate. One grandson served one term in Congress and another, but for his untimely death, would probably have been governor of this state.

## 1832.

Virgil D. Parris was elected town clerk, Larnard Swallow, trustee of the ministerial and school fund.—William Bridgham, William Cole, Benj. Spaulding, James Jewett and Lucius Loring were appointed "Fire Wards."—The following persons and firms were licensed to sell ardent spirits this year: Ephraim Atwood & Co., Samuel W. Ingalls & Co., Melzer Buck & Co., Nathan Atwood, Luther Crocker, Hiram Hall, Amos B. Morrill, Jonathan Buck and Nathan Harlow.—At a meeting in October, called to hear the report of the committee and observations of Squire Hall and others who may see and think proper to speak concerning the case between the town and Squire Hall in the matter of the pauper, Abigail Furbush, it was voted to discontinue the action of the town against Enoch Hall.—Virgil D. Parris was elected representative to the legislature by the following decisive vote: Virgil D. Parris, 158; Daniel Chase, 94; Henry H. Hutchinson, 18; Noah Prince, 4; James Bonney, Jr., 2.—At the presidential election in November, the "Jackson Ticket" received 229 votes, the "Clay Ticket" 45 and the "Wirt Ticket" 2 votes.—The "limits" of the militia companies, as required by an act of the legislature, were established this year by the selectmen. That of Capt. David Farrar's company of infantry was "the West part of the town from the Hebron road and county road leading to Sumner by James Bonney's."—Capt. George Bridgham's company, "the northeast part of Buckfield to Twenty Mile River, thence by Mark Lowell's to Bog Brook, the Whitman Pond and Hebron Line."—The southeastern part of the town was in the limits of Capt. Robert Martin's company, composed of men from Hebron, Buckfield, Turner and Minot.

## 1833.

At the annual meeting, Ephraim Atwood was elected town clerk and Virgil D. Parris, town agent.—James Bowker, Joseph Gilkey, Bennett Pompilly, Obadiah Berry and Ira Gardner, "Saxons." Voted "to author-

ize the constable to sell at auction to the highest bidder, Williamson's History of Maine after giving suitable notice."—"George and Orville Bridgham in Co., Cole, Taylor & Co., Ephraim Atwood & Co., and John and George Brock" were licensed this year.—Virgil D. Parris was re-elected representative to the legislature by the following vote: Virgil D. Parris, 128; Daniel Chase, 73; Henry H. Hutchinson, 15; Benj. Spaulding, 8; Zadoc Long, 1; Noah Prince, 1.

1834.

Axel Spaulding was elected tythingman. None had been elected for two years.—It was decided to prohibit neat cattle from running at large; also, that warrants for future town meetings be posted in Ephraim Atwood's store.—H. H. Hutchinson, Noah Hall and Daniel Chase, a committee chosen to settle with James Bonney, "ex-treasurer," reported that they had performed the duty assigned them, and were "of opinion that the said Bonney has performed the duty that was entrusted to him by the town with honesty and faithfulness according to the best of his ability, but that they were informed by him that there was \$29.38 due from Marshall Andrews, collector for the year 1830, which, he said, Andrews refused to pay, alleging that the same had already been paid." Voted to discharge James Bonney from all liability as town treasurer and to collect the amount due of Andrews.—Artemas Cole entered into partnership with Ephraim Atwood. They did a large business for many years.—A vote passed to allow the selectmen and other town officers 75 cents a day for the time they were employed in the service of the town.—There were several candidates for representative to the legislature. Virgil D. Parris was again elected. He had 162 votes, a large majority over all.

1835.

George Bridgham, Jr., was elected town clerk and Sydenham Bridgham was chosen collector of taxes.—The vote for representative to the legislature was as follows: Virgil D. Parris, 109; Henry H. Hutchinson, 13; James Bonney, Jr., 11; Daniel Chase, 9; Zadoc Long, 6; Noah Prince, 7; Ezekiel Dammon, 1.—Enoch Hall died Dec. 10th. He was born Nov. 10, 1763. His wife died a few years after at her daughter's, Mrs. Abigail Doble's in Livermore.—Nathan Hall died July 22. He was a remarkably fleshy man and for some years before his death was nearly helpless from this cause.

1836.

Samuel Chesley was chosen collector of taxes. He was voted \$22.50 for his services. James Bowker, Boardman Faunce and Joseph Turner were accepted as his bondsmen.—Ira Gardner, Mark Lowell, Noah Hall and Obadiah Berry were selected as sextons.—The "limits" of the militia companies were again defined and established. The dividing line between the east and west companies was as follows: "The county road from the Sumner line near Col. James Bonney's to Dr. William Bridgham's and the river bridge in the village and the highway from said bridge by Rolan

Foster's and Jesse Packard's to Hebron line. The territory south and east of the following line to be the limits in Buckfield of the company made up from parts of the towns of Buckfield, Hebron, Turner and Minot: Following the Twenty Mile River from Turner line to the Lowell Brook, up said brook to the Whitman Pond, then from said pond on Bog Brook to the Hebron line." The rest of the town to be the limits of the east company.—The town chose Samuel F. Brown, Doctor Comstock, Virgil D. Parris, Joseph Turner and Aaron Parsons a committee "to ascertain a better course for the support of the poor than that which we have heretofore pursued, if possible."—The Van Buren democratic electors at the presidential election had 146 votes. The whig electors had 15.—The vote on representative to the legislature this year was not quite so one-sided. Virgil D. Parris had 153; Noah Prince had 48; Thomas Irish had 6; Daniel Chase had 2.—There died in Woodstock, at the home of his son, Stephen, Feb. 27, 1836, in the 87th year of his age, Daniel Packard, one of the early settlers of Buckfield. His remains were buried in a ground or yard near where he died. His wife had died several years before and is said to have been buried in the cemetery above the village. Their earlier lives had been one of stirring incidents, adventure and interest. She had been a pretty Irish lass, who liked to play around the wharves in her native cove of Cork and talk with the sailors. An unscrupulous captain enticed her aboard his vessel and brought her to Boston where she was abandoned. Daniel Packard was of one of the first families in Bridgewater, Mass., and is said to have been engaged to be married to a daughter of high standing in the town. Where or how he met the bright-eyed Irish girl is uncertain but once seeing her, he had no heart for any other to the day of his death. He was straight as an arrow, had a swarthy complexion, piercing black eyes and a stentorian voice. The admiration for each other was mutual and they were married. Their first child was born in 1774. On the outbreak of the Revolution, he enlisted and went into the army, serving on the Hudson. His wife followed him and in a small way carried on the business of a sutler. Packard was at the Storming of Stony Point, one of the most brilliant feat of arms of the whole war and the battles of Saratoga. They must have attained considerable notoriety, for the stories about their exploits and lives in the army in after years came to the ears of J. Fenimore Cooper, the novelist, who made them the principal characters, "Sergt. Hollister" and "Betty Flanigan" in his story, "The Spy." Any one who has heard the traditions which have come down to us about them when living in Buckfield will at once recognize how true to life Cooper represented them in *The Spy*. But we have further evidence. Stephen D. Hutchinson, formerly town clerk of Buckfield and afterwards register of deeds for Oxford County, on a certain trip from Portland to Boston by boat was introduced to a Captain Coyle, who on learning that Hutchinson was from Buckfield said: "Ah from a famous town where Daniel Packard and his wife lived. They were made the principal characters by Fenimore Cooper in his novel, 'The Spy.' I passed a day with him recently and he told me this himself."



1837.

Virgil D. Parris was chosen as agent of the town to receive its proportion of "Surplus Revenue" from the general government. This money was given by the government to the states. By an act of the legislature of Maine, this state's part was distributed to the towns. It was a source of much contention in Buckfield what to do with this money. It was at first decided to buy a town farm for the poor with it. \$2000 was voted and a farm was purchased. After a number of meetings, it was voted to distribute the money received from the surplus revenue to the people, each person to have his equal share. Several paupers, as the records show, received their portion.—Zadoc Long, Larnard Swallow, S. F. Brown, Doctor Comstock and Virgil D. Parris were chosen a committee "to draft a set of by-laws to govern the poor house." The report of this committee at a future meeting was accepted.—This was the year that Maine first "went hell-bent for Governor Kent," but Buckfield did not go that way. There was almost 200 majority for Gorham Parks, the democratic candidate.—As for several years past, there was a number of candidates for representative to the legislature. Virgil D. Parris had 136; Noah Prince had 66; Henry H. Hutchinson had 22; Zadoc Long had 18. The Foster farm on the Hebron road was purchased for the town's poor.—There was an epidemic of scarlet fever among the children this year. The disease was unusually fatal. Five children died with it out of the family of Henry DeCoster.

1838.

The third Monday of May was set for the selectmen to draw orders for the people, for each one's share of the "Surplus Revenue." The scenes around their place of business, when it was transacted, can better be imagined than described. It is worthy of an artist's pencil.—The town farm having been put in order, the paupers were taken to it and an overseer engaged to run it.—The special election for a Representative to Congress, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. Timothy J. Carter of Paris, resulted in the choice of Hon. Virgil D. Parris. The vote in Buckfield stood thus: Virgil D. Parris, 211; Zadoc Long, 50; Nath'l S. Littlefield, 7; Joseph G. Cole, 10; scattering, 6. At the regular election, for the full term, the ballot was as follows: Virgil D. Parris, 245; Zadoc Long, 57; Judah Dana, 3; Harrison Blake, 2; Jesse Packard, 1.—This year occurred one of the most exciting contests for representative to the legislature that Buckfield ever experienced. The principal contestants, at first, were Noah Prince and William Irish. The former on the first ballot had 105 votes, the latter 88. Henry H. Hutchinson had 29, Daniel Chase and Axel Spaulding, 11 each. These men were all of the same party, the democratic. James Jewett, the whig candidate, started in with 41 votes. Two ballots were taken when the meeting was adjourned. On the second ballot, the vote stood: Noah Prince, 126; William Irish, 109; James Jewett, 24; scattering, 8. On the adjourned day, two ballots were taken—the second one showing William Irish out of the contest and Daniel Chase in the lead as Mr. Prince's chief opponent, though lacking



42 votes of the number Mr. Prince received on that ballot. Again the meeting was adjourned to a subsequent day, when Mr. Prince's vote rose to 130 and Daniel Chase's highest, to 113. James Jewett's highest vote was 28. The meeting adjourned for the third time and, on that day, two ballots were taken before the contest was decided. The first one was as follows: Noah Prince, 133; Daniel Chase, 141; James Jewett, 11; William Irish, 1. Apparently, the bulk of Jewett's men, who had stuck by him up to this time, went over to Chase. The final vote stood: Daniel Chase, 153; Noah Prince, 141; James Jewett, 7; H. H. Hutchinson, 1; Henry DeCoster, 1.

1839.

Capt. Noah Prince was chosen chairman of the board of selectmen, which showed that his hold on the voters of the town was still strong, notwithstanding his defeat for representative the year before. It foreshadowed a renewal of the contest in September.—Jesse Packard, Abraham Lothrop and Albert Record were elected supt. school committee. This was done for sport. They qualified, but, at an adjourned meeting, others were chosen in addition. There were some fun-loving people in Buckfield in those days.—For some reason, questions growing out of the distribution of the "Surplus Revenue" came up several times this year in the town meetings. The action of the town, the year before, in distributing it per capita was sustained.—It took three ballots to decide the election for representative to the legislature. On the third, Capt. Noah Prince was elected. The following are the first and third ballots: First, Noah Prince, 116; Daniel Chase, 88; William Irish, 29; James Jewett, 20; Stephen Hutchinson, 10. Third, Noah Prince, 121; Daniel Chase, 92; James Jewett, 14; William Irish, 8.

1840.

The people of Buckfield voted twice this year for a representative to Congress. At the first ballot, Virgil D. Parris had 228, Zadoc Long, 71; N. S. Littlefield, 36; scattering, 6. At the special election, the vote was as follows: Joseph Tobin, 120; Zadoc Long, 62; Joseph G. Cole, 40; N. S. Littlefield, 57; scattering, 9.—It took two ballots to decide the election of a representative to the legislature, the balloting being on two different days. The following is the record of the votes: First, Noah Prince, Dem., 118; Nathan'l Leonard, Whig, 63; Daniel Chase, Dem., 60; Joseph Turner, Dem., 50; scattering, 5. Second, Noah Prince, 119; Nathan'l Leonard, 43; Daniel Chase, 41; George Bridgham, Jr., 16; Joseph Turner, 4.—At the presidential election, the Van Buren electors had 274 votes, while the Harrison electors had only 76.—Maine had again gone "hell-bent for Governor Kent" and also for Gen. Harrison for president, but Buckfield showed no indications of the great political overturn. One of the electors on the democratic ticket was Hon. Job Prince of Turner, a native of Buckfield.

1841.

On the 18th of January, a special election was called "for the people to give in their votes to the selectmen for a representative, that is, an inhabitant of Oxford Congressional district to represent the inhabitants of their State in the Congress of the United States." David Hammōns had 68; Zadoc Long, 66; Joseph G. Cole, 60; Nathan'l Littlefield, 58; Joseph Tobin, 5; Jesse Drew, 2; A. D. White, 2.—Stephen D. Hutchinson was elected town clerk. This was a "Hutchinson year," several of that name being elected for the principal officers. Voted "when Alvah Gilbert satisfies the surveyor of his district that he has worked out his tax on his own road, the surveyor cross his tax."—The act of the legislature apportioning the representatives and senators caused a great deal of feeling in Buckfield, and a committee consisting of Hon. Virgil D. Parris, Col. Aaron Parsons, H. H. Hutchinson, William B. Bennett and James Bonney, Esqs., was chosen to draft resolutions to present to the town for its action. At a meeting called in May, the resolutions were presented and adopted. The town clerk, S. D. Hutchinson, recorded the resolutions in full. They directed the selectmen "to call a meeting to choose a representative to the legislature notwithstanding the act of apportionment."—At the governor election, the people of the town accordingly voted for a representative to the legislature as follows: Noah Prince, 165; Winchester Spaulding, 9; William B. Bennett, 2; scattering, 3. Capt. Prince held his seat.—Virgil D. Parris, for one of the senators voted for by his party, had 267 votes. The highest on the whig ticket was 59.—By an act of the legislature approved April 16th, David W. Swett and Chas. F. Davis were authorized to erect a gunpowder manufactory on "Basin Falls."

1842.

At the annual town meeting, Cyrus H. Coolidge, Virgil D. Parris and Thomas Irish, Jr., were elected superintending school committee. Capt. Joseph Turner was elected town agent.—It was voted "to raise \$37 to help build a school house in Rolan Foster's district."—Voted "that the Overseers of the poor pay to Polly Hodgdon her proportion of the surplus money" Also that "the Selectmen be instructed to make out an order to Miss Fobes for her part of the surplus money." Another vote passed to the same effect in the interest of Lucian Philbrick.—Voted for the selectmen to make an annual report of their doings.—Virgil D. Parris was again elected as one of the State senators.—The selectmen were instructed to have guide boards put up in necessary locations.—Voted to receive the inhabitants of Hartford who had petitioned to be annexed to Buckfield.—Voted to have the town books kept in "Mr. Brown's office, if he will permit it free of expense."—At a meeting of delegates from Buckfield, Sumner and "Plantation No. 2," held at Jackson village July 6th, to determine what years each town should send a representative to the legislature, Capt. Noah Prince of Buckfield was elected chairman and Luther Crocker of Sumner, secretary. The Buckfield delegates were: Noah Prince, Daniel Fletcher, Joseph Turner, Ximenes Philbrick, Jonas

Spaulding and James Hussey. It was voted that Buckfield select the candidates for the years 1842-'44-'46-'48-'50; Sumner for 1843-'45-'49; Pl. No. 2 for 1847.—The vote in Buckfield this year for representative resulted as follows: Noah Prince, 211; Nathaniel Leonard, 32; Tobias Ricker, Jr., 13.—In December of this year, at the age of 89, Jacob Whitman, a soldier of the Revolution and one of the first 47 settlers who were given 100 acres of land by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, passed to the higher life. His wife, Abigail, died in 1837, aged 81. All of their children, except one, who died in infancy, lived to be over 70. One, Jacob, Jr., was 94 when he died.

1843.

The guide boards were set up at the following corners: Near Henry DeCoster's, James Bicknell's, Hall's bridge (2), Ezekiel Record's, Capt. Parris' house, Samuel F. Brown's office (2), Doctor Bridgham's (2), Capt. Jonathan Buck's (2), Mark Lowell's barn (2), Mark Lowell's house, William Morrill's (2), and Artemas F. Cole's store, "directing to Hebron."—The treasurer was instructed to burn a \$3 bill of "uncurrent money."—It was voted "to allow Virgil D. Parris his account as Supt. School Committee, \$1.00." Also, to allow Daniel Chase's acct. of \$0.76 and Noah Prince's of \$0.38 "for town services."—Sumner sent the representative to the legislature this year. It appears from the records that Buckfield voted twice, once in September and once in November. Alexander Ryerson and Capt. Lewis Bisbee were the principal candidates. The former was elected.—A Buckfield correspondent of a county newspaper sent the following list of Revolutionary soldiers and pensioners living there on the 4th day of July of that year: Jonathan Record, Josiah Parris, Eleazer Parsons, Jabez Churchill, Thaddeus Pratt, Benjamin Woodbury, Josiah Parsons, Tobias Ricker, David Lowe, 'Sial Smith, Thomas Bradbury and Job Packard.—It was stated that the first was 95 years old and the youngest, 81, and that they represented nearly every important battle of the Revolution. Jonathan Record was but 93 at that time. Rev. Nathaniel Chase's name is missing from this list.—Jabez Churchill died August 16. He was born at North Bridgewater, Mass., in 1759. He served four years and nine days in the war. In 1782 he first settled in Hebron, Me., and removed his family to Buckfield in 1798. His wife was Maria Benson. They had 9 children, 24 grandchildren and 92 great-grandchildren.

1844.

Ezekiel Record was chosen agent to take care of the town house. It was voted to move the town house to some place that the town can purchase nearer the village. Ira Gardner, David B. Record and Noah Prince were selected to purchase a lot of "Mr. Parris or some other person."—The following persons were licensed to sell at retail strong liquors "to travellers to be drank in his shop and to town's people to be carried away:" Ephraim Atwood, Lorenzo Atwood and Levi Cushman "in Co.," George Bennett and James Murdock and Ambrose Buck "in Co." Syden-

ham Bridgham as innholder was "forbidden to sell to anyone who is known to use liquors to excess," and N. Harlow was licensed to sell liquors of all kinds for one year, but was forbidden to "sell to any but steady, sober people for medicinal and mechanical purposes."—Washington Long was one of the Whig candidates for state senator this year. He polled the full strength of his party in town, 53 votes.—The vote for representative stood as follows: Daniel Chase, 145; James Bonney, 120; Jacob Leonard, 49; scattering, 4.—At the presidential election, the "Polk Ticket" had 252 votes, the "Clay Ticket" 46, and the "Birney Ticket," 8.

1845.

Ephraim Lowe was chosen collector of taxes. He was voted \$17.50 for his services, as he had agreed to take that sum. He was also elected constable in accordance with his agreement "to do the town's business free of expense."—The assessors were instructed to take a valuation of personal property.—It was voted to offer "Mr. Allen" \$75 for the land on which the town house stood.—Sumner sent the representative to the legislature this year. Alexander Libby was chosen.

1846.

It was voted at the annual town meeting that Capt. Noah Prince, who had been elected chairman of the board of overseers of the poor, "attend to the business himself, unless he thinks best to consult the others."—The building of the Hall and Morrill bridges, "lately washed away" was authorized. Ezekiel Record and Martin Drake were selected to superintend the erection of the Hall bridge and Henry H. Hutchinson and William Irish, the Morrill bridge.—Stephen D. Hutchinson was elected this year register of deeds for the eastern district of the county. On entering upon the duties of his office in 1847, he went to reside at Paris Hill, which he made his home until his death, about 1898.—Buckfield sent the representative to the legislature. The vote in town was as follows: Ximenes Philbrick, 179; Albert D. White, 34; David B. Record, 24; scattering, 3.

1847.

No. 2, or Franklin Plantation, sent the representative to the legislature this year. Albert D. White was one of the whig candidates for state senator.—Appropriations for schools, \$655; for support of poor, \$300; for roads and bridges, \$3500; for town accounts, \$41.17.—At a county convention of the "Liberty Party," held at Waterford, July 5th, Tobias Ricker of Buckfield was nominated for county commissioner.—"Hon. Samuel Parris of Hebron, a native of Plymouth County, died at Washington, D. C., Sept. 10, aged 93. He was next to the last of the two surviving males of the first settlers in Hebron."—He was a brother of Capt. Josiah Parris of Buckfield and the father of Hon. A. K. Parris.



1848.

The road "beginning near the school house between Rolan and Joel Foster's and terminating at or near Alexander Cushman's house" was discontinued by a vote of the town.—The vote for representative to the legislature was as follows: Ximenes Philbrick, 168; Thomas Irish, 39; Robert Hayes, 15; Jacob Decoster, 3.—For representative to Congress, Rufus K. Goodenow, whig candidate, had 39 votes. His opponent had 131. Mr. Goodenow had a majority in the district and was elected. He had been clerk of the courts for 16 years beginning with the admission of Maine as a State. The town clerk for that year has recorded the result of the presidential election in town as follows: "Cass Ticket," 190; "Taylor Ticket," 27; "Abolition Ticket," 60.—John J. Perry was one of the Van Buren electors, dubbed "abolition" by the town clerk.—The Buckfield Branch Railroad Company was organized with the following officers: Virgil D. Parris, president; Zadoc Long, clerk and treasurer. The contract for the grading, bridging and masonry having been let to Benson & Porter, the ceremony of breaking ground on the line of the road took place at the village, on the 31st of October, in the presence of 3,000 people. A national salute was fired by the artillery company commanded by Maj. R. B. Jennings. At ten o'clock A.M., a long procession was formed, which was escorted by the militia and the band from the square near the bridge to the spot where the station now stands. In carriages were the oldest living settlers, including five Revolutionary soldiers. Their average age was ninety years. The chief marshal was Col. Albert D. White.—Hon. Virgil D. Parris, president of the railroad company, made the principal address of the day. Among other things he said: "With what veneration and gratitude do we welcome the presence, this day, of a few remaining soldiers of the Revolution. They are the remnant of that immortal band of Patriots who imperilled their lives on the battle field to sustain the country in that bold and astounding Declaration that proclaimed us free. In the Providence of God, their lives have been preserved beyond the common age of man to witness the unrivalled prosperity of a Government they freely contributed to establish by years of perilous strife. And now, in the decline of life devoted to their country, how happily does the pleasing scene of peace and joy and hope on every side contrast with the condition of the country in the dismal times of the Revolution." Mr. Parris was followed by Rev. Nathaniel Chase with an interesting address and earnest prayer. He was one of the five Revolutionary soldiers present and one of the first 47 original settlers who were given 100 acres by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He was 87 years old. The oldest of these Revolutionary soldiers, however, was Jonathan Record, who was 98. "He helped bush out the first road ever cut through the town." The honor of first breaking ground was conceded to him for the foregoing reason.—He was followed by the president of the company, the Revolutionary soldiers and old settlers in filling the wheelbarrow with earth. Then Capt. Josiah Parris, himself a soldier of the Revolution, aged 88, wheeled it off. One hundred guns were



fired by the artillery, the band struck up "Yankee Doodle" and the people enthusiastically cheered. The procession reformed and proceeded to the "Nezinscot House," where about a hundred persons with the old settlers and soldiers as guests partook of a banquet.—The following Revolutionary soldiers and pensioners died this year: Tobias Ricker, Deacon Job Packard and Jasiel Smith. The first two died before April 11th. The latter passed away May 15th. Their ages respectively were 80, 86 and 85.—Dea. Job Packard was born in Bridgewater, Mass., in 1761, and was the youngest of a family of seven children. He settled in the southern part of Buckfield on the lot which he purchased of his oldest brother, Daniel. He bought other land adjoining and reared a large family of children. He was a deacon of the church for many years.

1849.

Dastine Spaulding was elected town clerk.—Thomas Chase, Frederick Foster and H. H. Hutchinson, Jr., were chosen superintending school committee.—The sum of \$60 was raised "to finish the new road leading from the county road near Rolan Foster's to Jacob Leonard's."—The town lines were perambulated this year and "former marks renewed and stone monuments erected."—Sumner had the selection of a representative to the legislature. Abel W. Bisbee was elected.—Benjamin Woodbury, a Revolutionary soldier, died March 3d, at the age of 89.

1850.

It was voted at a town meeting to discontinue the old road from Timothy Records' to the new road near Alexander Cushman's, and to take measures to open the road from Buckfield village to Hartford line.—The sum of \$200 was appropriated to rebuild the bridge in the village.—Capt. Noah Prince was a candidate this year for state senator and was elected. He was chosen president of that body and served two terms.—The contest in Buckfield for representative to the legislature was as follows: Joshua Irish, 201; Sydenham Bridgham, 169.—On the 22d day of March, Rev. Adam Wilson of Hebron, preached a discourse at the Free Baptist church at East Buckfield on the 100th anniversary of the birth of Jonathan Record. Text: Psalms, 48: 12-13. Theme—The influence of one generation on another. Mr. Record was present and apparently was enjoying good health and received with much satisfaction the congratulations of both old and young. There were also present four aged men, whose ages with that of Mr. Record aggregated 427 years.

## CHAPTER XXV.

## TEMPERANCE MOVEMENTS.

The evil effects flowing from the habitual use of New England rum and other ardent spirits as a beverage, which kept scores of families in extreme poverty, sent other scores to drunkards' graves and increased the ranks of the disreputable classes, early called the attention of the best people in Maine towards providing 'a remedy. This evil practice in the early days was so prevalent among all that it was quite generally believed that the use of ardent spirits was necessary. In most families at one time it was deemed to be as essential as sugar, salt or molasses and the account books kept by the traders during the early settlement of the town and for a long period afterwards, show that liquors formed no small part of the merchandise sold. Some families, tracing their ancestry to the Pilgrims who were driven from their native land by the tyranny of King James I and settled in the Old Colony and in other parts of the Commonwealth, were entirely run out by the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

At first, the agitation against rum-drinking produced little effect. Some preachers upheld the practice and the efforts to check the vice met with strenuous opposition. A society for the suppression of intemperance was organized at Boston as early as 1812. It bore fruit and gave fresh impetus to the temperance agitation. Some dozen years afterwards, the American Temperance Society was organized. The proceedings of its second meeting, held in Boston, in January, 1829, were printed and this may be taken as the period when Temperance Reform began with a well grounded hope of success.

There were then some 225 of these societies in existence—thirteen of them being in the State of Maine. By this time, clergymen, lawyers and physicians and not a few of the influential men of nearly every town and hamlet took hold of the movement. The societies in Maine were at East Machias, which claimed to be the first one organized in the state, Prospect, Buckfield, Norway, Livermore, Portland, Gorham, Gardiner, Saco, Brewer, Brunswick, New Sharon and Windsor. It will be noted that three of these societies were in the county of Oxford. Tem-

perance thus early took a deep root in old Oxford and has grown steadily since. Dr. Cyrus Hamlin, the first clerk of the courts and the father of Vice-President Hannibal Hamlin, drew up the first Temperance Pledge in the town of Paris.

It was presented to Elder James Hooper for his signature. He refused to sign it. At that time, the great majority followed Mr. Hooper's example rather than Dr. Hamlin's. A Temperance cyclone struck the town later however and the elder's influence was utterly broken. The Oxford County Moral Society had been organized on Paris Hill in September, 1825. Under the auspices of the Moral Society of Norway, in July, 1829, a large meeting was held at that village. Levi Whitman, Esq., of Norway, presided and Samuel F. Brown, Esq., of Buckfield was selected to record the proceedings.

The Oxford County Temperance Society was organized the same year. Hon. Luther Cary of Turner was chosen president and Samuel F. Brown, Esq., secretary. Thirteen local societies were formed in the county, one of which was at Buckfield. From the reports given by the officers of these societies, it appears that they met with great opposition. The members of the Oxford County Bar perfected a temperance organization about this time, which took in the court officials and others. The articles of faith were signed by the following members:

R. K. Goodnow  
Levi Whitman  
Timothy J. Carter  
Henry Farwell  
Samuel F. Brown  
Peter C. Virgin  
Levi Stowell  
Virgil D. Parris  
Charles Whitman  
Hannibal Hamlin  
Ira Bartlett  
Elisha Morse  
Ephraim Bass  
Stephen Chase  
John S. Barrows  
Stephen Emery  
William Goodnow  
Daniel Goodnow  
James Walker  
Joshua Randall  
Thomas Clark  
John Woodbury  
John Jameson

Cyrus Thompson  
Wm. Warren  
James V. Poor  
George Turner  
Erastus P. Poor  
Abram Andrews, jr.  
Josiah Blake  
Robert Goodnow  
Isaiah P. Moody  
Reuel Washburn  
Timothy Carter  
Solomon Hall  
James Starr  
Augustine Hayes  
Albert G. Thornton  
S. Strickland  
Eben Poor  
Thomas Gammon  
David Gerry  
Ebenezer Jewett  
Daniel Chaplin  
Simeon Walton

It was decided at a meeting of this society in 1833 that one or more persons in each town be selected to get signers thereto and Seth Stetson, Zadoc Long and Lucius Loring were appointed to procure subscribers in Buckfield, Henry Farwell in Dixfield, Deacon Barrows and Dr. Carr in Hebron, Samuel Sewell in Sumner and Elder Daniel Hutchinson and Joseph Tobin in Hartford. By 1834, there were 27 Temperance societies in the county with about 3000 members. The Buckfield members of the State Society were Samuel F. Brown, Virgil D. Parris and Albert D. White.

The report from Paris that year was that "in 1833, 4963 gallons of ardent spirits were sold as against 7221 the year before. Expense for support of the poor from \$300 to \$350, one-third caused by intemperance. Three dram-selling public houses and five other retailers. Six intemperate heads of families who were so poor that \$50 expended in sickness would throw them on the town."

About 1841, the Washingtonian Movement sprang up. It began among some reformed drunkards in Baltimore, Md., and swept over the Eastern States like a prairie fire. The first lecture during this period at Buckfield was given by "Father Hayes" in November, 1841. People from far and near went to hear him. Many signed the pledge for the first time and among them was Capt. Lewis Bisbee who kept it inviolate ever afterward. An organization was formed of which Hon. Virgil D. Parris was president and Wm. B. Bennett, secretary. A Martha Washington society was formed at the same time among the ladies to aid the other organization.

In the early part of the year, 1843, the sale of intoxicating liquors by the gill or glass having become such an intolerable nuisance the best people of the town signed a petition to Artemas Cole, Ephraim Atwood, Lorenzo Atwood and George Bennett to sell no ardent spirits to be drunk in their stores. It was signed by 174 of the citizens and among the petitioners were the venerable John Loring, Josiah Parris, Benjamin Spaulding, Lucius Loring, Col. Aaron Parsons, Rev. Geo. Thomes, S. D. Hutchinson, Washington Heald and Nathaniel Leonard. Ephraim and Lorenzo Atwood's names were also on the petition. Before Capt. Prince's name was the following: "It was the intention to include all the retailers in town in the above request." A large

petition for the same purpose was also presented by citizens of Sumner.

When the act which has since been known as the Maine Law was passed it created great opposition in some parts of the state and particularly in the town of Buckfield and for several years after its passage, there was a very bitter feeling on the part of some of those who opposed the suppression of the sale of intoxicating liquors by statute.

Seth Sampson of Turner entered with the greatest vigor into the matter of prosecuting those in Buckfield and vicinity, who were suspected of violating the law and for a period he was the best hated man in this region. In cases of importance he usually retained as his associate, Charles W. Walton, Esq., of Dixfield, afterwards Judge of the Supreme Court of Maine and Hon. Nathan Clifford, afterwards an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States appeared sometimes as counsel for the defendants.

In the enforcement of the law, a singular, yet somewhat amusing affair occurred in which the three Farrar brothers then living in the village were principals. Aratus Farrar, a constable, was active in seizing liquors. Probably some packages or vessels containing them were taken, which were not intended for sale and if claimed must have resulted in a return to the owners. America Farrar favored the prohibitory law and heartily sustained Aratus in his seizures. Ethic Farrar on the other hand, did not sanction the law. We never heard that he sold any liquors, though he like many others of that period did believe in their moderate use as being beneficial. He sent away for some liquors and when they arrived Aratus seized them. In a controversy in America's tavern over the seizure, Ethic claimed that Aratus pushed him on to a stove and injured him severely. He went home and took to his bed and called a physician to attend him. Ethic threatened to bring suit against Aratus and may actually have done so. Heavy damages were claimed. The physician kept making his daily calls upon Ethic. The affair became the talk of the village and town. Finally America succeeded in effecting a settlement between Ethic and Aratus by the payment by Aratus it was said of some forty or fifty dollars. As soon as this settlement was made and the money paid over, the physician's visits were discontinued and Ethic appeared again



on the streets. The supporters of the law loudly claimed the affair a cheat while the other side said it served the constable just right as he should have let his brother's liquor alone.

A more serious case which aroused great interest was the suit of James Murdock, 3d, against Valentine Ripley. It was an action of trespass alleged to have taken place January 15, 1851, when Cyrus Wormell, a deputy sheriff, undertook to arrest a party for being a common seller of intoxicating liquors. The warrant was sworn out by Col. Aaron Parsons and Samuel Jenkins, Esq., was the magistrate who issued it. Murdock got mixed up in the affair and as the defense alleged, "resisted and obstructed" the officer while in the discharge of his duty. Thereupon Wormell called on Ripley for assistance and he rendered it in such a vigorous manner, as Murdock claimed, that he had sustained severe injuries and laid his damages at \$1000. William B. Bennett was the original counsel for Murdock but when the case came to be tried at the October term, 1851, he had Mr. Clifford to assist him. Walton and Seth May, afterwards Judges of the Maine Supreme Court, were the defendant's counsel. The verdict was for the defendant and the plaintiff filed exceptions to some of the rulings of the presiding judge and carried the action to the Law Court which sustained the exceptions and ordered a new trial. The action was again tried at the August term, 1854, and was hotly contested from beginning to end. The jury a second time returned a verdict for the defendant which settled the matter finally.

There was another case of scarcely less interest. A suit was brought by William Creasy against Aratus Farrar for a barrel of vinegar which he claimed Farrar had taken and converted to his own use. The suit was brought before Joseph Dearborn, Esq., of Hartford, a Justice of the Peace, who gave judgment for the plaintiff for \$7.31 with costs taxed at \$14.15. Farrar appealed with Col. Aaron Parsons and Joseph C. Shaw as sureties. When the action came to be heard in the Appellate Court, it was found that no papers in the case had been filed and Farrar thereupon began a suit for a review of the judgment. The declaration in Farrar's petition explains the whole matter which from its inception was a very ludicrous performance. It is as follows: "That your Petitioner was an officer of the law and with a legal precept was searching for spirituous and intoxicat-

ing liquors, but did not take the vinegar or barrel as alleged or in any manner convert the same to his own use, but the same was taken in charge by the depot master who has the same safe at the present time in keeping for the said William Creasy, the plaintiff in said action of trespass. That the said Farrar, acting then and there as an officer of the law with a legal precept entered the place designated by said precept and carefully and without injury, examined the barrel of vinegar, doing no damage thereto and leaving the same in the place there found. That he can prove by Aaron Parsons, Esq., that a warrant was duly issued and further by said Shaw and Jairus Harlow, the keeper of the place searched, that he made no other than an open and legal search in the due and proper execution of his office. Can also prove by the said Shaw that the barrel was marked "Rum," which induced the said Farrar to believe that it contained spirituous and intoxicating liquors. That he did search in good faith, examined the said barrel and found it to contain a different article and left the same by request of the said Harlow. That the justice who tried the case has been repeatedly called on for the recognizance and other papers in the case, but has ever refused to produce them, Ludden, Sampson & Walton for Farrar, Andrews for Creasy. The review was granted. Farrar then brought a suit against Creasy and, at the August term, 1857, the defendant was defaulted by agreement of counsel for \$15 damages with costs taxed at \$60 and thus this matter ended. From this time, there were no more attempts to put the officers in a hole or to obstruct the administration of the law. Some doubtless, violated the statutes but they were careful, if possible, not to be found out.

When the Reform Movement commenced in the seventies, among those having experienced the evil effects of the habitual use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, it bade fair to rival in the excitement and good effects produced the old Washingtonian movement. Nearly every one of the principal places in Maine had its club and ladies' aid society. Buckfield had one of the largest and best in this section. It did a great deal of good and many signed the pledge who have sacredly kept it. It flourished for several years. Other organizations, notably the Sons of Temperance which had at one time a strong organization in Buckfield and the Good Templars for many years have been doing

much good in the state and county and lodges of these orders have existed for a season at Buckfield. One of the later organizations worthy of mention is the Woman's Christian Temperance Union which is doing a good work to-day.

We trust there will never be a time in our good old town when its people will not heartily support any movement which promises to better the condition of the community and keep up the standard of sobriety and morality.

## CHAPTER XXVI.

## BUCKFIELD VILLAGE IN THE FIFTIES.

A sketch of Buckfield village and its business in 1853 by a correspondent of that time to one of the local newspapers is worthy of reproduction here:

"Being at this pleasant village soon after the powerful rain storm of last week (latter part of May) I could not fail to note the unexampled freshet on Twenty Mile River, the beautiful stream which meanders through that place and affords one of the best water powers in this part of the county. The water overflowed its banks and covered the low intervale lands from Spaulding's Mills (North Buckfield) to the village, presenting the appearance of an extensive lake, dotted with mounds, islands and beautiful elms. Buckfield village is a thriving and enterprising place. It contains a large number of fine country dwellings, some eight stores, two public houses, several large mechanics' shops and one large flouring mill owned by Messrs. Bisbee & Co. The new public house owned by that noble specimen of Yankee energy, Mr. America Farrar, presents a fine external appearance and adds very much to the architectural beauty of the place."

Farrar's ad in the same newspaper, under the heading of "Farrar's Hotel," contained the following:

"It is the residence of  
Mec Farrar,  
Widely Known as the Largest  
Dealer in N. E. Cattle, Sheep  
and Fast Horses."

"The flouring mill is well located. It has the advantage of a good water power. It has four runs of stones—two of which are for wheat. This mill is noted for manufacturing nice flour and it possesses every facility for such a business. Connected with it, is an apparatus for cooling the flour as it is ground and bolted, so as to admit of barrelling at once. It has a large and well arranged store house by its side, situated in close proximity to the railroad. This company has at times had in store as many as 5000 bushels of wheat. The Buckfield flour has a good reputation in the market.

The continuation of the Buckfield Branch Railroad is now a fixed purpose and some 120 men, scattered over about eight miles of the road are levelling the hills and elevating the valleys, preparatory to the passage of the locomotive. John Holmes has got hold of the business and it must go. The Iron Horse is destined to greet Canton next fall. The railroad instead of killing Buckfield as has been predicted, is just developing her resources and stimulating her enterprise."

The Buckfield Insurance Company was advertised that year. The following were the officers: President, J. W. Browne; secretary and treasurer, H. H. Hutchinson; directors, J. W. Browne, John Skillings, Samuel Jenkins, Jesse Turner, Leonard Russell.

F. O. J. Smith, who had his headquarters at Buckfield, was engaged in the project of extending the Buckfield Branch Railroad to Canton and having a steamer built to ply between that place and Rumford Falls.

The headquarters of the Artillery Company were changed that year to Paris Hill. The captain of the company was R. B. Jennings. James R. McDonald advertised the Buckfield Brass Band.

In 1860, the village contained nine stores as follows: Hiram Hines's, Allen & Thomes's, DeCoster & Prince's, M. B. Thomes's, Caleb Cushman's, Ephraim Atwood & Son's, Atwood & Morrill's, Charles B. Atwood's and George Bennett's.

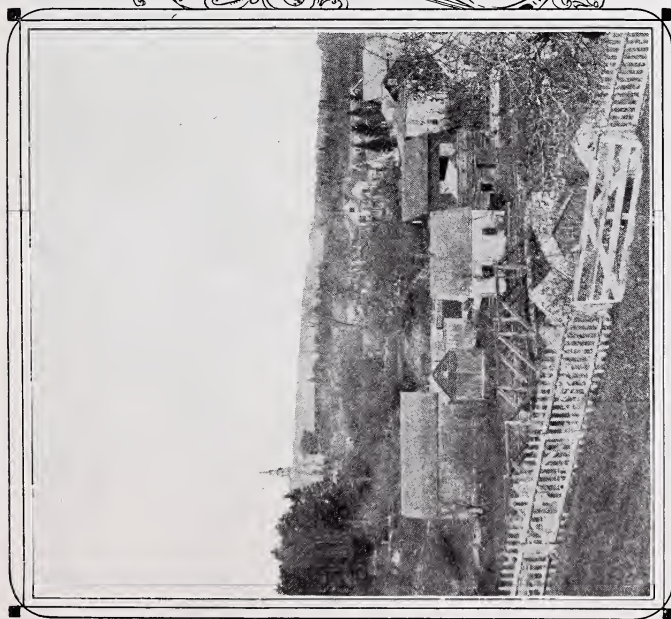
Hiram Hines came from Hartford Center a few years before, where he had been in successful trade for several years. The firm of Allen & Thomes had existed for several years. Amory H. Allen, the senior member, also did a small business as a shoe manufacturer in a little shop across the street. It was located opposite their store where he employed several cutters and let out the work to be fitted and bottomed in the little shoe shops which were numerous in town and paid for it largely from the store of the firm. Mr. Allen afterwards went West and settled in Illinois. Samuel Thomes was a tailor. He first began business in Buckfield at Spaulding's Mills or North Buckfield, but soon afterwards moved to the village where he lived to his death. He is said to have been the first tailor in Buckfield.

James H. DeCoster and Charles H. Prince went into the hardware business a few years before the war under the firm





Farrar's Hotel



View From Loring's Hill



Z. 1  
1840

What are you doing, Father, with your pencil?

Making a picture of Mr. Loring's house & field & store & the buildings.

How nice! Look out the window, my son, & you will see it.

(Rising earnestly & looking out) Father, I can't see it.

Don't you see under Loring's house & the hill & the trees & the stores this way?

Yes, I see them, but I don't see the picture.

No, this is the picture which I am making on paper.

Well, what 3 men are standing on the bridge?

That is Mr. Loring, D. Jones, & they just got home from the Legislature.

Who is leading the horse by Loring's store?

That is Mr. Knapp's horse & he keeps the finest horses.

Who is riding up to Mr. Loring's?

That is Uncle David. He has bought him a new horse.

Pencil picture of Buckfield village by Lewis Long 1840

name of DeCoster & Prince. They were very popular and did a good business.

Moses B. Thomes occupied the Loring store as a dealer in dry goods and groceries. Caleb Cushman was a dealer in dry goods. Ephraim Atwood & Sons kept the largest stock of dry goods and groceries and also medicines and did a heavy business. Charles B. Atwood was a very popular trader in the mill store. Atwood & Morrill in the store near the bridge also did a large business.

The lawyers were Sullivan C. Andrews and T. Jefferson Bridgham. Seth Sanipson of Turner also did quite a law business here in courts of Justices of the Peace. John D. Long and Timothy Andrews were law students. The physicians were William Bridgham, his son, William P. Bridgham and Charles D. Bradbury. Hon. Noah Prince usually tried such causes as were brought before magistrates.

Gov. Long writes that at the time in his boyhood when the railroad was built to Buckfield, it gave a great impetus to the village life. The population increased. Young men came in. Social life was stimulated. Among other things a military company was raised. Dr. R. B. Jennings, the dentist, an active man, whose long ringlets are remembered, was captain. The number of privates was large and Ximenes Philbrick was lieutenant and afterwards captain. The bright scarlet coats and nodding head-gear and serried ranks made a great impression and gave to the muster field on the south of the cross road that runs from the North Hill road to the Turner road, a very animated and picturesque appearance. Of course a Brass Band had been organized by Ike MacDonald, a mason, who had recently moved into town from Lowell, Massachusetts, and who also took part in theatricals in the old town house. A teacher, named Robbins from Lowell came and drilled the band. Jim MacDonald was leader and he and two other members, Henry C. Long, and Delphinus Harlow afterwards became leaders of military bands in the Union army during the Civil War. Moses Thomes played a cornet called a "cornopeon," and the governor says that he can still hear across the river in the quiet atmosphere of summer evening the notes of that cornopeon as "Mose," sitting on the doorsteps of the house on Hebron street close to the railroad crossing, practiced, not always successfully, the music of his part.



The amusements then were somewhat different from now. In the winter the boys slid down hill from the old school house at the top and coasted over the bridge at the risk of running into somebody or something in the square. It was thus that Carroll Loring ran into Mr. Don Daggett, the well-known hatter and Major Loring, Carroll's father, had to pay damages. This was a traditional warning to all the rest of us.

Thanksgiving and the Fourth of July were the leading holidays. On the latter, Capt. Josiah Parris every year at sunrise came to his outer door and fired the old King's arm which he had carried in the Revolutionary War. The flag floated out from over "Bridgham's store" on the southeast corner of the bridge. If there was a "celebration," it was often a Temperance procession and a speech in the grove. Christmas was not observed. The old Puritan prejudices against the observance of the day had resulted in its lack of recognition. New Year's Day brought gifts but in no such profusion as now and there was usually a ball in the village or in some neighboring village. Fast Day was a holiday. Usually on that day Loring Hill had become bare of snow and, if so, there was a game of round ball on it.

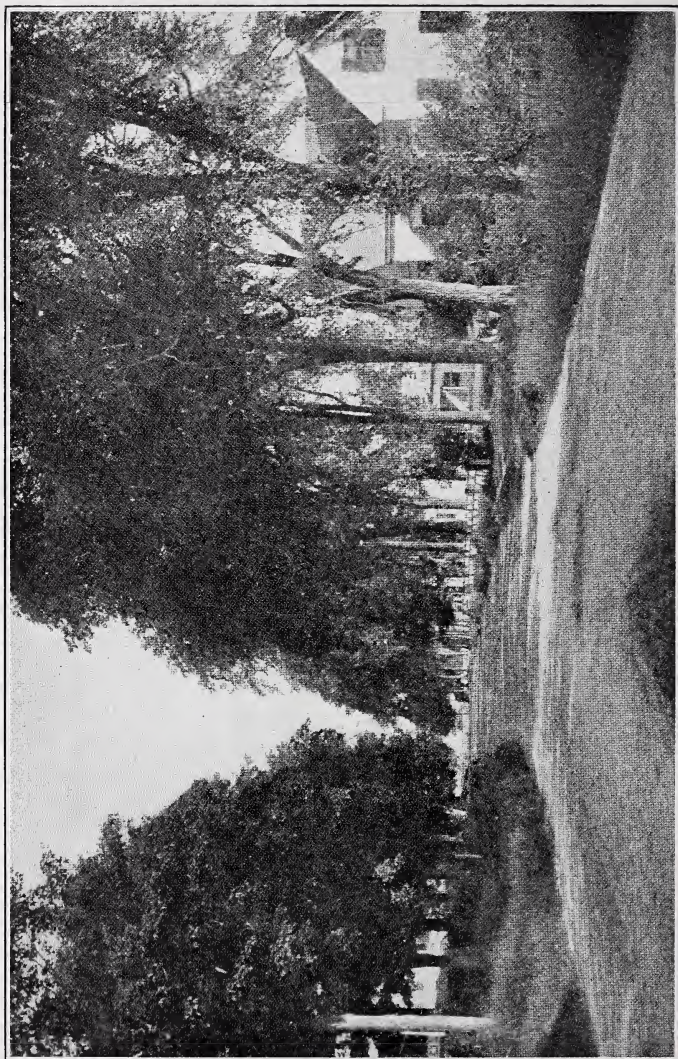
The Village Square, where now stands the round iron water tank was often a lively scene. Baseball and "Nines" did not then exist. But round ball was played, sides being chosen by two players putting alternate hands on the bat (or as we called it the cat stick), the one first reaching the top having the first choice. The ball was not hard but soft and a player was put out either by being caught out as now, or by being struck by the ball thrown at him when running for a base, or as we then said a gool, meaning goal. It was a soft ball, compared with now, but it sometimes stung pretty smartly.

In this square, too, on Saturdays were the wrestling matches, now no more. Saturday afternoon the village was full. Teams came in from miles around. Every shed and hitching place and roadside near the village were occupied. Purchases were made at the stores and all sorts of produce and other articles brought in for barter by the farmers and their wives. Politics and religion and horses were discussed. A great crowded ring was formed on the square and in that the wrestlers contended, the vanquished bringing in from the crowd some one to meet the victor. Some distinguished reputations were made. There was Deck Record,



Buckfield Village, High Street





Buckfield Village, Elm Street

who was as elastic as an eel; Mec Benson who was reckoned among the best and tall Fred Berry whose famous "swinging trip" laid low every contestant.

How it all comes back! Of what concern was then the whole world outside, when in that little village, to our boyish minds, were accumulated and centered all the interests, all the delights, all the glories of life.

## CHAPTER XXVII.

## LATER EDUCATIONAL HISTORY.

In 1822, efforts were made to establish an institution of learning where pupils might obtain a higher education than the common schools afforded and several of the leading citizens of the town petitioned the Legislature of the State to incorporate such an institution under the name of "The Buckfield Grammar School." The petition was favorably received and acted upon. The incorporators were:

Samuel F. Brown  
Wm. Bridgham, jr.  
William Campbell  
William Cole  
John Loring

Thomas Long  
Josiah Parris  
John Warren  
Eliphalet Packard

They were appointed trustees of the school. The Act states "That there be and hereby is established in the town of Buckfield, in the county of Oxford, a school by the name of the Buckfield Grammar School for the purpose of promoting piety, virtue and the education of youth, in the several branches of literature as the trustees hereafter may direct. It became a law, June 30, 1822.

We think that the petitioners made a mistake. Though, to all intents and purposes, it was a high school in everything but the name, it should have been denominated an academy and measures taken to establish it on a firm foundation. Paris and Norway did not take action in the matter of establishing academies till more than 25 years afterwards. The Grammar School, however, started auspiciously. Rev. William Pidgin, grandfather of the present business manager of the Lewiston Journal, was engaged as preceptor. A large number of students from Buckfield and neighboring towns attended and the school attained quite a reputation. A large number was graduated. Many of them became in after years very successful school teachers. Among the students were Israel Washburn, afterwards governor of Maine; George F. Emery, afterwards clerk of the district court of the United States and Stephen D. Hutchinson, register of deeds.

The following is a list of the Buckfield students in 1841:

Charles Atwood	Zadoc Long, Jr.
Albion P. Bonney	Charles A. Parsons
Josiah K. Bonney	J. Greenleaf Record
Wm. P. Bridgham	Frederic A. Spaulding
Wm. L. Cole	Ozen Spaulding
Aurelius V. Cole	Wm. F. Spaulding
Wm. E. Comstock	Nathaniel T. Shaw
William Daggett	Mary Ann Brown
Oscar F. Gardner	Maria L. Cole
Chandler Hutchinson	Adelia B. Comstock
Mark Hutchinson	Columbia Gardner
John C. Hutchinson	Brittania Gardner
John L. Jewett	Chloe Hathaway
Ralph C. Jewett	Julia D. Long
Alpheus A. Keen	Persis S. Long
John A. Lovell	Jennette Loring
Geo. W. Long	Sarah L. Prince
C. Carroll Loring	Sarah J. Perry

Efforts were made that year to have the school incorporated and an act was passed by the Legislature which was approved March 3, 1842 establishing "The Buckfield High School and Lyceum." The following were named by the act as trustees:

Samuel F. Brown	Virgil D. Parris
Zadoc Long	Samuel B. Perry
Lucius Long	Wm. W. Comstock
Valentine Ripley	Cyrus Cole
Rodney Chaffin	Ephraim Atwood
Addison G. Cole	James Bonney
Ira Gardner	Albert D. White
James Jewett	

Of the educational interests of that period, Governor Long writes:

"Moses Emery, about 1820, kept an academy in the building afterwards burned, which stood on the northwest corner of the village bridge, where is now the store of W. C. Allen. Pupils came from other towns, among them Julia Temple Davis from New Gloucester, who became the wife of Zadoc Long.

About 1840, a very creditable movement was made to establish a permanent 'Buckfield High School and Lyceum.' A large and commodious building was erected on the east side of the road to Paris, where the house of Mr. ——— Tuttle now stands. It had a spacious school room in the rear. In front, between the two entrances was a good-sized room with capacious shelves for apparatus for natural philosophy, chemistry and electricity. There is still extant a printed catalogue (1841) of this school and



lyceum. From that it appears that the 'Directors' were Zadoc Long, Samuel F. Brown, W. W. Comstock, William Cole and James Jewett. The Instructors were Rev. Cyril Pearl, principal teacher in Natural Sciences and Mental and Moral Philosophy; Mr. Joseph C. Richardson, A.B., afterwards replaced on his retirement by Mr. Wm. H. Hayford, teacher in Languages and Mathematics, and Miss Emeline Smith, the spring term, and Miss Phebe P. Richardson, the fall term. Some of the pupils acted as assistants. The Catalogue shows 105 male and 56 female pupils. Of these 101 were from various other towns, some at a good distance, such as Bangor, Bath, Bowdoinham, New Gloucester, Rumford, Andover, Livermore, etc. These pupils boarded at the houses of the leading citizens. It is very interesting to read the names in the catalogue and to think of men and women, whom we have known in their old age, then in the very freshness of youth. Tuition was \$3.00 a term, or \$4.00 if covering higher branches. Board in good families, from \$1.25 to \$1.50 a week.

The Catalogue states that the design was (1st) to qualify teachers for common school, (2nd) to encourage regard for productive industry, (3rd) to extend a knowledge of the resources and interests of Maine, and (4th) to prepare pupils for the relations and duties of common life. Is there a better design to-day for the higher education? The Evening Lyceum was devoted to discussion of methods of education, general extemporaneous debate and the reading of original articles. There was a cabinet of geological and mineral specimens, and a library of several hundred volumes was accessible.

One is struck with the worthily ambitious and large spirit of this institution. It suggests at once the element of culture that then animated Buckfield's leading citizens. It also suggests the active and progressive character of Cyril Pearl, the principal. He is now forgotten, but he was a man of very energetic temperament, who evidently had the idea of founding a permanent educational institute and of concentrating in it the whole range of intellectual culture. He may have undertaken more than he could effect, and as there was no financial fund or other resource than tuition fees, and as the community was hardly large enough to sustain this enterprise, it soon reached its climax. Mr. Pearl, who perhaps was of a restless nature,



sought new fields, the schoolhouse was now and then used for a term or two for a private school, taught by occasional teachers, but later, about 1849, was sold to Hiram Hall, a trader in the village, who converted it into the present dwelling house."

When the project of building the railroad was started, it absorbed the great attention and efforts of the leading citizens of the village and town, and while other towns were establishing academies or high schools, the educational interests of Buckfield were much neglected.

The railroad was built. A great sum of the people's money was sunk in the enterprise (estimated to have been over \$100,000). It paralyzed, to a great extent, their efforts in other directions, and the favorable opportunity for establishing a higher institution of learning on a firm basis had passed.

Other towns had got the start and done this, yet a school where higher branches have been taught, fitting the student for a business or clerical life or for school teaching, has ever since been maintained.

## CHAPTER XXVIII.

## BUCKFIELD IN THE REBELLION.

The social and political developments of Buckfield, during the twenty years preceding the War of the Rebellion, were reflective of the progressive spirit of the country at large, varied with local characteristics and coloring. It was an era of transition from the old order of things, inherited from Colonial days and under which our National Federation had been constituted, to broader levels of public advancement and higher conceptions of human rights. The great questions of public interest, growing out of slavery in the States and its extension in the Territories, were then indelibly tracing their historic impressions upon the whole country; and from the continued agitation and controversies of that period were evolved political creeds that meant more than party name, that stood out in bold relief, with burning issues and convictions in touch with the throes of humanity.

For many years slavery had been a prolific source of unrest and disturbance among the people, and, as time had advanced, expanding the national wealth and population, the agitation of this question had steadily increased, resulting in many acts of violence and drawing a sharp sectional line between the Northern and Southern portions of the country. To relieve the tension between the forces in radical opposition many Congressional measures had been enacted, compromises had been adopted and court decisions had been rendered, but these had generally proved obnoxious to the people of the North and been regarded as under the domination of slave-holding interests.

Prominent among these measures were the Missouri Compromise in 1820, the celebrated Dred Scott case and the Fugitive Slave laws, with their thrilling associations of escaping negroes and "Underground Railway." The acrimonious discussions of these measures in Congress and in the press, associated with the story of blood and outrage in Kansas, the assault on Charles Sumner, the frequent acts of mob violence, and many other turbulent events in various parts of the country, coming in rapid succession, kept the public mind in a fever of excitement

till the raid of John Brown at Harper's Ferry, Va., in 1859, which brought the country almost to the verge of that impending conflict of arms, which no mortal power could avert.

In 1860 Abraham Lincoln was elected to the Presidency, and, notwithstanding his conciliatory inaugural, his election was taken by the South as a pretext for dissolution of the Union. Soon after, eleven Southern States, led by South Carolina, declared for secession, uniting under a central government as the Confederate States of America.

During these historic years every community, however small and obscure, was keenly alive to the progress of public events. The people of Buckfield, at an early day, became deeply interested in the great National controversy, the agitation of which, enlisted their radical sympathies and gradually revolutionized their political creeds. There were ardent followers of Garrison and his co-workers, who were ever ready to wage controversial warfare and who gloried in the name of Abolitionist. On the other hand were men of large influence and political following, who spared neither argument nor ridicule to counteract the so-called heresy. To them slavery was an institution protected by law and under divine sanction and too deeply rooted in the social system of the country to be overthrown. The periodical literature of the day teemed with sensational reports and passionai reviews of public affairs; and these features of the weekly newspapers were eagerly read and discussed in every household. No book was more widely read than Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, published in 1852, which elicited the warmest commendation and the most scathing and violent criticisms. Under the guise of fiction its pathetic story stirred the sympathies of the people in their homes more deeply than any other publication and exercised a notable influence on the political situation.

The potent influences, that were molding public sentiment in those days, gradually wrought perceptible changes in the political atmosphere of Buckfield, obscuring old issues and evolving from their disintegration doctrines of public policy in vital touch with passing events. The Presidential votes of the town afford a suggestive exponent of this change:

In 1852 Franklin Pierce, Democrat, received two hundred and six votes against forty for Winfield Scott, Whig, and sixty

for John P. Hale, Free-Soiler; in 1856 Buchanan, Democrat, received one hundred and seventy-four votes against two hundred and twenty-one for John C. Fremont, Republican, and in 1860 Abraham Lincoln, Republican, received two hundred and fifteen votes against one hundred and forty-one for Stephen A. Douglass, Northern Democrat, and sixteen for John C. Breckenridge, Southern Democrat.

Such was the political complexion of Buckfield on the eve of the war, but when the tocsin of actual war sounded and the whole country was profoundly moved with the bombardment and capture of Fort Sumter, in April, 1861, with few exceptions, all party differences vanished, and this town became one of the little centres of most intense excitement. People from surrounding towns flocked to the village, gathering in anxious groups in shops, stores and streets, eagerly discussing the startling situation and awaiting further news from the scene of disturbance. The community was stirred as never before with national pride and patriotic sentiments. War, which all had vaguely anticipated, had actually come, though few dreamed of its subsequent magnitude and stern, uncompromising nature.

The subsequent call of the President for troops and the startling events associated with it roused the whole North and fired this community with a spirit of martial enthusiasm, inspiring our people with a vivid sense of loyalty and devotion to the Nation. They were ready for action and organization. Public meetings were at once called in the old Union Chapel, which became the Faneuil Hall of Buckfield. These meetings usually filled the house to its utmost capacity, and are now recalled as among the most emphatic expressions of public feeling in the history of the town. Under the enthusiasm of these occasions young and middle aged men pressed forward to enlist, old men offered their services for camp and hospital, business men offered contributions of money and staid citizens became impassioned orators, while the old house rang with cheers and patriotic songs.

After so many years of uninterrupted peace the beginning of active hostilities found the country poorly prepared for the emergency of war. But Maine was fortunate in an able Governor, Israel Washburn, Jr., and his efficient assistant, Adjutant General John L. Hodsdon. A special session of the Legislature

was convened to consider the demands of the situation, at which an act approved April 25th, 1861, was passed which provided for raising ten regiments of volunteers for a service of two years. To this call the people of Buckfield responded with a tender of a full company. The company was soon enlisted and organized, and the village streets daily echoed to the tramp of marching men. William H. Bridgham and Alphonzo F. Warren, then mere boys, both of whom later served as musicians in the army, played the fife and drum, and James H. Keyou, a former Portland militiaman, was drill-master. The election of the company officers, after an active canvass, was the occasion of considerable excitement and much bitterness of feeling. Isaac H. McDonald was unanimously elected captain, but the office of first lieutenant was hotly contested between John E. Bryant, principal of the village high school, and John P. Swasey of Canton. Swasey won the election and Bryant was chosen second lieutenant; but, in a vehement speech, he immediately declined to serve under Swasey. But the history of this company was of short duration. The declination of the government to receive at that time more men from Maine for less than a service of three years, caused its disbandment, and most of its members scattered into other military organizations, several enlisting in the 5th and 8th Regiments. Another full company was recruited in Buckfield for nine months' service in 1862, under Captain Charles H. Prince, which included thirty Buckfield men. The company was mustered in as Co. C, 23d Regiment, Sept. 29, 1862, and mustered out at Portland, July 15, 1863, having lost one member by discharge for disability and two by death. The company was employed in detail and guard duty in the vicinity of Washington, Harpers Ferry, and other places. It represented the largest number of soldiers from Buckfield in any one organization. The next largest bodies were seventeen men in the 20th Regiment in 1862, and twenty in the 5th Mounted Battery in 1864.

The long continuance of the war called for a vast number of men and immense expenditure of money, which severely taxed the resources of the country; but the demands upon the Town of Buckfield were promptly and generously met. Its various quotas of soldiers, under the successive calls of the President, were promptly filled with volunteers, excepting that



of 1863, when a draft was ordered. However, only one drafted man, James M. Chesley, appeared in the service from Buckfield. He was a good soldier, and the town voted him a bounty, as in case of volunteers. Two other drafted men, William W. Atwood and Richard S. Dorman, paid commutation fees of three hundred dollars each, and the following business men of the town individually contributed to the support of the war by furnishing substitutes: Nahum Moore, Charles H. Berry, George D. Hutchinson and Josiah W. Whitten.

During the progress of the war many town meetings were held to make provisions for filling quotas and appropriations for bounties, aid to soldiers' families and other expenses pertaining to military service. These meetings were always largely attended and money was freely and enthusiastically appropriated in support of the war. Besides various and considerable appropriations for enlistment expenses and aid to families of soldiers, the outlay of the town for bounties was as follows:

To three years' volunteers in 1862,	1,800
To nine months' volunteers in 1862,	3,333
To three years' volunteers in 1863,	8,904
To drafted men in 1863,	300
To volunteers in 1864-5,	17,850
Total,	<u>\$32,187</u>

The liberality of the town is shown in the equalization of bounties among towns by the State under an act of the Legislature, approved March 7, 1868, which returned to Buckfield the sum of \$7,266.66, as its equitable excess paid for bounties, viz.:

53 men, 3 years' service,	\$5,300.00
1 man, 2 years' service,	66.66
33 men, 1 year's service,	1,100.00
32 men, 9 months' service,	800.00

In addition to the liberal provisions of the town the people were in constant activity in auxiliary work. Frequent meetings were held, and many entertainments were given by the ladies for the benefit of the sons of the town, who were enduring the hardships of army life, and the hearts of many soldier boys, in the field and hospital, were cheered and comforted by contributions of sacks, blankets and other needed supplies that went out

from Buckfield. The following memorandum of contributions is preserved:

To U. S. Sanitary Commission,	\$300
To U. S. Christian Commission,	200
To Soldiers in Maine camps,	325
To Hospitals in Boston, New York, etc.	175
To General Hospitals in Loyal States,	175
To Other Hospitals and Individuals,	398
Total,	<u>\$1573</u>

The annual statement of the municipal officers Mar. 1, 1865, showed a public debt of nearly thirty-seven thousand dollars for war expenditures.

On the morning of April 15, 1865, this town, in common with the whole country, was shocked by news of the assassination the night previous of President Lincoln, who had so nobly and heroically led the Nation through its darkest years to the dawning of permanent peace and prosperity. Every citizen mourned as for a friend, who had walked our streets and sat at our firesides. On his funeral day a large public meeting was held in the Baptist church, with impressive services and touching remarks by citizens.

The organization of the Grand Army of the Republic interested the veterans of Buckfield in the establishment of a branch in the village, and accordingly Fessenden Post, No. 43, named in honor of Gen. James D. Fessenden, was organized Jan. 6, 1883, with Thomas S. Bridgham, first commander, and the following membership:

Charles B. Bridgham,	Gideon Fletcher,
William Bridgham,	Henry D. Irish,
Thomas S. Bridgham,	Levi Gammon,
Edmund DeCoster,	James F. Packard,
Clinton Ripley,	Osman Warren,
Alphonso F. Warren,	Seth B. Dudley,
William E. Wood,	George R. Coyle,
Hiram A. Conant,	Charles H. Gammon,
Sylvester E. Murdock,	Simeon Briggs,
Charles H. Prince,	Nathaniel Harlow,
Austin W. Royal,	Isaac M. Irish.

A Bible for use of the Post and a picture of Gen. Fessenden were received from his widow in appreciation of the honor bestowed in the adoption of her husband's name. Since its date of organization, the Post has held meetings regularly and annually

observed Memorial Day with appropriate public services and bestowal of flowers on the graves of fallen comrades. The town has usually granted a small appropriation for this purpose.

Nearly fifty years have passed since the war, in which more than two millions of combatants were actively engaged in the field. From this distance it is impossible for the present generation to form any real conception of that gigantic struggle; but its reflection, in the minds of those whose memories recall it, is a realistic, ineffaceable picture of vast armies, with hurrying squadrons, wearying marches and shock of conflict, with clouds of defeat and lights of victory and daily bulletins of death and destruction. The home scenes of Buckfield were typical of the whole country, with its sturdy young men going to the front or returning home, sick, emaciated, or wounded, from hospital, prison or field; and often the telegraph flashed the news of battle, with thousands slain or wounded. On arrival of the mail, the people would eagerly flock to the post office, and, as soon as the mail-bag could be opened, the village daily would be passed out and read to the anxious crowd, William H. Atwood, James Burroughs and Lemuel Cole being the principal readers.

During the whole conflict, Buckfield sustained its ancient prestige for patriotic duty. More than one hundred and thirty-five of its sons served in various State and National organizations, many of them re-enlisting in other bodies after the expiration of their first term of service, thus counting twice or more on the town's quota.

Below is given Buckfield's Roll of Honor. In some instances the length of service was slightly greater than appears, as frequently some days or weeks elapsed between time of enlistment and date of muster.

DANIEL AUSTIN, age 19. Private, Co. F, 11th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Nov. 7, 1861. Served three years. After war enlisted, in 1872, in Co. B, 2d U. S. Cavalry, serving five years. With Gen. Crook at time of Custer massacre. Re-enlisted, serving five years in Marine Corps on U. S. S. Wyoming, cruising most of the time in the Mediterranean.

GREENVILLE AUSTIN, age 21. Private, Co. G, 2d Mass. Cavalry. Mustered in Aug. 24, 1864. Served eleven months.

CHARLES M. BEADLE, age 30. Private, Co. C, 20th Maine Infantry. Mustered in Aug. 29, 1862. Died at Philadelphia, Aug. 6, 1863, of wounds received at Gettysburg.

JOHN T. BERRY, age 26. Private, Co. D, Coast Guards Infantry. Mustered in Jan. 6, 1865. Served eight months.

- WILLIAM W. BESSEY, age 23. Private, Co. J, 18th Mass. Infantry. Mustered in Aug. 24, 1861.
- LEVI P. BICKNELL, age 23. Private, 3d Mass. Cavalry. Mustered in Oct. 26, 1861. On Gen. Butler's Body Guard. Second engineer on a Mississippi gunboat. Served eleven months. Killed in California, Jan. 10, 1891, by a caving bank in a mine.
- WILLIAM H. BLAKE, age 36. Private, Co. C, 20th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Aug. 29, 1862. Died Dec. 25, 1862.
- HENRY N. BRADBURY, age 29. Private, Co. C, 23d Me. Infantry. Mustered in Sept. 29, 1862. Served over nine months.
- CHARLES B. BRIDGHAM, age 21. Musician, Co. D, 2d Regt., U. S. Sharpshooters. Mustered in Nov. 9, 1861. Promoted hospital steward. Taken prisoner at Manassas, Aug. 1862. Exchanged and appointed assistant surgeon, 54th Mass. Infantry. Acting surgeon. Resigned for disability, July 16, 1864.
- THOMAS S. BRIDGHAM, age 26. Private, Co. A, 30th Me. Infantry. Quota of Poland. Mustered in Dec. 15, 1863. Discharged February, 1864, for promotion as lieutenant in 54th Mass. Infantry. Served one year, eight months.
- WILLIAM H. BRIDGHAM, age 16. Musician, Co. H, 29th Me. Infantry. Quota Westbrook. Mustered in Dec. 16, 1863. Discharged for disability June 29, 1864. (First enlisted at age of 14, spring of 1861, in Buckfield Co., which was disbanded. Re-enlisted twice in 1862, when 15 years old—1st in 20th, 2d in 23d Me. Inf., but muster was forbidden by parents.)
- FERNANDO BROWN, age 19. Private, Co. K, 5th Me. Infantry. Mustered in June 24, 1861. Taken prisoner at Bull Run, July 21, 1861. Served one year, six months. Deceased.
- HENRY BROWN, age 19. Private, Co. G, 14th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Dec. 28, 1861. Taken prisoner at Baton Rouge, La., Aug. 5, 1862. Paroled and re-enlisted Sept. 21, 1864, in 5th Me. Battery Mounted Artillery. Discharged by order, June 13, 1865.
- JAMES BROWN, age 16. Private, Co. H, 5th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Nov. 19, 1863. Killed May 10, 1864, at Spottsylvania, Va.
- WILLIAM H. BROWN, age 22. Private, Co. C, 23d Me. Infantry. Mustered in Sept. 29, 1862. Served over nine months. Re-enlisted in Coast Guards Infantry Jan. 6, 1865. Served eight months.
- MOSES BROWN, age 22. Private, Co. C, 23d Me. Infantry. Mustered in Oct. 13, 1862. Served over nine months.
- JOHN E. BRYANT, age 25. Captain, Co. C, 8th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Sept. 7, 1861. Detached part of 1863, recruiting South Carolina Colored troops. Acting colonel during August of that year. Served three years. Died in New York, March, 1900.
- CYRUS P. BRYANT, age 21. Private, Co. F, 33d Mass. Infantry. Mustered in Aug. 5, 1862. Transferred to Veteran Reserve Corps Aug. 15, 1863. Served three years. Died in Buckfield, May 2, 1866.
- ASIA BRYANT, age 17. Private, Co. K, 5th Me. Infantry. Mustered in June 24, 1861. Taken prisoner at Bull Run, July 21, 1861. Paroled and discharged.
- JAMES B. BRYANT, age 22. Corporal, Co. C, 23d Me. Infantry. Mustered in Sept. 29, 1862. Served over nine months.
- AUGUSTUS G. BUCK, age 20. Private, Co. C, 23d Me. Infantry. Mustered in Sept. 29, 1862. Served over nine months. Died in Buckfield, Sept. 25, 1868.
- AUSTIN C. BUCK, age 18. Private, Co. C, 23d Me. Infantry. Mustered in Sept. 29, 1862. Served over nine months.
- KING R. BUCK, age 18. Private, 5th Me. Battery Mounted Artillery. Mustered in Sept. 21, 1864. Served ten months.

- ADDISON BUCK, age 22. Private, Co. G, 17th U. S. Infantry. Mustered in Apr. 15, 1862. Served three years.
- LLEWELLYN A. BUCK, aged 21. Private, Co. D, 2d Regt., U. S. Sharpshooters. Mustered in Nov. 9, 1861. Appointed hospital steward. Mustered out Aug. 23, 1865.
- ALBERT H. BURROUGHS, age 19. Corporal, Co. F, 7th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Aug. 21, 1861. Promoted sergeant. Wounded at Antietam, Md. Discharged May 8, 1863.
- EDWIN S. BURROUGHS, age 18. Private Co. C, 23d Me. Infantry. Mustered in Sept. 29, 1862. Served over nine months. Re-enlisted Sept. 21, 1864, in 5th Me. Battery Mounted Artillery. Mustered out July 6, 1865.
- WILLIAM A. COLE, age 18. Private, Co. C, 8th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Sept. 7, 1861. Wounded June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor, Va. Served three years.
- CYRUS W. COLE, age 18. Private, Co. D, Coast Guards Infantry. Mustered in Jan. 6, 1865. Served eight months.
- CHARLES H. COX, age 24. Private, Co. C, 20th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Aug. 29, 1862. Discharged for disability Jan. 4, 1863.
- ROSCOE G. CHASE, age 24. Corporal, Co. K, 13th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Dec. 13, 1861. Discharged for disability June 14, 1862.
- CHARLES CHASE, age 21. Private, Co. D, 23d Mass. Infantry. Mustered in Aug. 4, 1862. Killed at Cold Harbor, Va., June 3, 1864.
- DECATUR S. CHASE, age 43. Private, Co. C, 8th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Sept. 7, 1861. Discharged for disability Oct. 25, 1862.
- JOSEPH P. CHANDLER, age 44. Private, Co. C, 23d Me. Infantry. Mustered in Sept. 29, 1862. Served over nine months.
- JAMES M. CHESLEY, age 34. Private, Co. C, 8th Me. Infantry. Drafted. Mustered in July 16, 1863. Served two years, six months.
- CHARLES C. CHURCHILL, age 21. Private, Co. I, 16th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Aug. 14, 1862. Transferred to Veteran Reserve Corps Nov. 15, 1863.
- LORENZO CUSHMAN, age 20. Private, 5th Me. Battery Mounted Artillery. Mustered in Sept. 29, 1864. Served nine months. Died in Haverhill, Mass., Feb. 15, 1871.
- JONATHAN DAMON, 2d, age 34. Private, Co. D, 32d Me. Infantry. Transferred to Co. D, 31st Me. Killed before Petersburg, Va., Apr. 2, 1865.
- WILLIAM G. DAVIE, age 24. Private, Co. H, 1st Me. Infantry. Mustered in May 3, 1861. Served three months. Re-enlisted, corporal, Co. B, 10th Me. Infantry, Oct. 4, 1861. Served one year, seven months.
- JOSEPH E. DAVIE, age 18. Private, Co. B, 10th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Oct. 4, 1861. Served two years, seven months. Re-enlisted, corporal, Co. D, Coast Guards Infantry, Jan. 6, 1865. Served eight months.
- EDMUND DeCOSTER, age 31. Sergeant, Co. C, 20th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Aug. 29, 1862. Discharged Feb. 9, 1863.
- WILLIAM B. DeCOSTER, age 21. Corporal, Co. C, 23d Me. Infantry. Mustered in Sept. 29, 1862. Died at Edward's Ferry, Md., Jan. 27, 1863.
- CYRUS DeCOSTER, age 21. Private, Co. E, 32d Me. Infantry. Mustered in Apr. 2, 1864. Transferred to Co. E, 31st Infantry. Discharged for disability June 1, 1865.
- NATHAN H. DeCOSTER, age 25. Private, Co. C, 20th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Aug. 29, 1862. Discharged July 24, 1863, for promotion in Corps d' Afrique.
- EDWIN G. DOBLE, age 24. Private, 5th Me. Battery Mounted Artillery. Mustered in Sept. 29, 1864. Mustered out July 6, 1865.



- CHARLES H. DUNHAM, age 19. Private, Co. G, 17th U. S. Infantry. Mustered in Apr. 19, 1862. Wounded at Petersburg, Va., June, 1864. Served three years. Died in Sumner, Me., 1891.
- DANIEL W. FARRAR, age 21. Private, Co. K, 5th Me. Infantry. Mustered in June 24, 1861. Killed at Bull Run, Va., July 21, 1861.
- CHARLES C. FARRAR, age 18. Corporal, Co. C, 20th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Aug. 29, 1862. Transferred to Invalid Corps, 1864.
- JAMES M. FARRAR, age 24. Private, Co. K, 13th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Dec. 13, 1861. Deserted Feb. 19, 1862.
- JOHN C. FARRAR, age 21. Private, Mass. Unattached. On Gen. Butler's Body Guard. Mustered in Oct. 26, 1861. Discharged for disability June 15, 1862, at New Orleans, La.
- GIDEON FLETCHER, age 24. Private, Co. C, 23d Me. Infantry. Mustered in Oct. 13, 1862. Served over nine months.
- ROLAN A. FOSTER, age 20. Private, Co. C, 23d Me. Infantry. Mustered in Sept. 29, 1862. Served over nine months.
- CLINTON FORBES, age 22. Private, Co. B, 10th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Oct. 4, 1861. Died in Washington, Oct. 25, 1862, of wounds received at Antietam, Md.
- HENRY B. FORBES, age 18. Private, Co. H, 29th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Jan. 12, 1864. Taken prisoner at Sabine Cross Roads, La., Apr. 9, 1864. Discharged for disability May 20, 1865.
- CHARLES H. GAMMON, age 24. Private, Co. C, 20th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Aug. 29, 1862. Discharged Feb. 9, 1863.
- LEVI GAMMON, age 20. Private, Co. B, 10th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Oct. 4, 1861. Discharged for disability June 1, 1862. Re-enlisted as a substitute in Co. F, 16th Me. Infantry, Sept. 7, 1863. Discharged Jan. 27, 1864.
- NATHANIEL HARLOW, age 34. Private, Co. G, 12th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Nov. 15, 1861. Promoted corporal. Reenlisted in Co. A, Feb. 1, 1864. Wounded at Winchester, Sept. 19, 1864. In hospital one year. Served four years, two months.
- FREELAND F. HARLOW, age 23. Private, Co. C, 23d Me. Infantry. Mustered in Oct. 29, 1862. Promoted corporal. Served over nine months.
- KINSMAN HOLMES, age 20. Private, Co. C, 23d Me. Infantry. Mustered in Sept. 29, 1862. Discharged for disability Feb. 2, 1863. Re-enlisted in 27th Unassigned Co. last part of the war. Died at North Buckfield, March 23, 1874.
- SAMUEL F. HOLMES, age 44. Private, Co. D, Coast Infantry. Mustered in Jan. 6, 1865. Served eight months.
- ASIA HOWARD, age 29. Private, Co. C, 23d Me. Infantry. Mustered in Sept. 29, 1862. Served over nine months.
- JAMES HUSSEY, age 57. Private, Co. C, 23d Me. Infantry. Mustered in Sept. 29, 1862. Served over nine months.
- VARANES D. IRISH, age 27. Private, Co. C, 20th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Aug. 29, 1862. Discharged Jan. 13, 1863. Re-enlisted Sept. 22, 1864, in 5th Battery Mounted Artillery, serving nine months.
- ABEL IRISH, age 24. Corporal, Co. C, 23d Me. Infantry. Mustered in Sept. 29, 1862. Served over nine months.
- ISAAC M. IRISH, age 23. Private, Co. C, 23d Me. Infantry. Mustered in Sept. 29, 1862. Served over nine months. Re-enlisted in 5th Battery Mounted Artillery Sept. 29, 1864, serving nine months.
- WILLIAM H. IRISH, age 24. Private, Co. C, 23d Me. Infantry. Died in hospital at Philadelphia, Oct. 21, 1862.
- STEPHEN O. IRISH, age 21. Private, 5th Battery Mounted Artillery. Mustered in Sept. 22, 1864. Served eight months.

- HENRY D. IRISH, age 26. Sergeant, Co. B, 28th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Oct. 10, 1862. Mustered out Aug. 31, 1863. Served on quota of Farmington.
- DANVILLE R. JACK, age 20. Private, Co. D, Coast Guards Infantry. Mustered in Jan. 6, 1865. Served eight months.
- SIMON L. JOHNSON, age 21. Corporal, Co. K, 5th Me. Infantry. Mustered in June 24, 1861. Promoted sergeant 1863. Served two years and re-enlisted Dec. 24, 1863. Wounded and transferred to Co. B, 1st Me. Infantry, Veteran Volunteers. Discharged for disability May 14, 1865.
- SAMUEL T. JOHNSON, age 24. Private, 5th Battery Mounted Artillery. Mustered in Sept. 19, 1864. Served nine months.
- AMIAL JONES, age 31. Private, 5th Me. Battery, Mounted Artillery. Mustered in Sept. 22, 1864. Discharged by order June 17, 1865.
- ARTHUR B. LATHAM, age 19. Private, Co. C, 20th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Aug. 29, 1862. Promoted corporal 1863. Wounded at Wilderness, Va. Promoted sergeant. Served one year, ten months.
- HENRY C. LONG, age 23. Musician, 11th Me. Regimental Band. Mustered in Oct. 29, 1861. Died in New York, July 7, 1862.
- OZIAS M. LOWE, age 22. Private, 3d Mass. Cavalry. Mustered in Nov. 23, 1861. Orderly to Gen. Banks. Died at New Orleans, Aug. 23, 1863.
- WILLIAM W. MARSTON, age 25. Wagoner, Co. I, 16th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Aug. 14, 1862. Died at Buckfield, Aug. 22, 1864. Served two years.
- GEORGE D. MARSTON, age 28. Corporal, Co. I, 16th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Aug. 14, 1862. Promoted sergeant. Served two years, ten months. Taken prisoner at Gettysburg. Reported missing. Supposed dead. Grave in National Cemetery marked with his name.
- ARRINGTON MASON, age 19. Private, Co. C, 23d Me. Infantry. Mustered in Sept. 29, 1862. Served over nine months. Re-enlisted in Co. B, 29th Me. Infantry, Jan. 12, 1864, serving one year, seven months.
- HENRY H. MAXIM, age 20. Private, Co. G, 12th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Nov. 15, 1861. Promoted corporal 1863. Re-enlisted Feb. 1, 1864. Wounded at Winchester, Va., Sept. 19, 1864. Discharged Feb. 25, 1865. Served three years, three months.
- OLBAN A. MAXIM, age 19. Private, Co. G, 12th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Nov. 15, 1861. Promoted corporal 1862. Discharged Jan. 31, 1863, for disability.
- FRANKLIN MAXIM, age 18. Private, 5th Battery, Mounted Artillery. Mustered in Sept. 21, 1864. Mustered out July 6, 1865.
- AMERICA F. MAYHEW, age 19. Private, 5th Battery, Mounted Artillery. Mustered in Sept. 29, 1864. Mustered out July 6, 1865.
- ISAAC H. McDONALD, age 37. First Lieutenant, Co. C, 8th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Sept. 7, 1861. Resigned, Apr. 25, 1862. Commissioned Captain, Co. C, 20th Me. Infantry, Aug. 29, 1862. Resigned Dec. 10, 1862.
- THOMAS MERRILL, age 30. Private, Co. D, 2d Regt., U. S. Sharpshooters. Mustered in Nov. 6, 1861. Transferred to Co. E, 17th Me. Infantry, Dec. 24, 1863. Re-enlisted. Served three years, seven months.
- MOSES MERRILL, age 38. Corporal, Co. D, Coast Guard Infantry. Mustered in Jan. 6, 1865. Served to July 31, 1865.
- R. G. MITCHELL, age 25. Private, Co. F, 7th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Aug. 21, 1861. Promoted corporal. Served one year, four months.
- DECATUR MONK, age 30. Private, Co. C, 20th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Aug. 29, 1862. Discharged in '64.

- CARROLL MORRILL, age 24. Private, Co. C, 20th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Aug. 29, 1862. Died Nov. 2, 1862.
- JAMES MURDOCK, age 43. Private, Co. G, 14th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Feb. 25, 1862. Discharged for disability 1863. Re-enlisted April, 1864, in Vet. Infantry. Wounded at Cedar Creek, Va., Oct. 19, 1864. Lost a leg.
- CHARLES A. MURDOCK, age 18. Private, Co. G, 14th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Dec. 12, 1861. Re-enlisted Jan. 1, 1864. Served three years, eight months.
- SYLVESTER E. MURDOCK, age 34. Private, Co. C, 20th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Aug. 29, 1862. Served two years, nine months.
- ADDISON G. OSBORN, age 21. Private, Co. C, 8th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Aug. 7, 1861. Promoted corporal 1862, and to 1st lieutenant, 4th South Carolina Vols., 1863.
- JAMES F. PACKARD, age 26. Private, Co. H, 14th Me. Regt. Mustered in March 22, 1865. Discharged Aug. 28, 1865.
- CHARLES H. PRINCE, age 25. Captain, Co. C, 23d Me. Infantry. Mustered in Sept. 29, 1862. Served over nine months.
- MADISON O. PROCTOR, age 31. Private, 5th Me. Battery, Mounted Artillery. Mustered in Sept. 29, 1864. Discharged May 17, 1865.
- SAMUEL W. PROCTOR, age 18. Private, Co. D, Coast Guards Infantry. Served eight months.
- LEWIS RECORD, age 34. Private, Co. K, 13th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Dec. 13, 1861. Served three years.
- GEORGE B. RECORD, age 23. Private, 5th Me. Battery, Mounted Artillery. Mustered in Sept. 21, 1864. Served nine months.
- JULIUS A. RECORD, age 18. Private, Co. C, 23d Me. Infantry. Mustered in Sept. 29, 1862. Served over nine months.
- EDGAR T. RECORD, age 18. Private, Co. C, 23d Me. Infantry. Mustered in Sept. 29, 1862. Served over nine months.
- ALPHEUS A. RICKER, age 25. Private, Co. C, 23d Me. Infantry. Mustered in Sept. 29, 1862. Served over nine months.
- ELIPHAZ RIPLEY, age 29. Private, Co. I, 17th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Aug. 18, 1862. Died of disease at Washington, Dec. 17, 1863. Served one year, four months.
- CLINTON RIPLEY, age 27. Private, 5th Me. Battery, Mounted Artillery. Mustered in Sept. 22, 1864. Wounded Feb. 12, 1865. Mustered out July 6, 1865. Died in Dixfield, Me.
- ALBERT A. ROBERTS, age 29. Private, Co. C, 23d Me. Infantry. Mustered in Sept. 29, 1862. Served over nine months. Died in Turner, Me., Mar. 12, 1901.
- JAMES A. RUSSELL, age 23. Private, Co. H, 14th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Mar. 22, 1865. Mustered out May 22, 1865.
- ALVARADO RUSSELL, age 18. Private, Co. K, 1st Me. Cavalry. Mustered in Feb. 24, 1863. Deserted Feb. 20, 1864.
- FRANK J. SHAW, age 20. Private, Co. K, 5th Me. Infantry. Mustered in June 24, 1861. Discharged for disability June 14, 1862. Enlisted Co. D, Coast Guards Infantry, Jan. 6, 1865, serving eight months.
- BURTON SHAW, age 19. Private, Co. C, 23d Me. Infantry. Mustered in Sept. 29, 1862. Served over nine months. Enlisted 5th Me. Battery, Mounted Artillery, Sept. 23, 1864, serving nine months. Died May 9, 1876.
- MILFORD N. SHAW, age 18. Private, Co. H, 29th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Dec. 29, 1863. Died May 5, 1864, in hospital at New Orleans.
- ALFRED SHAW, age 34. Private, 6th California Infantry. Mustered in Sept. 28, 1863. Served two years, one month.
- JAMES T. SKILLINGS, age 18. Private, Co. C, 23d Me. Infantry. Mustered in Sept. 29, 1862. Served over nine months. Re-enlisted in 5th Me. Battery. Served over eight months.

- JAMES G. SPAULDING, age 26. Private, Co. A, 5th Me. Infantry. Mustered in June 26, 1861. Postmaster of regiment in 1862, and of brigade in 1863. Served three years, one month.
- CYRUS C. SPAULDING, age 24. Corporal, Co. C, 20th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Aug. 29, 1862. Served five months.
- CYRIL P. SWALLOW, age 22. Private, Co. I, 7th California Infantry. Enlisted Oct. 24, 1864. Served one year, five months. Died in Canada, Apr. 3, 1900.
- VINTON F. SWALLOW, age 21. Private, Co. I, 12th Mass. Infantry. Mustered in June 26, 1861. Assigned to 2d U. S. Cavalry. Killed at Manassas Gap, Va., July 27, 1862.
- GARDNER THOMES, age 18. Private, 5th Me. Battery, Mounted Artillery. Mustered in Sept. 22, 1864. Served ten months.
- ORVILLE P. TUCKER, age 27. Private, Co. C, 20th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Aug. 29, 1862. Served one year.
- LUTHER TURNER, age 18. Private, Co. C, 23d Me. Infantry. Mustered in Sept. 29, 1862. Served over nine months.
- WINSLOW TURNER, age 37. Private, Co. C, 20th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Aug. 29, 1862. Served two years, nine months.
- MOSES F. VERRILL, age 24. Private, Co. C, 20th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Aug. 29, 1862. Served two years, nine months.
- HOLMAN W. WALDRON, age 32. Sergeant, Co. C, 23d Me. Infantry. Mustered in Sept. 29, 1862. Served over nine months. Re-enlisted corporal, Co. E, 32d Me. Infantry, Apr. 2, 1864, serving eight months.
- JAMES A. WARREN, age 20. Private, Co. C, 23d Me. Infantry. Mustered in Sept. 29, 1862. Served over nine months.
- ALPHONZO F. WARREN, age 18. Musician, Co. C, 23d Me. Infantry. Served over nine months.
- CYPRIAN WHITMAN, age 43. Private, Co. G, 12th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Nov. 15, 1861. Served nine months. Discharged for disability.
- MAURICE WOODBURY, age 21. Private, Co. C, 8th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Aug. 7, 1861. Re-enlisted and promoted corporal. Served four years, five months.
- HORACE M. YOUNG, age 18. Private, Co. B, 29th Me. Infantry. Mustered in Jan. 14, 1864. Promoted corporal. Served two years, five months.
- ROSCOE G. BUCK, age 26. Musician, 11th Regt. Band. Mustered in Oct. 29, 1861. Discharged Aug. 22, 1862.
- RUFUS A. W. BUNKER, age 19. Private, 5th Me. Battery. Mustered Feb. 29, 1864. Discharged July 6, 1865.
- JOHN D. DeCOSTER, age 20. Private, Co. A, 12th Me. Regt. Mustered Dec. 1, 1863. Discharged April 18, 1866.
- GREENLEAF FARRAR. Served in Mass. Regt.
- DAVID K. GREEN, age 19. Private, Co. C, 8th Me. Regt. Mustered Sept. 7, 1861. Re-enlisted Jan. 1, 1864. Killed in battle near Fair Oaks, Va., Oct. 27, 1864.
- WILLIAM R. HASEY, age 27. Private, 5th Me. Battery. Mustered Sept. 23, 1864. Discharged July 6, 1865.
- SAMUEL JOHNSON. Served in Mass. Regt.
- JAMES W. McDONALD, age 29. Leader, 11th Regt. Band. Mustered Oct. 29, 1861. Discharged Aug. 22, 1862.
- MOSES F. PACKARD, age 18. Private, Co. K, 5th Me. Regt. Mustered Nov. 9, 1861. Discharged in 1861.
- BENJAMIN PACKARD. Captain in Ohio Regt.
- ALEXANDER C. RECORD, age 23. Private, Co. C, 12th Me. Regt. Mustered Jan. 2, 1864. Discharged Apr. 18, 1866.
- ELLIS RUSSELL. Served in Mass. Regt.



JERRY RUSSELL, age 22. Private, 2d Me. Battery. Mustered Jan. 4, 1864. Discharged June 16, 1865.  
LINTON WALDRON, age 27. Served in Mass. Regt. Died in Buckfield.  
MILTON WALDRON, age 24. Served in Regular Army. Died in Texas.  
JOSEPH H. YOUNG, age 20. Private, 5th Me. Battery. Mustered Sept. 21, 1864. Discharged July 6, 1865.

Many persons born in Buckfield enlisted from other towns and places. Of these whose names we have been able to trace are: H. Miltemore Jordan, who enlisted from Poland in the 9th Me. Regt. as a private, and for meritorious service attained the rank of Captain in the 4th S. C. Colored Troops. He died in Minot after the war. Thomas M. Packard enlisted from Oxford in Co. C, 17th Me. Regt. Ezra F. Churchill was in the 23d Me. Regt. from the same town. Sampson A. Thomas from Turner was a corporal in Co. E, 16th Me. Regt. and a member of the color guard at Gettysburg, where he was taken prisoner. Isaac J. Monk was in the same company from the same town. Alvin Monk enlisted from Paris in the 12th Me. Regt., and Sidney S. Monk was in Co. C, 23d Regt. from Sumner. Florian Jordan and William F. Jordan from Hartford served in Co. C, 20th Me. Regt. The boyhood days of all these men were passed in the vicinity of Streaked Mountain. With the number already mentioned as enlisting on the quota of Buckfield, there were over twenty in all—a most creditable record for that section of the town, but not more so than other sections.

The four substitutes credited on the town's quota were Joseph F. Hartling, Joseph R. McDonough, Robert Watson and James Libby. They went into the U. S. Navy. We do not know what became of them.

A large number of men were obtained outside the town as recruits to fill Buckfield's quota on different calls after 1862. We have, after much effort, procured nearly a correct list.

Robert H. Doughty and Samuel Thorne of Woodstock and Orville A. Sessions of Milton Plantation served in Co. A, 30th Me. Regt. All died in the service. In the same regiment were Ichabod Goodrich, John Maloney, Arza B. Webber, Levi H. Webber, all of Lewiston. Gosselyn McGloire, probably an assumed name, Baptiste Marcho, Edward Veland from the same city were in the 6th Me. Regiment. McGloire was killed in battle. John H. Quimby, Philo Winslow, Benj. F. Peterson, John J. Bragdon, Eli Clark, Thomas Chick, David Jones and A. J. Lufkin



from the same place or vicinity, served in different organizations. Bragdon died in the service. Clark was wounded in battle and discharged before term of service expired.

Of the last quota of 13 in 1865, nine went into the Maine Coast Guards, two were assigned to the 14th Me. Regt., and one to the 27th unassigned company. The other volunteer, we have been unable to trace.

The following are the names of those drafted in July, 1863, as they were given in the local papers of the time. Those unmarked were exempted for various reasons:

David Record  
John B. Record  
Stephen O. Irish  
Wm. Wallace Atwood†  
Hiram H. Gammon  
Edward G. Cole  
Richard S. Dorman†  
John A. Shaw  
John Cressey, Jr.  
Albion A. Maxim  
James F. Packard  
Nehemiah E. Marston  
Jotham W. Shaw  
Albert Mason  
Calvin Snell‡  
Jason Gammon  
Edmund DeCoster  
Laurin A. Bumpus  
Samuel B. Irish  
Ephraim R. Bisbee‡  
Philo Record  
Josiah H. Keen  
Horatio G. Davie  
Edwin Russell  
Edmund F. Bradbury

Eleazer Snell, Jr.‡  
Wm. W. Abbott  
Rufus W. Hines  
Ozias DeCoster, Jr.‡  
Jonathan M. Shedd  
James M. Chesley\*  
Samuel F. Irish  
Edwin DeCoster  
Josiah Churchill  
Eben I. Russell  
Joshua C. Heald  
Levi Monk  
James H. Hodgdon  
Geo. B. Record  
Chas. H. Young  
Marquis D. L. Foster  
Lewis M. Chase  
Orrington R. Davie¶  
Total 43

‡Paid \$300 for exemption.

‡Not accounted for.

\*Entered the service.

¶Held to service. Obtained discharge.

Buckfield had 193 credits at the adjutant general's office at Augusta for men it furnished during the war. How these were made up may be summarized thus:

Total enlistments,	139
Re-enlistments,	23
Recruits from other towns or places,	19
Substitutes,	4
Drafted (served, paid, discharged or un- accounted for),	8
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Of the enlisted men seven were killed or mortally wounded in battle and eleven died from disease. Of the recruits from other towns one was killed in battle and four died from disease.

## CHAPTER XXIX.

## ANNALS CONTINUED.

1851.

At the annual town meeting, Frederick Foster, S. C. Andrews and H. H. Hutchinson, Jr., were chosen superintending school committee. The first was elected to serve one year, Andrews for two years and Hutchinson for three years.—A resolution passed to oppose the location of a new county road from Buckfield to South Paris as petitioned for by Amos Winslow and others.—The building of a school house in the village district (No. 4) was commenced this year. The sum of \$300 was loaned by Nathan Morrill, \$100 by Daniel Hutchinson, \$100 by Capt. Josiah Parris, \$500 by Amory H. Allen, \$151.20 by Charles Daggett, \$550 by Zadoc Long and \$226.80 by Lydia E. Willis, for which the school agents for 1851-'52 gave notes.—The town house was moved on to land of William Allen's, "he agreeing that it may remain on his land free of expense as long as it is occupied as a town house or any other purpose by the town."—No elections this year for governor, senators and representatives occurred. By a change in the constitution, they held over to 1853.—John Loring, Esq., died April 1st, aged 80 years, 9 months and 14 days.—A correspondent of the *Oxford Democrat* from Buckfield in July stated that there were living then in town 77 persons who were seventy years of age and upwards. Their names and ages, the last three being Revolutionary soldiers, were given as follows: Hannah Tucker, 70; William Bridgham, 70; John De-Coster, 70; Andrew Cushman, 71; Louisa Holmes, 71; Caleb Cushman, 72; Barzilla Latham, 73; Sally Morton, 74; Mary Reed, 75; Polly Cox, 75; Margaret Spaulding, 77; James Lewis, 77; Jenette Loring, 77; Mary Elwell, 77; Joseph Hammond, 79; Lewis Moody, 80; Sarah Shaw, 81; Susan Hall, 81; Nancy Gilbert, 81; James Morrill, 82; Polly Latham, 70; Nathaniel Harlow, 70; Arza Fobes, 70; Nancy Chaffin, 71; Ranah Foster, 71; Silvena Fobes, 72; Lydia Hammond, 73; Dorcas Bailey, 74; John Chaffin, 75; Shuah Bicknell, 76; Ann Tucker, 77; Anna Irish, 77; Hannah Dammon, 77; Mary Rice, 78; Betsy Lewis, 80; Leonard Spaulding, 81; John Darling, 81; Betsey Whiting, 81; Sarah Brock, 81; Thankful Jenkins, 82; Sylvanus Irish, 70; Joanna Chase, 70; Noah Hall, 71; Hannah Bridgham, 71; Mary Faunce, 72; Mary Dammon, 73; Anna Morrill, 73; Sarah Philbrick, 70; Bathsheba Long, 75; Sally Bonney, 76; Ansel Bisbee, 77; Dorcas Taylor, 77; Rebecca Faunce, 77; Isaac Tucker, 78; Thomas Long, 80; Keziah Waterman, 81; Elizabeth Irish, 81; Thomas Faunce, 81; Benjamin Spaulding, 82; Mehitable Austin, 83; Sarah Chesley, 84; Jonathan Dammon, 84; Phebe Foster, 84; Bethiah T. Perry, 84; Daniel Faunce, 85; Jabez Taylor, 85; Abigail Record, 85; Mariah Churchill, 85; James Waterman, 86; Josiah Keen, 86; Dolly Drake, 86; Ebenezer Irish, 88; Judith Parsons, 89; Polly Webb, 92; Capt. Josiah Parris, 91; Rev. Nathaniel Chase, 90; Jonathan Record, 101.

Seeing this list Miss Columbia Gardner, then a resident of New Orleans, La., composed the following poem:

Survivors of another age!  
 Bright beacons on life's rugged strand.  
 Your barque has crossed the billowy sea;  
 Unharm'd by wreck or storm ye stand,  
 One foot upon the precipice  
 That shuts the unknown from the known—  
 Ye calmly wait the hastening hour  
 That bids you cross the fatal bourne.

We gaze upon you and we think  
 Of all that ye have thought and felt;  
 And trace with ye again those scenes,  
 Where memory's hopes have fondly dwelt.  
 We see the wilderness again  
 Supplant our smiling village homes,  
 And hear the red man's savage whoop,  
 As thru the forest glades he roams.

We know whose stout right arm it was  
 That swept those forest wilds away—  
 That taught the desert waste to smile,  
 And turned the darkest night to day—  
 There's many a name upon this list  
 That we will ever cherish dear  
 And teach our children's children still

To bless the daring pioneer.  
 We've seen the flower of youth cut down,  
 The proud, the beautiful, the strong,  
 Your own companions pass away,  
 Ye to another time belong.  
 We see ye not at feast and hall,  
 We hear no more your counsel sage—  
 The loud young century forgets  
 The lessons it might learn from age.

The ardent fire of youth is gone  
 And gone is life's meridian heat—  
 The laggard pulse now slowly counts  
 Its ebbing throb—its measured beat.  
 The morning star of early life,  
 That led ye forth with promise, on,  
 Has told its long and brilliant course,  
 And sunk in evening's deep-'ning storm.

And ye—ye too—ye veteran ones,  
 Your lengthened course is nearly run,  
 And ye shall sink as calmly too,  
 As sinks the glorious evening sun,  
 And brighter far ye shall arise,  
 A happier journey to pursue,  
 And in an endless paradise  
 The broken ties of earth renew.

1852.

Rev. George Thomes was elected town clerk.—This year the superintending school committee at the annual election made a report to the town, which report was accepted.—A convention of delegates from the classed towns of Buckfield, Sumner and Woodstock met at Jackson village June 26, to arrange the matter of sending representatives to the legislature for the decade. Col. James Bonney was chosen chairman, Reuben Chandler and Alden Chase, secretaries. The following were the Buck-

field members: James Bonney, Geo. Thomes, Daniel Chase, James Hussey, Thomas Bridgham and Joseph Turner. The following was agreed to: Buckfield was to send representatives in 1853-'56-'59 and '62; Sumner, in 1854-'57-'60; Woodstock, in 1855-'58 and '61.—Ximenes Philbrick, Buckfield, Nathaniel O. Ryerson, Sumner, and Sidney Perham, Woodstock, were elected as a committee to call meetings.—It was "voted that town committee of the town which sends the Representatives notify the town committees of the other two towns who the nominee is."—The democratic congressional convention to nominate a candidate for Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. Charles Andrews was held at Buckfield. William K. Kimball was nominated over Lyman Rawson. Hon. Virgil D. Parris was chosen delegate to the national dem. convention. At the election in June, Kimball had 203 votes, Isaac Reed, Whig, had 100. Reed had about 200 more in the whole district and was elected. A large minority of the democratic party of the state was dissatisfied with Governor Hubbard on account of his signing of the "Maine Liquor Law," as it was called. They bolted and put up another candidate for governor, who polled over 20,000 votes in the state. This threw the election into the legislature, and Crosby, the whig candidate, was elected. The vote in Buckfield was as follows: John Hubbard, Reg. Dem., 156; Anson G. Chandler, Bolt. Dem., 192; William G. Crosby, Whig, 31; Ezekiel Holmes, Free Soil, 10. Rep. to legislature, H. H. Hutchinson, Jr., 204; Ephraim Atwood, 178; scattering, 2. Sumner vote, Hutchinson, 124; Atwood, 120. Woodstock vote, Hutchinson, 67; Atwood, 121; scattering, 5. Atwood was elected.—The result of the election in Buckfield for President, as recorded by the town clerk, was: "Pierce Ticket," 206; "Scott Ticket," 40; "Hale Ticket," 60.—Daniel Hutchinson died April 27th of this year in the 61st year of his age.

## 1853.

The vote for governor this year was as follows: Albert Pillsbury, Dem., 216; Anson P. Morrill, Maine Law Dem., 89; Ezekiel Holmes, Free Soil, 62; William G. Crosby, Whig, 22; representative, F. O. J. Smith, 221, Capt. Lewis Bisbee, 154. The latter had more votes in the district and was elected.—The town authorized a deed to be given Moses Packard of land "the town bought of the Dea. Job Packard estate."—In July of this year, Capt. Noah Prince bought out the *Oxford Democrat*. It was run, until the republican party was formed, as the organ of the "Morrill Democrats," in the county. Mr. Prince severed his connection with the paper in the early part of 1855.—The Buckfield brass band, one evening the last of June, gave a musical entertainment and serenade to the citizens of Paris Hill. Among the selections given was "The Virgil D. Parris Quickstep." The account in the local paper says that there was one remarkable musician in the band. "The evening was clear and calm and the beautiful tones fell sweetly upon the ear. We learned afterward that Mr. McDonald was the author. Both the McDonalds, one of which was the leader, are admirable musicians." (James R. McDonald was the leader.) The band was served with refreshments at the house of Hon. V. D. Par-

ris and at the Union House, kept by Horace Cummings.—The America Farrar hotel was advertised with John Taylor as landlord. Mr. Farrar himself advertised as proprietor the next year. It is claimed that he was the first “drover” in this part of the state who dealt directly with the farmers and paid them cash for their stock.—The delegates to the “Morrill” democratic county convention, held this year at South Paris, were Nathan O. Storer, Noah Prince, America Farrar, R. B. Waite, Amory H. Allen and James Bicknell.—The *Belfast Journal* in July, had the following “squib:” “Admittance to Noah Prince’s new party, \$1.50.”—In the issue of the *Oxford Democrat* of October 21st, an item stated that the headquarters of the artillery company was to be changed from Buckfield to Paris Hill.—Mr. Daniel Bailey, formerly of Buckfield, died Aug. 21st, in New Orleans of yellow fever, aged 37 years.—Col. Albert D. White was appointed sheriff of the county by Governor William G. Crosby. He appointed J. W. Whitten as one of his deputies.—John D. Long entered Harvard College this year at the age of 14.—Rev. Nathaniel Chase, a Revolutionary soldier and patriot and one of the pioneer settlers, passed to the higher life, April 20, 1853, aged 91.

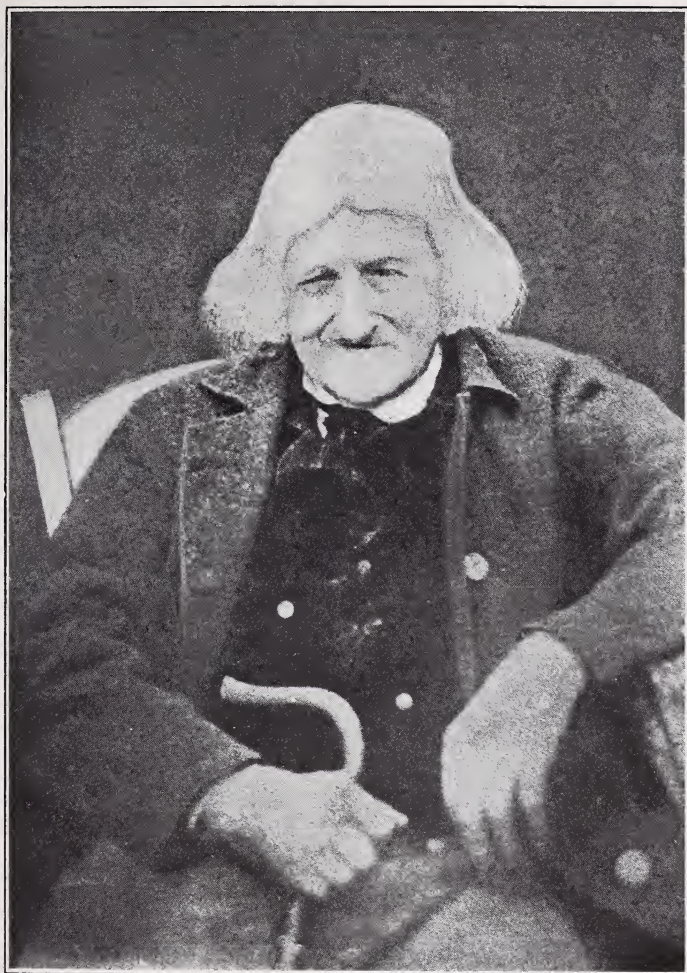
1854.

James Murdock was elected town clerk; R. B. Jennings, town agent; A. K. P. Small and Thomas Chase, supt. school committee; Aratus Farrar, collector of taxes.—School districts No. 2, 4, 6, 7 and 9 were allowed to elect their own agents.—The town voted to open the new county road from Buckfield to South Paris.—The “Buckfield House,” kept by Mr. George Battles, was destroyed by fire Sunday, May 14th. Besides the hotel with two stables connected therewith, nearly all the furniture and a horse and carriage were burned. Loss \$3,000, insured for \$2,400. Several other buildings were on fire while the hotel and stable were burning, but by the exertion of the citizens, they were saved.—The vote in Buckfield for governor this year was as follows: Albion K. Parris, Dem., 194; Anson P. Morrill, Maine Law, 179; Isaac Reed, Whig, 11; Shep. Cary, Old Line Dem., 7.

1855.

Carlton Gardner was first chosen one of the selectmen this year. It was the beginning of a long town service creditable to himself and profitable to Buckfield.—The selectmen were instructed to open the Winslow road and the sum of \$500 was appropriated for the purpose. The sum of \$1,000 was raised for schools.—The vote for governor this year was as follows: Samuel Wells, Dem., 232; Anson P. Morrill, Rep., 170; Isaac Reed, Whig, 5; for representative to the legislature, Washington Heald, Dem., had 233; Thomas Chase, Rep., 170. Woodstock voted by a large majority for Chase and he was elected.—Daniel Chase died July 8th, 1855, aged 70 years and 9 months. His wife, Abigail, had died March 30th, 1844, aged 61 years and 9 months. This year Johnathan Record passed away in the 105th year of his age, on the 17th of January.





Jonathan Record at 100

1856.

T. J. Bridgham, Esq., was elected supt. school committee.—Nathaniel G. Bumpus, Erastus K. Cummings and Joseph Turner were set off from school district No. 12 to No. 14. Also, Solomon Doble from No. 8 to No. 14.—Voted that the town treasurer "call up the collectors for the years 1851-'52-'53 and and '54, and have an immediate settlement."—The sum of \$1000 was raised for schools.—Carlton Gardner served as deputy sheriff and jailor this year and Naphtali Mason, as a deputy sheriff.—The follow-

ing is the jury list as revised this year: Jesse Turner, William Hammond, Arad Jordan, Jeremiah P. Packard, Oscar F. Gardner, Elijah Turner, Joseph H. Hall, Russell Pratt, Lucius Young, James Hussey, Philip Mason, Richard Fobes, Leander Hodgdon, Artemas F. Cole, Edward H. Shaw, Benj. Jenkins, Benj. Jordan, Jr., Alexander Cushman, Geo. W. Battles, Daniel Mason, Orville Bridgman, Sydenham Bridgman, Henry P. Cox, Freeman Hollis. Leonard Russell, Daniel Fletcher, Winchester Spaulding, Erastus K. Cummings, Daniel Chase, Washington Heald, Icabod Allen, H. H. Hutchinson, Jr., and Levi Turner.—These names indicate that political feeling entered into the revision. Never before had this been the case. It shows the intense political feeling which existed at that period.—The vote for governor this year was: Hannibal Hamlin, Rep., 221; Samuel Wells, Dem., 206; Geo. F. Patten, Whig, 2.—Sumner sent the representative this year.—At the presidential election, the Fremont electors had 221 and the Buchanan electors, 174 votes.—An act was passed by the legislature to set off from Hartford and annex to Buckfield the following persons and their estates: Herman Wood, Addison G. Wood, Chandler DeCoster, Chandler DeCoster, Jr., David Kneeland, Eleazer Chase, Elbridge Irish and Charles B. Irish. Their farms were situated in the southeast part of the town in what was called the "Gore." \$4,000 was deducted from Hartford's valuation and that amount was added to Buckfield's.—A notable death this year was that of Miss Columbia Gardner, on the 16th of June, at Mt. Vernon, Ala., from pulmonary consumption, where she had gone from her home in New Orleans, La., then at the head of the Young Ladies' Seminary in that city, to visit a lady friend. She was one of the most talented young ladies in the country and was fast attaining fame as a writer. She was buried where she died. The following is taken from a poem written by her mother on the event:

"Upon her lone and distant grave,  
Oft the stranger's eye will rest;  
While Alabama's oaken leaves  
Fall lightly o'er her breast.  
She sleeps—the daughter of the North,  
Far from her childhood's sphere;  
Peace to the people of the South,  
Who kindly laid her here."

Miss Gardner, while a resident of the South, had written the following lines:

"Thou art my home, New England!  
No other boon I'll crave,  
Save that thy gentlest breezes  
May whisper o'er my grave.  
O, lay me where the Pilgrim  
Has laid him down to rest;  
And let the soil he hallowed  
Be heaped upon my breast."

1857.

Dastine Spaulding was elected town clerk and C. D. Bradbury, supt. school committee.—Albion P. Bonney was elected one of the selectmen. It was the beginning of a long and useful public service.—This year the vote for governor was: Lot M. Morrill, Rep., 212; Manasseh H. Smith, Dem., 197. For register of deeds: Alden Chase, 212; Stephen D. Hutchinson, 197.—Alden Chase was elected. Mr. Hutchinson went into trade on Paris Hill, where he had resided since his first election as register of deeds. He never lost his interest in politics, however, nor ever tired of hearing them discussed around his store.

1858.

Thomas J. Bridgham was elected supervisor of schools.—Ximenes Philbrick was elected to take charge of the town poor farm.—School district No. 11 was allowed to choose its own agent.—The town voted in May on the new liquor law passed by the legislature, for prohibition, 134; for license, 0.—Vote for governor, Lot M. Morrill, 203; Manasseh H. Smith, 201. Representative to the legislature, Leonard P. Smith, Rep., 183; Ximenes Philbrick, Dem., 208. Smith had a majority in the district and was elected.

1859.

Varanes DeCoster was selected to take charge of the poor farm. Noah Prince was chosen agent to defend the suit of Capt. Joseph Turner against the town.—It was voted to set off all the territory formerly belonging to the town of Hartford, together with its inhabitants, for the purpose of forming a school district with a section of Hartford.—The town lines were perambulated this year.—Mrs. Maria Churchill, widow of Jabez Churchill, a Revolutionary soldier, died Oct. 24, aged 94 years. She was born in Wareham, Mass., Aug. 10, 1765, and was the daughter of Elnathan and Sarah Benson.

1860.

The report of the supt. school committee was published this year and 500 copies were authorized for circulation.—Geo. W. Battles was appointed census enumerator this year for Buckfield and Hebron.—The selectmen were instructed to make a financial statement of the town's affairs and have it printed.—Noah Prince was authorized to take charge of the poor farm.—S. C. Andrews, Ephraim Atwood and Hiram Hines were chosen a committee to petition the legislature to pass an act for the town to loan its credit to the amount of \$15,000 in aid of the construction of the Portland & Oxford Central Railroad.—Voted at a special meeting to instruct the town agent to have the suit of the town against James Murdock, late town liquor agent, and his bondsmen entered "Neither Party."—The "Lincoln Ticket" at the Presidential election had 215 votes; "Douglass Ticket," 141; "Breckenridge Ticket," 16.

1861.

The Civil War having begun with the bombardment of Fort Sumter by the Confederates, President Lincoln called for 75,000 volunteers to put down the Rebellion. Buckfield was not behind her sister towns in sending men to the front. The names of the men who went to the war are given elsewhere.—At the September election, the vote for governor was as follows: Israel Washburn, Jr., Rep., 202; John W. Dana, Peace Dem., 126; Charles D. Jameson, War Dem., 102.—Mrs. Jennette, widow of John Loring, Esq., died Dec. 25, aged 87 years and 6 months.—Varanes DeCoster was chosen chairman of the overseers of the poor, and instructed to take charge of the town farm.

1862.

John D. Long was elected supt. school committee and Carlton Gardner, collector of taxes.—At the adjourned annual meeting, John D. Long was chosen moderator.—It was also voted not to release A. G. Cole as bondsman for William Sawyer as collector of taxes for the year 1859, and to release all persons who will take their oath that they have paid their taxes in William Sawyer's bills for 1859.—Noah Prince was instructed to take charge of the town farm.—The selectmen defined the limits of the two enrolled militia companies. The dividing line between the east and west companies was the county road from Sumner by Albion P. Bonney's to the village, and the highway from the village bridge to Hebron through the Foster and Lothrop neighborhoods.—First company: James H. Keyou, Capt.; John D. Long, 1st Lieut.; Andrew J. Hall, 2d Lieut.; David L. Farrar, 3d Lieut.; Moses Merrill, 4th Lieut.; Josiah Hutchinson, Ord. Sergt.; 1st enrollment, 92; 2d enrollment, 128; entered the service, 55. Second company: Nahum Moore, Capt.; Wm. F. Robinson, 1st Lieut.; Clinton Ripley, 2d Lieut.; Silas Mitchell, 3d Lieut.; N. T. Shaw, 4th Lieut.; F. H. Thompson, Ord. Sergt.; 1st enrollment, 106; 2d enrollment, 128; entered the service, 49.—It was voted to raise \$175 to aid destitute soldiers' families in accordance with state law, passed March 18th, 1862.—Jesse Turner was appointed to sell liquors for medicinal, mechanical and manufacturing purposes. Noah Prince and Merritt Farrar were his bondsmen.—At a special meeting, held in July, \$1900 were raised as a town bounty for 19 volunteers who were required to fill Buckfield's quota.—At another meeting, in August, it was voted to pay \$20 to each volunteer on being mustered into the service, and \$9 a month for every month he served until discharged. In case the soldier was disabled from performing further service, or was killed, he and his family were to be paid for whole nine months. Capt. Charles H. Prince and others were forming, at that time, a company to serve nine months in Col. William Wirt Virgin's 23d Regt. of Inf'y.—The vote for governor this year stood thus: Abner Coburn, Rep., 183; Bion Bradbury, Dem., 155; Chas. D. Jameson, 6.—John D. Long removed this year to Boston, Mass.





Phebe Buck Foster at 95

1863.

Transactions at annual town meeting: Ozias Whitman and S. C. Andrews were chosen supt. school committee.—Dastine Spaulding was authorized to take charge of the town farm. Wm. H. Atwood, A. H. Allen and A. D. White, the committee appointed to investigate the liquor agency, reported that \$581.68 was due the town. It was voted to accept the report.—Voted \$450 in aid of soldiers' families.—The governor vote this year was as follows: Samuel Coney, Rep., 209; Bion Bradbury, Dem., 168.—At a meeting in November, it was voted to pay each volunteer \$300 to fill the quota of the town. The selectmen were chosen to take measures to fill the town's quota and \$2000 were raised and put into their hands for the purpose.—On the 12th day of November of this year, Phebe Foster, widow of Joel Foster, senior, and a daughter of Abijah Buck, for whom the town was named, passed to the other world at the ripe old age of 97. She was about 11 years old when her father with his family moved into their forest home on the banks of the beautiful Nezinscot, April 1st, 1777. She had lived to see what no one else had, the first settlement, the beginning of the village and their growth to the time of their greatest prosperity, and to know that the town, in which so many of the Revolutionary Patriots had made their home, sustained to its fullest extent the Government in its efforts to preserve the Union.



1864.

At the annual town meeting Thomas Chase and Albion P. Bonney were chosen supt. school committee for three years and C. H. Carlton, for two years.—Voted to pay \$300 to each drafted man “who is mustered into the U. S. Service.”—Voted that the assessors, when taking the valuation, be instructed to put every man under oath.—Voted to raise \$1,000 in aid of the soldiers’ families.—Voted that the selectmen furnish assistance to those families where State aid is insufficient to make them comfortable.—A citizens’ meeting was held and a committee chosen to go to Lewiston and Augusta for the purpose of obtaining recruits to fill the quota of the town.—Voted to pay \$400 to each volunteer to fill the quota and \$25 for each man on recruiting service.—At a town meeting in October, it was voted to raise \$1400 to reimburse the men who subscribed to raise that amount to procure the last seven men needed to fill “the last call of the President for 500,000 men.”—Voted not to raise \$600 to pay R. S. Dorman and William W. Atwood for money paid out by them “to clear them from the draft of July, 1863.”—At a town meeting in December, John E. Bryant was selected to consult with the Governor and Assistant Provost Marshal in relation to the last call of President Lincoln for volunteers.—\$5,000 was raised to be placed in the hands of a “competent committee to procure volunteers to fill the quota of the town under the last call. Thomas Chase, A. D. White and Merritt Farrar were selected. \$500 was to be paid each volunteer.—The town passed resolutions against the discontinuance of the running of trains on the Buckfield railroad.—The vote for governor at the September election was as follows: Samuel Coney, Rep., 190; Joseph Howard, Dem., 169.—For Representative to Congress, Sidney Perham, Rep., 185; S. C. Andrews, Dem., 171; Samuel Thomes, Dem., 1.—For representative to the legislature, Thomas W. Bowman, Rep., 190; H. H. Hutchinson, Jr., Dem., 165; scattering, 3.—The town clerk has recorded the vote at the presidential election thus: “Rep. Ticket, 192; Dem. Ticket, 171.”—William Bridgham, M.D., died this year at the age of 83.—Col. James Bonney died Feb. 18th, aged 60.—America Farrar died Dec. 23d.—The quota of the town in March of this year under the last call of President Lincoln for volunteers to put down the Rebellion was 22. Under the call in May, the quota was 41. The town had four to its credit.—Buckfield had credit at the Adjutant General’s office, Augusta, with furnishing 193 men during the war. This included men serving in other than Maine organizations, and those drafted, furnishing substitutes, or paying commutation. The town paid \$32,435.45 in bounties.

1865.

At a town meeting held in January, \$5,000 was raised to pay bounties for volunteers to fill the town’s quota. This action was taken in anticipation of another call for troops. At a meeting in February, this sum was increased to \$7,500, the call of the President for troops having been made. John E. Bryant, Capt. Chas. H. Prince and Doctor C. D. Bradbury were chosen a committee to expend the money in the best manner possible

in procuring volunteers. It was voted to pay drafted men under this call, if there should be a draft, the sum of \$500 each. Thirteen men were necessary to fill the quota. The war ended by the surrender of Lee at Appomattox, April 9th.—Carlton Gardner was elected town clerk.—Appropriations: \$7,000 for debt and interest; \$1,275 for support of schools; \$500 for support of poor; \$600 for roads and bridges; \$2,000 to be expended in labor on highways.—A. D. White, Hiram Hines and Varanes DeCoster were chosen a committee to sell the town farm.—Rev. Frederick Foster, formerly pastor of the Baptist church society in Buckfield, died in Ware, N. H., aged about 50.—Mrs. Ellen T., wife of Hon. Albion P. Bonney, died March 26th, aged 36.—By act of the legislature this year, Stephen Spaulding of Sumner, together with his real estate, was set off from that town and annexed to Buckfield.—On the 14th day of September occurred a family gathering at the old homestead of the late Rev. Nathaniel Chase, owned and occupied by his son, Hon. Thomas Chase. Eighty persons consisting of the children and grandchildren of Elder Chase, with their families, were present. Among other exercises was a foot-race, participated in by five of the sons—Nathaniel of Sidney, Job of Livermore, Isaac of Peru, and Thomas and William of Buckfield.—Isaac carried off the honors.—The town farm was sold at public auction in October. The sale was made in several lots and brought \$4,150. Another farm in another part of the town better adapted for the purpose, was purchased for \$2,300.

## 1866.

The vote for governor this year stood: Gen. J. L. Chamberlain, Rep., 204; Eben F. Pillsbury, Dem., 195.—Hon. Thomas Chase, a member of the state senate, died in March, from the effects of a tumor in the leg. He was a son of Rev. Nathaniel Chase.—Edward L. Parris, Esq., began the practice of the law in New York city this year.—Nathaniel Shaw died in August, aged 80.—The engine house at the village burned Nov. 2d. Three locomotives which were in it at the time it caught fire, were saved. The engine house was never rebuilt. One was built at East Sumner, where the supt. of railroad moved his office in Dec.—Jason Farrar was appointed station agent here. N. T. Shaw was appointed a deputy sheriff this year.—The following persons and firms paid a tax this year in town of \$75 and upwards:

W. H. Atwood,	\$80.10	L. E. Keen,	75.06
S. C. Andrews,	78.90	Ephraim Lowe,	92.04
C. B. Atwood,	99.75	Lucius Loring,	105.00
A. H. Allen,	106.50	Hubbard Lowell,	80.76
E. Atwood,	136.02	Zadoc Long,	117.00
A. P. Bonney,	86.70	Nahum Moore,	103.08
O. Bridgham,	75.74	Silas Mitchell,	84.00
C. H. Berry,	87.48	Horace Morrill,	78.18
J. Bicknell,	95.46	L. Mason,	88.92
T. G. Bicknell,	78.84	Nathan Morrill,	387.00
A. F. Cole,	119.97	Noah Prince,	101.46

T. Chase & Son,	140.88	William Record,	80.58
Varanes DeCoster,	131.28	G. W. Shaw,	82.14
J. Fobes,	75.54	Dastine Spaulding,	91.56
D. L. Farrar,	81.12	N. T. Shaw,	111.78
J. Fields,	109.92	W. F. Spaulding,	174.84
Ira Gardner,	75.00	J. H. Skillings,	90.00
Hiram Hines,	287.88	A. L. Thomas,	132.00
A. K. Hall,	95.64	A. Thompson,	79.92
F. Hollis,	79.20	A. G. Wood,	96.60
J. W. Whitten,	79.08	A. D. White,	195.18
R. B. Waite,	84.84	T. Warren,	96.78
V. D. Parris,	82.50	F. A. Warren,	89.52

## 1867.

Doings at annual town meeting: Jason Farrar was elected town clerk; J. C. Irish was chosen supt. school committee.—Voted to form a union school district of No. 8 in Buckfield with No. 1 in Hebron. Adelbert S. Jordan, Nathan Maxim, Moses Jordan and Rachel Turner were set off from No. 2 to the new district.—It was voted to exempt town bonds from taxation until maturity, and that the selectmen be instructed to petition the legislature to legalize this act of the town.—Timothy Hutchinson was 93 years old this year, and his wife, Nizaula (Rawson), was 90 years of age. They had moved to Albany in 1819.—On the morning of March 9th, the wife of Hiram Hines, Esq., fell down a flight of stairs from a chamber at Dr. Atwood Crosby's and was injured so badly that she died in about an hour, at the age of 55.—Dr. Crosby, formerly of China, came to Buckfield in 1866. He purchased the practice of Dr. Chas. Bridgham.—Dastine Spaulding sold his farm and stand in April and moved to Cape Elizabeth.—Albion Wilson from Topsham opened a drug store in the building formerly occupied by William Atwood.—The vote for representative to the legislature this year stood as follows: S. C. Andrews, Dem., 228; Hiram Hines, Rep., 114; C. D. Bradbury, Rep., 55; L. B. Hamlin, 1.

## 1868.

Josiah Hutchinson was elected town clerk; A. C. Whitman was chosen supt. school committee for three years and C. D. Bradbury for two years.—\$3,000 was raised to pay town debts and interest.—At a town meeting held in August, to act on the proposition for the town to take preferred stock in the Portland and Oxford Central Railroad Co., to the amount of \$15,000 by issuing bonds, it was voted to pass over the article. At another meeting called during the same month, to see if the town would issue bonds to the amount of \$10,000, it was also voted to pass over the article.—It was Sumner's turn to send a representative this year. The vote in Buckfield stood as follows: C. D. Bradbury, Dem., 263; Chas. Y. Tuell, Rep., 149; Isaac Heath, Dem., 10; scattering, 1.—The vote in town for President was as follows: Grant electors, 183; Seymour electors, 171.—Phebe C., wife of Nahum Moore, Esq., died Jan. 10th, at the age of

41.—The Line school district comprising 14 farms in Hartford and 9 in Buckfield, had at the winter term of the school, 28 pupils.—Capt. Chas. H. Prince was elected to Congress this year from Georgia, where he had made his home since the war closed.—Stephen Spaulding died April 8th, aged 80.—The Loring house at the village was purchased this year by Kimball Prince of New York.—Jotham Shaw died June 25th, aged 66.—Five houses in the village recall to mind the words of the poet, "Companions of my father's. We have marked the generations as they pass." The five houses referred to were the Dr. Wm. Bridgham, the James Jewett, the Dominicus Record, the Capt. Josiah Parris and the John Loring stands.—Charles Carroll Loring died Oct. 8th, aged 36. He was the only son of Lucius and Sarah Loring. He had a taste for literature and had been a frequent contributor to the *Portland Transcript* and other papers under the signature of "Nezinscot."

1869.

Transactions at annual town meeting: A. J. Merrill was elected supt. school committee for two years, and A. F. Mason for three years.—M. A. Allen was chosen collector of taxes and was to be paid \$90 for his services.—Burnham Bros. of Portland were exempted from taxation for a term of ten years.—Voted that each school district choose its own agent.—Voted to raise \$1 per head on every inhabitant of the town for school money.—Lemuel Cole was instructed to repair the townhouse.—Stephen Childs was set off from school district No. 7 to No. 4.—The selectmen were instructed to sell the remainder of the poor farm at public auction before haying time.—Josiah W. Whitten was appointed deputy sheriff this year, which gave great satisfaction in town and vicinity to the friends of temperance.—Nine feet and six inches of snow fell during the winter. Forty-nine inches fell in February.—Daniel Austin died January 29th, aged 68. He had lived all his days upon the same farm and was buried on the anniversary of his birthday.—Mrs. Nizaula (Rawson), widow of the late Timothy Hutchinson, formerly a citizen of Buckfield, died at Albany, Feb. 25, in her 92d year. They had lived together about 70 years.—The railroad bridge at the village fell April 27th, as the engine of the down train ran on to the first span. The engine tender and the first car, loaded with wood, went into the stream. The conductor, Ed. S. Burroughs; the engineer, O. P. Tucker; and a Frenchman, who was acting as fireman, went down with the locomotive. They escaped, however, without serious injury.—Simon Barrett, Esq., a former citizen of Sumner, where he had held all the important town offices and also that of the first postmaster, died there May 23d, aged 86.—Elkanah Irish died June 27, aged 77.—Mrs. Margaret, wife of Elias Taylor, died Aug. 6th, at Hebron, aged 74 years.—A farmer's club was organized this year in Buckfield with the following officers: Co. A. D. White, Pres.; Varanes DeCoster, Vice-Pres.; M. A. Allen, Sec.—In September, William H. Atwood and Benjamin Spaulding began the building of their new store in which they afterwards traded for many years. It was built on the site of the old Foster, afterwards



Bridgham, tavern.—The amount allowed the town of Buckfield under the act passed by the legislature, equalizing bounties paid by the towns for volunteers in the Civil War, was \$7,266.66.—Ebenezer Snell died Dec. 28, aged 63.

1870.

Silas Mitchell was elected to take charge of the town farm.—The office of treasurer was put up at auction. It was bid off by O. F. Gardner for \$20, but S. C. Andrews was chosen treasurer.—A. D. White was chosen to manage the law cases of the town.—This year the vote for representative to the legislature was: S. C. Andrews, Dem., 189; Nahum Moore, Rep., 155; scattering, 1. Mr. Moore had a majority of the votes in the whole district and was elected. The town lines were perambulated this year.—Capt. Joseph Turner died May 23, aged 70.—Dr. Zachariah J. Gammon, dentist, formerly a resident of Mechanic Falls, died June 19, aged 53.—Ira Gardner, Esq., died Sept. 3, aged 75.—The census taken this year showed a population of 1495. It was 1705 in 1860.

1871.

At the annual town meeting Jason Farrar was elected town clerk; Nahum Moore, town agent; S. C. Andrews, supt. school committee, "short term;" Alfred Cole, "long term." It was decided to pay Dr. O. R. Hall \$32.75 on condition that he withdraw his suit against the town and pay his own costs.—The selectmen were instructed to use the money appropriated for the objects only for which they were raised.—Albion P. Bonney and Whitney Cummings were chosen as a committee to investigate the liquor agency, "as far back as the agency of M. B. Thomes," and report in two weeks.—The selectmen were directed to close the liquor agency, and for the town agent to prosecute all illegal sales of liquor.—S. C. Andrews, Dem., had 185 votes for representative to the legislature, John J. Perry, Rep., had 142. Perry was chosen, he having a majority in the district.—At a town meeting held in November, Chas. Forster was exempted from taxation for a term of 5 years, "on any mills, machinery and stock he may put upon the mill privilege at Shaw's bridge."—Candlemas Day, Feb. 2, was warm and cloudy. There was much bare ground and both sleighs and wagons were used. During the first part of March, the weather was the most pleasant which had been known for many years.—Jonah Hall died Feb. 24, aged 80.—Andrew Hall, formerly of East Buckfield, died at Peru, March 30. He served awhile in the army, in 1814.—Mrs. Dolly Taylor died at East Buckfield, April 25th. She was over 70 years of age.—Orin Farrar died May 3d, in his 64th year.—J. C. Fuller of Hebron opened a store here this year in the building once known as the Loring store.—Rev. George Thomes died in April at an advanced age. He had resided here since 1840, at which time he came to take charge, as pastor, of the Universalist society. He had been postmaster at the village for several years.—A portion of the flag that was taken by Commodore O. H. Perry from the Lawrence to the Niagara, during the battle of Lake Erie, was in the possession, this year, of Zenas Shaw of East



Buckfield.—In October, Charles Forster bought the water privilege of E. H. Shaw near "Shaw's bridge" for the purpose of erecting a building and putting in machinery to manufacture toothpicks.—Rev. H. Linsley was ordained as pastor of the Baptist society Nov. 1st.—Rev. Levi Hersey, a Freewill Baptist preacher of Richmond, purchased the Frank Bard farm and moved into town, the latter part of the year.—There were in the village this year 3 physicians, 2 dentists, 6 justices of the peace, 1 lawyer and 2 ministers. There were three secret society lodges.

## 1872.

Transactions at the annual town meeting: Josiah C. Caldwell was elected school committee.—It was voted to exempt property from taxation for a period of ten years on any buildings, stock or machinery used for manufacturing purposes.—\$4,000 was raised to erect a building for municipal purposes "with but one dissenting vote."—Voted to lease said building to any responsible person or persons for manufacturing purposes, for a term of ten years, "free of rent, they to keep it in repair, the town to keep it insured."—The vote for representative in town this year was: Alfred Cole, 219; G. D. Bisbee, 157. Mr. Bisbee had a majority in the district and was elected.—For presidential electors, "Grant Ticket," 130; Greely Ticket," 180.—The Baptist church and village schoolhouse were burned in the latter part of the year. Loss over \$5,000. Fire caught in the church, origin unknown. The Baptist Society occupied the Universalist church until a new church was built the next year.—C. M. Dacey of Auburn started a shoe factory here this year. He employed from 20 to 30 persons of both sexes.—Hon. Noah Prince died Feb. 14, aged 74. He had been a worthy member of the Baptist church for many years prior to his death.—The train on the railroad was 19 days in getting from Canton to Mechanic Falls, in February.—The hay crop the year before had been short and the price of hay during the winter went up to between \$20 and \$30 per ton. The quantity of corn and meal fed to stock had never been so large before.—Nahum Moore, R. C. Jewett, S. C. Andrews and G. D. Bisbee were chosen a committee at a citizens' meeting in April to negotiate with parties at Stoneham, Mass., for the establishment of a shoe factory at the village.—At a town meeting held on the 20th of April, a vote passed to exempt from taxation any property used for manufacturing purposes, for a term of ten years, to the amount of \$50,000. M. A. Hanson & Co. was secured and a factory was built which employed from 30 to 50 operatives.

## 1873.

At the annual town meeting O. F. Gardner was elected town clerk; S. C. Andrews, supt. school committee; N. T. Shaw, collector of taxes.—Voted that the selectmen meet the last Saturday of every month to draw town orders.—The following was the vote in town for county attorney: George D. Bisbee, Rep., 119; Samuel F. Gibson, Dem., 125; Henry Upton, Lib. Rep., 27. Mr. Bisbee had a majority in the whole county.—A new

Baptist church and schoolhouse were built this year.—From a record of the weather, kept at East Buckfield during the winter of 1872-'73, it appears that 39 snow storms had occurred, with a total fall of snow of 12 ft. and 2 in.—On May 31st, Timothy Record died at the age of 88, the oldest man in town at that time. He was a son of Jonathan Record, the old Revolutionary soldier.—Hon. Zadoc Long died at the residence of his dau., Mrs. Persis S. White, in Mass., Feb. 3, aged 72 years. His remains were interred in the cemetery above the village. Funeral services were held in Buckfield, Feb. 7. Mr. Long had begun active life as a clerk in the store of Stephen Phelps.

1874.

Alfred Cole was elected supt. school committee for 3 years and J. C. Irish for 2 years.—At the September election, the vote for sheriff stood: Josiah W. Whitten, Rep., 153; Seth T. Holbrook, Dem., 105; Albert D. White, Lib. Rep., 4.—Alfred Cole was drawn as a traverse juror for the S. J. Court.—D. C. Chase established a tri-weekly stage line this year between Buckfield and Auburn.—Hon. Virgil D. Parris died June 16th, at his home on Paris Hill from the effects of a paralytic shock about two years before. He was 67 years of age at the time of his death.

In 1851, 77 persons in Buckfield were over 70 years old. These had all passed away before this year.—On Sept. 24, Martin Drake fell out of his chair and died at the age of 82. He had been in his usual health. He was living with his daughter, Mrs. John Damon, on the farm where he was born. "He never had his peer in strength and activity."—Mrs. Hannah Chase, daughter of Dr. Wm. Bridgham, and widow of Isaac Chase of Turner, died at Buckfield, Oct. 28, aged about 70.—James Murdock died on the 15th of January of this year, aged 56. He was a native of Hebron and a tailor by trade. He was for many years in the employ of Atwood, Spaulding & Co. For several years he was town clerk. Mr. Murdock was a soldier in the Civil War and lost a leg in Sheridan's campaign against Early in the Shenandoah Valley.—The number of resident taxpayers this year were 380. Those who paid \$50 or more numbered 143. Seventy-three had paid \$76 or more, 35 \$100, and 5 paid \$200 or more.—The mortality for the year was 19,—7 males and 12 females—against 26 the previous year; 8 were in the village.—Alfred Cole, G. D. Bisbee and Dr. J. C. Irish were chosen at a school district meeting in the village to take measures to establish a permanent high school.—John D. Long was elected this year from Hingham, Mass., which he had made his permanent home, as a representative to the General Court, by the Republicans. This was his real start in political life. He was three times re-elected.

## CHAPTER XXX.

## SECRET SOCIETIES.

## FREEMASONRY.

Freemasonry existed in Buckfield among its earliest settlers, when there was no lodge nearer than Portland. United Lodge, now at Brunswick, chartered at Topsham in 1801, later became a Masonic home to which those worthy pioneers of this town frequently journeyed in company. A few years later a more convenient place of meeting was found in Oxford Lodge, chartered at Paris Hill in 1807. This lodge was composed of Masons from Buckfield, Paris and Norway, and in its organization the following residents of Buckfield appear as charter members:

Henry Farwell, prominent as a lawyer, Abijah Buck, the first permanent settler of the town, Oren Record, a large land owner, William Bridgham, Jr., the most eminent physician in this vicinity, and Larned Swallow and Barnabas Perry, both blacksmiths and leading men of affairs.

These men appear to have been prominent in the early history of this lodge, for at its first meeting, held in Hubbard's Hall, Henry Farwell was elected W. M., Larned Swallow, S. D., and Barnabas Perry, Tyler. Farwell was continued master two years.

The subsequent records of the lodge show that the following citizens of Buckfield were made masons at Paris Hill:

Moses Buck in 1815, James Bowker in 1816, Nathaniel Harlow in 1817, and John Bicknell in 1824, and the following early residents appear of record as visiting brethren: Richard Waldron, Thomas Joselyn and Stephen Phelps. Several other old-time residents of the town were known to be masons, among whom were Abraham Waldron, Nathan Atwood, Amos Winslow, Stephen Spaulding, and Rev. George Thomes.

But the lodge associations of these men, at length, were rudely interrupted by the blighting storm of anti-masonry, known as the Morgan excitement, which cast a gloom over the fraternity of the whole country and closed the doors of Oxford Lodge in 1830 for a period of twenty-three years, during which time the brethren could only meet in obscure conference. One of their number, Nathaniel Harlow, was subjected to bitter persecution and church discipline for his offense of being a mason, reference

to which is more fully made in the church history in this volume.

Masonry continued to flourish in Buckfield, in a quiet way, with a few worthy representatives, till the formation of Nezinscot Lodge at Turner in 1860, which afforded a more convenient meeting place than had hitherto been enjoyed, and a revival of masonic interest followed in this community.

In 1865 about twenty masons were residing in Buckfield, most of whom had been made in Nezinscot Lodge, and, as their numbers increased they advanced the proposition for a lodge of their own; but this met with strong opposition from the Turner brethren, and for two years the proposal was a subject of considerable controversy and vexation in the lodge. The matter was twice brought before the Grand Lodge and sharply contested, but after a protracted hearing a dispensation was granted in May, 1868, under which the first regular meeting was held June 1st, of that year, with the following officers: Thomas W. Bowman, W. M., Holman W. Waldron, S. W., and James H. Keyou, J. W. During the period of the dispensation ten master masons were made, the first being Nahum Moore. After this prosperous year the organization received its charter as Evening Star Lodge, No. 147, under date of May 5, 1869, with the following names of charter members:

Thomas W. Bowman  
George D. Bisbee  
Josiah W. Whitten  
Holman W. Waldron  
Sullivan C. Andrews  
William F. Bard  
Newell M. Varney  
Charles B. Atwood  
Albion J. Buck  
Nahum Moore  
Silas Shaw  
William Chase

Asa Atwood  
James H. DeCoster  
James H. Keyou  
Benjamin F. Cary  
William P. Bridgman  
Jason Farrar  
Benjamin Spaulding  
William A. Gerrish  
Simon L. Johnson  
William F. Robinson  
Henry C. Ricker  
Lorenzo Cushman

At a special meeting on the afternoon of July 13, 1869, the first election of officers under the charter was held, and the lodge was duly constituted by Past Master M. T. Ludden of Nezinscot Lodge, agreeably to a commission from Grand Master Lynde. The occasion is recalled as one of great interest and enjoyment.

Before the dispensation had been granted the brethren, in anticipation of a lodge, had leased and finished a hall over the village drug store, then conducted by Mr. A. D. Wilson, and the lodge continued to occupy this room till 1895, when it moved to

more convenient and commodious quarters on the second floor of the brick building, known as the Allen & Thomes store, where a new hall had been finished and newly furnished.

The largest masonic gathering ever in Buckfield was in attendance on the funeral of Dr. John F. DeCoster, June 5, 1898.

The first three officers of the lodge have been as follows:

	W. M.	S. W.	J. W.
1868	Thomas W. Bowman	Holman W. Waldron	James H. Keyou
1869	Thomas W. Bowman	Holman W. Waldron	James H. Keyou
1870	Holman W. Waldron	Sullivan C. Andrews	George D. Bisbee
1871	Sullivan C. Andrews	Jason Farrar	Henry C. Ricker
1872	Jason Farrar	Josiah W. Whitten	Henry C. Ricker
1873	Holman W. Waldron	Henry C. Ricker	Silas Shaw
1874	Josiah W. Whitten	Henry C. Ricker	James H. DeCoster
1875	Henry C. Ricker	James H. DeCoster	Augustus C. Tubbs.
1876	George D. Bisbee	James H. DeCoster	Augustus C. Tubbs
1877	Charles R. Whitten	Augustus C. Tubbs	Benjamin F. Cary
1878	Charles R. Whitten	Preston S. Lowe	Appleton F. Mason
1879	Henry C. Ricker	Jennet A. Rawson	Richard S. Dorman
1880	Jason Farrar	Jennet A. Rawson	Richard S. Dorman
1881	Josiah W. Whitten	J. Ward Maxim	Augustus C. Tubbs
1882	J. Ward Maxim	Augustus C. Tubbs	Rinaldo Monk
1883	Richard S. Dorman	Rinaldo Monk	Frank P. Withington
1884	Henry C. Ricker	Isaac W. Shaw	Herbert F. Irish
1885	Henry C. Ricker	Isaac W. Shaw	Herbert F. Irish
1886	Henry C. Ricker	Josiah W. Whitten	Ezra Marshall
1887	Lewis B. Spaulding	Josiah W. Whitten	Charles A. Marshall
1888	Lewis B. Spaulding	Josiah W. Whitten	Charles A. Marshall
1889	Josiah W. Whitten	Charles A. Marshall	Charles H. Dunham
1890	Josiah W. Whitten	Jennet A. Rawson	Harry L. Bonney
1891	Lewis B. Spaulding	Fred L. Chesley	Olpha L. Varney
1892	Josiah W. Whitten	Fred L. Chesley	Olpha L. Varney
1893	Fred L. Chesley	Olpha L. Varney	Augustus F. Cloutier
1894	Olpha L. Varney	Augustus F. Cloutier	Fred E. Heald
1895	Olpha L. Varney	Augustus F. Cloutier	Willie E. Bowker
1896	Henry C. Ricker	Washington Heald	Charles F. Berry
1897	Henry C. Ricker	Washington Heald	Charles F. Berry
1898	Washington Heald	Horace A. Murch	Arthur E. Cole
1899	Augustus F. Cloutier	Horace A. Murch	Arthur E. Cole
1900	John E. Moore	Arthur E. Cole	Frederick R. Dyer
1901	Arthur E. Cole	Frederick R. Dyer	Wilson H. Conant
1902	Frederick R. Dyer	Wilson H. Conant	Gilbert B. Spaulding
1903	Horace A. Murch	Harry M. Heald	William C. Allen

The Treasurers have been Sullivan C. Andrews, James H. DeCoster, Nahum Moore, George D. Bisbee, Josiah W. Whitten, Richard S. Dorman, Isaac W. Shaw, Benjamin Spaulding, Thomas S. Bridgham and Henry H. Nulty. The Secretaries have been James H. DeCoster, three years; Salathiel Tilton, two years; Cyrus C. Spaulding, one year; Charles R. Whitten, five years; Jason Farrar, one year, and Alfred Cole, twenty-four years.



During its organization of thirty-six years Evening Star Lodge has been a well established institution, extending its kindly aid to its members in need and exercising a broad influence for good in the community. It has had no rapid growth, but has maintained harmonious associations and quietly advanced in stability. Its total membership has been one hundred and sixty-six from which seventy-seven have been lost by death, dimit and other causes.

#### JUNIOR ORDER OF UNITED AMERICAN MECHANICS

Eagle Council, No. 40, of this order was organized in the village, Nov. 16, 1899, with the following charter members:

Preston C. Heald	William A. Mitchell
Wilson H. Conant	Carl M. Heald
Ernest M. Atwood	Frank Washburn
William C. Bisbee	Arlington Damon
John D. Gerrish	Harry M. Heald
Stephen J. Spaulding	Charles B. Damon

Honorary members: Joseph B. Damon and James F. Packard.  
The first officers were:

Ernest M. Atwood, Councilor.  
Frank Washburn Vice Councilor.  
Harry M. Heald, Recording Secretary.  
James F. Packard, Treasurer.

The election of officers occurs semi-annually in January and July. This order occupies the old Masonic Hall over J. A. Rawson's drug store. It has won a good degree of prosperity.

#### WOMAN'S SOCIETIES.

The women of Buckfield have always been active in the promotion of the social interests of the community. From the earliest days of the town, all its progressive and reformatory movements have been largely indebted to their efforts for success and permanence, especially in temperance and church affairs. Formerly their labors were mostly auxiliary to established organizations, but of late years, while continuing their co-operative work, they have also kept pace with the tendency of the times through organizations for independent action in the fields of mutual improvement and public reform.

The Buckfield Literary Club was organized April 1, 1895, and at first was limited to twenty-five members; but this restriction was subsequently removed, and the club is now open to all.

The club entered upon a course of reading and study, holding fortnightly meetings for discussion and presentation of original essays and papers on literary topics. It was a success from the start and now numbers thirty-eight members.

The Nezinscot History Club was organized March 9, 1897, with thirteen members. This club was in no sense a rival of the former one, but the outgrowth of increasing interest in literary matters, which sought membership beyond the limit of the earlier organization. As indicated by its name the scope of its work is largely on historic lines. It has been steadily prosperous and acquired thirty-two members.

These two clubs have worked in harmony, with elevating results, and taken a permanent place in the community in which they have exercised broad educational influence.

A branch of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union was organized here Aug. 25, 1899, and has received large patronage. It has held several large and interesting public meetings and has been active in works of charity and reform.

#### PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.

Mountain Grange, No. 164, was organized under a dispensation dated May 15, 1875, and its charter is dated July 9th of that year. It was organized in West Buckfield, with Alvin S. Bessey as its first master. Its original membership was drawn largely from that part of the town, but it acquired several members from the vicinity of the village and a few from Paris. Meetings were held several years in the schoolhouses and farmhouses and later at the village in the hall of Hotel Long. The members acted in co-operation, for a time, in the purchase and distribution of household supplies, but this arrangement continued but a short time. Although the organization had no rapid growth, yet for several years it had well attended and interesting meetings, and its field of advancement was promising; but unfortunately controversies crept into the ranks, which disturbed its harmonious associations until its meetings were discontinued, and its functions as a society wholly ceased. With no live organization of their own in town, many Buckfield farmers united with granges in other towns, and no further activity in the interest of the home grange was manifested until the summer

of 1901, when a revival of interest occurred, which resulted in its organization June 17, 1901, in Grand Army Hall, under the old name and charter, with Henry Parsons, Master. Soon after Nezinscot Hall was leased in which the meetings have since been held. The organization at once enlisted the interest of farmers and soon grew into favor with the general public, acquiring in less than two years' time a membership of more than one hundred. With its largely attended meetings, its public lectures and entertainments this grange has acquired an important place in the social interests of the community.

#### ODD FELLOWS.

This fraternal order, as an organization in Buckfield, is of comparatively recent date. Previous to 1883 its only representatives here were a few members of distant lodges, having no lodge privileges of convenient access. Early in that year five citizens of the village were initiated into the order in Abou Ben Adhem Lodge at Auburn. These five brothers, with three resident representatives of other distant lodges, united in a petition to the Grand Lodge for an organization of their own, and a charter, under date of Aug. 14, 1883, designating the organization as Nezinscot Lodge, No. 104, which was readily granted, naming the following charter members:

Fremont L. Irish  
Charles C. Withington  
Jennet A. Rawson  
Albion P. Bonney

Thomas S. Bridgham  
Granville A. Harlow  
Converse S. Childs  
Zenas C. Holmes

Previous to the date of the charter a dispensation was granted under authority of which the lodge was instituted May 11, 1883, by Grand Master Silas W. Cook, with the following officers: Albion P. Bonney, Noble Grand, Fremont L. Irish, Vice-Grand, and Thomas S. Bridgham, Secretary. The lodge was organized in Masonic Hall, which was occupied for meetings till suitable rooms were provided in the hall of the Long house, where meetings were held about seven years. Though starting with few members and with slight resources, the new lodge soon grew into favor and prosperity. Meetings were held every Saturday evening with increasing work and interest, and a good membership was soon acquired from Buckfield and neighboring towns.

As the lodge continued to increase in numbers and financial strength, a more commodious place of meeting appeared necessary, and after considerable investigation and debate, it was decided to erect a new building. The site on which the Hanson shoe factory formerly stood was secured, plans were accepted for a two-story building, thirty by seventy-two feet, which was erected in the season of 1890, at a cost of about twenty-five hundred dollars for foundation, building and furnishings. This building was named Nezinscot Hall. The upper floor is used for lodge purposes and the lower part as a public hall, in which large public meetings, concerts and social entertainments are usually held. It was used as a Town Hall five years, dating from March, 1891.

The first lodge meeting in the new hall was held Nov. 29, 1890, and the dedicatory exercises occurred Feb. 12, 1891, with the presence of the Grand Master and a large attendance. Since that time many improvements have been made and several acquisitions added to the property, including stable rooms, furniture and a degree staff outfit, purchased in 1899, at a cost of four hundred dollars.

From its small beginnings to the present time the lodge has been generally prosperous. It has lost eight members by death, and, in 1885, ten members withdrew to institute a lodge at Turner. Membership, one hundred and twenty-six. The lodge has acquired valuable and finely equipped lodge property, is free from debt, and has funds in the treasury. Its associative interests have been broad, including several installations and other meetings in its public functions. Its calls for fraternal aid have been frequent, which have always been met with promptness and liberality.

Previous to 1893 the election of officers occurred every six months, but at that date the official term was extended to one year, with annual meetings regulated to the last Saturday in December and installations to the first Saturday in January. The officers of the lodge have been as follows:

N. G.: Albion P. Bonney, Fremont L. Irish, Zenas C. Holmes, Homer N. Chase, Thomas S. Bridgham, Jerome B. Irish, E. Herbert Cole, Walter H. Purkis, Converse S. Childs, Winslow H. Allen, John F. DeCoster, Fred H. Atwood, Arthur E. Cole, Daniel J. Russell, Charles C. Withington, Cyrus M.

Irish, Rozalvo Crockett, Horace A. Irish, Henry A. Bicknell, Alfred S. Holland, George A. Holmes, Eugene L. Gardner, Alfred T. Cole, Lewis C. Mason, Benjamin E. Gerrish, Roscoe G. Stephens, Bethuel Cary, Edwin Maxim, Ezra Keene and Adelbert Parsons.

Secretaries: Thomas S. Bridgham, Fred A. Robinson, James M. Allen, Oscar H. Hersey, Winslow H. Allen, Charles C. Withington, Albion P. Bonney, Fred H. Atwood, Arthur E. Cole and James E. Warren.

Treasurers: Granville A. Harlow, Converse S. Childs, Wilson Shaw, George D. Bisbee, Timothy H. Lunt, Cyrus M. Irish, John F. DeCoster, Daniel J. Russell, Albion P. Bonney, W. H. Purkis, Alphonso F. Warren, Charles T. Bowen, Benjamin Spaulding, Jr., C. S. Childs and Alphonso F. Warren.

#### DAUGHTERS OF REBEKAH

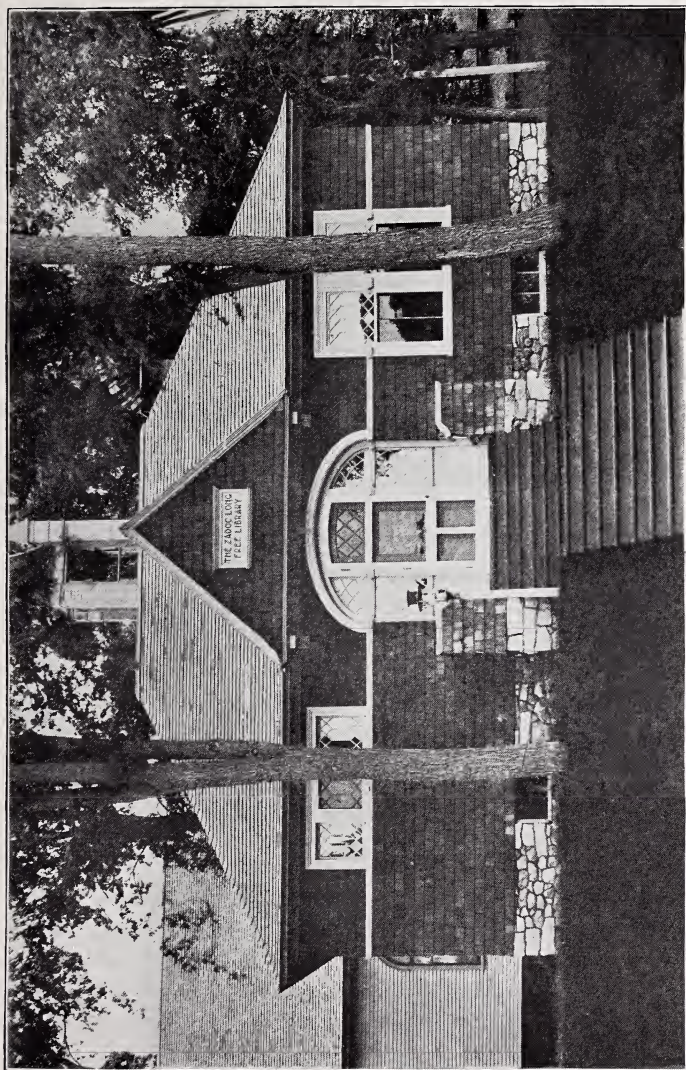
Good Faith Rebekah Lodge, No. 40, was instituted Jan. 6, 1892, with regular meetings assigned to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. It has been a popular and successful institution, and a valuable adjunct to Nezinscot Lodge.

#### PUBLIC LIBRARY.

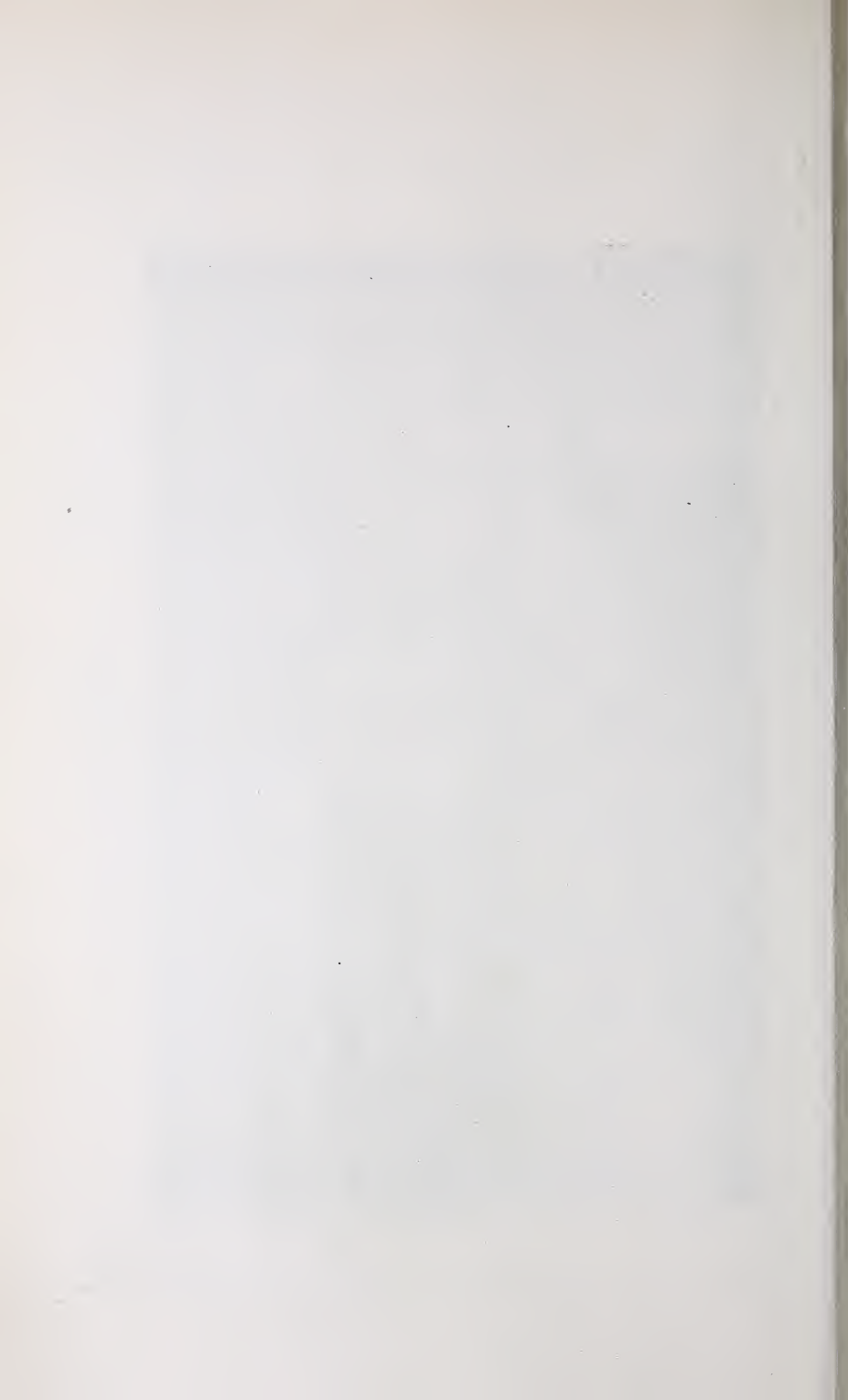
The Zadoc Long Free Library was a gift of love to Buckfield from her most distinguished son, John Davis Long, and a fitting memorial to his father and mother, Zadoc Long and Julia Temple Davis. Its history reflects a happy unity of public sentiment with the kindly motives of its donor and is of deep and lasting interest to the town's people, who had long been desirous, though hardly expectant, of such an institution.

For several years Mr. Long had cherished thoughts of providing a Public Library for the people of his native town. He is a man of strong local attachments and love for old friends and associations, and, during his years as Secretary of the Navy, his annual sojourns here at his midsummer home, with its charming prospects of stately hills and green valleys, were sweetened with the charming quietude of country life and the haunting memories of boyhood days. Under the inspiration of these associations his first thought was to utilize the mechanics shop of Gilbert Tilton, formerly the old schoolhouse on Loring's Hill,





Public Library



in which he took his first educational steps as a barefooted boy. His plan was to move this old building to a suitable lot and transform it into a library, preserving, as far as possible, its original features, but this project was found to be impracticable, and plans for a new building by Architect John Calvin Stevens of Portland were adopted. A desirable building lot was given by Mrs. Josephine Thomes, and the town voted an appropriation of five hundred dollars for the foundation, which was laid in the fall of 1900 by A. W. Libby, and in the spring following work was commenced on the building, which was completed in mid-summer and dedicated at Union Chapel on Buckfield's Old Home Week day, Aug. 17, 1901. The occasion was largely attended by citizens and home-comers, and was one of rare social enjoyment and abiding interest. The library was presented to the town by Secretary Long through a deed of trust, naming the following trustees:

Alfred Cole, Charles H. Prince, Thomas S. Bridgham, Benjamin Spaulding and Ardelia H. Prince.

As measured with millionaire libraries this building is neither spacious nor expensive, but it is of ample dimensions for this community. It is characterized with painstaking neatness and architectural simplicity in accord with the donor's tastes. It is a one-story wood building, 40x25 feet, with porch, the whole resting on a massive foundation of native granite and underpinning of rubble stones, selected from the fields and streams. The building occupies an ideal site for a village library. It stands on an elevated, terraced green, fronting the village square, and is shaded with beautiful elms, a guardian tree, near the porch standing on either side of the entrance walk. This plot of ground is known as the old Parris lot and holds a historic place in the associations of the town.

On it was erected one of the first houses in Buckfield, in which our earliest trader, Mark Andrews, kept a store, supplying the early settlers with corn and other necessities. Here lived and died Capt. Josiah Parris of Revolutionary fame, and here was born Hon. Virgil D. Parris, long prominently associated with local and public affairs. The older residents of the town often recall the old house, with its primrose enclosure, as it stood for many years in desertion and decay, with an old weather-worn guideboard on its walls dimly pointing the way to Augusta.

The interior of the library, with its soft, harmonizing tints, its pictures and tablets, its open fireplace and bright, cheery outlook, is pleasing in its neat simplicity and homelike atmosphere, and is admirably arranged for convenience and cosiness. The furniture of the library was provided by Mr. Long, as were also its liberal supply of books, with his children, Margaret, Helen and Peirce, and his nephews, Joseph Nelson White, Zadoc Long White, Charles Davis White, Stephen Long Bartlett and Charles Strout Long, as associate donors. The cost of the library above the foundation, with its books and furniture, was five thousand dollars, and the value of its lot, foundation and other accessories would increase the amount to more than six thousand dollars. This noble tribute of the heart was bestowed upon the people of the town as a free gift without any exacting pledges.

Other donors, whose gifts have been honored with commemorative tablets, are as follows:

Mrs. Josephine Thomes, the lot of land on which the building stands.

Mrs. John Calvin Stevens, the pictures in the reading room in memorial of her parents, Howard Douglass Waldron and Caroline Howard Baker.

The sons of Thomas Chase, a fine Magee heating apparatus.

Other gifts have been a full supply of library lamps from the Buckfield Ladies' Dramatic Club, fireplace equipments from William C. Spaulding, reference bookcase from the Nezinscot History Club, many valuable books from Mrs. Stephen L. Bartlett and many other books and useful articles from various sources. A fine oil portrait of Mr. Long has also been added to the reading room, filling a wall space specially reserved for it. The library is now well supplied with all needed useful and ornamental appurtenances, and contains about four thousand volumes of well-selected books, in excellent editions, and well balanced in the various departments of literature.

The library was opened for the distribution of books Sept. 7, 1901, with Miss Lizzie L. Allen as librarian. It at once came into public favor and appreciation and became the town's center of literary interest to which all visitors and home-comers are attracted. It is an enduring monument of honor to its donor and blessing to the community, through its broadening educational beneficence and elevating social influences.



## CHAPTER XXXI.

## RAILROADS.

The construction of the Buckfield Branch Railroad, the original of the present railroad system, through the eastern part of Oxford County, was a great undertaking for a small country town, and a striking indication of the energy and enterprise of its citizens at a date when the building of railroads was in its infancy. When the project of connecting Montreal, Canada, by rail with Portland, Maine, was first agitated, the business men of Buckfield and other towns in the Androscoggin Valley held a meeting at Buckfield, July 10, 1835, for the purpose of securing the location through that section of the county. An organization was effected by the choice of John Briggs, Esq., of Sumner, as President, and Samuel F. Brown, Esq., of Buckfield, Secretary. Appropriate resolutions were passed and a committee consisting of William Lowell, Virgil D. Parris, with the president and secretary, was selected to represent the Oxford County towns through which the railroad might be built, before any incorporated body was authorized to construct it. A committee composed of Col. Aaron Parsons, Luther Bridgman and Adam Knight was chosen to make a survey for the road from Dixfield Village to Gray Corner. Nothing, however, came from these proceedings, but in March, 1845, the year in which the Atlantic & St. Lawrence R. R. Company was incorporated, a meeting was held at Buckfield Village and the effort was renewed to obtain its construction through the towns in eastern Oxford County, and a committee was chosen to survey a route from Mechanic Falls to Rumford Point. When it had finally been determined to construct the road through Oxford, Paris and Woodstock in the Little Androscoggin Valley, instead of through Hebron and Buckfield, it was determined by the business men of Buckfield and others interested with them, to build a road from the village to Mechanic Falls to connect with the Atlantic & St. Lawrence railroad, and northward from Buckfield to Canton and Rumford as soon as circumstances would permit.

Hon. Virgil D. Parris took the lead in this enterprise, and on the 22d day of July, 1847, he, with 36 others, nearly all citizens of Buckfield, obtained a charter to construct the "Buck-



field Branch Railroad." Mr. Parris was chosen President and Washington Long, Treasurer, of the company. Sufficient stock having been subscribed, ground was broken for the road at Buckfield Village, with appropriate exercises on the 31st day of October, 1848, amid a great concourse of people, from Buckfield and adjoining towns. The address was made by Hon. Virgil D. Parris. Rev. Nathaniel Chase, the first settled minister and a soldier of the Revolution, then 87 years old, invoked the divine blessing, and Jonathan Record, 93 years old, also a soldier in the War for Independence, who had assisted in bushing out a path for the first settlers as they came into town, threw the first shoverful of earth into a wheelbarrow and Capt. Josiah Parris, still another Revolutionary War soldier, wheeled it away. In the procession were five other Revolutionary veterans.

Work was begun at once and before February of the following year, one-fourth of the distance to Mechanic Falls had been graded, and contracts for the rails placed. The year 1849 was one of great activity among the business men of the village. A large station or depot as it was then called, was built and an engine house erected, and before the year ended, the rails were laid to Mechanic Falls. The Atlantic & St. Lawrence road was opened to South Paris and on the 11th day of January, 1850, the first train hauled by the little locomotive named the "Pathfinder," arrived at the village amid the booming of cannon. Ozen Spaulding, the former stage driver, who had elsewhere been in railroad service, was the first conductor on the train. He continued in this service till the autumn of 1856. The first depôt master was Kimball N. Prince. He was succeeded by Simeon Hussey and George H. Bailey,—Dr. Bailey, the well-known veterinary surgeon of Portland. He boarded at the Bridgham Hotel on the present site of the Spaulding store, which was burned on the night of May 13, 1854, and he barely escaped with only the clothing he wore. He was succeeded that year by Jairus Harlow, who remained till after train service was suspended and was entrusted with many interests by the company. Moses B. Thomes was one of the early engineers on the train, and took great pride in his engine. He ran the first three, the "Pathfinder," "V. D. Parris" and the "Buckfield." The last was the first good machine on the road.

In 1850 there were 122 Buckfield stockholders of the company, with holdings from one to 21 shares each—320 in all at \$100 per share. Dr. William Bridgham owned 21 shares, and Addison G. Cole, Ira Gardner and Capt. James Jewett, 20 shares each. The railroad centralized a large amount of business in the village, stimulating all branches of trade and industry, and greatly increasing its material growth and population, but the building and equipment of the road had proved an expensive affair, and its constant maintenance soon gave rise to many financial embarrassments. In October, 1849, the road had been mortgaged to Hon. Francis O. J. Smith for \$35,000. The earnings of the road for a short time were sufficient to meet its running expenses, but not enough to pay any of this mortgage. But ere long it began to run behind in its running expenses, and when Smith's mortgage had grown to some \$40,000 from accumulated interest, an additional debt of an equally large sum had accumulated, and Smith took possession of the road in 1851 under his mortgage. Under the law, the stockholders could be assessed to double the original amount of their stock, and Smith tried to realize money by this method, on those who had property. Some paid in full, some effected settlements through compromise, some conveyed their property away to evade payment, and others resisted in the courts, only to be beaten in the end and subjected to additional costs and expense. Thus, in a few years the original stock of the road became worthless, and this great loss was a shattering blow to many individual fortunes, the effects of which are felt to this day. The people of Buckfield sunk over \$50,000 in the road.

In October, 1852, Smith rendered a statement of the business of the road for the year, showing receipts of \$10,674 and expenditures of \$10,890. The mortgage indebtedness then amounted to a sum over \$51,000. Meantime, Smith had started the project to extend the road to Canton Point, with the ultimate idea of a further extension to Farmington, and the towns through which the road was to be built were asked to aid the enterprise to the amount of \$50,000. The work of grading the road bed was begun and Smith, in March, 1853, brought his family to Buckfield and became a resident of the town. Among his schemes was the Utopian plan of running a steamboat up the Androscoggin river from Canton Point to Rumford Falls, and the same

month he moved to Buckfield the Androscoggin Navigation Company was incorporated, of which Hon. Cornelius Holland of Canton was president. In 1854 a steamboat was built at Canton Point by William Robinson of Buckfield with a crew of men and launched, but the numerous shoals of the river rendered its navigation impossible, and the boat was left to decay where it was built.

In 1855 the first railroad bridge across the river at Buckfield Village was built. Smith had a visionary side to his nature which sometimes led him into projects that failed through practical foresight, or lack of financial resources. The Buckfield railroad proved to be one of his ventures of misfortune. He failed to meet the wages of the men he had employed to construct the Canton extension, and after a time they quit work. Many vexatious law suits resulted from his failure to pay them. The question of land damages on the extension proved to be a troublesome one. In some cases the land had been given, and where it hadn't, settlement was rightfully demanded, but rarely obtained in accordance with agreements. The claims of Hon. Zadoc Long and others, at Smith's suggestion, were referred to the county commissioners, but before the awards were made known he declined to be bound by them for the alleged reason that the proceedings were not in legal form. Mr. Addison G. Cole, one of the men having such claim, who had lost \$4,000 in the original stock, took matters into his own hands, and barricaded the road with large boulders which prevented the passage of trains. Mr. Isaiah Perkins, on his farm near Mechanic Falls on the old portion of the road, his claim not being adjusted, tore up the track, as did also Josiah Perkins of Minot, thus stopping the trains, and the mail and passengers were conveyed by hand cars on either side of the break, till the Post Office Department interfered and terminated its contract with Smith. Then a stage was run from Mechanic Falls to Buckfield.

In August, 1856, Smith issued a circular to "All Persons Interested," in which he stated that in his five years' management of the road he had sunk upwards of \$12,000 per annum in addition to loss of time and effort and impairment of his health, and gave notice that he should suspend running the road "from and after the 10th day of October next," and until the whole

road to Canton Point was completed. And if the land damages claimed between "Corliss Mills and Canton Mills" were satisfied and \$45,000 of the "donation notes" were made cash or payment within six months guaranteed, he would obligate himself to complete and run the road to Canton Mills Village within the year. This appeal met with no response, and Smith housed the rolling stock at Buckfield, closed the stations and retired from all management of the affairs of the road. Smith having become sole owner of the road by the foreclosure of his mortgage, its original name of "The Buckfield Branch" was dropped and a new corporation was formed in April, 1857, under the name of The Portland & Oxford Central Railroad Company, whose charter gave it the right to construct a road from Portland through Westbrook, Falmouth, Cumberland, Gray, New Gloucester, Poland and over the road bed of the old road to Canton Point. The destinies of the new road still remained in Smith's hands, and nothing was done towards putting in operation the old part of the route or building any portion of the new. In 1860 Smith submitted to the people plans for putting the road in operation and asked for a renewal of the pledges from the interested towns of \$50,000, and the citizens of Buckfield wanted the road run so much that at a town meeting held in May of that year, a loan of \$15,000 was voted, conditioned on the completion of the road to Canton Point within the year, with safeguards for its permanent operation. The conditions were never complied with, and the appropriation was not used.

The road remained unused until the spring of 1862, when it was put in operation by Mr. A. R. Morrill, who was probably the agent of Smith. It was sufficiently repaired for train service at a low rate of speed, first to Buckfield and later to East Sumner village, where there was stage connection with Canton. Some improvements continued to be made and the public soon began to have considerable confidence in its permanent operation, believing that Smith's influence in the management of its affairs had in some way been gotten rid of. F. W. Felton, Esq., became the company's president and a Mr. Adams its superintendent, and for a few years during the war period, the road did a prosperous business and trains were run quite regularly. But after a time the administration of affairs changed, and the old controlling influences reappeared. Notice was given in 1864 that



an amendment to its charter would be petitioned the Legislature for, to alter the location in some sections and discontinue it in others, as determined by consent of the stock and bond holders. The people believed that this project was a covert design to remove the rolling stock and rails under the inflation of war prices, and so much opposition was made to the proposition, that nothing was done about it. In 1867 Francis B. Smith, son of the owner of the road, became president of the company and its affairs were largely managed by officials from New York, with Mr. D. A. Vanvalkenburg as superintendent. Young Smith came to Buckfield to reside and later went to Canton. The free and easy management of affairs that followed soon produced its inevitable results. The earnings of the road were insufficient to meet running expenses, and its officials were constantly handicapped for lack of funds, and matters went from bad to worse. The old expedient of obtaining funds from the towns along the line of the road was tried, but did not succeed. The management determined to force matters, and punish the people by depriving them of the benefits of the road, and the running of trains, and at a meeting of stockholders at Portland in June of that year, the president was empowered to sell and remove the rolling stock and rails, and in September he with Van Valkenburg and a crew of men at Hartford Center began tearing up the track on the farm of Mr. Lucius Robinson, who resisted this action and through Hon. George D. Bisbee, then a practicing lawyer at Buckfield, brought trespass suits against them, and after a second attempt to tear up the rails had in like manner been defeated, no further effort was made to destroy the road. Mr. Bisbee's prompt action, though of doubtful legality, saved the road from irretrievable despoliation. The road having been fully completed to Hartford in December of that year, the towns were asked to loan their credit for \$50,000 to extend it to Canton by January 1, 1870. Canton voted some \$30,000, Hartford \$6,500, but Buckfield at two town meetings refused to make any appropriation, though offered a lien on the rails as security in case of failure of the company's obligations. Individuals, however, pledged considerable aid. The company went forward with the work of construction without the help of Buckfield, and by laying ties on frozen ground and ice a train was run into Canton at the specified time, but when



the frosts of spring had disappeared, trains could not be run over this improvised track. Canton had issued its bonds to the elder Smith to the amount of \$32,200, but the selectmen of Hartford claiming a failure of conditions, refused to sign the bonds and Smith brought suit to compel their issue, but was defeated. Canton subsequently brought an action against Smith for the recovery of the amount of the bonds issued, and recovered judgment for the whole sum and costs, and accepted land in Westbrook in satisfaction of the judgment.

The whole history of the road under the name of the Portland & Oxford Central R. R. Co. would fill a large volume of interesting details. With the exception of the first few years, it presents a record of mismanagement, incompetency, disregard of pledges and reckless indifference to private and public rights, almost without parallel in such enterprises. Under this system of management no undertaking could long survive, and the people along the line of the road finally became so tired of it that the Railroad Commissioners of the State were impelled to petition the Supreme Court to issue an injunction against the running of trains till further order of the court, and this was done in November, 1873. The officials removed the rolling stock and the road was dead, but its passing was without mourners, and the people of Buckfield drew a breath of relief.

Through the efforts of the business men of Buckfield and others, a charter was obtained from the Legislature in March, 1874, for a railroad from the city of Auburn to Mechanic Falls and thence over the road bed of the Portland & Oxford Central Railroad Company to Canton, and up the Androscoggin river valley to Rumford Falls. This was the skillful work of Hon. George D. Bisbee, and the charter was granted for the manifest abuses of the rights and duties of that company toward the public and its neglect to operate the road and keep it in repair. Some of the old stagers in legislative proceedings, doubted the right of the State to deprive another company of its property in that manner, and they declared that they had never seen or heard of such summary action. Mr. Bisbee insisted that by its flagrant abuses, continued through many years, the old company had forfeited all its rights in the road and the people along its route were entitled to relief by this drastic remedy. He was right, as subsequent events finally demonstrated, and the chief

credit for this action of the Legislature should be given to him. It was some time, however, before the capital necessary to repair the road, bridges and stations and procure rolling stock, had been provided for. Finally, in 1877, former Governor Israel Washburn and other capitalists, having become financially interested in the road, efforts were made to put it into operation. Canton donated its real estate in Westbrook which it obtained on its judgment against Smith. Buckfield voted \$1,000 in aid of the enterprise, and its citizens \$2,000 more. New rolling stock was ordered and early the next spring work commenced and was vigorously pushed along the whole line. A new station, also, was built that year at the village. On Saturday, the 13th of July, 1878, the first train under the new management was run over the road, carrying the company officials and visiting gentlemen. They received a joyful reception from the people at every station. The train was in charge of Mr. Ozen Spaulding, who was the first conductor on the old Buckfield Branch. On the following Monday, regular passenger and freight service was begun, which has since uninterruptedly continued. The new officials of the road were Israel Washburn, president, George D. Bisbee, clerk, Sullivan C. Andrews, treasurer, and S. F. Courser, superintendent.

For the first ten years, the earnings of the road about met running expenses, but with the extension to Rumford Falls where a place has sprung up great enough for a city, when its citizens shall desire it, and large manufacturing interests have been developed, and further extensions made from the latter village to Oquossoc in the lake region; from Canton to Chisholm's Mills in Livermore; and from Mechanic Falls to Lewiston, the business of the road has largely expanded, and is now a source of profit to the management of the road. It is now under lease to the Maine Central Railroad Company, and through that connection, is a part of the Boston & Maine railroad system. Thus, from the present satisfactory outlook of affairs, the early sacrifices, and long continued burdens of the people of Buckfield, in the interests of a railroad were not wholly in vain. Their efforts and sacrifices were as bread cast upon the waters, which, after many years, has in part returned to bless the town and its people.

## CHAPTER XXXII.

## ANNALS CONTINUED.

1875.

O. F. Gardner was re-elected town clerk, but died a very few days afterward, and Cyrus C. Spaulding was elected to fill the vacancy.—For representative to the legislature: Nathan Morrill, Dem., had 199; Jason Farrar, Rep., 141; Merritt Farrar, Lib. Rep., 4. Jason Farrar carried the district and was elected.—The Buckfield Reform Club was organized May 21st with a large membership.—There was a big hail storm July 21st which did great damage to the fruit trees and crops. In some places, the hail stones were in sufficient quantity to be gathered the next day after the storm. Two bushels were taken from the stairs between the Hines and the Thomes stores.

1876.

At the annual town meeting, A. F. Mason was elected supt. school committee and S. Bridgham, collector of taxes, at a salary of \$93.—The selectmen were instructed to sell the poor farm, "if they can get a fair price." Also for them to use all legal means to collect the execution against Seth Sampson. And to sell the shoe factory to M. A. Hanson for \$1500, \$200 down and \$300 a year with interest until paid.—The vote for governor this year was as follows: John C. Talbot, Dem., 157; Selden Connor, Rep., 121; Almon Gage, Green., 107.—For Presidential electors: "Tilden Ticket," 121; "Hayes Ticket," 110; "Cooper Ticket," 93.—The amount of capital employed in manufacturing industries in the village this year was \$75,000; males employed, 78; females, 17. The industries mentioned were: The brush factory of Charles Withington & Sons, the boot and shoe factories of M. A. Hanson, C. M. Dacey, and Record & Foster, shovel handle factory of Andrews & Waldron. E. G. Cole manufactured boxes, Jason Farrar, snow shovels, and G. A. Harlow, die blocks.—Nov. 23d, King Buck's buildings were burned with most of their contents.—Dec. 1st, the saw mill of Record & Lunt was totally consumed by fire with a large quantity of lumber. There was no insurance.—Hon. F. O. J. Smith died at his home in Deering, in October, in the 70th year of his age.—John D. Long was this year chosen Speaker of the Mass. House of Representatives, and was twice re-elected.

1877.

The sum of \$2,200 was raised to pay town debt, the money to be used for that purpose and no other.—Merritt Farrar was selected to take charge of the town farm.—The vote for governor this year stood: H. C. Munson, Green., 175; Joseph H. Williams, Dem., 76; Selden Connor, Rep., 74.—At a town meeting held in December, to act on the proposition to raise money to aid in the construction of the Portland and Oxford Central

R. R., a vote was passed to raise \$10,000 and Geo. D. Bisbee, Thomas S. Bridgham and Alfred Cole were chosen a committee to make contracts with the managers of the road.—The buildings of Mrs. Hannah Monk at North Buckfield were burned Feb. 11. One cow and nearly all the furniture were also burned. Loss, \$1000. There was no insurance.—\$3,500 was paid this year on the town debt. The interest bearing debt in 1874 was \$32,731. Paid that year, \$3,159. In 1875, \$5,000. In 1876, \$3,550. Funded debt, Feb. 15, 1877, \$21,019.—Geo. Robinson, son of Mr. William F. Robinson, died in February, from the kick of a horse.—Among the deaths this year were those of Joel Foster who passed away on the 14th of July at the age of 79, and Lemuel Cole Oct. 6th, aged 73 years 8 mos.

1878.

E. B. Austin was elected school committee; Ephraim Lowe, collector of taxes at a salary of \$100.—\$2,000 was raised towards paying the town debt.—At the September election, the vote for representative to the legislature was: R. C. Thomes, Dem., 38; Henry D. Irish, Green., 203; Albion P. Bonney, Rep., 92; scattering, 2. Mr. Henry D. Irish had a majority in the district and was elected.—Buckfield raised \$3,000 to put the railroad in operation again. Under the new management,—Israel Washburn, Jr., was president, S. C. Andrews, treasurer, and Geo. D. Bisbee, secretary—the road promised to be of benefit to the people. New railroad passenger station built this year.—Varanes DeCoster and 42 others signed a petition to the legislature to move the county buildings to Norway and make it the shire town. William H. Atwood and 53 others signed a remonstrance against the same.—The Hanson shoe factory was burned during the night of Feb. 15. Loss about \$10,000. Insured for \$8,000.—There was a great freshet in December. By the bursting of G. A. Harlow's flume, the stable of Mr. W. A. Burt with his horse, wagons, hay, etc., were carried over two dams. The horse was rescued a half mile below. Gilbert Barrett's sled factory was carried away. Most of the machinery was saved. The roads were badly gullied and the bridges much damaged. The railroad company run no regular trains for about two weeks. The water was higher than in the great freshet of 1869.—The railroad was opened this year.—A. G. Atkinson fell dead from heart disease while working in his field in August.

1879.

At the annual town meeting, \$2500 was raised toward paying the town debt and \$4000 to be expended in labor on the highways.—Levi Gammon died at East Buckfield, Nov. 26, aged 92. His father was David Gammon, who moved into the town from Gorham, Maine, when Levi was three years old. Levi lived over 80 years on the farm where he died. For more than 60 years prior to his death, he had been a member of the Baptist church.—In April, Artemas F. Gregg, a member of the Sophomore class in Bowdoin College, was found one morning dead in his bed from the effects of chloroform, taken to relieve pain.—Hon. John D. Long was this year elected Lieut. Governor of Mass.

1880.

\$3,000 was raised towards extinguishing the town debt.—For representative to the legislature, James H. DeCoster, Rep., had 147; Thomas S. Bridgham, Dem., 245. Bridgham had a majority in the whole district and was elected.—On the amendment to the constitution to elect governor by plurality, the vote was: Yes, 94; no, 246.—For presidential electors: "Hancock Ticket," 31; "Garfield Ticket," 126; "Greenback Ticket," 31; "Fusion Ticket," 251.—The town lines were perambulated this year.—Lewis Mason died at East Buckfield, March 19, aged 71 years and 4 months. "His wife was one of the 93 grandchildren of Dea. William Berry, who had lived and died on the same farm."—The Buckfield House was thoroughly repaired in April and opened to the public in May with N. T. Shaw as landlord.—Oscar H. Hersey, Esq., was appointed census enumerator for Buckfield this year. The population of the town was 1379.—A Methodist Society having been organized, funds were raised this year to erect a church. A lot was purchased near where the Capt. Josiah Parris house once stood, on Loring's Hill.—Mrs. Julia A., wife of Elbridge D. Whitman, died Aug. 20, aged 61.—Hon. John D. Long was elected Governor of Mass. He was twice re-elected.

1881.

E. B. Austin was elected supt. school committee; Carlton Gardner, collector of taxes.—\$2500 was raised toward extinguishing the town debt.—There was a severe rain storm on the 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th days of May.—A corn factory was established in the village by J. Winslow Jones & Co. of Portland, and the farmers planted 300 acres with sweet corn and beans.—Mrs. Sarah, widow of Hon. Noah Prince, died Aug. 2.—Ezekiel Record, son of David Record, one of the first 47 settlers, died on the 19th of May, in the 96th year of his age. He was the oldest person in town at the time of his death. "He could remember the time when there were no open roads, no ministers, doctors or lawyers in town, and when the principal business street was fenced to keep the cattle out of the muddy bog."—William Morse, an aged citizen, committed suicide by hanging himself in his barn.—The Methodist church was completed this year and dedicated with appropriate exercises.

1882.

Alfred Cole was elected supt. school committee.—\$2500 was raised towards paying the town debt.—The failure of J. Winslow Jones of Portland involved several citizens of the town, who had assisted in establishing the corn canning industry.

1883.

Alfred Cole was elected town clerk. John F. DeCoster was chosen supt. school committee.—\$1600 was raised towards paying the town debt.—O. H. Hersey was chosen to audit the road bills.—This year Nezinscot Lodge, I. O. O. F., was instituted with seven charter members.—"The



year 1883 was a year of health for Buckfield. The list of those who died this year contains but 18 names, having an average of over 60 years. The youngest was a babe of three months, the oldest, a man of 86. One-third of the whole number were over 80, while one-half had passed their three-score years and ten."—Hon. John D. Long was this year elected as a Member of Congress from Mass. He was twice re-elected.

1884.

Doings at the annual town meeting: \$1,600 was raised towards extinguishing the town debt.—Voted that the selectmen be overseers of the poor, fence viewers and tythingmen.—On constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors; the vote was: yes, 173; no, 82.—For presidential electors: "Dem. Ticket," 152; Rep. Ticket," 106; "Temp. Ticket," 29; "Peo. Ticket," 22.—Mark Lowell, Esq., died in October, aged 91. Until a year prior to his death, he had been accustomed frequently to walk from his home to the village and back, a distance of six miles.—Mrs. Joseph DeCoster of Mechanic Falls, a former resident of Buckfield, was run over by a train on the Buckfield Branch railroad and instantly killed. Her remains were taken to Buckfield for burial.—The brush factory of C. Withington & Sons was burned on the night of July 18th. Loss, \$5,000, insured for only \$1,600. The firm purchased the Nahum Moore mill and soon resumed business.—The following graves of Civil War soldiers were decorated on Memorial Day: Village cemetery, A. F. Barrows, Cyrus Bryant, Austin C. Buck, James Canwell, Lorenzo Cushman, Kinsman Holmes, Henry C. Long, W. Wallace Marston, James Murdock, Eliphaz Ripley, Burton Shaw. East Buckfield cemetery: James B. Bryant, William B. DeCoster, Clinton Forbes, William Irish, Stephen O. Irish, Elmore Young. Hall cemetery: Augustus G. Buck. Lowell cemetery: Charles Chase. Cemetery near J. M. Chesley's: Clarendon Benson.—The Winslow Packing Co. this year put up 375,000 cans of sweet corn and succotash at the corn factory; 200 hands were employed in the business; 300 acres of sweet corn had been planted by the farmers.—Stephen Childs died Dec. 27 at the age of 76, while visiting his son, John Lewis Childs, at Floral Park, Long Island, N. Y.

1885.

At annual town meeting: \$1400 was raised toward the extinguishment of the town debt.—It was voted to abolish the school districts and adopt the town system.—18 inches of snow fell on the night of Feb. 16th.—Eleazer Chase, an aged citizen of East Buckfield, died on the 10th of February. In his younger days, he was addicted to the use of alcoholic drinks. He afterwards signed the pledge, which he kept sacredly until his death. Rev. Levi Hersey died Mar. 12 in the 82d year of his age. Remains interred in New Gloucester.—C. B. Atwood began trade again in Buckfield this year in the Morrill store. He had resided elsewhere for many years.—Mrs. Emily Crooker died March 22d, aged 80.—Joan M. Berry died May 7th, at the age of 66.—Mrs. G. Washington Bisbee died

at the residence of her son, Hon. George D. Bisbee, May 25, aged 68.—William Creasy, formerly postmaster at Buckfield, was injured so severely July 20 by a fall from a staging, at Minneapolis, Minn., that he died within half an hour after his fall. He was 66 years old. He left Buckfield about 1855 to settle in the West.—Four brothers, Elias, Asa, William L., and Thomas Taylor met at Asa's in November. They were sons of Jabez and Dorcas (Irish) Taylor. Their average age was 80.—The Ira Ames shop was moved across the street and remodeled inside for a post office.

1886.

At annual town meeting: Voted to reconsider the vote of last year, whereby the town voted to abolish the school districts.—Voted to return to the district system and to instruct the agents to hire the teachers, provide wood, etc.—The vote for representative to the legislature in September was as follows: James S. Wright, 125; Dr. Chas. B. Bridgham, 53; Henry D. Irish, 3.—The celebration at the village July 4th was marred by a serious accident. Isaac D. Fuller, who was in charge of the artillery, in firing the sunrise salute, had both arms so badly shattered that amputation was necessary.—Jesse Shaw, Buckfield's oldest citizen, died Sept. 12, aged 96 years and 10 months.—Chas. Withington died Jan. 10, aged 71.—Jeremiah Packard died in Hebron May 4th, "aged 63."—Mrs. Lydia, widow of Lemuel Cole, died Aug. 17, in her 83d year.—Rodney Chaffin, a native of Buckfield, died in Portland in May.—Abijah Buck, grandson of the pioneer of that name, died Oct. 30, at Mechanic Falls, at the age of 74. His remains were brought to Buckfield for burial.—The remains of James Spaulding, Esq., who died the same month at Earlville, Ill., aged 89, at the residence of his son-in-law, Jacob W. Browne, Esq., were taken to Buckfield for interment.

1887.

At the annual town meeting \$150 was raised to establish a free high school at Buckfield.—George H. Bridgham was elected collector of taxes.—Voted that the selectmen be road commissioners.—R. B. Waite was chosen superintendent of the town farm.—There was a great freshet in April. The river rose five feet in as many hours.—Butter factory built this year.—Several prominent citizens died this year. Nathan Morrill, Esq., the wealthiest citizen of the town, died Jan. 29th, aged 84. Hon. Gilbert Barrett died the same day at the age of 69. H. H. Hutchinson, Jr., died June 2, aged 73; Silas Mitchell, Nov. 26, aged 69.—Col. A. D. White, Dec. 13, in his 80th year. He was b. in Freedom July 17, 1808. He m. in 1837, Miss Lydia, dau. of Rev. Ephraim Harlow. For many years he was one of the foremost citizens of the town.—Mrs. Dominicus Record, Jr., a daughter of Larnard Swallow, died in Turner, in December, in her 91st year. Her remains were brought to Buckfield for burial. Her husband had died in 1862. James Hussey, a soldier in the Civil War, died Oct. 13, aged 83. Clinton Ripley found dead in his stable in Dixfield Oct. 29.—There were in all thirty deaths in town this year.—William

Bicknell of Hartford, for many years the East Buckfield correspondent of the *Oxford Democrat*, died February 19, in the 83d year of his age.—Mrs. Lydia Childs, widow of Stephen Childs, died at Floral Park, N. Y., aged 77.

1888.

At the annual town meeting this year, \$1800 was raised towards the extinguishment of the town debt and \$15 for Memorial Day.—Voted that the supervisor of schools take all necessary measures "to place the school system of the town on a legal basis."—Dr. John F. DeCoster was chosen supervisor.—Voted that the town immediately take possession of all the school property and return to the district system.—For presidential electors: "Dem. Ticket," 131; "Rep. Ticket," 144; "Pro. Ticket," 18; "Labor Ticket," 4.—There were five persons living in town this year over 90 years of age.—Varanes DeCoster, Esq., died Jan. 12, of heart disease, aged 77.—Mrs. J. G. Spaulding, dau. of Hiram Hines, died Dec. 3, aged 50.—The wife of Dr. J. C. Caldwell died June 7th, aged 36; Samuel B. Churchill, Sept. 27, in his 80th year; Miss Lydia Bridgham, Dec. 9, aged 83.—Mrs. James Roberts, April 15, aged 70; Leander Hodgdon, Aug. 24, aged 75; Mrs. Eliza Ripley, widow Valentine Ripley, aged 69.—There were in all 19 deaths in town this year.—Mr. Nathaniel Merrill, a former resident and a brother of Ex-Gov. Samuel Merrill of Iowa, died at East Hebron, Jan. 7, aged 77.—Holman W. Waldron died Nov. 6, at New Castle, Ind., aged 59.

1889.

Toothpick and block factory below R. R. Station built this year by Granville A. Harlow.—Mrs. Julia Temple Long, widow of Hon. Zadoc Long, died Sept. 19, aged 82.—Maj. Lucius Loring died Sept. 23, in his 92d year.—Sullivan C. Andrews, Esq., died at Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 10, of Bright's disease, aged 64.—J. C. Burroughs died at Somerville, Mass., Aug. 12, at the age of 87. His remains were taken to Buckfield for burial.—Elias Taylor died Nov. 30, in his 95th year.—Hiram Hines, Esq., died in Lewiston, Dec. 27. His remains were brought to Buckfield for burial.—Mrs. Nathan Maxim died at the age of 80; Mrs. Melzer Buck, in her 79th year.—There were 25 deaths in all in town this year.

1890.

Alfred Cole was elected a member of the school committee for 3 years, Miss A. H. Prince, 2 years, and L. C. Waterman, 1 year.—For representative to the legislature, O. H. Hersey, Rep., had 136; C. C. Spaulding, Dem., 75; R. B. Waite, Pop., 17.—The Buckfield House was burned on the night of April 4. Loss, \$3,500. Partially insured. The town lines were perambulated this year.—The following old people above 75 years old, were living at N. Buckfield this year: Mrs. Stephen Spaulding, aged 96, oldest person in town; Winchester Spaulding, aged 86; Mrs. William Bisbee, aged 76; Mrs. Washington Heald, aged 87; Mrs. Samuel Buck, aged 80; Mrs. Cyrus Record, aged 86; Jane Spaulding, aged 76; Mrs. Tristram

Warren, aged 83; Mrs. Larnard Swallow, aged 77; Mrs. A. D. White, aged 75; Africa Farrar, aged 80.—The Buckfield village corporation went into effect this year. The Shaw bridge over the East Branch was rebuilt.—Tristram G. Bicknell died Feb. 8, aged 79.—William E. Wood, a Civil War soldier, died Feb. 22, aged 52.—Mrs. Almira Murdock died, aged 69; Courtney Record, May 13, aged 74; Alden Bessey, June 4, aged 83; Deering Mayhew, Sept. 25, aged 77.—Odd Fellows Hall erected on site of former shoe factories.

## 1891.

Dogs were taxed.—The school districts were abolished and the town system adopted.—The war debt, originally about \$40,000, was extinguished this year.—The following aged persons died this year: January, Lucius Young, in his 74th year; Feb. 3, Mrs. Sophia Spaulding, in her 97th year, the oldest person in town; Feb. 6, Hollis Hall, aged 67; March, Dea. Henry Bangs, aged 79. He had resided in Buckfield 13 years. The remains were taken to Randolph, Mass., for burial. March 24, Lorenzo Atwood, Esq., aged 78; Mar. 24, Mrs. America Farrar, aged 81; April 4, Ephraim Atwood, Esq., aged 82; May 15, Winchester Spaulding, in his 87th year; June 29, Mrs. Lucy B. Hammond, aged 79; July 17, Mrs. Lydia, widow of Col. A. D. White.

## 1892.

At the annual town meeting Appleton F. Mason and V. P. DeCoster were appointed sub-registrars of vital statistics.—The following was the valuation of the school district property as appraised by the selectmen and school committee: Federal school house, \$300; Hartford line school house, \$200; Whiting school house, \$75; Chase school house, \$50; South Hill school house, \$100; Packard school house, \$25; Hebron line school house, \$50; Waldron school house, \$25; Leonard school house, \$50; Buck school house, \$50; Prince school house, \$150; M. Farrar school house, \$50; Brock school house, \$100; N. Buckfield school house, \$300; village school house, \$2500; total, \$4025.—Voted to raise \$1350 for the equalization of school property.—\$500 was raised for repairing school houses.—Voted to consolidate the Packard school with the Hebron line school and to build a new school house near the spot formerly occupied by the old Lothrop school house.—Frank P. Withington, A. W. Libby, Fred H. Atwood and Chas. P. Hatch were appointed ballot clerks.—For presidential electors: "Rep. Ticket," 133; "Dem. Ticket," 123; "Pro. Ticket," 10; "Peo. Ticket," 9.—A genuine cyclone struck the northwestern part of the town July 3d and swept down everything in a path from 5 to 25 rods in width and about 4 or 5 miles in length. The barns of A. S. Bessey, Herman Morse, Virgil D. Bicknell and Sidney Swallow were completely destroyed. Several houses were badly damaged. The dwelling house of Herman Morse was lifted from its foundations and moved about 15 feet. Five persons were in the house at the time. Shade and other trees were torn from their roots in great numbers. After the storm had passed, the path of the cyclone presented a perfect scene of ruin and desolation. Mr. Morse suf-



ferred the greatest damage, his loss being about \$2000.—Trains began running regularly to Rumford Falls August 1st.

Col. Jacob W. Browne, who in the fifties practiced law at Buckfield, died at his home in Earlville, Ill., Nov. 1st. The following is from his poem, "Age:"

"Trees are in the yellow leaf—  
 Corn is in the yellow sheaf—  
 I question why  
 I should weave the woof of life,  
 Through the tangled web of strife,  
 And then should die!"

1893.

The Chase and South Hill schools were consolidated.—On the proposition to move the county seat from Paris Hill to South Paris and build a new court house at the latter place, the vote stood: Yes, 37; no, 224. The yes vote in the county was 150 more than the no vote. The new court house was built in 1895. The records were moved to it the latter part of that year.—The following old people died this year: Feb. 8, Howard D. Waldron, aged 67; March 3, Hanson Brown, aged 81; May 2, Mrs. James M. Johnson at Mechanic Falls, aged 87. Her remains were brought here for burial. June 23, Silas Shaw, aged 80; July 6, Mrs. Washington Heald, in the 90th year of her age; August 11, Mrs. F. A. Warren, aged 77; August, Isaac Bearce, Esq., of Perry, Maine, aged 83. His remains were taken to Buckfield and interred in the cemetery in the southeastern part of the town. Sept. 12, Dea. David Farar in the 92d year of his age, oldest person in town; Oct., Mrs. William Lewis by suicide, at the age of 75; Nov. 16, Ruel Gray, in his 70th year.

1894.

It was decided to consolidate the Buck school with the village school; also, the Leonard and Waldron schools.—The total appropriations this year amounted to \$7,101.24.—O. H. Hersey, T. S. Bridgham, Horace A. Irish and Elmer B. Austin were appointed ballot clerks.—The vote for representative to the legislature was as follows: A. C. T. King, Rep., 97; J. A. Rawson, Dem, 80; A. C. Whitman, Pop., 28.—For clerk of courts, Chas. F. Whitman, Rep., had 124; William M. Brooks, Pro., 6; T. J. Whitehead, Pop., 14; George Hazen, Dem., 67.—At a town meeting, it was voted that the selectmen be instructed to purchase the old "Church on the Hill" for a town house at a price not exceeding \$100. F. P. Withington, C. P. Hatch and Alfred Cole were appointed a committee to make the purchase.—In February, the Rumford Falls and Buckfield railroad made a junction with the Maine Central at Auburn.—This year Buckfield became connected by telephone line with South Paris by way of Paris Hill.—Hon. Geo. D. Bisbee moved in the autumn to Rumford Falls. He had made his residence in Buckfield almost 30 years.—The following deaths of old people are noted: April 8, Isaac Shaw, aged 88; June 30, Mary J. Hersey, aged



77; Aug. 26, Rasselas Cole, aged 84; Sept. 22, Samuel P. Harlow, aged 62; Nov. 15, Almeda DeCoster, aged 78; Nov. 25, Mrs. Matilda Wood, aged 85; Dec. 4, Mrs. Maria Irish, aged 79.—Machine shop built on Depot street by Arlington Damon.—Gov. John D. Long purchased this year the old homestead of his grandfather, Thomas Long, on North Hill, for a summer residence. It is situated in one of the most beautiful regions in town.

1895.

Josiah W. Whitten, Esq., died Jan. 18, from heart disease. He was 73 and had lived in Buckfield nearly 60 years.—Several hundred dollars were raised by subscription this year to repair and preserve the old "Church on the Hill."—A. F. Warren, the drummer boy of Co. C., 23d Maine Infantry, was appointed deputy sheriff as the successor of J. W. Whitten, Esq.—April 26, Mrs. Benjamin Murch died in her 80th year and Mrs. Wm. F. Spaulding, aged 62.—Ira Ames died at South Paris, May 22, aged 72.—At the annual meeting of the Buckfield Cemetery Association, the following officers were chosen: William H. Atwood, Pres.; A. F. Warren, Vice-Pres.; C. H. Prince, Sec. and Treas.; Asa Atwood, Benj. Spaulding, C. S. Childs, Ex. Com.—Mrs. Caroline Buck died at Bethel, June 6, aged 99 years and 8 months. Her remains were taken to Buckfield for burial.—The Evening Star lodge of freemasons participated in the exercises at South Paris when the corner stone of the new court house was laid in July.—Mrs. H. H. Hutchinson died in Lynn, Mass., in August, aged 84. Her remains were taken to Buckfield for burial.—Mrs. William Monk died December 12, aged 77.—A new railroad bridge was constructed this year at the village.—The "Church on the Hill" was dedicated as a town hall, Nov. 3d.—Two car loads of Christmas trees were shipped to New York this year.

1896.

At the annual town meeting, \$1,350 was raised towards the extinguishment of the town debt; \$1,000 for schools; \$1,200 for support of the poor; \$1,200 for the repair of the roads and bridges; \$500 for town accounts; \$25 for the observance of Memorial Day; and \$175 for a free high school.—A term of free high school was established at the Russell school house and, also, one at the Buck school house.—The vote for presidential electors: "Rep. Ticket," 137; "Dem. Ticket," 77; "Gold Dem. Ticket," 8; "Pro. Ticket," 6; "Peo. Ticket," 15.—The greatest freshet known for years occurred in February. The water rose about two feet higher than it was ever known to rise before. The low lands were over-flowed and many families left their homes for higher grounds, and stocks of goods were removed for safety. Stores were flooded and the main business street became a channel for the raging waters. Much damage was done. Several bridges were either swept away or destroyed.—The following deaths of aged people are noticed: Jan. 2, Mrs. Cynthia Farrar, aged 91 years, the oldest person in town. Feb., Capt. I. H. McDonald at his home in Portland, aged 77. May, Mrs. Luther W. Mason, in Boston, aged 80. Remains were brought here for burial. June, Addison G. Cole of Auburn,

formerly of Buckfield, aged 84. The remains were taken to Buckfield for interment. June 14, Mrs. Sidney Spaulding, aged 86; August, Mrs. Arvilla Record at Mechanic Falls, aged 93. Interment at Buckfield. Sept. 5, Zenas Shaw, aged 76; Sept. 4, Mrs. Elizabeth P. Beers of Newton Highlands, Mass., aged 96.

1897.

A new iron bridge was built across the West Branch in the village this year.—Alfred Cole delivered the Memorial address this year before Fessenden Post, G. A. R.—Carlton Gardner, Esq., moved to South Paris in October. He returned to Buckfield in 1902, Hon. Albion P. Bonney sold his farm this year and moved to Auburn. It had been in the family name for more than a hundred years. His grandfather, James Bonney, first settled on it in 1789.—A young men's literary club was organized here about the beginning of the year. The first public debate took place at Nezinscot Hall on the evening of January 1st. A ladies' literary society had been organized in 1895.—The remains of Mrs. Melissa Irish Wells of Weymouth, Mass., who died in January, at the age of 72, were brought to Buckfield for burial.—Hepsibah Atwood Cole, widow of Artemas F. Cole, died Feb. 17, aged 91 years.—Mrs. Silas Mitchell died Mar. 20, aged 68.—Mrs. Phebe Whitman died April 5, in her 75th year.—David L. Farrar, Esq., died in Mass. at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. King Buck, June 7. His remains were brought here for burial.—Mrs. Thomas Lincoln of East Buckfield, died June 23, in her 88th year.—Cyrus C. Spaulding, Esq., died July 3, aged 59. He was in trade in the village for many years, held the positions of town clerk and selectman and had been a soldier in the 20th Maine where he contracted the disease which caused his death. Stephen D. Hutchinson, Esq., a former town clerk of Buckfield, died at Paris Hill, in his 85th year.—Dea. S. Edson Murdock died Nov. 7, after a short illness, in his 70th year. He was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion and was at Gettysburg as a member of Co. C, 20th Me. Reg't.—Died at West Minot Dec. 2, Mrs. Caroline Crooker Bridgham, at the age of 91. Her remains were brought to Buckfield for interment.—This year Hon. John D. Long was appointed by President William McKinley as Secretary of the Navy. He served with great distinction through his four years' term. The Spanish War broke out in 1898, but through the efficiency of the Navy, an astonishing success was achieved, without the loss of a vessel, and the fewest lives ever known in a war of this magnitude.

During the year of this war, the business of the Department of the Navy, under Mr. Long's supervision, aggregated over a hundred millions of dollars, and every dollar was properly accounted for. His townsmen are proud of the fact that there has never been anything in his political life or otherwise that requires apology.

1898.

The Irish Brothers' die block mill was destroyed by fire Feb. 27. The burning of this mill removed an old landmark. It was built as a starch mill in the forties by Ephraim and Lorenzo Atwood and Levi Cushman.

After the opening of the Buckfield Branch railroad, it was converted into a shovel handle factory by Andrews, Waldron & Maxim.—Henry Parsons was elected road commissioner this year and Converse S. Childs, collector of taxes. Rev. H. A. Rich was chosen supt. of schools. Having moved out of town in the summer, he resigned. Block factory of C. M. & H. A. Irish built on site of starch factory burned this year.—Post Office enlarged.—One of the war tugs of the U. S. Navy was named Nezinscot.—A. D. Wilson of So. Portland brought suit against the town for raising the highway in front of his store, which was rendered necessary by building the new iron bridge the previous year.—There was a reunion of the members of the 23d Maine infantry at So. Paris this year. The following Buckfield men of Co. C were present: Capt. C. H. Prince, Abel Irish, A. F. Warren, J. H. Young, J. A. Warren and Gideon Fletcher. The vote in Sept. for representative to the legislature was as follows: Virgil P. DeCoster, Rep., 75; Augustus Kenney, Dem., 20; scattering, 3. In the district, Mr. DeCoster had nearly 400 plurality.—Stephen Winslow died Feb. 21, aged 70. He was never married.—Mrs. Varanes DeCoster died Feb. 24, aged 84.—Demeric Swan died May 6th in his 87th year.—Dr. John F. DeCoster died at Rumford Falls, June 3d, aged 39. His remains were brought to Buckfield for burial.—Lysander Lowe died July 17, in his 86th year.—Nov. 22, Calvin B. Keen died, aged 88.—Dec. 19, Nathan Maxim died, aged 87.

During Secretary Long's summer visit to Buckfield this year an amusing incident occurred which Mr. George H. Bridgham, grandson of Dr. William Bridgham, related in verse thus:

"My mother has a mania, but it's not for making pies,  
'Tis simply spreading tanglefoot, to bother all the flies;  
But I think my mother must have been a little in the wrong,  
When she spread her sheets of tanglefoot for Secretary Long.  
And all she'll say about it, now the summer's gone, is that  
She didn't catch the Secretary, but only 'twas his hat;  
But I guess the Secretary will open wide his eyes  
When again the house he enters, when mother's catching flies."

1899.

The town meeting this year was very exciting. Several of the candidates were not selected until a number of ballots had been taken.—Henry Parsons and O. Greenleaf Turner were chosen road commissioners.—It was voted not to elect a superintendent of schools. This action left it for the school committee to select the superintendent. It was voted to build one new school house.—Hon. O. H. Hersey entered into a law partnership with Judge Enoch Foster and moved to Portland.—Fred R. Dyer of Canton opened a law office here this year.—Died Jan. 8, John Buck, grandson of Nathaniel, one of the pioneer settlers of the town, aged 82 years, 7 months.—The prevailing disease, called "the grip," raged quite extensively this year.—Deacon Alfred Shaw died May 17, aged 70 years.—Hiram

Staples died July 25, aged 85 years.—Mrs. Louisa Benson, the oldest person in town, died Aug. 15, aged 93 years and 7 months.—Aratus Farrar died in October, at the age of 87.—George R. Coyle, landlord of the Hotel Long, died suddenly from apoplexy Nov. 12, aged 59. He was a veteran of the War of the Rebellion. He was a native of Aroostook and had lived in Buckfield 20 years. His remains were taken to Auburn for burial.—A new brush factory was built by C. Withington & Sons this year.—Dr. F. J. Bonney, formerly of Buckfield, the only son of Hon. Albion P. Bonney, died at Auburn, Dec. 10, aged 49 years.

## 1900.

The year came in with a snow storm as it did in 1899. The water in the streams was so low in the month of January as to seriously affect the running of the mills and factories. In April there was quite a freshet and intervalles were overflowed.—The Oxford county teachers' association held its annual meeting at Buckfield on the 18th and 19th of May. There were about 60 teachers in attendance.—On Memorial Day, John N. Irish, Esq., was the orator. Alfred Cole, Esq., gave a detailed history of those who went to the war from Buckfield.—The farm buildings of Cyrus Briggs at East Buckfield were destroyed by fire Sunday, July 29. Loss, \$1,200—no insurance.—The first observance of "Old Home Week" in Buckfield, took place in August. The services were held in the "Church on the Hill." Thos. S. Bridgham, Esq., presided. Hon. John D. Long, Sec. of the Navy, gave an address. Mrs. Flora E. Barry sang a solo—an original poem by Mrs. Rebecca Hussey Merrifield of Franklin, Mass. There were also short addresses given by Edward L. Parris of New York City, Geo. D. Bisbee of Rumford Falls, C. F. Whitman of Norway, Geo. M. Atwood of Paris, Dr. O. R. Hall, Ardelia Prince, Mr. William C. Spaulding of Caribou and Hon. Solon Chase.—The post office contained the portraits of many of the oldest citizens of the town and several of the old pioneers, which Postmaster Alfred Cole had industriously collected. It was one of the most interesting features of the occasion. Among the portraits were those of Jonathan Record, Benj. Spaulding, son of Benj., one of the first 47 settlers, Josiah Parris and John Loring.—Among the deaths this year, were those of Mrs. Mary J. Record, widow of William Record, Feb. 23, at the age of 80.—Arabella, wife of Merritt Farrar, Esq., died in Feb. in her 75th year.—Reuben L. Farrar died March 27, aged 81.—Col. John E. Bryant died in March at his home in Mount Vernon, N. Y.—R. B. Waite died May 23, aged 81.—Joshua E. Whitman died June 7, in his 82d year.—George Long died in June, aged 68.—Robinson Dean died Nov. 18, aged 69.—William H. Atwood died Dec. 12, aged 73 years, 11 months and 17 days.—Rev. Henry B. Smith, husband of Thirza (Andrews) Smith of Lockport, N. Y., died, aged 52 years 6 mos.—Capt. Chas. H. Prince was nominated and elected one of the senators from this county.—For president this year the vote was: "Rep. Ticket," 127; "Dem. Ticket," 103; "Pro. Ticket," 7; "Soc. Ticket," 1.—The Atwoods of Buckfield and Livermore and their connections held a reunion at the Canton fair in September.—At a special

town meeting held Oct. 3d, the sum of \$500 was voted for laying the foundation for a new library building which Hon. John D. Long proposed to erect on the site of the old Capt. Josiah Parris house, and donate to the town, to be known as the Zadoc and Julia T. Long Free Library, in honor of his father and mother. The building, an artistic structure, was erected during the year and fully completed and opened to the public the following year.



## CHAPTER XXXIII.

## NORTH BUCKFIELD.

The village of North Buckfield is pleasantly situated on the West Branch of the Twenty Mile or Nezinscot river, about a mile from the Sumner town line. It has a very good water power, sufficient at all seasons to run the mills there which have existed since the early settlement of the town. Probably one or more stores has been kept in the place from very early times.

The village today has besides the mills, store and post office, some twenty or more dwelling houses, including those situated in the close vicinity and naturally connected with the place.

The people are thrifty, industrious and moral and worthy citizens of the town in which they live.

The first settler in the vicinity was John Warren, son of Tristram Warren, who came here from Berwick in 1779 or 1780, and obtained a settling lot. He was a young, unmarried man at that time, but in 1781 he married Elizabeth, daughter of Abijah Buck—the first marriage in the township, as elsewhere related. His father, some years after, settled in the vicinity, but not before Jan. 1, 1784, as he obtained no settling lot. It is said by John Warren's descendants that he built the first mill at what is now the little village of North Buckfield.

In 1782, came to the township Dominicus Record from Easton, Mass., a millman and foundryman. He selected first a lot near John Warren's, which included a part, at least, of the falls on the river, and no doubt with the view of utilizing the water power, but considering it better in a business point of view, to form a partnership or business connection with Edmund Chandler, who had already built a mill two miles farther down the river at what is now Buckfield village, he exchanged his lot with Benjamin Spaulding and located there. Record's connection with the Warrens was very close, for he afterwards married for his second wife Jane Warren, a sister of John.

Benjamin Spaulding, besides the water privilege acquired from Dominicus Record, obtained John Warren's interest if he had any, enlarged or built new, and so much business was done in after years there that the place came to be known as "Spaulding's Mills." This included not only a saw and grist mill, but a store,

blacksmith shop, etc.,—in fact a place of some considerable business. It is doubtful whether Benjamin Spaulding himself ever run the mills or engaged personally in trade. There is no mention or indication of it, in the account given by Parson Coffin in his journal of his missionary visits to the town about 1800. Mr. Spaulding died in 1811. Who carried on the milling business after his death does not appear, but the little village continued to be called "Spaulding's Mills" for over 40 years afterwards. For a period, however, it was known quite generally as "Hale's Mills," but in later times, this was changed to North Buckfield, a name it is likely to permanently retain.

Very early in the last century Larnard Swallow, a blacksmith by trade, settled in the little village. He was an active and capable man of much business ability, and for many years was interested in politics and was the most prominent citizen of that part of the town, and the local leader there of his party.

In 1864 Mr. Appleton F. Mason engaged in trade there, a business he conducted for over fifty years. He has been postmaster since 1875, and for many years he has been the most prominent citizen of that locality. Mr. Mason has recently (1915) deceased, respected by all who knew him.

In 1841 William Swett and Charles F. Davis by act of the Legislature, obtained authority to erect powder mills on "Basin Falls." Soon afterwards a gunpowder factory was built there. In 1845, according to the Paris town history, Jarvis C. Marble of Paris Hill purchased this factory of Lorenzo Swett. It appears from the same authority that Mr. Marble "about 1847" bought of Amory H. Allen the powder mills at North Buckfield. Whether Mr. Allen built them or acquired this property by purchase does not appear, but Mr. Marble having come into possession, the plant at "Basin Falls" went into decay and the business was all transacted at North Buckfield. Mr. Marble later formed a partnership with Mr. A. P. Waterhouse and an extensive business for several years was transacted by the firm, and other mills were later obtained or built elsewhere—notably at Windsor, Canada, where employees from Buckfield went.

The powder mills here blew up several times and in one explosion Charles Bicknell, son of Otis, was killed. Mr. Marble sold out his interest in powder mills in 1878, and the business

at North Buckfield having been transferred to the Windsor plant, the factory went into decay.

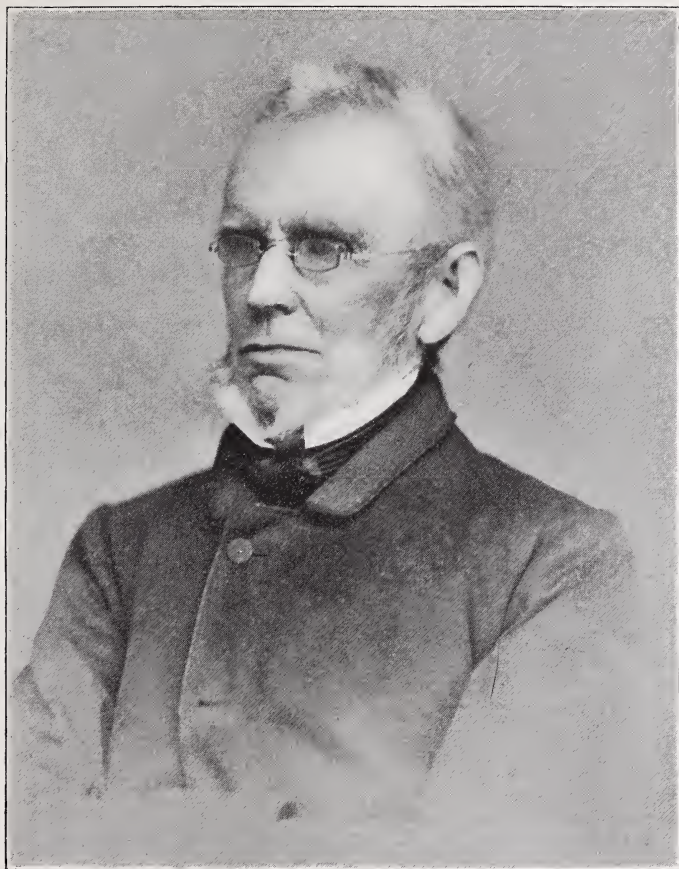
The little village of North Buckfield has from the beginning been a place of considerable business for a small country village. It accommodates the people of that section of the town and a part of Sumner. Here, besides its mills, store, post office, blacksmith shop and schoolhouse, is located a flourishing grange, where the farmers and their wives and children regularly meet in a comfortable and spacious hall, and in addition to the social gatherings so beneficial to all, religious services and other gatherings are frequently held. In no part of the town are the pleasures and benefits of life more to be enjoyed.

One who has ever dwelt in this little village or vicinity and gone away to other scenes, may well recall with pleasure the events of other days and say with Goldsmith:

“Dear lovely bowers of innocence and ease,  
Seats of my youth, when every sport could please:  
How often have I loitered o’er thy green,  
Where humble happiness endeared each scene!  
How often have I paused on every charm;  
The sheltered cot, the cultivated farm;  
The never-failing brook, the busy mill,  
The old white church that topped the distant hill.”

## Part II.

### ZADOC LONG'S JOURNAL.



Hon. Zadoc Long

Extracts from Diary of Zadoc Long which he kept for 50 years. These extracts are but a very small part, but enough to give an impression of the local village life:

I was born on the 28th day of July, 1800, at Middleboro, Plymouth County, Mass. The earliest thing I can remember was my father's return from a military muster in the costume of a commissioned officer with

cocked hat and coat faced with white. The next I recall was the birth of my brother Miles in 1804. My father moved from Middleboro to Buckfield in 1806, and bought the Daniel Howard farm on North Hill. The first time I came to the village there were but two two-story houses here—Mr. Benjamin Spaulding's and the one in which I now live. There was no church here. I worked on a farm till I was 14 years old. My father carried on his farm and his trade of a shoemaker at the same time. In 1815 I commenced the study of English and Latin grammar. In the autumn of 1816 I attended the academy at Hebron and boarded a mile away at Mr. Barney Myrick's, where I could pay in shoemaking at \$1.00 per week. This I think was the last bill my father ever paid for me.

1823.

April 13—Bought a stand for trade jointly with Capt. James Jewett—the new store on the north side of the river and east of the bridge—3 stories high on the water side—the largest and most convenient store for business in village—together with a building and apparatus for making potash.

1824.

Sept. 1—I was married to Julia T. Davis of New Gloucester and commenced keeping house. Lucius Loring, who has married my sister Sally, and I, hired a house called the "Foster House." He will occupy one part and I the other.

Oct. 24—A pleasant young gentleman by the name of Henry White is boarding with us. He has lately commenced preaching the gospel and is engaged for a short time in the village.

1826.

July 30—The first meeting of the members of the Bible class in Buckfield holden at Mr. Chase's Meeting House so called. The question written upon was: "How extensive is the knowledge of God."

The undersigned feeling persuaded that Capt. ——— is injuring his health, his reputation, his property and the peace of his family, by an increasing habit of intemperance, and believing that, as he is not accustomed to the use of ardent spirits in his own house, it might prove a preventive of this evil for him to be denied it at the stores, by the glass, and feeling very solicitous to save a man from destruction, who but for this, would be one of our most respectable and useful citizens, hereby engage ourselves to let him have no more rum to be drank in our stores. Buckfield, Dec. 2, 1826.

ZADOC LONG  
LUCIUS LORING  
ENOCH CROCKER  
NATHAN ATWOOD  
SPAULDING ROBINSON

The above accompanied by a letter to Mr. P. expressing the kindest wishes for his welfare.



1827.

Apr. 25—The greatest freshet remembered here. It was caused by 24 hours only of rain.

May 24—Purchased a chaise of Mr. Babcock, Portland, for which I gave him \$185.

June 21—This day was appointed a Justice of the Peace for the County of Oxford.

July 24—Purchased a black horse of Hosea Benson, Canton, for \$135 cash.

1829..

Mar. 9—Snow 4 feet deep on a level. Sam H. Blake teaching the school and boarding at my house.

Aug. 17—Drouth continues. Corn is so much injured that it is thought there will be but half a crop. Potatoes nearly ruined. Business dull in consequence of the extreme scarcity of money. No sale for stock yet which is all that can be relied upon for a general circulation of cash here and we have no prospect of better times this season.

Oct.—Started from Buckfield Sat. morning and the Mon. following was in old Plymouth, Mass., a distance of 215 miles. Went to see Bro. Thomas, who had been for 40 mos. on the U. S. Frigate Brandywine on the Pacific coast of So. America. Had not seen him for 6 years. He had a roving disposition. His life on a man of war has improved him.

Autumn—The portraits of myself and wife painted by G. U. Appleton. My age 29, my wife's 22.

Dec.—It is nearly 2 years since I sold any spiritous liquors in my store, and though the profits of my business have been consequently less my satisfaction has been much greater. Did not feel justified in selling that to my neighbors which I knew to be for their injury. About the time a Temperance Association was formed in this vicinity I quit retailing ardent spirits. (These are words that deserve to shine in letters of gold. Authors.)

1830.

Jan. 17—The weather has been remarkably moderate this winter so far. There has been but little snow. We have had one week of sleighing.

1831.

Feb. 1—There has been no sleighing yet this winter. To-day it snows.

Feb. 6—Snow enough and the sleigh-bells begin to be heard on the streets.

Mar. 15—Sold my goods and rented my store to Samuel W. Ingalls and E. Taylor for 2 years at \$24 per year.

Apr. 1—There has been a big freshet here the past week. Damage \$2500 at least, Lucius Loring's share is not less than \$1000, Buck's & Gray's \$1000. The east part of the upper dam was broken away by the ice and the main current of the river let into the road at the east of Buck's wagon shops, surrounding them. Gray's blacksmith shop and

Loring's potash being in water in such a manner that no one could get to them to remove anything. The buildings were undermined and whatever was in or about them washed away, leaving but a wreck behind. Notes and accounts to the amount of about \$1500 belonging to Buck and Gray were lost. A shoe shop and a part of a shed attached to Crocker's store went down stream and were destroyed. It will be \$100 damage to the roads.

Nov. 27—We have just returned from Sunday School. My wife and I have a class. The interest of the school is enlivened by our infant Library. There are some favorable symptoms for Buckfield—wicked, God-forsaken place as it has been called—our new meeting-house with its heaven pointing spire for one. We intend to have a bell if the purchase money can be raised by subscription.

1832.

Jan. 2—Winter set in the last of Nov. with sufficient snow for sleighing and it has been the most severe and steady cold weather for the time of year that the oldest men among us can remember. Commenced business in the store of Lucius Loring, Aug. 1st last, and have made a greater amount of sales than ever before in the same length of time. Business of every kind has been better during the past year than I ever knew it to be.

Mar. 28—There have now been 125 days of sleighing. It has been the longest and coldest winter ever known in this country.

Mar.—Rev. Seth Stetson made some remarks a few days since upon the subject of intemperance and especially about retailers, which have kindled a war against him, that promises not soon to subside — in particular has taken it in high dudgeon and swears that he will no longer hear him preach or assist in his support and all this for what? Why because our minister had conscience and independence enough to admonish the people of the evils resulting from the practice of ardent spirits—for preaching morality. What a queer thing it would be I am thinking if the people of Buckfield drive away a *Universalist* minister for preaching temperance. Smith, the hatter from Portland, died last night at Young's Tavern. His death was no doubt occasioned by intemperance. It is sickly in this vicinity. Influenza prevalent. There have been 5 deaths in this village this winter—2 infants; Mrs. Cole, wife of Sampson Cole, Mrs. Parris, wife of Josiah Parris and Rev. Seth Stetson's daughter, Emily.

Apr. 18—There are now 5 stores with large stocks of goods for the country in operation here, Long & Loring, Luther Crocker, Ephraim Atwood & Co., Nathan Atwood, Samuel Ingalls & Co. The latter firm occupy the store belonging to me where I formerly traded.

June 6—Meeting house in this village ("church on the hill") dedicated. Dedication sermon by Rev. Seth Stetson.

June 10—It has been cold and cloudy nearly 4 weeks. Farmers are almost discouraged. Much of the corn and potatoes have rotted. There

is very little prospect of a corn crop this year. It has been so damp and cold that I have kept a fire in the store every day for a month.

June 17—Attended Sabbath School this morning. There are now about 40 attendants. Have raised a sufficient sum by subscription to double the number of books in the school library. Much good may be expected from it, though far from popular with the majority of the town's people.

June 28—The Universalists have their annual convention here today

July 20—The season is several weeks later than usual.

Sept. 12—The corn on low lands killed by frost.

Oct. 22—It has been a very cold and unfavorable season for vegetation. So little corn has not been raised for many years. It is now selling for 6 shillings per bushel.

Dec. 16—Mr. Bates, a Universalist minister, preached at Union Chapel. A great majority of the owners of the meeting house are professed Universalists. Rev. Seth Stetson who has preached in this place once or twice a month for the past 2 years was formerly an Orthodox preacher. He is now a believer in universal restoration. I am not acquainted with a more exemplary man.

Dec. 25—Christmas. Six years ago to-day was the first meeting of the Temperance Association in this village at which an address was delivered by Stephen Emery, Esq. Since that time I have not trafficked in ardent spirits.

Sunday, Dec. 29—Rev. Mr. Bryant, a Methodist, preached at the school house to-day.

1833.

Jan. 24—About one o'clock we awoke and found the whole village in an uproar. It was dark and misty—not a breath of wind. A broad red glare lit up the sky. Thought at first it was Atwood's store on fire. Soon ascertained that it was the grist mill. If any wind had been blowing nothing could have prevented the saw mill and probably Atwood's store from burning. The flames kindled in 20 places and burned the outside next to the grist mill to a coal. Mr. Heald's loss is probably \$1500. Nathan Atwood's whose carding machinery was burned, \$600. A. B. Morrill's blacksmith shop was in that part of the building, where the fire commenced. Many persons had admonished Mr. Heald of the imprudence of having this shop in the building.

Mar. 5—Since March came in, we have had some of the worst freezing and blustering weather of the winter.

Mar. 12—I expected to sell my store to-day to Mr. Cole of Livermore, but he seems inclined not to take it. I have offered him my house, store and whole concern for \$1600. He talks of buying Dr. Bridgman's house and store at \$1350. The term for which Ingalls & Taylor hired the store expired to-day. Just sold my store for \$400 to Nathan Morrill and Artemas F. Cole.

Mar. 13—The rain which continued nearly all night is changed into a snowstorm and the wind is piping louder and louder from the north.

Hurrah for another blockade. Blue devils are flapping their dull wings about. This weather's propitious for hatching 'em out. Continual snowing and blowing and blasting and vapors and darkness and storms everlasting.

Mar. 17, Sunday—Mr. Stetson preached to-day at Union Chapel. He talks about moving away in the spring and we are in the way of having no preaching of any kind in this town. For vindicating the cause of Temperance, he lost the friendship and support of those who were most instrumental in procuring him to preach here for which reason mainly he will remove.

Mar. 19—Have nearly sold my house from over my head to-day to V. D. Parris, Esq., who is about being married to Miss Columbia Rawson of Paris possessing \$8000 in addition to her other attractions. He has the refusal of it at \$1200.

Apr. 9—Mr. Samuel Hutchinson, a very amiable young man, in attempting to pass a bridge without any railing on horseback, over what is called the "Roundabout," while the water was running over it, was washed off by the current and drowned. His body was found after lying in the water 8 or 9 hours. Left an affectionate wife, who mourned him bitterly.

Apr. 14—Mr. Chase, the first man I ever heard preach in Buckfield, holds forth to-day at Union Chapel. (This was Elder Nath'l Chase).

Apr. 22—Rev. Mr. Bates, a Universalist preacher, lectured this evening at Union Chapel on the subject of Temperance.

Apr. 25—Dr. Comstock dined with us to-day.

May 5—Rev. Mr. Stoddard, Universalist, preached at Union Chapel. Buckfield Sabbath School Society held its annual meeting at 5 o'clock.

May 26—The season forward. Trees have been several days in bloom. Grass knee high in my front yard. Lilacs blossomed for the first time since I planted them.

Sunday, July 14—Just returned from Sabbath School. Have charge of a class. Mr. Chase preached to-day.

Oct. 6—Sunday School closed to-day for the season. Mr. Brown and myself have been the only teachers. Have been absent but 2 Sabbaths during the summer.

#### 1834.

Jan. 23—About 8 o'clock this morning Mr. Jewett's cabinet shop was discovered to be on fire. It burned to the ground in a few minutes. Other buildings in great danger were saved.

Feb. 26—We had a temperance meeting here to-day and an address.

Apr. 26—At 8 o'clock evening my wife presented us her first boy.

May 15—To-day it snows fast. The ground is covered and sleighs are out.

June 23—Our store was broken into last night and about \$200 worth of silk goods stolen.

Aug. 26—One William Dyer had his trial this week at Topsham for breaking a store. We attended and found about \$15 worth of our goods which were taken from our store June 23d.

1835.

Jan. 7—We sent five tons of dried apples to Portland to-day. They sold for  $4\frac{1}{2}$  cts. per lb.

Aug. 26—Bought what is called the old Record homestead in Buckfield Village with 9 acres of good land for \$1000.

Sept. 8—Sold the situation where I have lived for 9 years to Albert D. White for \$1000.

Nov. 19—The sound of the explosion at the Gorham Powder Mills, 50 miles away, was heard and the smoke seen in this town. One man killed. Never knew money so plenteous and business of every kind so good as during the last six months. There has been a high price paid for everything the farmer has had to sell. 50 cts. for wool, average quality. 20 cts. per lb. for butter, \$1.00 for corn, 8 s. for wheat, 67 cts. for oats, \$2 for beans, \$10 for hay. Goods have been sold at advanced prices and the demand for them was never greater. The prices of labor of every kind has been very high. Fine times. Sold the orchard near the school house to John Taylor for \$150.

Nov. 23—Cold snow storm. Up to this it has been one of the most delightful autumns ever known.

Nov. 29, Sunday—Preaching in the Village by Elder Starr of New Gloucester.

Dec. 2—Obtained \$200 by subscription for a bell for Union Chapel.

Dec. 6, Sunday—Elder Starr preached in the village again to-day.

Dec. 19—Hay very scarce. Stock almost to be given away in consequence.

1836.

Jan. 6—Erysipelas prevails in this vicinity. Three out of one family have died within a few days. Have just heard of the death of Jonathan Buck's wife.

Jan. 13—Bought meadow hay of James Jewett at \$10 per ton. Wood at  $1\frac{1}{4}$  dollars per cord, not so plenteous as usual.

Jan. 18—Widow Jane Record the oldest person in the village is sick and not expected to live many days.

Jan. 19—Money circulates less freely. Hay sold in the village to-day for \$15 per ton. Best flour \$9 per bbl. in Portland.

Jan. 24, Sunday—Rev. Mr. Pennell preached here to a large audience.

Jan. 25—Mr. Pennell plays psalmody sweetly on a flute. With that and a violin we have been whiling away the time pleasantly during the storm.

Jan. 27—Session of the court was to have commenced at Paris yesterday but the Judge had not arrived this morning by reason of the storm.

Feb. 1—Mr. Pennell held a meeting in the evening at Squire Brown's to discourse about missionary objects according to the custom on the 1st Mon. in Feb.

Feb. 8—Another tremendous snow storm. The snow is up to the window stools on a level.



Feb. 13—No regularity to the mails is expected. Mrs. Jenkins, aged 83, died in the village to-day.

Feb. 16—Hay \$20 a ton and scarce at that. Ephraim Hathaway, a pensioner, died yesterday.

Feb. 20—Lewis Record nearly killed yesterday by the falling of a tree.

Feb. 29—Mr. Pennell left, having preached in the village 6 Sabbaths.

Mar. 2—Said to be the coldest winter ever known. It has been very sickly and the largest number of people have died that ever did in the same length of time since the town was settled.

Mar. 19—Very cold. Snow nearly 4 feet deep. The stage-driver is this moment passing by with ear locks and whiskers as white by the frost as a powdered wig.

Mar. 25—Marshall and Hiram Andrews have been on trial before me two days on complaint for passing counterfeit money. Court at the town house. Mr. Brown and Carter, counsel for the state. Mr. Emery for defendants. 500 people present. They were bound over to the Supreme Court May Term in the sum of \$500. The counterfeit was on Kenduskeag Bank, Bangor.

Mar. 27, Sunday—Mr. Libby, a blind man, preaches here to-day. He never could see or read, yet knows much of books. Repeats hymns for singing his text and the context with perfect accuracy. Uses very chaste language grammatically and is a very tolerable sermonizer.

Apr. 15—Two citizens are quarreling within a few rods of the house about a land line. One threatens to brain the other with an ax and strikes a slight blow upon his leg. The ax is taken from him. He then strikes with his fists. The other returns the blow and knocks him down. A sickening spectacle. The one knocked down is nearly 60 years old and is a sworn Justice of the Quorum and bound to keep the peace and maintain the laws.

Apr. 24, Sunday—Rev. Mr. Caldwell, Methodist, preaches in the village.

June 5—Sunday School commenced.

June 27—Circus here. Very warm. Corn backward.

June 29—Refreshing shower about sunrise attended by sharp lightning and thunder.

July 3—Preparations making for celebrating the anniversary of our National Independence to-morrow. V. D. Parris delivers an oration at Union Chapel.

Aug. 2—Warm, dry weather, fields parched, grass withered, corn on low grounds killed by frost. The streams almost dried up. A good crop of hay, rye, wheat and oats. Very little sound corn will be raised. Potatoes small by reason of the drouth.

Sept. 8—Every vegetable kind killed by the frost. Business dull. Money scarce. Corn is sold for 8 s. 6 d. per bushel. The poor suffer, the rich groan and hug their treasures closer.

Sept. 11—Elder Houghton preached to-day.

Sept. 25—No preaching in the village. Gave 9 shillings last week for a bushel of corn. Flour \$10 per bbl. Wheat 11 shillings per bushel, Butter 20 cts. per lb. and scarce at that.

Nov. 3—Sold the Potash and appurtenances which I owned with Lucius Loring to Daniel Young and Stephen D. Hutchinson for \$212.

Nov. 6, Sunday—No meeting. People in the place getting to be very indifferent about preaching.

Nov. 13—Rev. Mr. Johnson, Baptist, preached at Union Chapel.

Nov. 19—Mr. Jewett very sick. News from Penn. All is lost for the Whigs.

Dec. 13—Moved into our new house (now Hotel Long).

Dec. 21—Violent rain storm. Snow all carried away.

Dec. 23—Hard times for men in business. Money in our cities worth 24 per cent. per annum—best security—Provisions high.

Dec. 25—Christmas—snow storm—no meeting. Dull—dull out and in—neither wheeling nor sleighing.

1837.

Jan. 3—Storm over, one of coldest ever known—having continued 48 hours. Snow  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet deep on a level. Very cold. No living creature seen out. People tremble that have no wood.

Jan. 12—First arrival of the stage from Portland since the storm.

Jan. 15, Sunday—No meeting as usual.

Jan. 24—Shoveling snow between our house and Brown's. The snow is higher than our heads on each side of the path.

Jan. 25—In the evening was a wonderful appearance in the heavens—a blood red light in form of an arch extending from east to west—most brilliant directly overhead, making objects far and near as distinctly visible as by full moonlight and giving the snow a crimson hue, as if it had been showered with blood. Continued an hour or more unabated. Commenced soon after sunset. Brightest about 7 o'clock

Jan. 29, Sunday—Rev. Mr. Jordan preached at the school house. A full meeting. A prayer meeting in the evening at Rodney Chaffin's.

Feb. 1—Singing school commenced.

Mar. 22—Henry H. Hutchinson, Jr., tried before me for flogging Elbridge Bridgham and acquitted.

Apr. 25—Hard times. Merchants in our cities, failing.

May 7—Sunday. No meeting. Everybody stupid about preaching.

May 8—Cold, cold, cold. Ground froze last night. It is a time of unexampled distress among merchants and will be among farmers if such weather continues. Monstrous scarcity of money in proportion to the business throughout the country. An immense and inevitable fall in prices of merchandize, stocks, lands and labor. Thousands thrown out of employment. The general distress produced by derangement of the currency through unwise intermeddling of Government by overdoing business on a system of credit by extravagant importations as well as home manufactures by land speculation and a variety of causes. The depression has come upon us suddenly and severely and a vast many who thought themselves rich a few months ago are ruined.

May 10—Canker rash prevailing in the village. Have just heard of the death of Mr. Bean's child by this disease.

May 14, Sunday—Pleasant. Rev. Mr. Houghton preached at Union Chapel.

May 27—Bread stuff scarce and high. Wheat, \$2 rye and corn 9 shillings per bushel, potatoes 2 shillings, beans 15 shillings.

June 1—Fine growing weather. My corn and cucumbers peeping out of the ground.

June 25, Sunday—Meeting at the Poor House.

July 9, Sunday—Rev. Mr. Millner preached at the Chapel.

Aug. 2—People generally just begun haying. Wheat everywhere well grown, forward and abundant. There is an enormous extent of ground in this state. It is said that a destructive little insect called the weevil is doing great damage to the crop. Some fields nearly ruined.

Aug. 11—Clear and cold. Fears of a frost. The few last years, winter and summer, have been colder than formerly owing as is thought to spots on the sun which are seen at this time of large size.

### 1838.

Jan. 7—Pleasant and sunny weather. No snow. More agreeable weather never known at this season of the year.

Jan. 14—Mr. Chase preached at the school house.

Jan. 15—Summer weather. No snow on the ground. Such a mild, broken winter never known in this country.

Feb. 3—Paschal Barrelle, the singing master, boarding with us two days.

Mar. 8—A tremendous excitement is produced all over the country by Jonathan Cilley's death in a duel.

Mar. 14—Warm—snow running off. The winter has been short and pleasant.

Mar. 18—Mr. Stetson has appointed a meeting at Union Chapel. There seems to be a religious awakening in several places among Universalists.

Mar. 23—People in the State are excited over the northeastern boundary matter.

Mar. 28—Zadoc Long unanimously nominated (by the Whigs) as candidate for Representative in Congress to fill the vacancy, occasioned by the death of Hon. Timothy J. Carter.

Apr. 12—Appollos Osgood and daughter, Eliza, called on us this afternoon. Eliza is a fine singer and delighted us with several selections.

Apr. 18—Virgil D. Parris nominated for Congress by the Jackson convention to-day. 60 delegates present. Buckfield has the honor of furnishing the candidates for both parties.

May 6—Freshet. Part of upper dam undermined and the water running down the road east of the buildings on the river.

May 22—Elder Houghton, Baptist minister of Turner, died. V. D. Parris started for Congress.

May 30—Mrs. V. D. Parris supposed to have the small pox. The village somewhat alarmed.

June 4—Some of the stores shut up on account of the small pox and several families have moved out of the village. The citizens held a meeting and adopted measures to prevent the spread of the disease. It was resolved that the selectment remove V. D. Parris' family to a house outside the village, as soon as in the opinion of a competent physician it could be done without endangering life. The family removed in the afternoon. The alarm in and out of the village is very great. Very few people dare to come here for business. The disease was brought into the place by Mr. Parris on his return from Augusta where he had been confined for a time from contact with other people.

June 30—Cut down the old apple tree which has stood near the piazza for 40 years.

July 4—Just heard of a distressing accident that happened yesterday to an old acquaintance, Andrew Cushman. He was thrown from his wagon by reason of a break in the harness and his leg broken so badly, that his life is in danger.

July 6—Caravan here. Hannah, daughter of Dominicus Record, died of inflammation of the bowels.

July 8, Sunday—Fine weather. Rode to Hebron Academy. Attended meeting all day. Elder Tripp, 77 years old, preached. He said: "40 years ago to-day I preached my first sermon here as your minister." A fine band of singers from Paris Cape there.

July 12—Mr. Parris arrived from Washington amid the roar of a little swivel called "Jackson's Pocket Piece."

July 16—It has been the warmest season thus far, known for many years. Grass abundant.

July 26—Judge Samuel Parris, 83 years old, from Washington called to see us. He travelled 500 miles in 40 hours. Daniel Young we hear was robbed while crossing a bridge near Portland 2 nights ago. He was knocked on the head, rifled of \$600 and thrown into the water. Many suspect he robbed himself.

July 28—Mr. Butler, a young minister of the gospel, called this afternoon, proposing to preach in this place a few Sabbaths.

July 29, Sunday—Mr. Butler preached at Union Chapel.

Aug. 3—Best of weather. Picked off ears of corn, full in the milk to-day. Politics runs high.

Aug. 5, Sunday—Mr. Seth Stetson preached 2 fine sermons at Union Chapel. Sabbath School at 5 P.M.

Aug. 11—S. F. Brown removed from the Post Office and William Bridgham appointed in his stead.

Aug. 12, Sunday—Mr. Butler preached 3 sermons.

Aug. 19, Sunday—Mr. Chase preached here to-day.

Aug. 23—People reaping wheat which is abundant. More ground sown than ever before. The bounty given by the State \$2 for every 20 bushels raised has stimulated people to cultivate wheat. Corn generally out of the way of the frost. Growers receive by law \$2 for every 30 bushels of ears.

Aug. 26, Sunday—Mr. Chase preaches at Union Chapel.

Sept. 2, Sunday—Mr. Thomes, a Universalist, preached at Union Chapel.

Sept. 4—Frost last night for first time this season.

Sept. 12—Mr. Ripley's blacksmith shop and Mr. Robinson's wagon shop burned this morning about 4 o'clock. Loss about \$600., no insurance. Gathering my corn. I shall have not less than 60 bushels on a little more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre of ground.

Sept. 13—Powerful rain which was much needed. The mail brings news of the defeat of the Whigs in the late election. Largest vote that was ever thrown in any state according to its population.

Sept. 14—The Jackson-Van Buren party had a celebration this afternoon of their late victory in the election. They had intended to fire 100 guns, but before they had half done the swivel became so hot that the powder took fire while it was being loaded. Mr. Washington Heald's arm was torn in a shocking manner, so that he will probably lose it. Another man's thumb was broken and the eyes of still another badly injured.

Sept. 16, Sunday—Mr. Thomes from Otisfield preaches at Union Chapel.

Sept. 18—Eclipse of the sun in the afternoon.

Sept. 19—Muster of the Regiment in Ximenes Philbrick's field  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile from here.

Sept. 22—The Van Buren party have elected the Governor in this State by about 2500 majority. I have received (for Representative to Congress) some over 5000 votes in this Congressional District, 1400 more than last spring. Mr. Parris is elected.

Sept. 29—Finished digging potatoes—about 300 bushels on a  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an acre of ground. Benjamin Merrill and Eben Hodge have dug to-day and put into the cellar 100 bushels—a great day's work.

Oct. 1—At the 2nd ballot to-day the 4th day of trial Daniel Chase was elected Representative to the Legislature from Buckfield by one majority in 303 votes. The choice was decided by the Whigs withdrawing from their candidate and supporting Chase. This election decides that there are a majority in town in favor of appropriating the surplus only for a farm for the poor. The other candidate being supported by the party that opposed the appropriation a year ago last spring.

Oct. 2—About midnight we were waked by the report of a building on fire at my father's. It turned out to be his barn burnt together with a shed, about 20 tons of hay, his cow, and a valuable young horse. Loss not much short of \$500. It is not known how the fire took.

Oct. 3—Money continues scarce. It is worth 12 per cent. with the best security. Cattle of every description very high. Oxen  $6\frac{1}{2}$  feet girth \$100, middling milch cows \$30, best lambs \$2. Scarcely any beef in the country.

Oct. 9—Heavy frost.

Oct. 15—2 meetings of Debating Society at Bridgham's Hall.

Oct. 27—At 2 o'clock this beautiful starlight morning we were blest with the birth of a second son (John D. Long).



Nov. 15—The Whigs have triumphed in the N. Y. election by 10,000 majority.

Dec. 1—Warm and most delightful weather—no sleighing.. Prices at Buckfield: Beef from \$6 to \$8 per cwt. Mutton same. Shoats \$8 to \$10 per cwt. Fresh Hams 12½ cts. per bl. Salt Pork 14 cts. per lb. Hogs dressed 10 cts. per lb. Hay from \$5 to \$6 per ton. Wheat \$1.50 per bushel. Rye 6 shillings, corn 6 shillings, beans 7 shillings 6 pence, peas 5 shillings, oats 2 shillings per bushel, potatoes 1 shilling, butter 20 cts., cheese 10 cts., dried apples 4 cts., chickens 8 to 10, board in village 9 shillings to 12 shillings, girls' help from 4 shillings to 6 shillings, labor on a farm from \$11 to \$13 per mo., molasses 2 shillings 6 pence, tea 2 shillings, sheeting 9 cts., flannel 3 shillings, full cloth 6 shillings cash.

Dec. 3—3 trials before me this afternoon against persons for non-appearance at militia trainings. School commenced.

Dec. 4—A little after sunrise was startled by a cry of fire. A store near the bridge and joining Artemas Cole's store took fire in a roof by the funnel. The fire subdued by the activity of the citizens before the building was destroyed. Damages \$75 perhaps. The citizens after frequent and repeated warnings are striving to procure an engine.

Dec. 8—Recd the President's message 5 days from Washington.

1839.

Jan. 27—We have had one of the greatest freshets known for many years. The blowing of the wind and the beating of the gale last night were fearful. The water is roaring majestically over the dams and surrounding many of the buildings near the river. The blocks of ice have knocked away the underpinning from one store and the posts from one end of the saw mill. The ground is nearly bare.

Feb. 1—Very fine weather. No sleighing.

Feb. 20—Prospect of a war on the disputed territory. Our land agent has been taken by a British armed force, while performing his duty in arresting trespassers on our timber lands on Argostook River.

Feb. 25—Wars and rumors of war creating a great excitement. Some are sober, some are jolly, some frightened, some going out of the country to get clear of doing military duty and all classes making anxious inquiry of the progress of affairs on the frontier.

Feb. 27—Snow storm. The village crowded with people. A part of the Regiment met here to-day for a draft.—About 1-3 of the militia ordered to be in readiness.

Mar. 1—Sunny and warm. Sleighing destroyed.

Mar. 3—A deep snow came upon us like a thief in the night. A winter day. Two-thirds of the militia lately drafted from the Regiment ordered to march next Wednesday.

Mar. 4—The militia meet here this morning for another draft.

Mar. 5—Four soldiers from Lovell staid with us last night. Drafted men coming to the village this morning on their way to Headquarters. Have sent my horse and sleigh as far as Augusta to help them on their

way. About 3000 militia on the ground and on the march. Mr. Isaac Ellis takes another's place.

Mar. 6—The General Government has advised the State authorities to disband the militia. Our border trouble the all engrossing subject of conversation. The President's message too pacific and tame to suit the excited feeling in Maine. There is some doubt whether the Government of this State will comply with the recommendations of the President.

Mar. 8—While I was posting books this morning I heard an outcry and looking out saw a shabby looking man on the bridge with a team and such a team. It was a curiosity. A sled loaded with boys drawn by a yoke of cows and a hog harnessed on forward which appeared as well broken to the business as a truck horse. The man halted on the bridge and began to preach in a loud voice, gesticulating with his goad stick in no slovenly style. Though his voice could be heard very far, I could not understand the thread of his discourse. A bull and calf followed the team. A multitude gathered round, intoxicated with the fun. He delivered a Temperance lecture for one cent a minute.

Apr. 9—The High School house raised on Dr. Comstock's land..

Apr. 22—Mr. Jewett entered into co-partnership with Long & Loring Sat. Increase Spaulding died this morning at his father's of consumption.

Apr. 24—Beautiful weather, martins arrived to-day—a week earlier than last year. Trees beginning to leave out and grass starting finely.

May 2—Transplanted 6 young rock maples into my yard at south end of the house.

May 11—Mr. Woodman arrived to commence the high school next Monday. The new building nearly completed.

June 5—Cyrus, son of Nathaniel Shaw, died.

June 23—Went with Julia and Janet Loring to the Federal School house. Heard Mr. Hersey preach.

June 30—Mr. Woodman, an old-fashioned, fine hearted old Christian from New Gloucester preaches at Union Chapel. He is a believer in the unity of God and the final salvation of all men..

July 4—Powerful showers last night with lightning and thunder. No celebration in this place. Mr. V. D. Parris hurt by a ball while playing nine pins. Showers in the afternoon.

July 7—Bates, Universalist preacher, at Union Chapel, full house.

July 15—Cloudy, wet and mudd.y The oldest man never knew so much wet. My clover field rotting. We have not had a day of hay weather yet.

July 16—Daniel Young died this afternoon of consumption.

July 17—Beautiful weather. Begun haying.

July 20—Circus here. Great numbers attend.

July 28—Mr. Pearl preaches at Union Chapel. Mr. P. is a teacher and lecturer in Gorham Institute. A man of small stature but very enterprising and energetic. He is engaged to deliver a course of 4 lectures here beginning this evening on education.

Aug. 25—A laymen's meeting at Union Chapel.

Sept. 1, Sunday—Beautiful morning after the storm. Mr. Thomes preached at Union Chapel.

Sept. 4—The Universalists have an association meeting here to-day and to-morrow.

Sept. 20—There will be very few apples this year. I shall not have more than 50 bushels on 300 trees. Potatoes small and but half a crop.

Oct. 20, Sunday—Mr. Stockman from South Paris preaches at Union Chapel. And the choir of singers are here from that place to show their skill in music. There has been preaching of some kind a majority of Sabbaths this summer.

Oct. 21—Another money pressure coming upon the country. Philadelphia, Baltimore and Providence banks suspend specie payments. Prices of all kinds of property falling.

Nov. 18—Mr. Bartlett, phrenologist, dined with us and delivered a lecture in the evening at the High School house.

Nov. 22—Charles Atwood began service at ten dollars per month.

Dec. 1—Funeral at Union Chapel of Abijah Buck, the first male child born in the town.

Dec. 3—Business of all kinds very dull. The singing school is in a fine way.

Dec. 28—A violent snow storm. Mr. Thorpe, the singing master, here. He gives my daughter, Julia Davis, lessons on piano.

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Jan. 17—More symptoms of war on our N. E. border.

Jan. 19—Attended funeral of Mrs. Addison Cole's child at the Federal school house. The third child they have lost in infancy. They have none left.

Jan. 25—The mail has been delayed 2 days.

Feb. 6—Drafted a formal constitution for Buckfield Village choir.

Mar. 4—Warm as summer.

Mar. 5—Rain, snow and mud in abundance.

Apr. 2—Fine weather but bad travelling. The last day of Mr. Thorpe's singing school. Lewis Drew died last evening.

Apr. 9—Fast Day. Temperance meeting at Union Chapel and a lecture by Rev. Mr. Curtis of Turner.

Apr. 10—Roads nearly settled.

Apr. 20—Spring forward. The fields already green.

Apr. 21—The martins have arrived. Business dull. Prices low. Men who received from \$12 to \$15 last year can be hired this spring for \$10 and \$12. Hay plentiful at \$5 and \$6 per ton. Butter 9 cts., veal 3 and 4 cts. per lb., wheat 7 shillings and 6 pence, corn 5 shillings and falling.

Apr. 26—Mr. Curtis preaches at Union Chapel. A violent tempest in the afternoon. Thunder and lightning—rain and wind. It turned over and tore in pieces several sheds in the village and did considerable dam-

age. A two-story building was moved several hundred feet from its foundation and the roofs of some others were blown off.

May 17—Mr. Thorpe commenced giving instruction to our choir in sacred music.

May 24—Mr. Curtis delivered his first lecture on the evidence of natural and revealed religion at Union Chapel.

May 27—Fruit trees never so fully blossomed.

June 2—Clear and cool. The frost killed my corn, beans and pumpkins.

June 8—Fine growing weather. The children have brought in ripe strawberries—the earliest I ever knew. Everything in the vegetable kingdom uncommonly advanced.

June 12—Meeting of the Universalists at East meeting house.

June 25—Had the honor of a unanimous nomination as a candidate for Congress.

July 26—Mr. Tripp from Hebron preached at Union Chapel. He is over 80 years old. Mr. Curtis gave his last lecture at 5 o'clock.

July 31—Warm and dry. Fields and pastures dry and yellow and abounding in grasshoppers. Cattle half starved.

Aug. 3—Fine showers last night—The earth refreshed. Wool selling at 30 and 32 cts., hay \$7, flour at Portland \$5 per bbl., wheat here \$1.25, corn .75, butter .10. Cash can this mo. be had here at 6 per cent. upon the best security.

Sept. 30—Muster at Hebron. My son, Zadoc, and I attended. 33 years ago or one year less when I was about the age of Zadoc I attended muster for the first time on the same ground. I well remember how much I was charmed with military sights and sounds, with red coats, cocked hats and feathers, guns and swords, with the marching of men and the prancing of horses, the music of the fifes and drums, the rattle of musketry and the many other things, so exciting to childish fancy. I had no shoes and traveled 3 miles barefoot early in the morning while the frost was on the ground with only 3 cts. in my pocket which I paid for a small cake of molasses gingerbread. I returned home at night hungry and tired.

Oct. 1—Last mo. was remarkably pleasant and the whole summer has been one of the warmest, most delightful and fruitful in my remembrance.

Oct. 2—Daniel Thompson lost an arm yesterday in a threshing machine. I gave away 200 bushels of apples this year—a surplus I can't use or sell for much.

Oct. 11—Mr. Chandler preached at Union Chapel. Mr. Thorpe led the singing. Mr. Curtis gives us a farewell lecture at 5 o'clock.

Oct. 18—Mr. Woodman of New Gloucester, a good old-fashioned man, preached at Union Chapel.

Oct. 22—Returns from Ohio State election. Harrison and Reform is the order of the day—sweeping the whole country from Maine to Arkansas.

Oct. 30—Mr. Dumont delivered a political lecture at the town house at 3 o'clock.

Nov. 2—Vote for President. Harrison 76, Van Buren 274, one vote gain for the Locos. Both parties waiting with almost breathless anxiety, the result through the State, as it was never more doubtful.

Nov. 5—More favorable tidings for the Whigs. The State of Penn. with its 30 electors, has gone for Harrison and Reform.

Nov. 8—Loring Jewett very sick with fever.

Nov. 13—Our dear sister, Bathsheba Bearce, died at my father's last evening.

Nov. 15, Sunday—Our esteemed friend, Mr. Pearl, came here last evening and preaches to-day in the village.

Nov. 16—We are about forming an association in the village for the purpose of furnishing ourselves for one year with such periodicals, reviews and journals as will promote our knowledge of the arts and sciences.

Nov. 26—Thanksgiving. Pleasant weather and good sleighing.

Dec. 6, Sunday—Very cold. Attended 2 meetings at Union Chapel. Mr. Bates of Turner preached.

Dec. 14—A society formed in this village denominated Buckfield Society of Literature and Science consisting of 10 members who advanced 3 dollars each to be expended for the following periodicals to furnish a library for the first year: North American Review 5, Edinborough and London Quarterlies 6, Blackwood's Magazine 5, The American Eclectic 5, Boston Medical and Surgical Journal 3, The Cultivator 1, A Law Journal 3, and 2 others. The undersigned wishing to raise \$200 for the purpose of employing Mr. Cyril Pearl to instruct the High School and to preach every other Sabbath in Buckfield Village for one year, commencing the first of April next and \$50 and furnish the school with apparatus for scientific illustrations will pay sums set against their names to carry these purposes into effect.

Buckfield, Dec. 19, 1840.

ZADOC LONG	\$25.00
WILLIAM COMSTOCK	\$25.00
JAMES JEWETT	\$25.00
WILLIAM COLE	\$25.00
LUCIUS LORING	\$25.00
SAMUEL F. BROWN	\$20.00
PERSIS NELSON	\$20.00
WASHINGTON LONG	\$15.00
ISAAC CUSHMAN	\$10.00
ALBERT D. WHITE	\$10.00

Dec. 22—Snow storm the 6th—a genuine northeaster.

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Jan. 7—An old-fashioned January thaw.

Jan. 9—Exhibition of Buckfield Village choir at Union Chapel.



Jan. 18—A sudden change in the weather from warm to cold and the roads are frozen into one solid sheet of glare ice.

Jan. 26—Met last evening with several persons of the village for conference with Mr. Cyril Pearl upon his request to discuss the subject of putting in operation the High School.

Feb. 5—Total eclipse of the moon.

Feb. 17—Mr. Barnabas Perry, 76 years old, died last evening.

Feb. 19—There has not been a day since about the middle of Nov. when the roads have been impassable with sleighs. The best winter for travelling and business since my remembrance.

Feb. 25—Went into the school in the afternoon which is under the instruction of Thomas Chase. He attended school under my tuition when he was a boy and is one of the best teachers in town.

Mar. 1—Our High School commences under charge of Mr. Cyril Pearl with about 50 pupils—a majority of which are from other towns.

Mar. 7—Severe northeast snow storm. Funeral of Mr. Sam. Buck's oldest son appointed at Union Chapel but the storm has made it next to impossible to attend.

Mar. 14—People breaking track. Went in the afternoon to hear a funeral sermon by Mr. Pearl for Sam. Buck's son.

Mar. 23—Violent rain. 75 pupils attend the village High School and Lyceum—chiefly from other towns. We have a private school besides in the village, so there are now more than 100 attending school in this place.

Apr. 7—Heard the robins for the first time this season.

Apr. 8—We have just received the melancholy news of President Harrison's death.

Apr. 21—Snow storm in the morning. Rain in the afternoon. Mr. Butterfield murdered his wife and 2 children in Sumner.

Apr. 25—Mr. Pearl preaches at Union Chapel. Sabbath School commenced.

Apr. 28—Mr. Brown set out 2 little roots of trees called Trees of Heaven—one on each side of the path in my front yard.

Apr. 29—Martin birds singing bravely.

May 3—Ground in the morning covered with snow, followed by cold rain and wind. Nothing done towards my spring's work. The season behind about a fortnight.

May 14—National Fast Day. Mr. Jordan after close of the examination gave an address appropriate to the day. At 6 o'clock the pupils had an exhibition at Union Chapel. Some 25 or 30 young men displayed their talents in speaking and did honor to themselves.

May 30—Pleasant weather. William Cole very sick with lung fever. Funeral sermon in the afternoon at Union Chapel by Mr. Thomes for Nathan Atwood.

May 31—Second term of High School commenced this morning. Apple trees blossoming. Never did vegetation progress more rapidly.

June 1—House raised for Mr. Pearl on land I bought of Samuel F. Brown.

June 2—Violent gale in the afternoon. The frame of Mr. Pearl's house partly boarded, blown down.

June 6—Another house frame raised for Mr. Pearl.

July 4—Bright and beautiful morning. The vegetable world in a most flourishing state.

July 5—William Cole died about noon. He was the wealthiest man in town—a good citizen.

July 31—Very warm and dry. One of the sharpest drouths ever known here. Corn and potatoes suffering much.

Aug. 7—The drouth continues. People look sober.

Aug. 9—Dr. Comstock started for Mass. to practice his profession in Wentham..

Aug. 11—Col. Charles Andrews delivered an address before the Lyceum. Dr. Coolidge moved into the village this week.

Aug. 14—The drouth continues. The 2d term of the High School closed to-day with some over 40 pupils.

Aug. 16—The deep water springs failing.

Aug. 28—The drouth continues.

Aug. 30—Rain, rain, rain. It has been 63 days since the drouth commenced. During that time we have had only 2 or 3 slight showers.

Sept. 1—Appraised William Cole's estate—the largest ever appraised in this town—amount \$27,520.91.

Sept. 6—Fall term of the High School commences..

Sept. 29—Regimental muster at Hebron.

Oct. 2—Cool. The first frost of the season.

Oct. 26—Bro. Thomas died to-day.

Nov. 2—Uncommonly fine weather, no frost. One of the female pupils of the High School absconded. The people in no little excitement about it.

Nov. 6—Warm and rainy. The girl found in Gilead, 50 miles from here, where Mr. Albert D. White overtook her. She went to the Androscoggin river and jumped in and he plunged in after her at great hazard of his own life, for she was in water 40 feet deep. He succeeded in bringing her to the shore and she is now at home. It is a singular case of love sick derangement. She is only 16 years old, very well educated and a member of a respectable Congregationalist Church.

Nov. 7—The Washingtonian Temperance Society organized with 100 members. The cause of Temperance never looked so well in this town. The young men of leading influence are engaged in it and some of the hardest cases of confirmed drunkenness reformed, at least have pledged themselves to abstain from drinking.

Nov. 10—Contributed towards making up a sum for Mr. A. D. White in testimony of his late prompt persevering and hazardous services in rescuing the girl from suicide and restoring her to her parents.

Nov. 29—The Washingtonian Temperance Society meet at the Upper village this stormy evening. They are adding to their numbers daily. Glorious work.

Dec. 12—Very fine and sunny. Ground bare and open. Attended meeting. Mr. Thomes preached a good sermon.

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Feb. 22—Anniversary of the birth of General Washington celebrated here by the Washingtonian Temperance Society in a manner highly gratifying to the friends of true liberty, sobriety and good order, notwithstanding the bad state of the traveling more than 1000 people were assembled before 11 A.M. A procession under an elegant flag with the portrait of Washington painted on each side, while a martial band played a spirited air, marched from the village to Union Chapel, which was filled to overflowing aisles, entry and gallery with double rows in each pew. The banner was placed in a conspicuous part of the house and the exercises proceeded as follows: Song of jubilee by Buckfield Village Choir; prayer by Rev. George Thomes; voluntary by the choir; oration by Rev. C. C. Burr of Portland; Temperance Hymn by the choir; poem by Benj. Murray. The exercises concluded with appropriate music.

Mar. 1—Pleasant and sunny. Very little snow but abundant rain this winter. The stage to Portland has run on wheels almost all the time.

Mar. 20—Very pleasant and spring-like. The robins singing.

Mar. 27—Snow fell 9 or 10 inches yesterday so that it is good sleighing.

Apr. 7—Fast Day. Some snow on the hills. The times throughout the country were never so hard. The Bankrupt Law is in operation and people everywhere are taking advantage of it. Debts are uncertain. We cannot have much confidence in people who have done and are still doing business on credit. One thing is certain people en masse must be more industrious and economical or they will not soon see an end of this present wicked state of things.

Apr. 22—The fields in many places look green. People plowing and sowing. To-day the weather is warm as June. At night was the warmest I ever experienced at this time of year. The thermometer stood at 92 degs. above zero.

May 9—Bro. Washington dissolved his connection with the store. Mr. Loring and Jewett continue in partnership.

May 29—The apple trees in blossom.

July 4—Very warm. A party celebration in this village.

July 13—Warm and clear. Thermometer 104 degrees.

Aug. 18—Rode for the first time in the steam cars from Portland to Kennebunk, 25 miles in one hour—among the first passengers that have passed over the railway from Saco to Kennebunk. Dined at Dover, N. H. Arrived at Boston half past 6 P.M. in the cars, 2½ hours going 66 miles. Stopped at the American House, Hanover St.

Sept. 22—Frost last night and night before—the first we have had. Dr. Comstock here. Sold his farm to Dr. Coolidge.

Sept. 23—Mr. Pearl has resigned the superintendency of the High School. Mr. Atkinson takes his place.

Oct. 9—Cool. Cattle Show at Norway. Hard Times. Good crops of corn.

Nov. 14—People preparing for Thanksgiving. Money very scarce. Provisions of all kinds very low—plenteous. Flour, \$4.50; corn, 67c; wheat, \$1.00; rye, 67c; oats, 30c; beef, 2½ to 3 cts.; chickens, 4c; butter, 10 to 13 cts.; cows from \$10 to \$15; oxen from \$50 to \$60; wool, 25c; molasses, 25c; sheeting, 8c.

Dec. 2—People breaking roads. I should judge there have been 50 yoke of oxen in the village to-day.

Dec. 3—Winter, winter—storm after storm. Snow upon snow.

Dec. 17—Fine weather and very good sleighing.

#### 1843.

Mar. 19—A meeting was appointed at the High School house for Elder Hayes, a Free Will Baptist preacher.

Apr. 3—The snow is so deep that the top of the fence in my front yard is entirely covered. We never saw so much snow on the ground at any time nor so badly drifted.

Apr. 26—Warm and wet. The snow disappearing.

May 1—A freshet. The water is roaring sublimely over the dams. It flows in one broad sheet over the entire upper stone dam and runs a river down the road in front of Mr. Ripley's smith shop.

May 7—Funeral this forenoon at Union Chapel of H. Hathaway's daughter. Have been to see Squire Swallow who seems near his end.

May 21—Attended 2 meetings and heard 2 good sermons by Mr. Davis.

June 21—Old Mrs. Jane Record, the oldest person in the place and one of the early settlers buried to-day.

July 4—Very cold. Slight frost this morning. We have kept a fire in the sitting room two days to make us comfortable—a sudden and very great change in the weather.

July 27—Ozen Spaulding very sick.

Sept. 11—Frost this morning. Killed everything in my garden that was not ripe. Farewell squashes, cucumbers, musk melons, sweet corn, etc.

#### 1844.

Jan. 1—A delightful morning. The weather has been pleasant through Dec. Money plenteous. Prices low.

Jan. 5—The proceedings of Congress are interesting now. John Quincy Adams, 76 years old, the best informed and most independent and persevering statesman in our country has triumphed in his long and arduous struggle with the Slave Power upon the Right of Petition.

Jan. 8—John C. Calhoun of S. C., Van Buren of N. Y., Buchanan of Penn., and Col. Johnson of Ky. are the men talked of as candidates of the Democratic party for our next President. Henry Clay is the man for the Whigs.

Jan. 13—It was a very blustering night and the sad news comes to us to-day that a drunken man perished in the road on his way home from

the grog shop. He was found this morning with his extremities frozen—quite dead.

Jan. 21—The late death in this place by rum is having a good effect upon the cause of Temperance. The two retailers, who have hitherto sold ardent spirits to be drunk in their stores have promised to sell no more.

Jan. 22—I have been consulted about the propriety of apprehending a man who is suspected of passing counterfeit Mexican dollars. Five new well stamped dollars were exhibited to me, which I should without hesitation have taken for good money. The community is everywhere infested with spurious bank bills on all the banks of long standing. Such bills are extensively in circulation, so well made that even the banks in some instances have been imposed upon by them. And a bold rogue, a short time ago, passed 80 Mexican dollars, all counterfeit silver, to one of the Portland banks. It was, however, soon enough discovered to secure the villain who is now in state's prison.

Jan. 28—Extremely cold. It seems as if every living thing would perish.

Jan. 31—It has been altogether the coldest January I ever experienced. It is so cold it seems that we all must perish in spite of roaring fires in 2 rooms and a red hot cook stove in the kitchen.

Feb. 8—Dull times. An old drunkard is going home sober. He can't buy a glass of rum in this village. Our rum shops have discontinued the sale of ardent spirits to drunkards.

Mar 3—Spring weather. The snow is running off.

Mar. 10—Delightful weather. Mr. Carlton from Oxford preaches at the school house.

Apr. 1—A clear cool winter day. Rode to Lewiston in a sleigh.

Apr. 21—Luther Crocker died at Dr. Bridgman's last night.

Apr. 22—Clinton Ripley, a bit of a lad 7 years old, has brought me a trout, which he just now caught out of the river with hook and line, weighing 2 lbs. and 6 ozs.—a beauty. The largest ever caught before in this stream it is said. I paid him 20 cts. for it.

May 3—Best of weather. People sowing and planting.

May 12—Mr. Chase, 83 years old, preached at Union Chapel.

May 14—A meeting this P.M. in the village of the County Singing Society.

May 16—Apple trees in full bloom.

May 20—Mr. Ballard commences a High School in this place.

June 13—I have just walked down stream to see the preparations making for a starch factory. Atwood & Co. are erecting a dam, digging a canal and making brick for the building that is to be 75 ft. long and 3 stories high.

June 20—Prices: Hay, \$6; corn, 67 cts.; rye, 67 cts.; oats, 25; flour, 4.67; butter, 9 cts.; molasses, .30. Money plenteous at 6 per cent. for good security.



July 4—So cold that we have a fire in the sitting room to make us comfortable. The American Flag hoisted on Bridgham's store is waving in a good stiff breeze. Boys are firing the swivel. This is all Buckfield does in commendation of the birthday of our Independence.

Aug. 9—Attended a mass meeting of the Whigs at Paris and heard able speeches by Mr. Evans and Mr. Morse upon the subject of protection, tariff and the annexation of Texas.

Aug. 23—Cold rain storm. My father here 74 years old says it is the coldest summer but one that he can remember. We have had a fire in the sitting room all day which is needed for comfort as much as in winter.

Aug. 31—Mr. Morse delivers a Whig political address in the village.

Sept. 4—County Washingtonian Temperance Society met in this village and were addressed by Neal Dow of Portland.

Sept. 5—Attended the Free Will Baptist Quarterly meeting at the East meeting house.

Sept. 7—Attended Whig mass meeting at Lewiston. 2000 people assembled with banners, music and roar of guns.

Sept. 18—This is believed to be the most fruitful season that has ever been in this country. Large crops of every kind of produce. Nothing fails this year, yet it has been an unusually cold season.

Sept. 23—A change in the weatehr. Frost this morning. The first to injure anything this season.

Oct. 22—This is the day the Millerites looked for the coming of Christ and the end of the world.

Dec. 15—Pleasant. No meeting in this village for religious worship on the Sabbath. We are a stupid people.

Dec. 28—A man stopped in the way and wrote on a post by the spring:

"A Temperance fountain, good as can be  
Better far than Rum or Brandy  
And if this truth excite your fury,  
Then let my horse be judge and jury."

1845.

Jan. 19—Clear, cold weather. Good sleighing. We have had no religious meeting in the village of late. The Universalists ran themselves out last summer, by dividing into two parties—the Thomes party and the Canfield party and by contentions for the ascendancy till it might be said they were consumed in their own fiery conflicts. Heaven grant us a better state of things.

Jan. 22—A dancing school is kept in the village under charge of Elisha Buck.

Jan. 28—Summer-like weather.

Feb. 2—The coldest weather we have had. For 48 hours it has been almost insufferable.

Feb. 3—The cold continues and increases.

Feb. 27—Warm. Snow running. A Temperance dinner party at Paris Hill.

Mar. 1—Mr. Geo. F. Emery addresses the people here upon the subject of Temperance. The Temperance folks are divided into two parties—the moral suasionists and the legal suasionists.

Mar. 3—Annual town meeting. All the nominations are made with reference to Temperance and Anti-Temperance.

Mar. 30—A meeting was held in the village yesterday to choose a committee to survey a route from Mechanic Falls through this village to Rumford Point for the great Railway in contemplation from Portland to Montreal. Charters have been granted from our State Legislature and Canada. The books are opened for taking up the stock. The expense of the railway is estimated at \$5,000,000.

Apr. 13—My son, Zadoc, takes great interest in his Latin lessons. Carroll Loring recites to me in English Grammar and James Jewett in reading and spelling.

June 22, Sunday—Mr. Tenney from Ellsworth—a talented sermonizer, preaches at Union Chapel.

July 1—A severe drouth, cloudy and cold. We have a fire in the sitting room and the stores in the village keep fires as in January.

July 4—Delightful morning. The boys firing the swivel.

July 22—Drouth severe. Blueberries ripe.

Aug. 2—Sold a strip of my field on the north side 6 rods long to Wm. Crescy containing about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres for \$226.

Sept. 1—Mr. Foster commenced a High School in the village.

Sept. 27—Have just finished digging potatoes. Carried about 100 bushels to the Starch Factory and received  $12\frac{1}{2}$ c per bushel. The crop this fall bad everywhere in this quarter. Not a quarter crop of sound potatoes will be saved.

Nov. 6—Very pleasant—no frost. The grass springing up anew since the rain and gives the ground a spring-like appearance.

Nov. 17—Very fine weather. Mr. Brown gone to Boston to get the office of Supt. of Mass. Gen'l Hospital.

Dec. 7, Sunday—Attended meeting at Union Chapel. Heard John Allen called "Camp Meeting John."

Dec. 15—Miss Mary Ann Brown married and moved to Bangor.

Dec. 18—Albert D. White has sold his tannery and land to Josiah W. Whitten and Alexander Robinson for \$2000—the same property I sold him for \$1800.

#### 1846.

Jan. 1—Clear, cool weather. Fine sleighing.

Jan. 22—Extremely cold and blustering. My son, John Davis, had both his ears frozen when coming home from school.

Mar. 27—We have had a great rain. Hall's bridge carried away by the freshet.

Apr. 10—We are all topsy turvy, making arrangements to move to Portland. I have let my house and garden to Mr. Ferdinand Warren for

\$75 a year. He to pay one-half the taxes. I have let my field adjoining my house to E. Atwood & Co.

Apr. 22—Mr. Benjamin Bean buried. Funeral at Union Chapel.

Apr. 27—Started with my family for Portland.

Aug. 26—We have concluded to move back to our old place in B.

Sept. 10—Arrived in Buckfield.

Sept. 21—Commenced keeping house again in Buckfield.

Oct. 11—That oft mentioned character, "the oldest inhabitant," does not remember so pleasant and so productive a season as this

Nov. 11—The Fall elections everywhere turn out favorable to the Whigs. New Hampshire sets the example by a thorough change. Maine next has given almost a death blow to Locofocoism—the Whigs having prevented the election of Governor by the people.

Dec. 1—Thanksgiving. Fine winter weather.

1847.

Jan 1—A thaw.

Jan. 31—50 yoke of oxen from different sections of the town have been in the village breaking out roads.

Feb. 12—Pleasant. Good sleighing. My son, John Davis, playing dominoes with his grandmother Nelson—She is 80 and he 8 years old.

Feb. 16—Very cold. Money plenteous. Provisions rising very much in price on account of the demand in Europe. The repeal of duties in England, the destruction of the potato crop, the chief dependence of the Irish people, have opened a market for provisions from the U. S. to such an extent, that merchants are unable to procure carrying vessels enough for our exports.

Mar. 31—The last day of as cold a March as was ever experienced in this climate. To-day a cold snow storm. There is a mass meeting in the village to-day for the purpose of explaining and having generally understood the object, probable expense and advantage of a railway from this village to Mechanic Falls, 12 miles to meet the Portland and Montreal road. The people of this village have already pledged themselves to take about \$17,000 stock in the contemplated road.

Apr. 8—Fast Day. People travel in sleighs, Feb. and March have been the coldest for 30 years. Contributed 9 shillings for the relief of the suffering Irish and Julia and Persis have also articles of wearing apparel priced at 15 shillings.

Apr. 13—The martins appear this morning. They must have made a miscalculation. It is two weeks earlier than they usually come.

Apr. 15—Persis begging old clothes to send to Ireland. With one hand we are sending our ships laden with food and clothing to Ireland, with the other our ships laden with implements of war and blood shed to Mexico.

Apr. 22—Warm and damp. The birds singing. A warm shower with thunder and lightning. The ice is coming over the dam. Men and boys are assembled on the bridge to witness it.

May 1—Very cold. The trees are as naked and budless as in January. A meeting in the village to see about the R. R. to Bog Falls. Many attend—some from Portland.

May 2—V. D. Parris, Marshal of Maine, called.

May 3—Have sold a house lot to Virgil D. Parris out of my pasture land—about  $\frac{3}{8}$  of an acre for \$75. Snow storm. Dr. Bridgham calls on me and says that he has visited patients 5 miles distant in a sleigh. He says the snow in some places is very deep.

May 17—Beautiful weather. Trees leaving out.

May 18—My Father has walked up here in the rain to bring me a piece of veal. He was 77 years old last week. My mother, 71 years old, walked up to see me 2 miles and back.

June 6—A goodly number of children attend the opening of the Sabbath School. Mr. James, Congregationalist minister, preaches at Union Chapel at 5 o'clock.

June 15—Mother Nelson died without a struggle at 9 o'clock A.M. She died a Christian, universally beloved and respected, in the 82d year of her age.

June 22—Business of the village, No. of stores, mechanics, etc.: Five stores in operation, Loring & Jewett, Ephraim Atwood & Co., Geo. Bennett, James Murdock, Sam Thomes. Two wagon shops, Amory H. Allen and Aaron Parsons. 2 blacksmith shops, 1 starch factory that makes 30 tons of starch yearly, 1 hoe factory that makes 200 doz. hoes yearly, one tin factory—Mr. Douglass. 1 boot and shoe factory—John Taylor. 1 tannery, Alexander Robinson and Josiah W. Whitten, 2 saw mills, 1 grist mill with 4 run of stones, Artemas F. Cole, 1 cabinet shop, Lloyd Cole, 1 tailor, Samuel Thomes; 1 slop shop, James Murdock; 1 public house for travellers, Sydenham Bridgham; 1 clothing and carding mill, Addison G. Cole. 36 dwelling houses, 3 lawyers doing business in separate offices, 4 physicians, William Bridgham & Son (Wm. P.), Cyrus Coolidge and John S. Drake; 1 harness maker, Ferdinand A. Warren. Business of the village increasing. People are industrious and temperate and though not rich, are generally independent as to property. 225 inhabitants in the village.

July 5—The Pres. of the U. S. was at Augusta last week and at Portland yesterday.

July 20—The charter for a Branch R. R. to Mechanic Falls received from the Legislature.

July 26—Went with Zadoc, John Davis and Carroll Loring to Streaked Mountain blueberrying. Hay is abundant this season.

Aug. 1, Sunday—Warm. No meeting in the village to-day.

Aug. 13—There are 2 factories in Buckfield where great quantities of powder are made.

Aug. 15, Sunday—Went to East meeting house where we were much edified by a sermon by Elder Phinney, a very fluent Free Baptist preacher.

Aug. 18—People talking about the Buckfield Branch Ry. It is now nearly certain that the enterprise will go into effect.

Aug. 21—Books opened for subscription for stock in the Buckfield Branch Railroad.

Aug. 27—\$32,000 of stock in the railroad is subscribed for.

Aug. 31—The Universalists have an association meeting in this village to-morrow.

Sept. 6—It is sickly. People are troubled with fevers and colds.

Nov. 25—Thanksgiving. We have had a powerful rain. The weather is now warm as summer.

Dec. 1—Extremely cold. No snow on the ground. School has commenced under charge of Lucy Robinson.

Dec. 15—Julia Davis was married to her half cousin, Nelson D. White by Mr. Butler.

1848.

Jan. 1—Warm as summer. Ground entirely bare. The grass looks green around my buildings.

Jan. 13—Extremely cold. Good sleighing. The month of Dec. averaged 5 degrees colder than for 30 years.

Jan. 24—I am summoned to attend the trial of Valorus Coolidge for murder at Augusta to-morrow.

Jan. 26—Started to go to Augusta. Went 20 miles and heard of the adjournment of the trial to March.

Feb. 3—Mild—little snow. It has thus far been the mildest winter known in this climate.

Mar. 13—Rode in a double sleigh with Squire Brown, Mr. Loring, Elder Thomes and Josiah W. Whitten to Augusta.

Mar. 14—Trial of Coolidge commenced in the largest church in the place which was filled with people.

Mar. 15—Very cold. Trial continues. The prisoner appears well. House crowded—galleries with ladies.

Mar. 25—We hear that Valorus Coolidge was convicted of murder and sentenced to be hung after one year's solitary confinement at hard labor in the State's Prison.

Apr. 22—Martin birds arrived to-day. Road nearly settled. People plowing.

May 7—Delightful. Earth and heavens full of beauty, music and gladness.

May 29—Mr. Walker from Indiana gave us a ranting specimen of Western stump oratory yesterday p. m. which did no great credit to him or his state.

Aug. 23—I have bonded to Levi Cushman  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre of land opposite Mr. Jewett's for a house lot, price \$250. Land for building lots is high in this village. Mr. Loring sold a piece 40 ft. square near his store on the Hebron road for \$125.

Sept. 20—Rented my house, stable and garden to Seth B. Horton for 5 years at \$225 per year to be kept for public entertainment.

Oct. 18—Cattle show at the village. Rain.



Oct. 31—Summer-like weather. This is a proud day for Buckfield. We celebrate the breaking ground for the Railroad. Elder Chase was appointed to invoke the blessing of Heaven upon the work. We procured a large carriage and 3 horses to carry oldest citizens to the ground at the head of a long procession with martial music and the firing of cannon, 13 old men whose average age was 84 years, 5 of them Rev. soldiers whose average age is 90 years. After a short and appropriate speech by Mr. Parris, President of the Company, Mr. Chase, 87 years old, who has been a minister of the Gospel one-half a century, made a prayer. Mr. Jonathan Record, 98 years old, who helped make the first road in Buckfield, struck the first blow on the railway. After the ceremonies on the ground, the old men were escorted to the Nezinscot House kept by Seth B. Horton and a dinner was given them. 113 guns.

Nov. 16—Thanksgiving Day. Beautiful weather.

Nov. 17—Old Zack Taylor, so-called Whig, is elected President of the U. S.

Nov. 25—Capt. Horton put up his sign for the Nezinscot House.

Dec. 14—The addition to my house for hall and dressing room nearly completed.

1849.

Jan. 1—Very pleasant.

Jan. 25—Buckfield B. R. R. goes ahead rapidly,  $\frac{1}{4}$  of distance is graded and a contract is made and \$5000 advanced for the iron rails, 1000 tons at \$34, exclusive of duties, to be delivered at Portland next June. Capt. Horton has the California gold fever.

Feb. 6—Capt. Horton gone to Bath to procure a vessel in which to go to California for gold. He has sold his furniture in this house to Mr. Nathan Morrill, who has agreed to take a lease of the house.

May 7—Zadoc and John commenced study at Hebron Academy. Board with Mr. Fairbanks, the preceptor at 6 shillings each per week.

May 14—A high freshet.

July 4—A Temperance celebration here. Very honorable to the place. 4000 people judged to be present.

Aug. 13—Began to-day to lay the rails for the Buckfield Branch R. R. at Mechanic Falls.

Aug. 18—Sold a house lot to Ira Ames, 25 rods square for \$50. Land in east corner of the pasture lately conveyed to me opposite Allen's, Parris' and Thomes's land by Sam. B. Perry.

Aug. 23—Railroad nearly graded. It will be in operation this fall if the company can raise a loan of \$35,000 which they are in pursuit of.

Aug. 26—Meeting at Union Chapel. 4 ministers present, 2 Baptists and 2 Universalists whose united ages were 314 years, average  $78\frac{1}{2}$  years.

Aug. 27—Annual meeting of the Railroad Company last Sat. Old Board of Directors elected with one exception.

Aug. 28—Sold my shares in the B. B. R. R. to V. D. Parris for  $52\frac{1}{2}$  per cent.; 20 shares, \$2000 for \$1050. Loss \$950. I have paid into the

treasury \$900. Mr. P. is to pay the remaining assessment that will be made on me by my paying \$50 and then he receives certificates of stock.

Dec. 1—The B. B. R. R. not yet in operation. The rails laid to within 5 miles of the village. The cost when the road is completed will not be less I think than \$150,000—\$50,000 more than the estimates.

Dec. 2—Very cold. The ground shut up effectually last night. Many of the boarders of the Nezinscot House have left. Mr. Arrowsmith and wife are in N. Y. Parsel and Benson at Portland, Barrett and Stevenson on the line of the Atlantic & St. Lawrence road, Mr. Gregg at Mr. A. F. Cole's and about to be married to Miss Helen Cole. All the foregoing have been connected with the construction of the railroad. Mr. Sullivan Andrews has left because he is not satisfied with his treatment. I am again to take the house the first of May.

Dec. 21—I have bought of Ephraim Atwood an orchard—about  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre, on which there are some 82 apple trees for \$100.

1850.

Jan. 1—Good weather. Good sleighing.

Jan. 8—A great multitude assembled at the village to see the first train come in. A dinner prepared at this house for 100 invited guests from other towns. Owing to the snow drifting upon the track, the engine could not get through to the great mortification and disappointment of the people of the place.

Jan. 11—The cars with passengers came into the village for the first time.

Jan. 13—Olive Record buried to-day.

Jan. 20—Jonathan Buck buried to-day.

Jan. 26—Mr. Brown has sold his house and farm to America Farrar.

Jan. 29—Mrs. Ephraim Atwood, our near neighbor, is dying with consumption.

Feb. 6—We are having the coldest weather for the winter. Snow's very deep and travelling difficult. The Railroad is in operation, but meets with much delay and trouble on account of blocking snows.

Apr. 3—Mr. Brown moved from his house and Mrs. B. and Charlotte left the place to reside in Bangor.

Apr. 13—I have let the Sons of Temperance have the use of the hall for the meetings of their Society at \$8 per quarter.

Apr. 17—Mr. Morrill moved his goods and family away from our house.

Apr. 27—Mr. America Farrar raising an addition to his house. His business large.

May 6—Mr. America Farrar is building a spacious addition to his house on the side of my garden. Considerable improvement has been made in the buildings and business of the village since the commencement of the R. R. Rents and real estate have advanced very much.

July 3—The town is widening and repairing the bridge in the village.

July 25—Howard, the violinist, here.

Aug. 3—The Buckfield Brass Band meet this evening. The B. B. R. R. is doing business enough to pay running expenses, but not enough to pay the interest of the company's debt which would be about \$20 a day.

Oct. 20—Mr. Small, Preceptor of Hebron Academy, preached at Union Chapel. The Sons of Temperance left my hall and now meet at Farrar's.

Dec. 5—The business of the village has very much increased since the R. R. commenced. Loring, Jewett & Co. are beginning the manufacture of shoes. Atwood & Crescy are also preparing for it. Charles Davis & Co. are doing a considerable business in their flour mill. They have ground with what they now have on hand 8000 bushels of wheat, which they brought from the State of N. Y. last year. 20 dwelling houses have been erected, 3 stores and very many other buildings within two years. The population of the village has been increased by many coming in. The R. R. here is in a bad way. It is believed that it will be an entire loss to stockholders, to the amount they signed for. There seems not to be company funds enough to pay creditors.

Dec. 11—The stockholders much discouraged about our R. R. The Company has not the means to pay its debts. The engine ran off the track to-day at Mechanic Falls, so that passengers were obliged to take sleighs. Mr. White from Bangor is here and talks of buying the farm of the late Jonathan Buck.

Dec. 13—My son, Zadoc, is in the store of William A. Child & Co.

Dec. 15—Our R. R. spending more than it earns.

#### 1851.

Jan. 7—The snows have so blocked up the R. R. that the cars have not passed over it for some 10 days.

Jan. 10—The R. R. Co. desperately embarrassed. The stock is worthless and holders cannot give it away to responsible parties. The road is mortgaged for about \$40,000 and the floating liabilities are nearly as much besides. Subscribers to stock were not aware that they made themselves liable to creditors of the company to the amount of their stock. Many are disposing of their property to avoid it.

Jan. 14—A rumor is out that the Canal Bank has failed. If so the loss among the people will be severe as the money on that bank is largely in circulation here and elsewhere. I have some \$45.

Jan. 25—Stockholders of the R. R. met at the depot to see what can be done for the road. It is not now in operation, owing to some injury done to the engine.

Feb. 4—Zadoc takes charge of the store of Wm. A. Child & Co. John Davis in the Post Office.

Feb. 13—Bought the entire stock of Wm. A. Child & Co., appraised at \$1680.12. I have done this for Zadoc.

Mar. 26—Funeral of my brother, Miles's wife. She died of consumption and has left 7 children.

Apr. 3—Funeral of Mr. John Loring, one of oldest citizens of the place, aged 81.

Apr. 12—Meeting of the B. B. R. R. stockholders at which about \$14,000 were subscribed in part to satisfy their liabilities.

Apr. 15—The prospect for business and for social improvement in this place, dim and small. People embarrassed and discouraged on account of the R. R. The whole effect on the community is bad.

Apr. 26—The town has voted to petition the Legislature to grant power to loan its credit to the amount of 15 per cent of the cash valuation of property for the purpose of aiding the R. R.

Oct. 11—John Davis recites his first lessons in Greek to Mr. Small, preacher in this village.

Oct. 13—We are building a new school house in the village with brick walls. It is on the ground had of V. D. Parris, on the road nearly opposite the town house on a place embracing improvements recommended by the State Board of Education. Cost estimated \$1400 all told.

Oct. 20—Bought the store in which my son, Zadoc, trades this day deeded to me by N. O. Douglass and paid \$1000 for it to Artemas F. Cole, who exchanged a dwelling house for it with Mr. Douglass. Mr. A. F. Cole has this day bought one-half of my stock in trade and enters into co-partnership. He pays me \$1100 for half the stock.

Nov. 27—Thanksgiving Day. Delightful weather. Good sleighing. Winter is about 30 days earlier than usual.

Nov. 30—I last week gave up to the R. R. Co. claims against it for \$2072.00 and took a certificate from the Treasurer. That clears me from all further liabilities to the Co. and to its creditors according to the laws of the State. This matter has occasioned me much anxiety and I have been fortunate to get fully discharged so cheaply. I subscribed for 20 shares. My whole liability was \$4000. I have managed to get discharged for less than \$1400 by buying claims against the company.

1852.

Apr. 11—Mr. Small has commenced a sort of an Educational Institute in the village—that is to meet with as many of the scholars in this district as please to attend twice a week for the purpose of improvement, etc. Mr. Hiram Hall has opened a store in this village with a new and large stock of common country merchandize.

Apr. 15—Fast Day. Farmers out of hay. It is a very discouraging time for them. Old Mr. Wm. Brock, a poor pauper, buried in a howling snow storm, without mourners and without funeral services. Old Mrs. Chaffin was buried yesterday.

Apr. 16—Snow fell yesterday 16 inches deep.

Apr. 28—Mr. Small preached. He has fuller meetings than any minister we have had this long time.

Apr. 29—Martins came yesterday.

June 28—Sold to Artemas F. Cole my part of the stock in trade and dissolved the co-partnership of Cole & Long.

Aug. 30—Zadoc went this morning at half past 5 on the cars to commence as clerk with J. N. Dennison & Co., Boston.

Sept. 5—Mr. Small preaches at Union Chapel. We miss Zadoc's flute in the choir.

Oct. 25—The telegraph this morning brings us the news of the death of Daniel Webster at his home in Marshfield, Mass.—A great light is extinguished—a star of the first magnitude has fallen.

1853.

Feb. 9—We never knew so warm and broken a winter.

Feb. 23—There have been brought into the village this winter 125 tons of dried apples.

Feb. 25—F. O. J. Smith is here making contracts to grade the extension of the R. R. to Canton.

Feb. 28—Last day of the shortest and mildest winter I ever experienced. I have this day written for counsel touching my R. R. liabilities. The R. R. has cost the people here much money and trouble.

Mar. 3—Buckfield Sewing Circle held its annual fair this eve at Cresey's Hall. A Mr. Nicholson, an itinerant phrenologist, has been in the village a week humbugging old and young. He has 50 cts. for chart of head. I believe there has been no necessity this winter for breaking roads—an unheard of instance in this climate.

Mar. 7—Annual town meeting. The people divided into two parties upon the Maine Liquor Law—denominated Ramrods and Rummies. The Rummies carry the day and elect all their candidates by a majority of 30 or 40.

Mar. 9—Free Soil people hold a meeting to-day and to-morrow at Union Chapel.

Mar. 18—America Farrar raising up his house for a tavern.

Mar. 27, Sunday—No meeting. Mr. Small absent and talks of leaving the place.

Apr. 3—Grandfather Long, 83 years old, walked up 2 miles to see us—as spry and smart as a lad of 12.

Apr. 9—My field broken into this week for the extension of the R. R. Men are making a culvert in the swale. A gentleman named Woodbury, overseeing the work, lost his pocketbook a few days ago, containing in cash \$400 and as much more in drafts and notes. Yesterday<sup>†</sup> set out a snow-ball tree on the north side of my front yard path—also a small elm and 2 peonies, 1 high cranberry bush, all taken from Mr. Farrar's front garden, which Mr. Samuel F. Brown planted there, when he owned the place. It is sad to see the shrubbery Mr. Brown took so much pains with, rooted up.

May 1—Mr. Small preaches. We have a seraphine in the church, hired of the Baptist Society of Norway.

May 3—F. O. J. Smith moved with his family into the village Sat. last. Boards at Mr. Cresey's tavern.

May 5—Mr. Small who attended the examination at Hebron Academy tells me that John Davis is the best Greek scholar there.



May 30—A young Irishman who worked on the R. R. was drowned here last evening. He went into the river on horseback—fell off his horse and was drowned before he could get help.

June 24—America Farrar furnishing his tavern to be opened next week under care of John Taylor as landlord.

July 5—Mr. Farrar's new hotel opened to-day.

July 21—John Davis returned from Cambridge with his certificate of admission at Harvard.

July 27—A day to be remembered as the day of my own mother's death—77 years of age.

Aug. 4—Ball at Farrar's hotel last night. Cost of music \$50—costly supper. Mr. Clifford of Portland, Robinson of Hartford, Ruel Washburn of Livermore, Seth May of Winthrop, Belcher of Farmington and Luden of Turner, referees and counsel in a law case of A. G. Cole vs. Wm. Bridgham staid at our house last night. Zadoc went into trade with Carroll Loring at his father's store. I let Zadoc have \$1500 in cash and Carroll has \$1500. Carroll's father works all the time for them and has 1-3 of the profits. The firm name is Loring & Long.

Dec. 1—No snow on the ground. Cattle feeding in the field. The weather is delightful.

Dec. 11, Sunday—Mr. Small baptized Col. Ichabod Bonney, D. Swett and wife, E. Ricker and wife and Mr. Noah Prince yesterday in the river near A. G. Cole's dam and gave them the right hand of fellowship and welcomed them into the Paris Church of which he is a member.

#### 1854.

Jan. 24—The Buckfield Sewing Circle has its annual levee at Taylor's Hall to-day.

Jan. 25—Josiah Whitten leaves my house to-day and moves on to the Capt. Record place. This is one of the old-fashioned winters, weather cold, snow deep.

Feb. 5—Very cold. Thermometer 24 degrees below zero. Funeral of Elizabeth Rice, a pauper at Union Chapel. She and her widowed mother, who is about 80 years old, lately went to the poor house after years and years of struggling against poverty with heroic courage, suffering and severe destitution, rather than become a public charge.

Feb. 12—Mrs. Valentine Ripley buried to-day.

Feb. 15—The Whigs by a split in the Democratic party in this state have a Governor, Speaker of the House, etc. Prices of provisions: Best flour, \$12; hay, \$15 and other things in proportion.

Feb. 23—Snow storm. The earth is buried deep. The people are uneasy. Many talk of finding a warmer latitude. Some have already started for California. The traders and merchants suffer most. Their business in a great measure is stopped.

Apr. 7—9 bbls. of liquor destroyed here this afternoon. A great crowd around the sheriff as he knocked open the barrels and spilled "the critter."—Ramrods and Rummies—some cross, some making sport—some ready to fight, some catching the liquor in their caps from under the

sheriff's ax and drinking freely of it and then passing it to others, some pushing, some pushed, some laughing, some swearing, one man pounded in the face and searching furiously with doubled fists for him who did it. Rummies seized a barrel of liquor and rolled it away were chased by Ramrods who retook it and guarded it as they would a condemned murderer till he undergoes the sentence of the law. A disgraceful row de row.

May 14—Last night we had a fearful fire in the village. Mr. Battles' public house and all the stables and sheds connected together with Bridgham's store were entirely consumed. The fire broke out about midnight. Loss estimated at \$4000. Insurance, \$2400.

June 16—Ezra Bisbee buried.

July 4—No celebration here. The American Flag is waving from the sign pole of Farrar's hotel.

July 26—Mr. Leonard from Boston has fixed our old clock so that it strikes the hours correctly. It has been running for half a century and was bequeathed by grandmother Nelson to Zadoc. It was valued highly by her. Its original cost was \$80. She kept it in her sleeping room and its ticking and striking was company for her especially when at the late hours of the night she could not sleep. For several years the striking part has been out of order. It is pleasant to hear it again, though it awakens sad memories. It seems like the knell of departed friends and departed enjoyments.

Aug. 1—Persis Seaver is married to Percival W. Bartlett of Boston and takes leave of us. Ceremony performed by Rev. A. K. P. Small.

Aug. 4—Political secret associations are being formed all over the country whose members are called Know Nothings.

Aug. 7—News of cholera in the city of Portland.

Aug. 8—Business in the village very dull. Nothing being done on the extension of the R. R.

Sept. 11—The drouth has caused a panic throughout the country that operates unfavorably to buyers of produce. Arrangements are being made to build a Calvinist Baptist church in Buckfield village. Two-thirds of the pews already sold. The house is being erected by Mr. Small who started the enterprise and is doing much towards its completion.

Sept. 13—New Baptist church organized to-day under the pastorate of Mr. Small—chiefly of ladies.

Oct. 27—This morning at 4½ o'clock there was an unusual appearance in the heavens. First broke into my room a flash of soft and beautiful light with the suddenness of lightning. I beheld southeastward from my window a line of meteoric light like a long string of brilliant stars—first dazzling to the sight, then changing—the lower end turning up so as to form the resemblance to a horse shoe. In 15 minutes it had disappeared.

Nov. 2—Mr. David Swett, one of our most valuable citizens and neighbors, died to-day about noon, typhoid fever.

Nov. 9—Singing school commenced under the instruction of Mr. Cushman of Hebron.

1855.

Mar. 5—Annual town meeting. All the voters out. Two strong parties, Ramrods and Rummies. The latter are victorious and sweep everything before them.

Mar. 17—F. O. J. Smith is erecting a bridge over the river above the grist mill dam for the R. R. extension.

Apr. 1, Sunday—A powerful rain—travelling bad. No meeting for public worship.

June 4—Refreshing rain. The apple trees in full blossom. It is a hard time for poor people on account of the scarcity and high prices of provisions. Wheat, \$3; corn, \$1.50; best flour, \$15; beef per cwt., \$10.

June 25—Funeral of Sam'l Thomes's wife.

July 3—The 2 principal political divisions—Fusionists and Liberals, marshalling their forces for celebrating to-morrow at So. Paris and Paris Hill.

O what a war of words there'll be  
Twixt tweedledum and tweedledee.  
How demagogues will vant and strain  
And vulgar masses shout amain.  
How dandy orators will blow  
About the country's weal or woe,  
Tell what to do in such a crisis  
To check advance of public vices  
Achievements mighty will be done  
In declamation: yet the sun  
Will rise in spite of all they say  
And set as usual every day.

Aug. 17—Yesterday the County Commissioners were here to appraise the damage for locating the extension of the R. R. over my land.

Oct. 1—Pleasant autumn weather. The R. R. extension is being forwarded. The rails are laid as far as Mr. Artemas F. Cole's house.

1856.

Jan. 12—Ordered of N. Hooper & Co., a bell for the Baptist church, 800 lbs. at 31 cts. and the fixtures for hanging \$27. The whole complete for \$275 put on board of steamer.

Jan. 20, Sunday—Attended worship in the new church for the first time. It is a very pleasant house. Mr. Small is entitled to much credit for what he has done to improve society here.

Jan. 24—I have collected over \$350 in contributions for the new Baptist Church. Bell came on the cars this afternoon. Will cost when ready to be rung \$300. The remainder of what I have collected, I shall give to Rev. A. K. P. Small to relieve him from debts assumed in building the house. This is the first church bell ever seen in Buckfield and it has cost me some effort.

Feb. 10, Sunday—Church bell ringing for meeting. The first Sabbath on which a church bell has been rung in Buckfield.

Apr. 2—The corporators of the Nezinscot Bank met at the tavern and voted to accept the charter and chose a committee to procure subscribers for the stock. The Bank is chartered for the village with a capital of \$50,000. Robins singing.

July 13—Funeral this afternoon of Mr. Murdock's child.

Aug. 27—Last night we were alarmed at midnight by the ringing of the church bell and the cry of fire. Elder Small's house and stable with much of his furniture were entirely consumed. It is supposed the fire was set by an incendiary. Mr. Small and his wife were at Yarmouth attending an association meeting.

Aug. 28—Moses Thomes moves into our chambers at a rent of \$9 per quarter. Mr. Small, wife and child returned home to find their house in ashes and they put up with us. The people met last eve and subscribed \$445 towards rebuilding them a house.

Sept. 18—The condition of this village at present is not so promising as it has appeared at some earlier periods. There is no considerable money invested in useful manufacturing. The business of the place is limited to a few retail stores and common mechanic shops. The R. R. has passed into the hands of creditors. It has cost the people here over \$50,000. It is now beyond redemption and the rails may be taken up which would leave us in a worse condition than before the road was built.

Sept. 29—We are preparing to start on a visit to E. Boston to stay for the fall and winter with our children.

#### 1857.

July 15—Commencement day at Cambridge. John Davis graduated the 4th in his class for the whole course—the 2nd for the Senior year.

Aug. 17—John Davis starts for Westford, Mass., where he will commence his engagement as principal of the academy there.

#### 1858.

May 28—Virgil D. Parris appointed Naval Store Keeper at Portsmouth, N. H.

June 7—Home from Mass. Rode from Mc Falls in a wagon 2½ miles, then on a hand car to the village.

June 9—Some of our old acquaintances have died during our absence. Old Mr. Benj. Spaulding, one of the fathers of the town and first settlers, 90 years old, whom I have known from my childhood, a most excellent old man, died last winter. Don D. Daggett and old Mrs. Caleb Cushman, old acquaintances, died in our absence.

June 13, Sunday—No meeting for religious worship. Mr. Small is absent. Mrs. Haskell, a Spiritual medium, preaches at Union Chapel. Many go to hear the deluding and deluded creature. Recd. a letter yesterday from Samuel F. Brown, Esq., of Bangor, one of the oldest and most cherished friends I have. We lived near neighbors in uninterrupted friendship and harmony for more than 30 years.

June 17—Went to see my father who is now almost 88 years old. I called on my aunt, Miles Holmes's widow, who is nearly 79 years old and very feeble. Yesterday I met James Waterman, one of the oldest inhabitants of the town. He lived 4 miles from the village. He was walking spryly along with a cane. He talked in a lively and intelligent manner. I asked him how old he was. He said he was 94 this year. "Almost as old as my mother," said Mr. Churchill who was standing near us and who lives under Streaked Mt. Many persons in this town live to a great age.

June 19—Mr. Small called in the evening. He has a call to preach in Bangor.

June 27—Very warm. Attended church. Mr. Small preached eloquently. At noon 4 or 5 persons were baptized, among whom were William Atwood and wife.

July 5—No notice of the Anniversary here. Mr. Andrews, the lawyer, has given me one of the pleasantest chaise rides I ever had. His establishment for riding is most elegant and comfortable and I feel grateful to him for the enjoyment it has afforded me. 11 years ago Mr. Andrews came here, poor and almost a stranger, and commenced the practice of the law, under very discouraging circumstances. He counted me a friend. He is now one of the largest practitioners in the county. He is County Attorney and with a good wife is living in better style than any other man in the village.

July 8—The prospect is that the B. B. R. R. will not run any more. The rails on some parts have been taken up—the bridges and sleepers are rotting.

July 21—There goes by in an old wagon, with a poor old lame horse, a poor old lame man with a wooden leg—78 years old—who comes once a week to the village to peddle herrings which he brings from Harpswell, 40 miles away. He sits up erect, chirrups to his old nag—looks smiling—as he asks this one or that one to purchase his fish as he turns their broad, fat sides to the best advantage. Now this poor man is of the same age as the celebrated Humbolt, who is remarkable for the retention of his faculties and his cheerful application of them to scientific research. He is now completing a great work entitled *Cosmos*. Why is not this poor old herring peddler who is winding up his long life of obscurity, penury, misfortune and toil, working patiently and cheerfully for his bread to the last, in a humble but honest calling as worthy of mention as Humbolt?

Aug. 9—Zadoc, John Davis and Percival started with a merry company—Artemas Cole, Captain, for the Lakes, some 80 miles away on a fishing trip.

Aug. 23—Mr. Small leaves Buckfield to-day to settle in Bangor as pastor of a Baptist church there.

Aug. 25—School children have a picnic in Atwood's Grove—a very interesting occasion. John Davis begins his 2nd year at Westford. Art. Cole called to-day to have a letter from some Rochester, N. H., gentlemen, inquiring about the Lakes answered. They wanted him to take



charge of party who are going there. He is a sort of a Leather Stocking of the woods and lakes—a noted character and another Izaak Walton in his skill, experience and fondness for angling. Mr. Cole, Uncle Art., Capt. Cole, Art. Cole as he is variously called, is a man who by great industry and rigid economy acquired \$15,000. He belongs to no society, attends no church, reads ancient history, is thoroughly acquainted with Bible history and is a good mathematician. He has fished every year more or less at the Lakes for more than 20 years. Some seasons he has caught and sent to the Boston market many hundred fine fat trout weighing from 1 to 10 lbs.

Sept. 15—A new comet has made its appearance in the heavens. It looks like a kite in the far northwest.

Sept. 26, Sunday—No preaching. The Baptist Society small. Members meet, read and sing. Isaac Bearce and daughter, Mrs. Emily Gleason, visited us. She is my deceased sister, Bathsheba's daughter, who lives in the town of Perry. She is a very smart young woman. She was awarded the highest prize, \$40, at the State Fair at Augusta last week in the exhibition of horsemanship or horsewomanship. This equestrian exhibition was the most interesting feature of the fair, 10,000 people present.

Oct. 3, Sunday—No preaching. A sermon will be read. Few attend. Our little church bell rings mournfully and calls up the memory of sorrowful changes which have happened to us—the removal of our minister and many a dear friend.

Oct. 8—Clear and pleasant after the rain. Picked up one large spice apple that has remained some time alone upon the tree, after all the rest had fallen and been gathered. The tree is much respected on account of its age—its early and excellent fruit. It is probably the oldest apple tree in Buckfield. Its trunk girths  $6\frac{1}{2}$  ft. and its branches are of corresponding size and spread. It bears some years 30 bushels of apples. It has probably produced since it began to bear not less than 1000 bushels.

Nov. 1—The Baptist Church Society has given Mr. Pray a call to supply Mr. Small's place in the pulpit. Mr. P. appears to be a very pious and amiable man—a graduate of Harvard—36 years old, of infirm health. He has a wife and 3 children and will preach for a salary of \$400. Baptist people here generally poor.

Nov. 7—Nathan Morrill and Carroll Loring spend the evening with us. Danville Bisbee died this afternoon.

Nov. 17 and 18—Universalist convention to-day at Union Chapel.

Nov. 21, Sunday—Pleasant as summer. Ground bare. No preaching in the village. A sermon is read at the Baptist church and the Universalists meet at Union Chapel to see about reviving religious worship in that house. Perhaps it would be well that this should be done. A very large proportion of the people will not attend the Baptist meetings, prejudiced against the exclusiveness of regulations and the doctrines they preach. If more liberal worship be not established here, they will follow after spiritualists or stay at home on the Sabbath. I think it would be honorable and profitable to this community to substitute enlightened Uni-

versalist preaching for that of trance mediums, who have been here and have had large attendance the year past. While Mr. Small was here and before this delusion appeared, I felt it to be my duty to give my undivided support to the Baptist Society, I having been somewhat instrumental in getting Mr. Small here and believing though far from being a Baptist, that it was the *best* thing I could do for the general religious interests of Buckfield. Mr. Small has taken himself away, giving us liberal Christians—outsiders as we are called—to understand by his farewell sermon that the church and society, which he had established here can stand and be supported without our help, thus releasing us from any obligations to give them our continued and exclusive aid.

Dec. 5—John Davis attended Baptist Church a. m. and went in the afternoon to hear Rev. Mr. French, Universalist, at Union Chapel.

Dec. 12—Church bell tolling for Mr. Richard Fobes. Mr. F. was buried at East meeting house.

Dec. 24—Joseph Tuttle died this a. m.

## 1859.

Feb. 14—Jacob W. Browne, Esq., married to Widow Bisbee.

Mar. 5—Percival and his daughter, Margaret, start for Boston at half past 8 o'clock in an old lumber wagon, drawn by an old feeble, worn-out horse—the meanest stage team that ever went out of the village. What a reduction in our accommodations for travel in 2 years from the time we were carried to and fro in a handsome passenger car propelled by a \$10,000 engine.

Mar. 6—Mr. Pray preached a funeral sermon for Ephraim Ricker, Jr.

Mar. 7—Annual town meeting. The Democrats elect their candidates by large majorities.

Mar. 16—A child of Ephraim Atwood's died last night of canker rash.

Mar. 20—Funeral in the afternoon of Orville Bridgham's child at Union Chapel. It died of canker rash. This disease appears to assume a more malignant form as its prevalence continues.

Mar. 29—A powerful rain. Grist mill dam carried away.

Apr. 10—Funeral of Orville Bridgham's child.

Apr. 22—Elder Seth Stetson is with us. He is 82 years old and is as spry as a boy—walks 6 miles at a stretch—preaches at different places.

Apr. 24—Father Stetson preaches at Union Chapel.

June 6—We had a destructive frost last night. Ground in my garden froze  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch deep.

June 12—Another frost last night.

June 19—Funeral of Mr. Waldron.

July 1—Our mail by order of Government will come but 3 times a week.

July 4—Mr. V. D. Parris called to see me. He brought a flag that belonged to the U. S. Frigate Constitution in time of the last war. It is now flying in the strong N. W. breeze between E. Atwood's and Mr. Loring's stores.

July 29—We have a daily mail again by private contribution for pay for extra carrying. I pay \$4 per year.

Aug. 4—The people here are interested in the matter of enlarging and fencing and putting into respectable condition our burying ground. A corporation is being formed denominated the Buckfield Cemetery Corporation, in order to proceed legally in this contemplated project.

Aug. 13—John Davis returned from the White Mts. last eve and arrived on foot about 9 o'clock. He was gone from home but 2 days. He made a quick trip of 90 miles and back in 36 hours and a night spent on Mt. Washington, walking 15 miles on his way home.

Aug. 22—Started with my wife and John Davis for Winchendon.

Nov. 15—Mr. America Farrar is confined at Buckfield by paralysis.

Dec. 3—The church bells are tolling for the martyrdom of John Brown. Henry Ward Beecher says that a man who would not help a fellow creature flying for his liberty is either a villain or a politician.

1860.

Apr. 25—Mr. Noah Hall called to see his brother. He is 80 years old and his wife 75. They have a farm, keep 2 good cows and make butter and cheese to sell. Mr. Hall is vigorous and spry and works every day. He tells me he had a party of neighbors at his house, a few days ago, consisting of 6 including himself and wife whose united ages were 497. Noah Hall, 80; wife, 75; James Waterman, 95; Mrs. Lewis, 89; Mr. Gammon, 79; wife, 79.

May 5—The town has a meeting this p.m. to see if the people will vote to loan the credit of the town to the amount of \$15,000 to put the B. B. R. R. in running order.

May 16—I look out of my window and see a man on the bridge who is 93—Mr. James Morrill who says he works in the field every day.

# ABIJAH BUCK'S DIARY.

Abijah Buck, His Book 1760

God give him grace therein to Look.

New Gloster, November the 25, 1760, my mother died. December the 10, 1760, I came home from Crown Point. January the 3, 1761, my father died and left us both motherless and fatherless.

New Gloster, Sept. the 25, 1762, we were married (wife Phebe Tyler). Elizabeth was born July the 1, 1763. Ellen was born January the 8, 1765. Phebe was born the 17 day of December, 1766. John was born the 22 day of December, 1768. Rebecca was born the 15 day of December, 1772.

Bucktown, April the 1, 1776,\* Abijah was born the 1 day of March, 1777.\* Jonathan was born the 5 day of February, 1782.

Buckfield, August 17, 1816, Phebe Buck my wife departed this life.

Lake George June the 9 1760.

Orders that I had from the Captain:

	£	s.	d.
To 1 order	0	3	0
To 1 order	0	6	0
To 1 order	1	5	10
To 1 order	0	18	0
To 1 order	0	6	0
	October the 22		
To 1 order	0	9	0
	Nov. the 3		
To Lawful money	0	12	0

Lake George July the 27 1760

	£	s.	d.
Due to Captain Nathaniel Ingersoll, the sum of	3	8	11
Lawful money			
To 1 lb. Chocolate	0	3	6
To 2 lb. Sugar	0	2	6
To 1 lb. Sugar	0	1	9

New Gloster June the 10 day 1765

Work for Mr. Foxcraft:—  
To ½ day's work digging cellar  
To work upon the Flume,

	£	s.	d.
To 1 days work	1	5	0

New Gloster June the 17 day 1765

To 1 day's work upon the roads  
To work with the surveyor  
To 10 day's work

Bucktown March the 4 1777.

Beginning this town at that time.

Credit for Benjamin Spaulding for work done upon the roads and money pay'd for charges.

\*Evidently errors. Should be year later.

To 10 days work at 4 s p d	2	0	0
To money paid for charges	0	7	4
To money & work	0	13	0
To Running out his Lot	0	6	0

## Credit for Abijah Buck

Bucktown March the 4 yr 1777

	£	s.	d.
To 18 day's works at the roads	3	12	0
To Money for the first charges—the Petition	0	7	4
To 7 day's work on the roads	1	8	0
To Money for charges	0	6	0
To Money for charges	0	3	0
To 11 days work at the roads	2	4	0
To Running out his lot	0	6	0

Similar entries for Nathaniel Buck, Thomas Allen, John Brown, Jonathan Tyler, Moses Buck, Jonas Coburn, William Doble and John Buck.

Sharon (West Butterfield) May the 17 yr 1778

## Credit for David Reckard

To 35½ days work at 8 Dollars per month

Bucktown November the 8 yr 1779

We held a meeting and voted 20 paper dollars to a right 0—1—4 lawful money, which was paid to Mr. But- terfield 280 Dollars paper money which is	18	8	0
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The next I went to Falmouth to Esq. Freeman's to get the Petition wrote and to sign it. Was four days upon the journey. Time and expense 1—3—0.

Bucktown, April the 6, 1780.

The first time that I went to Boston to get our Petition granted, was gone from home 28 days. The Proprietors voted me 4 shillings or a bushel of rye a day, and 3 shillings a day for expense—which was 9—16—0. Then I settled with Col. Bancraft and Mr. Butterfield at Boston and pay'd them 1—16—0 in hard cash, which was the balance at that time.

Bucktown September the 16-1781

Debtor to Dr. Child			
To 1 visit to my wife	0	12	8
To 1 visit to Father Tyler	0	14	4
To 1 portion of physic	0	1	4
To charge for Father Tyler	0	3	4
	1	11	8
To coming for John	0	14	3

Bucktown, September the 8, 1785.

To work with the surveyor, running Bucktown lines, 7 days works, and to running Butterfield town lines 7 days with the surveyor. To charges by the surveyor and his hand for keeping two horses 16 days, and to stores to the value of 6 shillings and to 2½ gallons of Rum. This is for the two towns to pay between them.

Bucktown, October the 4, 1785.

I went with Mr. Jordan surveying the town. I was 7 days at 5 s. per day 1—15—0. To keeping the acct. for the Proprietary from time to time 0—6—0.



Bucktown, November the 7, 1785.

My second journey to Boston. We were gone 16 days. Was voted 4 shillings a day for expns. and 3 shillings a day for our time, which was 5—12—0. Our passage was 6 shillings apiece. Our horses were 10 days upon the journey. Their expense was 3 shillings a day 1—6—0.

Bucktown, January the 24, 1786.

I went to Wells to see Esqr. Wells, as to how to proceed about the purchase (of the township). Was gone 5 days. Time and expense 1—0—0.

Bucktown, February the 27 yr. 1786.

The third time I went to Boston, upon the Proprietors' business, I was gone 27 days, for which my expenses and time amounted to 10—1—0.

#### ACCOUNT OF HIS JOURNEY.

The first day I traveled to New Gloster. The next day I went to North Yarmouth. The first day of March, I went to Falmouth, and there agreed for my passage to Boston. The second day of March was stormy, which was bad for my journey. The third day was also stormy, which left me waiting for my passage. The 4 day, the wind was against us, but we are in hopes of sailing tonight. The 5th day, not gone yet. Most out of patience. The wind seems to promise fair, so I am in hopes we shall sail tonight. The 6 day, we are making preparations for sailing tonight. The 7 day, we are still waiting for the moving of the wind and the weather. The 8 day, we keep looking out for a favorable wind, but we are very weary. The 9 day we have a fair wind at last. This the 10 day, we had a fine passage to Boston—a good run of it. This the 11 day, we went to see Esqr. Wells, but being full of business, I could do nothing. This the 12 day is Sunday. This the 13 day the General Court agreed that the Settlers should have 100 acres apiece. This the 14 day, very dull; nothing done. The committee has so much work on their hands, they can't do anything for us yet. This the 16 day, I agreed with the committee to have the papers drawn. This the 17 day, I got the papers wrote and signed. This the 18 day, I got ready to go home, and sailed about midnight, with a fair wind. This the 19 day, we are at sea with a dull wind which obliged us to put into Marblehead. This the 20 day, it looked so much like a storm, that we hove up and went to Salem for a harbor. This the 21 day, we layd in Salem harbor. This the 22 day, we hove up and stood over to Cape Ann, and there we raised a breeze and at night came to sail with a good wind. This the 23 day, we are at sea, with a fine breeze which brought us to Falmouth. This the 24 day, I came from Falmouth to New Gloster. This the 25 day, I came from New Gloster home most tired out.

NOTES ABOUT THE WEATHER, ETC.

Bucktown, October the 23 yr 1785.  
More than a common freshet, that swept away mills and bridges, to a great damning. (Damage).  
Bucktown, January the 2 yr. 1786.  
An Earthquake was heard this morning before Sun-rise.  
Bucktown, April the 2 yr. 1785.  
A smart Snow Storm for this time of year. The 7 day a Smart Rain Storm that made a large freshet.  
The 18th day November, 1786.  
From that time to the 14 day of December one continual frost.  
The 9 of April, 1787.  
A Smart Thunder Shower.  
Bucktown, March the 19, 1789.  
The committee being on the proprietors business ruling the Settlers names on the plan of the town.

Bucktown June the 8 1790	
Went to New Gloster to acknowledge deed	£ 0 12 0
Went to York to see Esq'r Wells	0 15 0
To my horse	0 12 0
Went to Boston 22 days at 3 s.	3 6 0
Horse for the journey	1 16 0
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	7 1 0
Money pay'd to acknowledge deed	0 10 0
Money pay'd for one quire of paper	0 1 4
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	7 4 6

Bucktown December the 15 1790	
This day Settled with John Clay and finding his due	£ 0 8 0
Boston January 27 1792.	
Pay'd to the States Com.	£ 120 6 6

Bucktown March the 12 1792	
Five pounds seven shillings and nine pence was left after paying for the town,	£5 7 9
Received of Mr. Hubbard	3 8 0
Received of Thomas Lowell	0 12 0
Received of Simon Record	0 6 0
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	9 13 9
Eben'r Bancraft's account against Buck's Proprietary is	£ 11 12 0

For value Received I promise to pay unto Abijah Buck, or his order, the sum of Eighteen Shillings, to be paid in Cash or Corn, at the market price, at or before December next ensuing the date hereof, as witness my hand.  
October the 12th 1785  
Joel Foster

In 1789 and 1790, there were items entered in the book, showing that Abijah Buck sold hay and corn in considerable quantities to the settlers. Also other articles, from which it might be inferred, that he was at that period, a trader in a small way.

Mr. Spaulding's work upon Col. Bancraft's opening:

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Abijah Buck's work:

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**REMINISCENCES OF MAJ. LUCIUS LORING.**

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In November, 1887, Major Lucius Loring was interviewed by a representative of the Oxford Democrat and asked to give his reminiscences of men and affairs in Buckfield in early times, which he did as follows:

"I shall be 90 years old if I live until the 27th day of December. I have seen 90 Independence Days. I remember things that occurred 60, 70 or 80 years ago, better than I do things which have happened within a year. Sometimes I forget these more recent dates and so, for the past 15 years I have kept a journal or memorandum. I have lived in Buckfield 83 years, last March. My father, 'Old Squire Loring' as he was called for many years, was born upon the Connecticut river, in the town of Hatfield, Mass. When he was 12 years old he went to Bridgewater. His father died when he was but four years old and he went to live with an uncle. My father found friends in Bridgewater and was enabled to go to school and get an education, and afterwards he taught school himself. He married my mother there. She was a Barrelle. The late Pascal Barrelle of Hartford was her father. Father came from Bridgewater to Turner about 93 years ago. I fix the date, by the age of my oldest sister, the late Mrs. James Jewett, who would have been 92 last September, had she lived. She was born the year after father moved to Turner. I was born in Turner, and came to Buckfield when I was about 7 years old. My father helped settle the first minister in Turner, old Parson Strickland. I remember him well for I was old enough to go to meeting considerably, before we moved away from there. He wore a great white wig, and a three cornered hat. \* \* \* \* \* When my father came to Buckfield, he built a little store just above where the Randolph Thomes store stands now. Father cut away the alders and put up a store 25x25 feet, and that was the only building at that time on that side of the bridge, except the old Capt. Parris stand. Where the streets on that side are now, was all an alder swamp. Logs were laid in thick in the mud to make a road from the end of the bridge near where Rawson's drug store now is, to the foot of what has since been called Loring's Hill. I suppose it took its name from my father, as it had no name to my knowledge, when we came here. The business was all on the other side of the river then, and people laughed at father for building a store where he did and said he never would have a customer over there. Old Squire Record owned about all the land around Buckfield village at that time and the saw and grist mills. He was one of the proprietors of the town. The first grist mill ever built in Buckfield was erected by a man by the name of Chandler, and it stood down where the saw mill is now.

"My father used to run a mill here for the manufacture of cards. In those days every woman had to have cotton cards, wool cards and tow cards. Father made the wooden backs and they were sent to Boston and teeth put into them by hand. I have packed up thousands of

them, when a boy. We used to haul them to North Yarmouth and put them aboard the packet for Boston. Prices were low in those times. Then and for a long time after, the very best of help could be hired for \$.50 a day and dinner. It cost us \$1.00 a hundred to get goods from Portland, and it was a hard business for the teamsters at that price. One could buy a good team horse for \$50.00. \* \* \* \* \* At the time father came to Buckfield all the business was on the north side of the river. Uncle Ben Spaulding had a store on that side, and the house John Russell now lives in opposite Mr. Whitten's is the identical building which was Uncle Ben's store. It was afterwards moved across the river and converted into a dwelling house. It sat near where the Artemas F. Cole stand does now.

"Old Major Mark Andrews was the first trader here. He married Capt. Josiah Parris's sister. He used to bring his dry goods up from Portland on a horse in saddle bags. He moved to Winthrop and finally to Albany, New York, where he had a married daughter and I think died there. He made \$30,000 in Buckfield. He said he never sold a thing unless he got twice at least what he paid for it. He kept no ledger. The people were poor, and would sell their corn in winter to him at \$.42 a bushel, and exchange it for goods at his high prices, and in the summer he would sell this corn for \$1.00 a bushel to people coming in from the West to take up new lands. \* \* \* \* \*

"That looking glass (pointing to a very handsome and well preserved gilt frame glass of the olden style) was my mother's. It came from Boston. She used to keep it in the spare room—and a spare room wasn't used except on very rare occasions. People now-a-days have changed in that respect very much. When I was a boy, a parlor wasn't considered well furnished unless it had a bed in it, with a handsome quilt, and the few who could afford such a luxury had a bureau. The people didn't go into luxuries much in those days. Why, the north room in the Prince house where I lived, was the first room that was ever painted in Buckfield. We had to send to Waterford for a painter. His name was Robie. It cost \$30. to paint that room. The first wall paper ever used in Buckfield was put on to two front rooms in the old tavern where the Atwood & Spaulding store now stands, which Zadoc Long and myself hired and fitted up when we were married. Those rooms were considered wonders then. \* \* \* \* \*

"My father, Capt. William Lowell, and Uncle Thomas Long were about all the Federals there were in Buckfield when I was a young man. Rouse Bisbee, who moved from Buckfield to Woodstock, was the only Federalist in that town for many years and the people would 'hoot' him when he went to town meeting. He once at Portland was given a suit of clothes by some of the people there for standing by his colors. Rouse was an uncle of Capt. Lewis Bisbee of Sumner, whom all Buckfield people knew. Dr. Hamlin, the first clerk of the courts in the county, at whose place I boarded one winter when attending school, was also a Federalist, but some people called him a 'tory.' The Federalists you know were opposed to the War of 1812. \* \* \* \* \*

"When I was nine years old, I rode horseback to Portland. Father had a two wheeled chaise and he and mother were going to Bridgewater on a visit. As they had the old horse I was given the four-year-old colt. I remember the journey well. Father came out as far as the Deering bridge and pointed me towards home, with directions to stop at Gray Corner over night. I got there about three o'clock and had my horse unsaddled and put up, and went into the tavern and sat down. Soon I began to feel homesick. My grandfather Barrelle lived in Turner, and I made up my mind to go there instead of staying where I was over night. I ordered my horse saddled and put along quite lively. At 11 o'clock that night I reached grandfather's. \* \* \* \* \* I was a student at Hebron Academy four years. I boarded with old Deacon Barrows, and paid \$1.25 per week for board and washing. I had always lived in a village and had rather a hard time of it. Elijah Hamlin and Dr. Bethuel Cary, who died in Sumner, were in my class. Young men used to go there in the fall and fit themselves to teach school. We had larger schools in those days and always had a big exhibition at the close of the term. \* \* \* \* \*

"Old Judge Parris, Capt. Parris's brother and father of Gov. Albion K. Parris, was quite a man in those days. He lived in Hebron and was judge of the Court of Common Pleas. He was very much of a gentleman in his appearance and a man much respected. \* \* \* \* \* When my father came to Buckfield they had no schoolhouse in the village, and only had a school a little while in the summer. It was taught in a chamber in Uncle Ben Spaulding's house. The teacher had no education. She could read a little, but couldn't write a word. She came from Massachusetts though, and that was all the qualification needed as most of the people thought. She used to get us boys to write her letters to her friends in Massachusetts. \* \* \* \* \* My father was in trade in Buckfield about 20 years and I traded here about 40 years. Father was a very enterprising man, ambitious to go ahead and do a large business. He never saved much money though, but he got a good living and educated his children. He was a very dressy man, and wore knee breeches and silk stockings, russet top boots, blue broadcloth clothes with brass buttons. I've heard him say that the last time he was in Portland he saw the boys pointing at his boots from across the street.

"When I went into trade, we took little or no money. We took oats, beans, peas, butter, tow cloth, flannel cloth, etc. Why I have taken three and a half tons of butter in a single summer and autumn at ten cents a pound. It was hard getting anything out of it at that price. We used to get a big profit on our goods and that helped out. For two or three years after Ralph Jewett and I went into trade together, we sold \$20,000 a year of dry goods. We had customers from up as far as Jay and from over to Paris Cape. We built what is called the Loring store the year that the railroad was built, and it cost us \$1600. The first year we paid for the store, supported two families, and in addition to this a net profit of \$2,600. That's the best business I ever did in a single year. We bought prints in Boston at ten cents a yard and sold for a shilling. Yes, the



farmers sold their produce cheap and paid high prices for goods, but they got rich then faster than now. There was Ira Gardner, who made \$12,000 on the farm where Cy Dean lives now. Interest was higher then; we got twelve per cent. The farmers worked and that wasn't all they *calculated*. My mother used to say, 'There's a good deal in *calculation*,' and I've found it so in my experience and observation. The people then had no expensive habits. They didn't go into luxuries, and were frugal and saving. Their dress and living was plain. Lewis Sampson and Ephraim Lowe used to work for my father at \$8 per month, and both left good farms and money at interest. \* \* \* \* \* When Ralph and I went into trade Ara Cushman had a little cobbler's shop at West Minot where he used to take sole work to be made up. Now he employs some 600 hands at his factory in Auburn and is very wealthy. Ralph and I used to put out such sole work to these little door yard cobble shops, which were quite plenty in those days. But the business didn't pay anything to speak of then, and we went out of it. It was just the wrong time, and we made a great mistake, for the business came up right off, and those who stuck to it made money. I see that E. F. Packard of Auburn has recently died. He was born in this village, in the Parsons house."

## OREN RECORD'S DEPOSITION.

On the 3d day of March, 1827, Oren Record, oldest son of Dominicus Record, Esq., then of Sangerville, Maine, gave a deposition to be used in a suit brought by Dr. William Bridgman against Richard Waldron. The south boundary line of lot No. 12, 7 Range, in the vicinity of the river near the village being in controversy and the occasion for the suit. What he stated, which gives us a pen picture of the vicinity around the village in the early days, is as follows:

I Oren Record, being 53 years of age testify and say that I have lived in the town of Buckfield from the time I was 10 years old till the year 1822, at which time I moved to the town of Sangerville, and during that period I was well acquainted with the situation of the lot lines, within a mile or more, in any direction from Buckfield Village. That I have been more particularly acquainted with my father Dominicus Record's, Isaac Foster's and Edmund Chandler's settling lots, and the mill privilege and the public lands near to. I have known the line between the minister lot and State lots about 30 years. The first information I received respecting this line was from 'Squire Abijah Buck. The next from my father 'Squire Record, who showed it to me. Afterwards it was shown me by Joel Foster, who then lived on the lot west of the State lot. I have been on this line many times. The line ran easterly with Joel Foster's northerly line, and about 20 rods south of where John Irish's house now stands. I have seen this line since the Great Fire of 1816 ran over it. \* \* \* \* \*

Joel Foster marked a line for a road from his house on his lot to the mills. I followed this line in company, with him at one time, which he told me he marked for his own convenience in going to the mills. I saw Foster with his axe at said mills, the day he marked the line. The reason I recollect it more particularly is, that I had so much shorter distance to go to Foster's, who was a shoemaker, to get shoes mended and made.

The line began at Foster's opening, and crossed the South Pond brook, on the beaver dam, a little south of where the bridge now stands. Then after passing the beaver dam it turned to the north several rods, varying so as to keep on high or dry ground, and running a little south of where the Drake house stood, and where the John Irish now stands, and crossing the swamp brook a little south of where the bridge now stands, thence running south of the Chaffin house, thence crossing the Isaac Foster lot at the northwest corner of the mill privilege, thence by the river to the mill. \* \* \* \* \*

One Thomas Frazier lived with father, from the age of five or six years till he was 21. He was bound to father by the Selectmen of Easton. He used to drive my father's cattle to pasture. They were never driven to the land in the vicinity of the beaver dam.

The land near said beaver dam was so covered with windfalls and thick growth that I should think it would be impossible that cattle could go through it.

So far as I was acquainted with him, there was no reliance to be put in him as a man of truth and veracity. My father repeatedly whipt him for lying.

The pen was drawn through the last two sentences.

## ARVILLA (SPAULDING) RECORD'S LETTER.

Aunt Arvilla (Spaulding) Record's letter written when she was 85 to her relative, Mrs. Lydia E. Cole Douglass:

Buckfield, Me., Sept. 10, 1888.

My Dear Lydia:

It is but little that I know about the Spauldings but I am very glad to tell what I do know.

Old Grandfather Benjamin Spaulding moved his family from Chelmsford, Mass., here in the year 1778 or 1779. He was out in the French and Indian War. His family consisted at that time of six children, Patty, Rebecca, Benjamin (your grandfather), Leonard, Elizabeth and Esther. The next child he had after he came from the war was Abel, who was my father. I have been told that Grandfather Spaulding got in debt by being a surety on another man's bond and left his family in Massachusetts and came here, then nothing but all woods and no human beings but Indians. He came to hunt, as furs at that time, brought a great price. There were some inhabitants in a few places in this part of the country but not within many miles of where he built his camp, which was down by the river, on what is now called Capt. Record's intervale. He hunted here two years. In the room of his being afraid of the Indians, they were afraid of him. One of them stole one of his traps. He gave out word among them that if the thief did not bring it back, he would kill him. A few days after the Indian returned the trap, saying: "Here your trap Pauldin." I do not know where grandfather sold his furs but when he went back he paid all he owed anybody. Then he moved his family down here.

My father was then two and one-half years old. His older sister told me they lived in the camp on the intervale where one child, Stephen, was born. Then he took up land and moved up where I was born. He owned land from Summer town line to the river at North Buckfield—all woods. In time he built a saw mill. I remember that mill. He built him a log house down near where the road is now. His youngest child, Thankful (Cushman)—Mrs. Cummings, who lives on Paris Hill, is her daughter—was born in that log house. When grandfather had arrived with his family, old Squire Buck had taken up land where Col. White lived and moved his family there. Old Nathaniel Buck had come too and had taken up land where Elisha, his youngest son, lived. Then there was some kind of a grist mill at New Gloucester, so the people here had to do down there to mill and carry their grists on their backs, going and coming by spotted trees. If one settler got out of meal, the others supplied him till their own was gone. Moose were plenty and they were rarely out of this kind of meat. One time, grandfather had been to New Gloucester to mill and on coming home, found the other families nearly starved. He said: "Why did you not kill a moose?" Then he took his gun and went hunting for one. He soon came back with one he had killed a little back of what we call Elisha Buck's orchard, which furnished many meals for the hungry ones. He wanted to see people have some ambition and never lacked himself that quality. He was a small man in stature, but he had a big heart and was good to the poor. He gained in property fast, cleared up his farm and raised wonderful crops and a large number of cows. If a poor man come along who had a large family, he would give him half a cheese or a bushel of corn. I remember seeing such people take such things away on their backs. He would often let them have

meal when they had no money, but if they had, he wanted them to get what they wanted somewhere else.

He knew what it was to be poor. He would not take medicine. He lived to be seventy-four and died of a fever. Grandmother Spaulding was one of the best women that ever lived. I lived with her from the time I was born until I was married and until she died, aged 77 years. I must say I never saw her appear the least bit impatient in my life. It is said that she once rode from Buckfield to Boston on horseback. \* \* \*

Grandfather Spaulding and all his sons were firm Universalists and they lived it. They realized that Christ was the true vine and we the branches.

From Your Aunt,

ARVILLA SPAULDING RECORD.

## Part III.

### GENEALOGIES.

#### IN EXPLANATION.

A town history without family statistics would not be accounted of much worth in these days, when there is so much interest in tracing lines of ancestry, and in the endeavor to find out to whom one is related. It is said by skilled genealogists that on an average, one in ten of our Americans of English stock might trace his ancestry to kings, yet what true American would not rather be able to follow his family lines to the Pilgrim and Puritan fathers and mothers who founded this government and the Patriots of the Revolution by whose sacrifices American Independence was secured?

There must be very few indeed of Buckfield families, especially of the olden time, that cannot or could not do this, and yet there are some at least who can even go back to kings.

The lack of interest of many—some quite prominent persons—to furnish family statistics, has been a source of great regret and much surprise, and in consequence of this, and that this part of the work had to be largely made up away from the town and town records, giving no opportunity for additions and correction, it is not so full and complete and free from errors as might be desired. The endeavor has been as a special feature, to trace the family lines as far back as possible, and it is believed that those who are or may hereafter be interested to connect their own families with those here given, or in tracing different or more ancient lines of their ancestry, will find in these statistics great encouragement and some assistance.

#### ALLEN.

THOMAS ALLEN (see sketch) was one of the first two settlers in the township. He was born in England about 1752. He married, 1st, Abigail Brown. She died Sept. 27, 1803; m. 2d, Dolly Ricker. He died in Hartford in the latter part of the year 1826. Children all but last by first wife:



*John*, b. N. G., Aug. 8, 1775; m. Polly Clifford, s. in Hartford.  
*Mary*, b. Buckfield, Sept. 30, 1777; m. Abiah Leach.  
*Abigail*, b. Buckfield, Sept. 15, 1779; m. John Millett, Canton.  
*Edmund*, b. Buckfield, July 29, 1781; m. Ruth Bryant, s. in Hartford.  
*Anna*, b. Buckfield, Feb. 11, 1783; m. Daniel Shaw, s. in Hartford.  
*Esther*, b. Buckfield, Apr. 2, 1785; m. Edmund Dean, s. in Paris.  
*Thomas, Jr.*, b. Buckfield, Dec. 13, 1786; m. Nancy Cole.  
*Sophia*, b. Buckfield, Dec. 4, 1788; m. Nathaniel Tubbs.  
*Ellen*, b. Buckfield, Oct. 17, 1790; m. Job Perry, s. in Paris.  
*Nathaniel*, b. Buckfield, Jan. 27, 1793; m. Polly Tinkham, s. in Livermore.

*George*, b. Hartford, went to Ohio. Served in Mexican War.

JOHN ALLEN, son of the preceding, b. Aug. 8, 1775; m. Polly Clifford. They settled in Hartford. Children recorded on the Buckfield records:

*Benjamin*, b. Nov. 28, 1799; *Thomas*, b. Dec. 11, 1801; *Polly*, b. Nov. 22, 1804; *Dolly*, b. May 6, 1807.

EDMUND, brother of the preceding, b. July 29, 1781; m. Ruth Bryant. They settled in Paris in 1804, where two of their children were born. Removed to Hartford where six of their children were born. Late in life returned to Paris where he died, "beloved and respected for his many sterling virtues." Child recorded on Buckfield records:

*Jonathan Tyler*, b. Apr. 21, 1803; d. Feb. 1843.

SAMUEL ALLEN with wife Ann—from Bridgewater, England, emigrated to Mass. perhaps with Gov. John Winthrop's colony in 1630 and settled at Braintree. The line from the American ancestor to the race of Allens who settled in Hebron and afterwards moved into Buckfield is as follows:

*Dea. Samuel*, b. 1632; m. Sarah Partridge. *Josiah*, b. 1677; m. Mary Reed. *William*, b. 1726; m. Susanna Packard. *Abel*, b. 1760; m. Mary Dillingham.

JACOB, born about 1786, Libbeus, b. July 4, 1793, and Alpheus, b. about 1796, were early settlers in Hebron. The two latter were brothers, and sons of Abel. The children of Libbeus and Joanna B. (Nash) Allen born in Hebron were:

*Amory H.*, May 16, 1816; m. Zilpha Cushman.

*Mary D.*, April 11, 1818.

*Libbeus T.*, April 26, 1820; m. Pauline Murdock.

*William N.*, Oct. 1, 1822; m. Almena Swett, s. in Illinois.

*John Harrison*, April 26, 1826; m. Augusta Hilborn.

*Hannah*, Sept. 13, 1828.

*Charles A.*, Sept. 13, 1828; m. Melissa S. Cole.

*Bernard B.*, Mar. 26, 1831; m. *Mary DeCoster*.

*Melvin A.*, April 26, 1835; m. *Martha A. Thompson*. The father died Sept. 9, 1872. His wife died Nov. 2, 1843.

AMORY H. ALLEN, son of the preceding, b. May 16, 1816, at Auburn; m. *Zilpha Cushman*, dau. of *Caleb* and *Mary (Buck) Cushman*, in 1839. He was in trade in the village for many years. In 1866 he removed to Illinois. His wife having died Nov. 17, 1865, he m. 2d, Feb. 8, 1870, *Abigail Sampson* of *Turner, Me.* He died Jan. 3, 1903, at *Belvidere, Ill.* Children recorded here:

*William Wallace*, b. May 21, 1841; m. *Mary Bonney*.

*Joanna B.*, b. Oct. 21, 1844; m. ——— *Morris*.

*Walter F.*, b. July 18, 1849; m. ——— *DeCoster*.

*Amory H. Jr.*, b. July 28, 1853; m. *Sarah R. Swail*. He died Apr. 14, 1872. No children.

*Frances*, b. Oct. 13, 1855; d. Sept. 18, 1862.

*Augusta*, b. ———; m. *L. Ashton*.

CHARLES A. ALLEN, bro. of the preceding, b. Sept. 13, 1828; m. *Melissa S. Cole*. He was in business in Buckfield village for many years. He died Mar. 19, 1878. Children:

*Lizzie L.*, b. May 27, 1861.

*Frank B.*, b. July 15, 1863.

*Charles V.*, b. Mar. 29, 1867; m. *Edna L. Holland*.

*Nellie V.*, b. June 21, 1869; m. *Geo. F. Alden*.

*William C. L.*, b. July 4, 1874.

MELVIN A. ALLEN, bro. of the preceding, b. April 26, 1835; m. *Martha A. Thompson*. He d. Nov. 27, 1879. Children:

*Edgar Leon*, b. Feb. 12, 1864; m. *Lizzie Briggs*.

*Robert Thompson*, b. Apr. 2, 1867.

#### ATWOOD.

The Atwood families of Buckfield are among the very first in town. They have been a race of merchants and have won both success and respect by years of honorable deal. They trace their descent from *Henry Atwood*, the English emigrant, who was at *Plymouth* about 1640. He married April 25, 1644, *Abigail*, daughter of *John* and *Abigail (Carey) Jenney*. She came with her parents in the *Little James*, of which her father was the principal owner, and was therefore one of the *Pilgrims*.

*HENRY ATWOOD* and his wife settled in *Middleboro*. He died in 1670. The line of descent to *Capt. Samuel Atwood*, a *Revo-*

lutionary soldier who, after the war, settled in Livermore, Me., in 1795, and was the father of the first Atwoods who came to Buckfield, is as follows: Henry, Abial, Abial, Lieut. Abial, and Samuel. The latter was born in Berkley, Mass., 1769. He married Hannah Boyden. His death occurred at Livermore in 1816, aged 47. His wife died in 1854, aged 84. After his death she had married Mr. James Norton.

CAPT. SAMUEL ATWOOD and his wife had a family of thirteen children:

- I. *Joanna*, d. 1868 ae. 79; m. Thomas Rich.
- II. *Hannah*, m. Elias Morse.
- III. *William Boyden*.
- IV. *Samuel*, m. Sally Pierce.
- V. *Hezekiah*, m. Nancy Coffin.
- VI. *Rhoda*.
- VII. *Nathan*, b. 1800; m. Ruth H. Rogers.
- VIII. *Henry S.*, m. Sarah Coffin.
- IX. *Hepsibah*, b. 1806; m. Artemas F. Cole.
- X. *Ephraim*, b. 1808; m. 1, Eliza Morrill, 2d, Adaline Whiting.
- XI. *Eliza*, b. 1810; m. Sidney Spaulding.
- XII. *Brittania*, d. in infancy.
- XIII. *Lorenzo*, b. 1814; m. Lucy Harris.

NATHAN ATWOOD, born in Livermore in 1800, was the first of the name to settle in Buckfield and engage in trade. He married Ruth H. Rogers, a descendant of Rev. John Rogers, the Martyr of Smithfield. She was born in Berwick, Maine, in May, 1797, and lived to be 87 years old. At the time the census of 1850 was taken, she was in the family of Dea. William H. Atwood, who had married her daughter, Helen M. Atwood, then 23 years old. Her brother, Charles B. Atwood, was two years older. Nathan Atwood, their father, died in 1841, having earned a wide reputation as an able and upright business man.

There were five Atwood families living in town in 1850. The heads of these families were Ephraim, Lorenzo, William H., Charles B., and Hezekiah, Jr. The four first were denominated traders by the census enumerator, and the last a miller.

LORENZO, born in 1814, and who married Lucy Harris of the same age, had two children, Harriet Josephine aged 13 and Eunice A. Atwood aged 11. The daughter, Eunice A. Atwood, became the wife of Capt. Charles H. Prince. H. Josephine died Feb. 7, 1863.

EPHRAIM ATWOOD, b. Oct. 2, 1808, m. 1, Eliza A. Morrill; 2, Adaline Whiting. First wife died Jan. 29, 1850; 2d died May 4, 1872. He died April 4, 1891. Children by 1st wife:

*Asa*, b. May 26, 1834; m. Augusta Dearborn.

*Emily*, b. Dec. 7, 1835; d. Jan. 28, 1836.

*Emily*, b. Dec. 17, 1836; m. C. Carroll Loring; d. Feb. 11, 1909.

*Frances*, b. Jan. 11, 1839; d. May 23, 1842.

*Wm. Wallace*, b. Aug. 20, 1841; d. Oct. 7, 1882.

*Mary Ann*, b. Oct. 2, 1843; d. Apr. 21, 1850.

*Florence A.*, b. Aug. 15, 1847; d. Mar. 26, 1850.

Children by 2d wife:

*Charles B.*, b. July 10, 1851; m. Clara Goodrich of Mich., resides in California.

*Clarence*, b. Jan. 26, 1854; m. 1, Fannie Libby, 2 Anna (Storer) Buck, resides in Auburn.

*Arthur C.*, b. Mar. 27, 1856; m. Cora B. Cummings, of Paris, resides in Auburn.

*Eugene*, b. July 10, 1858; d. Mar. 16, 1859.

*Carrie A.*, b. May 3, 1860; m. Edmund Fogg, resides in Lewiston.

#### BENNETT.

GEORGE BENNETT, son of John and Lucy (Bridgham) Bennett and grandson of Nathaniel and Hannah (Babson) Bennett of New Gloucester, was born in 1807. He married Augusta P. Cole in 1842 and opened a store in Buckfield near the bridge (now called the Rawson store), where he traded till 1859. He then bought a farm in the western part of the town on which he lived to his death. His wife died about 1851 and he married 2d, Lephah M. Pillsbury. He died in Feb., 1892, in his 84th year. Children by 1st wife:

*Emma L.*, b. Sept. 22, 1844; m. George R. Hammond of Paris.

*George O.*, b. Nov. 13, 1846; m. Jennie R. Morse.

Children by 2d wife:

*Frank*, b. Aug. 1, 1854; m. Mrs. Ellen Ripley.

*Lizzie A.*, b. Oct. 28, 1856; m. Everett F. Bicknell.

*Dr. Annette*, b. Mar. 17, 1858, s. in Norway.

*Fred*, b. Aug. 17, 1859; m. Lunetta Mason.

*Dr. Herbert*, b. Dec. 30, 1862; d. in Chicago in 1894.

*Carrie*, b. July 27, 1862; m. J. H. Hamlin.

*Lena L.*, b. June 8, 1870.

*Effie M.*, b. Mar. 28, 1873.

FRED BENNETT, son of the preceding, b. Aug. 17, 1859; m. Lunetta Mason. He resides on the homestead of his father. Children:

*Paul M.*, b. May 20, 1887. *Eugene H.*, b. Dec. 2, 1888. *Ralph H.*, b. Aug. 2, 1891.

DR. ANNETTE BENNETT, daughter of George and Lepha M. (Pillsbury) Bennett, was born in Buckfield, Mar. 17, 1858. After attaining a common school and academic education, she entered a homeopathic medical school in Chicago, where she graduated with honors. She settled in Norway, where she practiced her profession with much success for many years. She took great interest in temperance matters and was one of the leaders of the W. C. T. U. organization. She was also one of the prime movers for the establishment of an Old Ladies Home in Norway, which existed for a few years and was then given up. She died about 1912.

#### BERRY.

WILLIAM BERRY, the American ancestor of the Berrys of Buckfield, Paris and Woodstock, was one of a colony of fifty sent over from England by Capt. John Mason to settle N. H. They landed at the mouth of the Piscataqua river in 1631. He is said to have been the first settler in Rye. His wife's name was Jane. Whether he was m. prior to his coming to America is not known. They lived at a place called Sandy Beach. He was one of the grantees of Newbury, Mass., where he probably removed about 1643. Having died, Jane, his widow, was appointed administratrix of the estate. She m. 2d, Nathaniel Drake. Elizabeth, supposed to be one of their children, m. John Locke of Newcastle. He was ambushed and killed by the Indians in 1696 while reaping grain in his field.

CAPT. GEORGE BERRY of Kittery, born about 1676, probably a grandson of the first William, m. Deliverance Haley. His son, George, Jr., b. in Kittery in 1706, m. in 1727 Elizabeth Frink. He was a ship-wright and had a ship yard at Back Cove, Falmouth, now Portland. He was appointed Captain in the militia and given a roving commission to scour the country with a body of Indian fighters from the sea to Canada. He was promoted to major. "He died in 1776, aged 70." Children:



*George*, b. abt. 1730; m. 1752, Sarah Stickney.

*Josiah*, b. abt. 1734; m. Thankful Butler.

*Obadiah*, b. Oct. 14, 1738; m. Lucy Torrey.

*Elizabeth*, b. abt. 1741; m. Jeremiah Pote, a wealthy merchant and ship owner. He was a Tory and fled to the Provinces on the breaking out of the Revolutionary War, and never returned. His property was confiscated.

The oldest son of George Berry and wife Sarah Stickney was Dea. William Berry, born in Falmouth, Mar. 6, 1753. His wife was Joanna Doane of Cape Elizabeth. He was an early settler in Buckfield. Dr. Wm. B. Lapham, a descendant in the genealogy of the family, states: "Mr. Berry was a resident in Bucktown prior to 1780." William Bicknell, a voluminous writer for the local papers, who probably heard it from the children of Deacon Berry, claimed that he settled here "13 years prior to the incorporation of the town." Tradition, therefore, fixes the event at about the same time,—1780.

It is also stated that the fifth child, William, Jr., b. Apr. 17, 1783, was born in Buckfield. William Berry's name is not on any of the early petitions for the purchase of the township. He did not obtain a settling lot, which he would have done had he been a permanent settler here Jan. 1, 1784. A William Berry of Cape Elizabeth, Feb. 1, 1791, conveyed land on Long Creek to Edward Doane. Nov. 25, 1783, John Rowe conveyed land in Bakerstown (Poland) to a William Berry et al. of Bakerstown. In 1802 Deacon Berry purchased at two different times land of the heirs of James Thurlo on North Hill. This was his homestead for many years. There are no other conveyances to him of land in Buckfield that we have any record of. The Thurlo heirs appear to have had an interest in the Bakerstown land above spoken of. They conveyed it to one Samuel Jordan of Portland in 1803. That Deacon Berry was in Buckfield prior to his purchase of the North Hill property is unquestioned, for his name appears on the census lists of 1790 and 1800. He probably lived there long before he obtained his deeds. He was one of the prominent citizens of the town and noted for his upright and sterling qualities. He was one of the prime movers in establishing the first Baptist church in town of which he was appointed one of its deacons. For several years he held the position of a member of the board of selectmen and assessors.

He died about 1824 at the age of 71. They raised a family of 11 children, all of whom grew up and had families of their own:

*Mary*, b. Falmouth, Feb. 22, 1775; m. Luther Whitman, s. in Woodstock.

*Levi*, b. Falmouth, Apr. 28, 1777; m. Lusannah Bryant, s. in Paris.

*Dorcas*, b. Falmouth, June 16, 1779; m. Jacob Whitman, Jr., s. in Woodstock.

*Joanna*, b. Falmouth, Mar. 11, 1781; m. 1, Sam'l Briggs; 2d, Rev. Nath'l Chase.

*William, Jr.*, b. Apr. 17, 1783; m. Deborah Drake, s. in Paris.

*Elizabeth*, b. Buckfield, June 1, 1785; m. James Ricker, s. in Hartford.

*George*, b. Buckfield, July 30, 1787; m. Sally Swan, s. in Paris.

*Obadiah*, b. Buckfield, July 30, 1790; m. Abigail Ricker.

*Sally*, b. Buckfield, June 9, 1792; m. Tobias Ricker, Jr.

*Remember*, b. Buckfield, Dec. 22, 1794; m. John Swett, Jr., s. in Turner.

*Dea. Zeri*, b. Buckfield, Nov. 1, 1797 m. Abigail Turner, s. in Canton; d. Apr. 19, 1885.

OBADIAH BERRY, son of Dea. William, b. July 30, 1790; m. Abigail Ricker. His wife died Feb. 17, 1875. He died March 2, 1875. Children:

*Lysander*, b. March 19, 1815; m. Nancy Stannard.

*Harriet N.*, b. Apr. 2, 1817; m. Lewis Mason.

*Joan M.*, b. March 15, 1819; d. May 7, 1885.

*Charles H.*, b. March 20, 1824; m. Cynthia S. Harris.

*Frederick*, b. April 30, 1826; m. Sarah Corliss.

*John A.*, b. Jan. 28, 1830; m. Sarah Ricker.

CHARLES H. BERRY, son of the preceding, b. Mar. 20, 1824; m. Cynthia S. Harris. He was prominent in town affairs and a member of the board of selectmen, etc. He lived and died on the old homestead, respected by all who knew him. Children:

*Frederick*, b. Auburn, Nov. 6, 1850; d. in infancy.

*Charles F.*, b. Auburn, Feb. 24, 1854; m. Sadie H. Dearborn.

*Ida A.*, b. Auburn, Aug. 19, 1858; m. Oscar H. Hersey, Esq.

CHARLES F. BERRY, son of the preceding, b. Feb. 24, 1854; m. Sadie H. Dearborn of Hartford. He lives on the homestead of his father. Child:

*Frank D.*, b. Feb. 7, 1886.

#### BESSEY.

CAPT. ALDEN BESSEY, b. in 1807, came here from Paris in 1866 and settled in the western part of the town. His wife was Laodicia Benson. His father was Joseph Bessey of Middleboro,



Everett M. Bessey

Mass., who m. Lydia, dau. of John and Hannah (Cushman) Bessey. Captain Bessey acquired a large property at farming. He was prominent in the section of the town where he lived and served as a member of the board of selectmen, as did also his son Alvin and grandson Norman—a noteworthy occurrence. He died June 4, 1890. His wife died July, 1891. Children:

*Marion Alden*, b. July 21, 1828; m. Josephine Waldron, s. in Paris.

*Florinda*, b. Nov. 7, 1830; m. Aaron Cobb, s. in Hebron.

*Lydia*, b. Mar. 14, 1833; m. Shubal A. Baker.

*Mary H.*, b. Dec. 16, 1835; m. Augustus Pearson.

*Fairfield*, b. June, 1843; d. unm.

*Alvin S.*, b. Feb. 15, 1846; m. Alfaretta Turner.

*Annie*, b. May, 1850; m. Frank Merrill.

ALVIN STURTEVANT BESSEY, son of the preceding, b. Feb. 15, 1846; m. Alfaretta Turner. He is one of Buckfield's most prosperous farmers. Children:

*Lora P.*, b. Aug. 19, 1870; m. Herbert Millett.

*Ella M.*, b. Sept. 12, 1872; m. Washington Heald.

*Norman E.*, b. Nov. 11, 1874; m. Maud Heald.

*Alice*, b. Aug. 24, 1878; m. Charles A. Bonney.

*Everett M.*, b. Mar. 11, 1880; m. Ina Hanson.

*Lillie L.*, b. July 19, 1882; m. Harry E. Pulsifer.

NORMAN E. BESSEY, son of the preceding, b. Nov. 11, 1874; m. Maud Heald. He resides on the homestead of his father. Children:

*Gerald H.*, b. Jan. 22, 1899.

*Ralph*, b. Jan. 11, 1902.

EVERETT M. BESSEY, brother of the preceding; m. Ina Hanson and several children were born to them. She died and he m. Miss Verna Howe of So. Paris. He resides at Rumford Falls and is a Deputy Sheriff there—a faithful and very efficient officer.

#### BICKNELL.

The Bicknells of Buckfield and Hebron trace their descent from Zachary and his wife Agnes, who came from England in 1635 and settled at Weymouth.

JOHN BICKNELL, a soldier of the Revolution, with his wife Rebecca, were early settlers in Hebron. She d. May 15, 1802, and he m. 2d in 1804, Mrs. Susanna (Packard) Sturtevant. He was probably the son of David Bicknell, who d. in H. in Dec., 1825, aged 82. They had several children, among whom were:

*John*, b. 1772.

*Noah*, b. 1773; m. Rebecca Carman.

*Simcon*, b. 1775; m. Rebekah Irish.

*David*, b. Apr. 22, 1781; m. Abigail Irish.

*Deborah*, b. Oct. 7, 1785; m. George Bryant.

*Abigail*, b. ———; m. James Bowker.

JOHN BICKNELL, oldest son of John, b. 1772; m. ———. Children:

*John*, b. April 6, 1796; m. Marcena Churchill.

*James*, b. May 9, 1802; m. Judith Bowker.

*Thirza*, b. Aug. 8, 1804; m. Daniel Tracy.

*George*, b. Apr. 22, 1808; m. Eleanor Rowe.

*Elbridge G.*, b. Nov. 28, 1810; m. Emeline Briggs.

*Samuel*, b. Oct. 28, 1814; m. Fear DeCoster.

*Shuah*, b. June 13, 1817; m. Hiram Andrews.

JOHN, oldest son of the preceding, b. April 6, 1796; m. Marcena Churchill. Children:

*John*, b. April 15, 1821; m. Eveline Cushman.

*Joseph B.*, b. Sept., 1823; m. 1, Adaline Woodman, 2d, Rosetta Hall.  
*Emily*, b. May, 1826; m. Benj. C. Lurvey.  
*William S.*, b. Mar., 1830; m. Mary Whitman.

JAMES BICKNELL, bro. of the preceding, b. Mar. 9, 1802; m. Judith Bowker. He died Oct. 27, 1869. She died Nov. 16, 1885. Children:

*Arabella R.*, b. Oct. 2, 1825; m. Merritt Farrar.  
*James F.*, b. May 7, 1828; m. Rebecca S. Fletcher.  
*Rosetta J.*, b. Sept. 10, 1829; m. Charles B. Hall, 2, Joseph Bicknell.  
*Virgil D. P.*, b. Mar. 24, 1833; m. Frances M. Warren.  
*Columbia P.*, b. May 30, 1835; m. Levi Turner.  
*Levi P.*, b. Aug. 24, 1837; m. Fanny Jordan.  
*Georgianna H.*, b. Feb. 15, 1843; m. James A. Warren.  
*Isabel R.*, b. Feb. 24, 1845; m. Cyrus DeCoster.  
*Juliette*, b. Feb. 27, 1847; m. Edwin Mayhew.

JAMES F. BICKNELL, son of the preceding, b. May 7, 1828. m. Rebecca S. Fletcher. He lives at No. Buckfield. Children:

*Everett F.*, b. Apr. 4, 1854; m. Lizzie A. Bennett; a successful merchant at Norway. They have one child, Grace, a talented young lady. She is a teacher, and has made several trips abroad.

*Isabel*, b. June 7, 1859; d. Jan. 7, 1884.

VIRGIL D. P. BICKNELL, bro. of the preceding, b. Nov. 24, 1833; m. Frances M. Warren. Children:

*Eudora F.*, b. April 20, 1859; m. Emerson Ames.  
*James E.*, b. Apr. 27, 1860.  
*Florence W.*, b. Feb. 1, 1862; d. unmarried.  
*Nellie*, b. Feb. 18, 1864; m. George Record.  
*Minnie*, b. July 17, 1868; m. Selden Barrett.

LEVI P. BICKNELL, son of James *ante*, b. Aug. 24, 1837; m. Fanny Jordan. She d. and he moved to California, where he m. and was killed by mine caving about 1889. Child:

*Fannie S.*, b. Apr. 1, 1864; m. Warren Lothrop.

NOAH BICKNELL, son of first John, m. Dec., 1794, Rebecca Carman. Children:

*Cyrus*, b. May 28, 1796; m. Rebecca Bicknell.  
*Hannah*, b. Jan. 4, 1798; d. Sept. 28, 1829.  
*Otis*, b. Oct. 4, 1799; m. Martha Dudley.  
*Azor*, b. Sept. 19, 1801; d. Aug. 10, 1816.  
*Hosca*, b. May 8, 1803; m. Zilpha ———.  
*Sally*, b. Feb. 24, 1805; d. Mar. 16, 1839.  
*Luke*, b. Dec. 17, 1806; m. Orris DeCoster.  
*Timothy Pickering*, b. Feb. 13, 1809; d. unm.



*Tristram Gilman*, b. June 24, 1811; m. Polly Jordan. He d. Feb. 15, 1890.

*Mary D.*, b. Oct. 23, 1813; d. unm.

CYRUS BICKNELL, oldest son of Noah, m. Rebecca Bicknell and had:

*Azor*, b. Dec. 20, 1820; *Calista*, b. Aug. 24, 1822; *Noah*, b. Feb. 23, 1824, d. in infancy; *Zilpha*, b. Feb. 25, 1826; *Columbus*, b. Mar. 11, 1821; and *Americus*, b. Aug. 26, 1831, d. Jan. 1, 1863.

OTIS BICKNELL, son of Noah, b. Oct. 4, 1799; m. Martha Dudley. He died Sept. 2, 1877. She died July 22, 1873. Children:

*Charles*, b. Sept. 20, 1824; m. Lucy Loring.

*Jennette G.*, b. Nov. 30, 1828; m. Moses Thomes.

*Citoyenna*, b. Apr. 9, 1835; m. Francis Buck.

*Mary*, b. Jan. 28, 1838; m. Samuel Thomes.

*Ellen*, b. July 13, 1840; m. Albion Taylor.

*Martha W.*, b. Aug. 20, 1847; m. Fred DeCoster.

LUKE BICKNELL, son of Noah, b. Dec. 17, 1806; m. in 1830 Orris DeCoster. They settled in Hebron. He died Dec. 13, 1837. His widow survived him many years. Children:

*Noah*, b. May 18, 1831, a successful teacher.

*Eliza*, b. Feb. 16, 1832; m. Russell S. Whitman.

*Albinus*, b. 1834; m. Mary DeGrenier.

*Justin*, b. 1836; d. unm.

SIMEON BICKNELL, son of first John, with wife Rebekah Irish, settled in Buckfield about 1797. They probably were the first of the name here. Their deaths are not recorded on our records. Children:

*Sally*, b. Apr. 23, 1796.

*David*, b. Sept. 21, 1797.

*Samuel*, b. June 6, 1799.

*Sophronia*, b. abt. 1803; m. George Davie.

*Harriet*, b. June 19, 1805; m. George DeCoster.

*Almira*, b. Sept. 24, 1807; m. Orrin Irish.

*Lucius*, b. Oct. 24, 1808.

#### BISBEE.

THOMAS BISBEE—name variously spelt—the American ancestor, came to Scituate, Mass., early in 1634 with wife Anne (Banden), six children and three servants, in the *Hercules*. He was b. about Mar. 3, 1589 (date christened), and was m. Jan. 14, 1618. His parents were John and Dorothy Foster Bisbee

of Biddenden, England. Thomas became one of the members of Rev. John Lothrop's church there and was one of its first deacons. This church was organized from members of the first Puritan church of London. Its ruling elder here was Nathaniel Tilden, who also came in the ship *Hercules*. About four years after Thomas Bisbee removed to Duxbury, where he held positions of trust and served as representative to the General Court. He afterwards lived at Marshfield and finally made his home at Sudbury, where he died March 9, 1674. By his will, dated Nov. 25, 1672, he bequeathed houses and lands in England to his grandson, Thomas Brown, child of his daughter Mary. Only three children are mentioned on the Plymouth, Mass., records, and Elisha, as the only son.

The date of Elisha Bisbee's birth is not known. He married Joanna ———, and lived near what in later years, was called Union Bridge. Here he kept a ferry, and was licensed to run a public house. Six children are given in the Scituate town records.

JOHN BISBEE was the 2d son and child, and was born in 1647. He married Sept. 13, 1687 Joanna Brooks, at Marshfield, where he resided for several years, finally removing to Pembroke where he died Sept. 24, 1726. His wife had died the month before. Eight children are given in the records: Moses was the 3d son and 5th child, and was born Oct. 20, 1695. He moved to East Bridgewater, where, by wife Mary, six children were born. Charles was the 1st son and 3d child, and was born in 1726. He married Beulah Howland, a descendant of John and Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland, both Mayflower Pilgrims. They had nine children, all born before they settled in West Butterfield, now Sumner, in June, 1784. He had made a clearing and erected a log house for occupancy the year before.

CHARLES BISBEE had served in the War for American Independence. He selected his land with good judgment, and with the help of his seven sons soon cleared up a good farm. He lived to see his children comfortably settled around him and enjoying the fruits of their toil. He died June 5, 1807, on the 23d anniversary of the family's arrival in town. His widow died Sept. 1, 1816. Children:

*Lieut. Elisha*, b. Mar. 4, 1757; m. Molly Pettengill.

*Charles*, b. 1758; m. Desire Dingley.



Elisha Bisbee, Jr.



G. W. Bisbee



Mrs. Mary Howe Bisbee





*Mrs. Stanley Bisbee*



*Mrs. Mary Bisbee Josselyn*

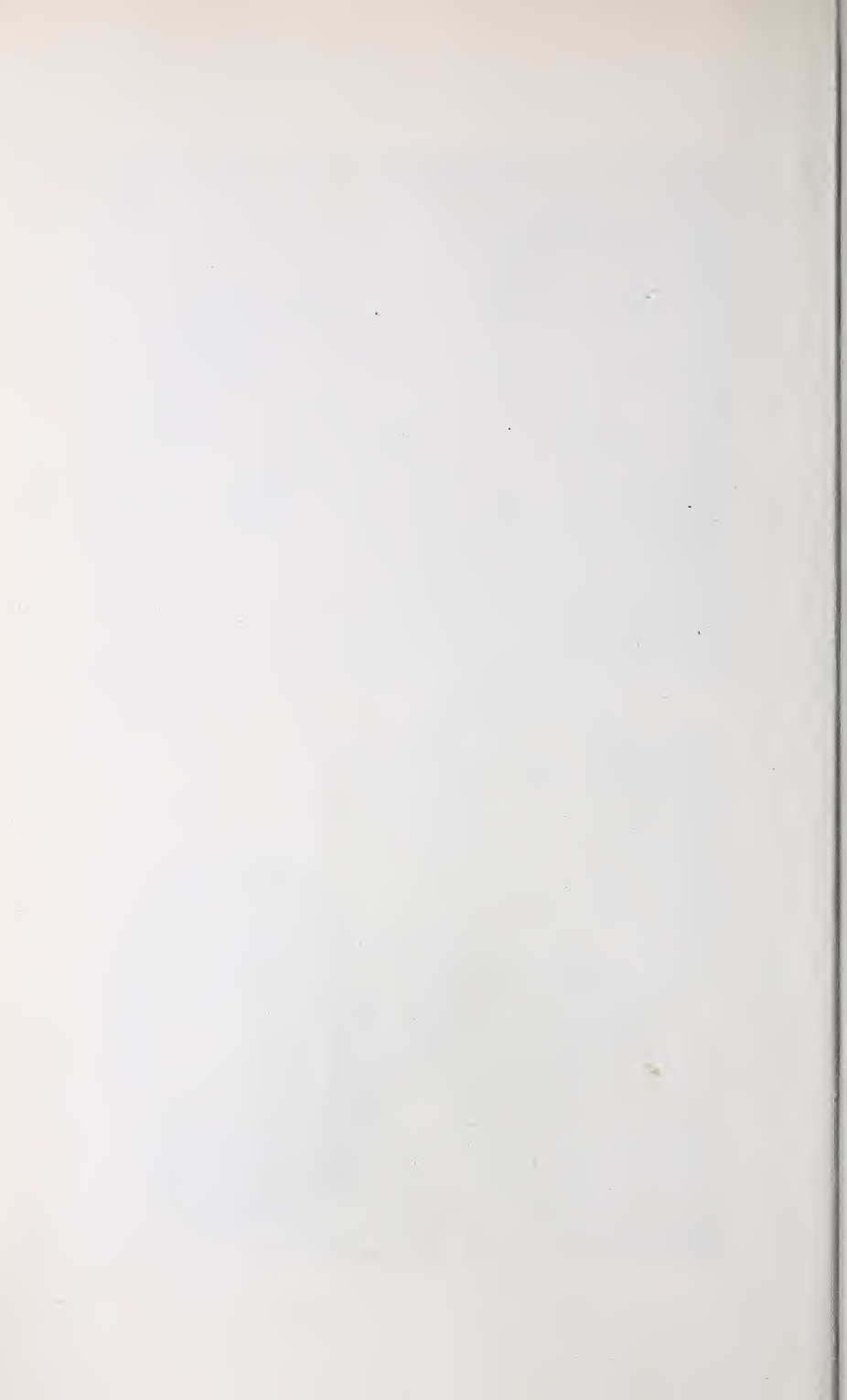


*Mrs. G. D. Bisbee*



*Miss Louise Bisbee*





*Mary*, b. Apr. 28, 1760; m. Charles Ford.  
*Moses*, b. Feb. 21, 1765; m. Ellen Buck.  
*John*, b. 1767; m. Sarah Philbrick.  
*Solomon*, b. Sept. 3, 1769; m. Ruth Barrett.  
*Calvin*, b. Oct. 14, 1771; m. Bethiah Glover.  
*Rouse*, b. Oct. 17, 1772; m. Hannah Carrell (or Cary).  
*Celia*, b. May 7, 1774; m. Joshua Ford.

LIEUT. ELISHA BISBEE, oldest son of Charles the 7th, settler in Sumner, b. Mar. 4, 1757, was an officer in the Revolution, where he performed valiant service. He m. in 1779 at Duxbury, Mass., Molly Pettengill b. Jan. 9, 1760; d. Aug. 20, 1811. He built a house in S. in 1796, which is in a good state of preservation. He died Dec. 1, 1826. Children:

*Susan*, b. Mar. 28, 1780; m. Nathaniel Bartlett of Hartford.  
*Sally*, b. 1782; m. Gad Hayford of Hartford.  
*Anna*, b. 1784; m. Stephen Drew of Turner.  
*Elisha, Jr.*, b. May 8, 1786; m. 1st, Joanna Sturtevant, 2nd, Fanny Bryant.  
*Daniel*, b. May 7, 1791; m. Sylvia Stevens.  
*Molly B.*, b. Jan. 4, 1794; m. Nehemiah Bryant, 2d, Lemuel Dunham.  
*Capt. Hopestill*, b. Nov. 24, 1796; m. Martha Sturtevant.  
*Theresa*, b. ———; m. Barney Howard of Hartford.  
*Huldah*, b. ———; m. Sampson Reed of Hartford.  
*Horatio*, b. Aug. 13, 1800; m. Eunice White.

ELISHA BISBEE, JR., oldest son of the preceding, b. May 8, 1786; m. Joanna Sturtevant Apr. 15, 1810. He lived for a short time in Buckfield village, then exchanged his stand here with Zebediah Austin for his farm in Sumner, which is still owned by his descendants. Children:

*Elbridge G.*, b. in B., Feb. 8, 1811; d. Oct. 2, 1812.  
*George Washington*, b. in B., July 6, 1812; m. Mary B. Howe.  
*Thomas Jefferson*, b. in B., July 6, 1812; m. Sylvia Stetson, s. in Rumford.

*Mary P.*, b. June 6, 1815; m. Freeman Reed, Hartford.

*Elisha S.*, b. Apr., 1822; d. Sept. 24, 1823.

His wife died Jan. 30, 1825, and he m. 2nd, Fanny Bryant. Children:

*Sabra W.*, b. Feb. 21, 1826; m. Orville Robinsen.

*Sophia G.*, b. Apr. 7, 1827.

*Capt. Levi B.*, b. July 16, 1828; m. Eliza A. Heald.

*Elisha S.*, b. Apr. 15, 1830; m. Jane Parsons.

*Asia H.*, b. Jan. 6, 1832, s. in Oregon.

*Daniel H.*, b. Oct. 9, 1833, s. in Nevada; d. in 1892 in Auburn.

*Jane Y.*, b. July 1, 1835; m. James McDonald.

*Hopestill R.*, b. June 21, 1837; m. Ella Byram, s. in Nevada.

*Sergt. Hiram B.*, b. Dec. 11, 1839; k. at Bermuda Hundred, May 20, 1864.

GEORGE WASHINGTON BISBEE, son of Elisha, Jr., b. in B. July 6, 1812; m. Jan. 1, 1836, Mary B. Howe of Rumford. He was a blacksmith by trade, and had an aptitude for politics, and was an ardent supporter of Hannibal Hamlin. He settled 1st in Hartford, but in 1857 moved to Peru, where he died, Jan. 27, 1872. His wife d. in B. at her son's June 25, 1885. The remains of both were buried in Buckfield. Child:

*George D.*, b. Hartford, July 9, 1841; m. Anna Louise Stanley.

HON. GEORGE D. BISBEE (see lawyers), son of the preceding, b. July 9, 1841; m. July 8, 1866, Anna Louise Stanley, a dau. of Isaac N. Stanley, Esq., of Dixfield. Children:

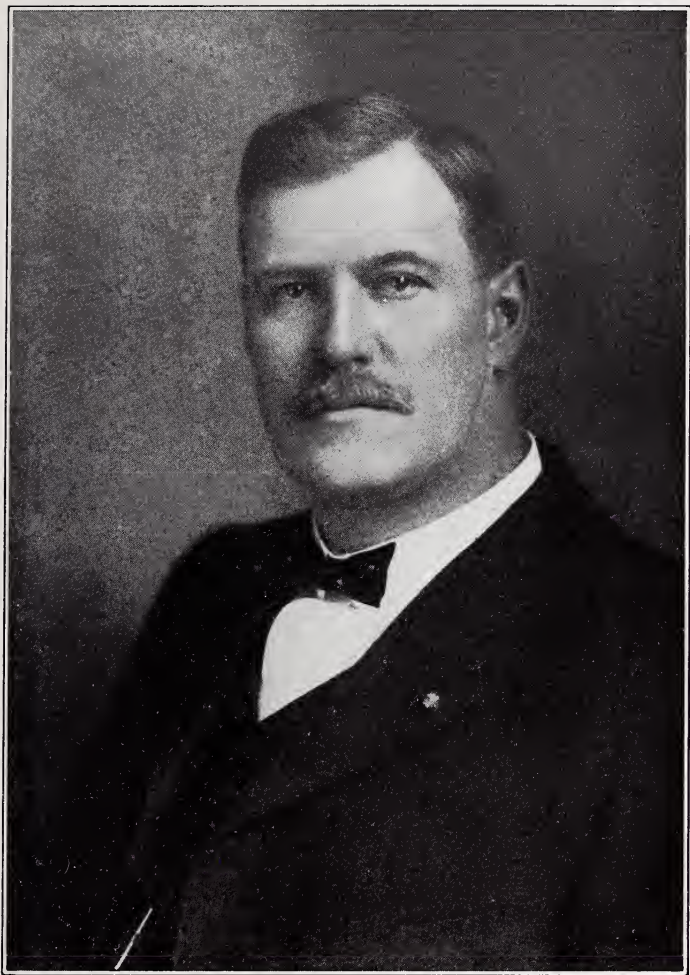
*Stanley*, b. April 25, 1867; m. Nellie B. Spaulding.

*Seth Wilmot*, b. May 6, 1869; d. Aug. 27, 1899.

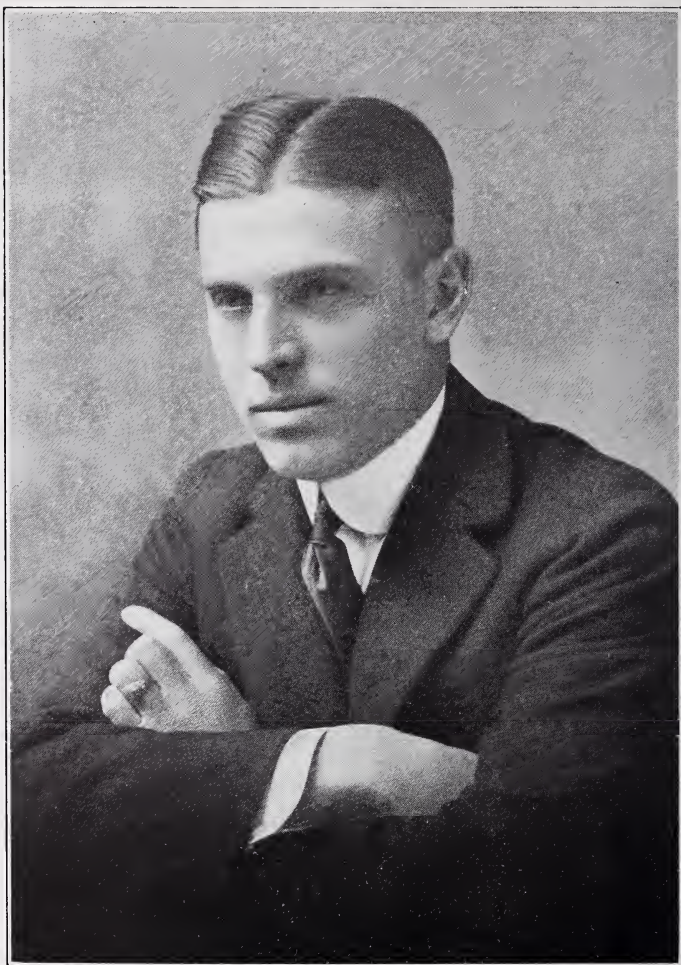
*Wirt*, b. June 7, 1871; d. Nov. 1, 1871.

*Mary Louise*, b. Aug. 6, 1873; m. Everett R. Josselyn of Portland.

STANLEY BISBEE, son of George Dana and Anna Louise (Stanley) Bisbee, was born in Buckfield, Maine, April 25, 1867. He attended Hebron Academy and Coburn Classical Institute and commenced business as a clerk in a general store in Buckfield, of which he soon became proprietor, remaining in that business up to 1893, when he sold out and became agent for the American Express Company, opening an office in Rumford Falls just as the place became an important railroad center. In 1895 he engaged in the hardware business and still conducts the business. He was elected selectman of the town of Buckfield, and was a member of the school board of Rumford for six years. He was initiated in the Masonic fraternity through membership in the Blazing Star Lodge of Rumford, was advanced to the Rumford Royal Arch Chapter, Strathglass Commandery, Knights Templar, of Rumford, Maine. He is also a member of Penacook Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Rumford Falls; of the Knights of Pythias, Metalluc Lodge, Rumford Falls, and a companion of the Loyal Legion of the United States. In 1909 he represented the town of Rumford in the Seventy-fourth Legislature. He was re-elected the following year. He married, March 12, 1889, Nellie B., daughter of Cyrus C. and Ellen Young Spaulding, of Buckfield, Maine, and their children are:



Stanley Bisbee



Spaulding Bisbee



*Spaulding*, b. in Buckfield, Jan. 6, 1850.

*Louise*, b. in Rumford, July 23, 1896, was educated at Rumford High School and Hebron Academy. She graduated at latter institution in 1915.

SPAULDING, son of Stanley and Nellie B. (Spaulding) Bisbee, and of the eleventh generation from Thomas Bisbee, the immigrant, of 1635, born in Buckfield Jan. 6, 1890, was educated in the schools of Rumford Falls, Hebron Academy, Colby College and graduated from the Boston University of Law in June, 1914, and is now a member of the law firm of Bisbee & Parker. He is a promising young man of much ability, and will unquestionably take high rank in his profession.

#### BONNEY.

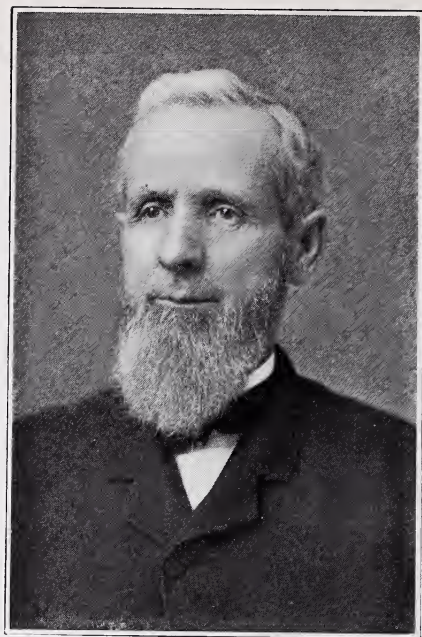
The Bonneys of Buckfield and Turner claim to be of English descent. They are of an old Plymouth family. First and last it has furnished many men of prominence.

JAMES BONNEY, the first of the name to settle in Bucktown, came from Pembroke, Mass., where he was b. Apr. 22, 1764, and purchased land of the proprietors, adjoining the Sumner town line Nov. 17th, 1789. His father and direct ancestors as far back as known were named James. He cleared the land and erected his habitation and other buildings, and having married Miss Sally Glover b. in Pembroke May 30, 1776, they moved to Buckfield in 1799. The removal was made on horseback and it took some two weeks or more to make the journey. The farm has since been known as the Bonney place. Three generations of Bonneys have been born there. He died March 13, 1836. She died Jan. 16, 1859. Children:

*Col. James*, b. Buckfield, Nov. 25, 1799; m. Bethany Keene.

*Sally*, b. Buckfield, Sept. 3, 1805; d. unm., Oct. 28, 1838.

COL. JAMES BONNEY, son of the preceding, born Nov. 25, 1799, married Bethany Keene of Sumner, born January 15, 1802. He had the homestead of his father, where he lived to his death. Col. Bonney was prominent in town affairs, and served a number of years as member of the board of selectmen, four years of which he was chairman. He was several times a candidate for representative to the Legislature, and came near an election in 1844. He was popular with the militia in which he rose as



Albion P. Bonney

an officer to the rank of Colonel. For many years Col. Bonney held a commission as a Justice of the Peace. He died Feb. 18, 1864. His wife died Aug. 3, 1867. Children:

*Betsy B.*, b. Aug. 30, 1823; m. George G. Chaffin. She d. Dec. 22, 1850.

*Hon. Albion P.*, b. May 22, 1826; m. 1, Mary A. Irish, 2, Ellen T. Shaw, 3, Abbie Tuell.

*Josiah Keene*, b. July 21, 1828; d. Sept. 10, 1848.

*Andrew Jackson*, b. Nov. 24, 1833; m. Ellen L. Hobart, s. in Mass. He d. May 17, 1863.

*Sarah E.*, b. Apr. 19, 1836; m. Daniel B. Bonney, s. in Hartford; 2 c., Harry L. and James T. Bonney.

HON. ALBION P. BONNEY, son of the preceding, acquired his education in the schools of his town and vicinity, and fitted himself for a teacher, and for many years he taught in the winter seasons with great success. He early took an interest in public affairs and was one of the organizers of the republican party. He has always been a strict temperance man. In 1857 Mr. Bonney was elected one of the selectmen, and he served in that

capacity in all for 13 years. He was also several years town treasurer, and a member of the school committee. The people elected him again and again to town office and they never lost their faith in his integrity and worth as a citizen and an official. In 1884 he was elected senator to the State Legislature. Mr. Bonney was a charter member of Nezinscot Lodge of Odd Fellows. In 1897 he sold his farm and moved to Auburn, Me., where he now resides. Mr. Bonney has been three times married. Children by 1st wife:

*Dr. Frank J.*, b. Mar. 8, 1850; m. Nancy Penley.

*Ella F.*, b. Mar. 24, 1852; m. Wm. S. Thorne. She d. Aug. 17, 1875.

*Emma F.*, b. Aug. 19, 1857; m. Herbert E. Bonney, s. in Hartford. 3 c., Mary A., b. Aug. 30, 1881, a teacher in Quincy, Mass., schools, Albion P., b. Jan. 21, 1889, and Mildred L., b. June 12, 1894.

His first wife died July 14, 1862, and he married 2d Ellen T. Shaw. Child by 2d wife:

*Nellie L.*, b. Mar. 19, 1865; m. Fred W. Keene, s. in Auburn. 1 c., Hazel Bonney, b. Oct., 1890.

His second wife died Mar. 22, 1865, and he married 3d Abbie Tuell. She died Jan. 20, 1901. (He has recently deceased.)

DR. FRANK J. BONNEY, the only son of the preceding, was born in Buckfield March 8, 1850. He married Miss Nancy Penley. After acquiring his education, he entered the dental office of Dr. Nathaniel Gammon. He opened an office in Quincy, Mass., where he resided for several years and carried on a large and lucrative business. He became one of the most expert and skillful of practitioners in the profession, and acquired a very large property. He finally purchased a large estate near the city of Auburn, where he resided to his death. He opened a dental office in Lewiston and did a very large and lucrative business. Doctor Bonney was a prominent member of several secret societies and was very popular in social circles. He died Dec. 10, 1899, lamented by all who knew him. He left one child, a daughter, Ella May. She m. J. Ham Brooks, a druggist at South Paris. They have a little daughter born July 31, 1903, and named Methyl Bonney. The wife died suddenly at Auburn, Sept. 25, 1903.

#### BOWKER.

CAPT. JAMES BOWKER, an early resident here, was descended from James Bowker, a Swede, and wife Mary, who settled in

Scituate, Mass., before 1680. Capt. James m. Judith Chase and settled in Paris. He died in Buckfield, June 1, 1827. Children:

*James, Jr.*, b. May 10, 1788; m. Abigail Bicknell, s. in Buckfield.

*Tryphosa*, b. Aug. 18, 1789; m. Simeon Howard, s. in Woodstock.

*Anson*, b. June 7, 1792; d. in War of 1812.

*Cyprian*, b. Dec. 1, 1793; m. 1st, Rachel Mayhew, 2nd, Mary (Mayhew) Cole.

*Sally*, b. Jan. 22, 1796; d. in Buckfield, Sept. 25, 1880.

*Edmund*, b. Oct. 3, 1798; m. Mary A. Chase, s. in Woodstock.

*Judith*, b. July 13, 1800; d. Nov. 30, 1801.

*Judith*, b. May 18, 1802; m. James Bicknell, s. in B.

*Harvey*, b. May 4, 1804; m. 1st, Phebe Proctor, 2nd, Diana Curtis.

*Alonzo*, b. Apr. 16, 1806; m. Phebe Andrews.

*Elzira*, b. Apr. 16, 1806; m. William Crockett.

*Laura*, b. Mar. 29, 1809.

CAPT. JAMES BOWKER, JR., b. May 10, 1788; m. Abigail Bicknell. He was a man of prominence, and was for a time a deputy sheriff. He moved to Paris in 1834, and died there in 1847. His wife died in Nov., 1879. Children:

*Whitman W.*, b. Nov. 18, 1817; m. Mrs. Mary Cummings.

*Abigail B.*, b. Mar. 12, 1819.

*Caroline A.*, b. Dec. 1, 1820; m. Horatio Downer, Norway.

*Mary T.*, b. Sept. 29, 1822; m. Thomas Hilborn.

*Odessa M.*, b. Feb. 13, 1828; m. Mary Jordan, s. in Paris.

*Aravesta D.*, b. Feb. 23, 1831; m. Prentiss M. Colburn.

*Delphinus P.*, b. Paris, Oct. 7, 1835; d. Apr. 28, 1841.

#### BRIDGHAM.

The Bridghams of Buckfield trace their descent from Dr. Joseph Bridgham, who graduated at Harvard College in 1719. He married Abigail Willard, a granddaughter of Capt. John Alden, and great-granddaughter of John Alden and Priscilla Mullens, who came over in the Mayflower.

DR. JOSEPH BRIDGHAM was a physician and apothecary in Boston for many years. Late in life he moved to Plympton, where he died in 1754. His son, Capt. John, served in the War for Independence. He was selectman in Plympton and representative in the General Court from that town. He married Joanna Carver and raised a large family of children, among whom was Dr. William, born in Plympton about 1756. With wife Lydia he settled first in Plymouth and afterwards moved

to New Gloucester, where he practiced his profession for many years with marked success. He died there Aug. 4, 1837, "aged 81." She died Oct. 18, 1846, "aged 77."

DR. WILLIAM BRIDGHAM, JR. (see physicians), son of Dr. William of New Gloucester, was born Nov. 26, 1780. He married Hannah Bradbury. He died Nov. 13, 1864, "aged 84." She died Nov. 27, 1859, "aged 80." Children:

*Hannah*, b. Jan. 13, 1805; m. Isaac Chase.

*Caroline*, b. Sept. 3, 1806; m. 1, Luther Crocker, 2, Cyrus Bridgham. Sydenham, b. Sept. 15, 1808; m. Lucretia Shepard.

*Orville*, b. April 3, 1811; m. Mary H. Atwood.

*Aurelia*, b. July 9, 1814; never married.

*Dr. Wm. Pinkney*, b. Sept. 3, 1816; m. 1, Delphina Hayford, 2, Lucy (Hayford) Farrar.

*Mary Ann*, b. June 13, 1825; d. unm., Nov. 14, 1863.

SYDENHAM BRIDGHAM, son of the preceding, b. Sept. 15, 1808; m. Lucretia Shepard. He was a prominent man in town affairs, and kept a public house for many years. He died May 10, 1882. She died Apr. 8, 1882. Children:

*Sarah L.*, b. Sept. 8, 1834; m. Joseph Brown.

*Thomas Sydenham*, b. Nov. 25, 1836; m. Martha H. Farnum.

*Henry Warren*, b. Aug. 16, 1838; d. July 29, 1842.

*Dr. Charles Burr*, b. May 1, 1841; m. Addie Williams.

*Ada Byron*, b. Sept. 20, 1843; d. July, 1844.

*William Henry*, b. Dec. 28, 1846; m. Georgiette Radcliffe.

THOMAS S. BRIDGHAM, ESQ. (see lawyers), son of the preceding, b. Nov. 25, 1836; m. Martha H. Farnum. She died several years ago. Children:

*Ada*, b. Sept. 19, 1859; d. Apr. 6, 1863.

*Harold*, b. June 19, 1861; a conductor on Santa Fe R. R.

*Lucretia Belle*, b. May 13, 1866; m. Henry H. Nulty.

DR. CHARLES B. BRIDGHAM (see physicians) bro. of the preceding, b. May 1, 1841; m. Addie M. Williams. They reside in Cohasset, Mass. Children:

*Mary Frances*, b. Jan. 4, 1865; m. Henry T. P. Bates, resides in Wollaston, Mass.

*Addie Ellen*, b. Apr. 23, 1869; m. Herbert H. Withington, resides in Cohasset, Mass.

*Charles Burr*, b. Nov. 15, 1875; d. July 23, 1880.

*Hattie Belle*, b. Nov. 15, 1875; d. July 20, 1880.

*Henry Sydenham*, b. May 14, 1878; d. July 15, 1880.

*Paul Chester*, b. July 29, 1882.



WILLIAM HENRY BRIDGHAM, bro. of the preceding, b. Dec. 28, 1846; m. Georgiette Radcliffe. Children:

*Lee*, b. Apr. 1, 1871; m. Cassie Slattery.

*Alice Maud*, b. Apr. 9, 1873.

*Dexter William*, b. June 30, 1878.

*Rebecca Lucretia*, b. May 20, 1881.

*Grover Cleveland*, b. Oct. 25, 1884.

*Francis Marble*, b. Mar. 14, 1888; d. Sept. 22, 1890.

*Radcliffe Sydenham*, b. Aug. 15, 1894.

OVILLE BRIDGHAM, son of Dr. William, b. April 3, 1811; m. Mary H. Atwood. He died Dec. 25, 1875. Children:

*George Harris*, b. Feb. 7, 1849.

*Louisa Caroline*, b. Jan. 8, 1853; d. Apr. 7, 1859.

*Helen A.*, b. May ———; d. Mar. 18, 1859.

DR. WILLIAM P. BRIDGHAM (see physicians), youngest son of Dr. William, b. Sept. 13, 1816; m. Delphina Hayford. She d. Sept. 8, 1870, and he m. 2d Lucy (Hayford) Farrar. Children by 1st wife:

*Ella Hannah*, b. Oct. 26, 1846; m. Roscoe Wood, s. in Auburn.

*Florence May*, b. Oct. 8, 1849.

*Nellie Delphina*, b. Nov. 15, 1858.

GEORGE BRIDGHAM, son of Dr. William of New Gloucester, m. in 1806, Anna Nichols. Both were b. Feb. 13, 1788. They were both of B. When m. went to Norway, but before 1810, came back to Buckfield, where he was in trade and kept a public house for several years. In 1841 he moved to South Paris, where he also kept a public house. His wife d. Nov. 4, 1854. He d. Sept. 24, 1873. Children, all but first, in Buckfield:

*George, Jr.*, b. Aug. 16, 1808; m. Myrtilla Cole.

*Anna*, b. Sept. 16, 1810; m. Miles Long.

*Everline*, b. Nov. 15, 1811; m. Caleb Cushman, Jr.

*Arvilla S.*, b. May 15, 1815; m. Ransom R. Bonney, Turner.

*Elbridge G.*, b. Dec. 14, 1817; m. Apphia R. Bonney, s. at S. Paris.

*Lucretia A.*, b. Mar. 29, 1819; m. James Curtis, Paris.

*Corrydon P.*, b. Jan. 31, 1823; m. Lucy Foster.

*Flavilla R.*, b. Nov. 11, 1825; m. Rufus Brainerd, Hallowell.

#### BROCK.

John Brock among first of the name to settle in Bucktown. He was from Pembroke or vicinity. He m. Susannah Crandle. Children:

*Leonard*, b. Sept. 12, 1793; m. Polly ———.

*John, Jr.*, b. Sept. 30, 1794; m. Tamar Farrar. She d. Apr. 16, 1867. He d. Mar. 8, 1877.

*Daniel*, b. June 26, 1796; m. Louisa Spencer.

*Samuel*, b. Mar. 17, 1798; m. Harriet Spencer.

*Susanna*, b. Feb. 10, 1800; m. Nathan Farrar.

*Polly*, b. Oct. 28, 1801; m. John Farrar.

*David*, b. Sept. 9, 1804; m. Judith Farrar.

*Otis*, b. Mar. 22, 1806.

*Betsey*, b. Oct. 19, 1807; m. Cyrus Buck.

## BROWN.

Two Browns, John and Amos, were settlers in the township before Jan. 1, 1784. The former was from New Gloucester, Amos from Windham.

JOHN had no family when coming here. So far as known, he was not related to Amos. His wife had died and one of his daughters had married Thomas Allen and another Nathaniel Buck. He died about 1800.

AMOS BROWN (see sketch), b. Mar. 13, 1752, Windham; m. Sarah Cilley. They settled in the Chase neighborhood. She died and he m. 2d, in 1814, Hannah Proctor. He died in 1825. Children by first wife:

*Mary*, b. Oct. 20, 1780; m. George Roberts.

*William*, b. May 11, 1782; m. Betsey Young. He d. before 1823.

*John*, b. May 5, 1784; m. Polly Cole.

*Amos, Jr.*, b. Dec. 9, 1786; m. prob. to Tryphosia Bowker.

*Anna*, b. Aug. 27, 1788; m. Isaac Young.

*Lydia*, b. Dec. 3, 1790; m. John Cole.

*Benjamin*, b. July 27, 1792; m. Phebe Buck. He d. before 1823.

WILLIAM BROWN, son of the preceding, b. May 11, 1782; m. Betsey Young. He died before 1823. She died Jan. 29, 1875. Children:

*John*, b. Mar. 1, 1805; m. Lucy Hunton (?).

*Edward*, b. Apr. 10, 1807; m. Lydia Richardson.

*Morris*, b. Apr. 10, 1809; m. Fanny —

*Moses*, b. Aug. 4, 1811; m. Susannah Brown.

*William*, b. Nov. 4, 1813; m. Rebecca Jenkins, s. in Livermore (?)

JOHN BROWN, son of Amos, the Revolutionary soldier, b. May 5, 1784; m. Polly Cole. Children:

*Hannah*, b. Nov. 9, 1806.

*John*, b. May 14, 1808; m. Ursula —

*Hanson*, b. Aug. 23, 1810; m. Sarah D. Churchill.

*Susannah*, b. June 24, 1814; m. Moses Brown.

*Polly*, b. Nov. 12, 1815.

*Benjamin*, b. Jan. 23, 1817.

*Eliza*, b. Aug. 1, 1818.

### BUCK.

The Bucks of Buckfield are descended from William Buck, "plowwright," the American ancestor, who emigrated from England to Salem, Mass., in the ship *Increase* in 1635. He was born in England in 1585. There is a family tradition that the Bucks are of Scottish origin, and were connected with the royal family of King James the First and Queen Elizabeth. One of the race now living remembers seeing in the family of one of the daughters of Capt. Jonathan Buck a pin cushion made from one of the silk dresses of Queen Elizabeth, which was cherished as an heirloom. The English ancestor may have come from Scotland with King James, who ascended the throne after the death of Queen Elizabeth. Sir Hugh Buck was Master of the Rolls under this monarch and licensed some theatrical plays. The name is supposed to have been taken from armorial devices, and first given for distinction won on the field of battle.

With the American ancestor William, came four sons: Isaac, James, John and Roger. The father with Roger settled in Cambridge, where he died Jan. 24, 1658, aged 73. Roger, who was 18 years old, according to tradition, when he came to America, married and had three sons, Samuel, John and Ephraim, and several daughters.

EPHRAIM was the youngest son. He married Sarah, daughter of John Brooks, and settled in Woburn. One account says that they had five sons and three daughters. Another mentions only four sons: Ephraim, John, Samuel and Ebenezer.

JOHN, born Feb. 7, 1680, married Priscilla ———. He died Nov. 24, 1752. Of their children, was John, born Nov. 28, 1716. He was a soldier in the French and Indian War and at one time was a captive by the savages and came near being massacred, but managed to escape. He died in New Gloucester about the beginning of the year 1761. According to tradition his wife was Sarah Clements. She died a very short time before he did, and both were buried in the same grave. There is no

doubt that they were the parents of Abijah Buck and his brothers who settled in Buckfield. Dr. Wm. B. Lapham in a communication before his death said: "I have followed out every line of this Buck family down to this John, and later, and I find that he is the only one who could possibly have been the father of Abijah and his brothers of Buckfield." We have ascertained from the records of Abijah's service in the French and Indian War, that he stated in his enlistment his father's name was John, which settles the matter. Children of John and Sarah (Clements) Buck:

*Abijah*, b. about 1742; m. Phebe Tyler.

*Nathaniel*, b. ———; m. Mary Brown.

*John*, b. about 1754; m. Abigail Irish.

*Sally*, b.

*Esther*, b. ———; m. John Akers; s. in Erroll, N. H.

*Moses*, b. N. G. about 1759; m. Hannah Chubb; pub. Mar. 16, 1781; s. in Summer; d. in 1825.

ABIJAH BUCK (see sketch) was the first settler of this name in Buckfield. He m. Phebe, daughter of Jonathan and Rebecca Tyler. His wife died Aug. 17, 1816, and he m. 2d in 1817, Mrs. Rebecca Bisbee. He died about 1829, in the 87th year of his age. Children—only last two b. in Buckfield:

*Elizabeth*, b. July 1, 1763; m. John Warren.

*Ellen*, b. Jan. 8, 1765; m. Moses Bisbee.

*Phebe*, b. Dec. 17, 1766; m. Joel Foster.

*John*, b. Dec. 22, 1768; m. Mary Warren.

*Rebecca*, b. Dec. 15, 1772; m. John Clay.

*Abijah, Jr.*, b. Mar. 1, 1778; m. Abigail Tucker.

*Jonathan*, b. Feb. 5, 1782; m. 1st Betsey Tyler; 2d, Henrietta De Albra Chaffin.

JOHN BUCK, 2d oldest son of Abijah Buck, the pioneer, was born in New Gloucester Dec. 22, 1768. He married Oct. 14, 1789, Mary Warren, daughter of Tristram and Mary (Neal) Warren. At the same time his sister Ellen m. Moses Bisbee. He settled west of his father's residence on the hill since known as John Buck Hill. He was called "Honest John Buck." About 1814 he sold out and went East with his family and finally settled in Enfield, Me., on the Penobscot river. For many years he was deacon of the Baptist church there. His wife died in 1830. He died May 11, 1831, respected by all who knew him. All but the youngest child John, are recorded on the Buckfield records:

*Lovina*, b. Aug. 16, 1790; m. Nathaniel Webster; d. in Enfield, May 2, 1855; 4 c., Franklin, Eunice, Nathaniel and William.

*James*, b. Nov. 9, 1791; m. Olive Gerry; d. Bradford, Me., June 12, 1863; 6 c., Harrison, Ebenezer, Atwood, Lucena, Sarah and Olive.

*Abijah*, b. July 9, 1793; m. Deborah Frost; d. Lowell, Me., Nov. 16, 1868; 5 c., Sarah, Adeline, Augustus, Cyrus and Charles.

*Phebe*, b. Sept. 7, 1796; m. John M. Perkins; d. Lincoln, Me., May 12, 1842; 5 c., William, Josiah, Phebe, Mary Ann and Cyrena.

*Lydia*, b. Sept. 8, 1799; m. Ansel Perkins; d. Enfield, Feb. 9, 1851; 2c., Daniel and Andrew.

*Mary*, b. July 7, 1801; m. Samuel Brown; d. Lowell, Me., Sept. 10, 1837; 8 c., Frederick, John, Catherine, Lois, Lydia, Mary, Anson and Samuel.

*Lois*, b. Apr. 22, 1803; m. Harback Hathaway; d. Enfield, May 15, 1843; 1 c., Malinda. *Lena*, b. Mar. 6, 1804; d. in infancy.

*Betsy*, b. Aug. 6, 1805; m. James Page; d. Burlington, Me., Sept. 18, 1887, no issue.

*Jefferson*, b. July 22, 1807; m. Drusilla Shorey; d. Lowell, Apr. 21, 1853; 10 c., Joseph, James, Luther, Jefferson, John, Lovina, Eliza, Elvira, Annie and Isabella.

*John*, b. 18—; m. Sally Frost; d. Medford, Me., Sept. 22, 1848; 3 c., Martha, Delphina and Vesta.

ABIJAH BUCK, JR., bro. of the preceding, b. Mar. 1, 1778; m. Abigail Tucker. They settled on a part of his father's estate. He d. Nov. 25, 1840. She d. Apr. 28, 1855, in her 85th year. Children:

*Ruth*, b. Aug. 26, 1799; d. Jan. 30, 1886; m. Amasa Tucker, Sumner.

*Ellen*, b. Oct. 20, 1800; m. Brainerd Towle.

*Christopher C.*, b. June 15, 1802; m. ———; s. in Lincoln.

*Cyrus*, b. Oct. 30, 1805; m. Betsey Brock; s. in Lincoln.

*Timothy*, b. Oct. 14, 1807; d. Nov. 1, 1808.

*Abijah*, 3d, b. Feb. 14, 1814; m. Arvilla Keen.

ABIJAH 3d, son of the preceding, b. Feb. 14, 1814; m. Arvilla Keen. He d. at Mechanic Falls, Oct. 30, 1886. Children:

*Florilla*, b. Apr. 19, 1837; m. Otis H. Young.

*Rebecca J.*, b. Feb. 23, 1839; m. Bradley V. Mason.

*Martha O.*, b. July 12, 1842; m. Samuel Jordan.

*Zadoc Alonzo*, b. June 25, 1845; m. Julia Record.

CAPT. JONATHAN BUCK, the youngest son of Abijah, the first settler, m. 1st Betsey Tyler and settled on and had the homestead of his father. For many years he kept a public house in Buckfield. Children:

*Belinda*, b. Apr. 8, 1801; m. Dr. Campbell.

*Edwin*, b. Apr. 26, 1803; s. in California.



*James Sullivan*, b. Oct. 26, 1805; m. Lydia Austin.  
*Henry E.*, b. Oct. 3, 1807; m. Mahala Bisbee.  
*Betsey J.*, b. Feb. 26, 1810; m. Calvin Keen.  
*Jonathan, Jr.*, b. Mar. 26, 1812; m. Aurelia Polland.  
*Samuel T.*, b. Mar. 10, 1815; m. Miriam B. Towle.

His wife died Jan. 5, 1836, aged 59. He m. 2d Henrietta DeAlbra Chaffin. Children:

*Henrietta DeAlbra*, b. Oct. 3, 1838; m. Daniel Fletcher of Peru.  
*Josephine*, b. Sept. 6, 1841; d. Apr. 27, 1844.  
*Louisa A.*, b. May 17, 1845; m. Gilman Buck.

He died Feb. 19, 1850. She m. 2d William Childs. She died July 7, 1885, in her 85th year.

JAMES SULLIVAN BUCK, son of Capt. Jonathan, b. Oct. 26, 1805; m. Lydia Austin. He died Sept. 6, 1889. She died Dec. 21, 1861. Children:

*James L.*, b. Oct. 2, 1828; m. Octavia Gilmore; s. in Turner.  
*Wm. A.*, b. Sept. 30, 1831; m. Mary Hall; s. in Maine.  
*Roscoe G.*, b. Oct. 27, 1833; m. Melvina H. Mason.  
*Mary J.*, b. Feb. 27, 1837; m. Hezekiah Stetson Sumner.  
*Henry M.*, b. Sept. 4, 1839; m. Rosetta J. Doble.  
*Hannah C.*, b. July 5, 1842; m. Julius A. Record.  
*Charles A.*, b. Mar. 20, 1845; m. Edith Bicknell.

HENRY M. BUCK, son of the preceding, b. Sept. 4, 1839; m. Rosetta J. Doble. Children:

*Delma*, b. Mar. 8, 1863; m. Fairfield Farrar.  
*Lorenzo A.*, b. Dec. 18, 1866; died young.  
*Lulie A.*, b. Oct. 11, 1868; m. 1st, Frank Damon; 2d, Emulus Benson.  
*Charles A.*, b. Oct. 22, 1869; m. Hattie Churchill.  
*Emma M.*, b. Mar. 2, 1871; died young.  
*Percy A.*, b. Mar. 16, 1874; died young.  
*Lorenzo*, b. Jan. 1, 1876; d. Jan. 13, 1880.  
*Imogene*, b. about 1886.

HENRY E. BUCK, son of Capt. Jonathan, Senior, b. Oct. 3, 1807; m. Mahala Bisbee. Children:

*Charles C.*, b. Oct. 9, 1831.  
*Octavia*, b. Jan. 9, 1834; m. Horatio Flagg.

He died Aug. 4, 1836, and his widow m. 2d Samuel Buck.

CAPT. JONATHAN BUCK, JR., b. Mar. 26, 1812; m. in 1836, Aurelia Polland. He died Aug. 18, 1845. Children:

*Clarence C.*, b. Apr. 17, 1837; m. Sarah Titcomb; s. in Boston.  
*Lucy A.*, b. Mar. 13, 1839; died unmarried.  
*Edwin T.*, b. Feb. 8, 1842; m. Jennie —; s. first in Boston and later in Cleveland, Ohio.

*Emily J.*, b. Feb. 16, 1844; m. Dec. 20, 1877, Geo. O. Lapham; she d. Jan. 1, 1886. One child, Anna Story, b. Oct. 28, 1880, lives with her father.

SAMUEL T. BUCK, son of Capt. Jonathan, Senior, b. March 10, 1815; m. Miriam B. Towle. He died Nov. 28, 1850. Children:

*Julia C.*, b. Mar. 26, 1840; lives in Gorham, Me.

*Charlotte A.*, b. June 27, 1843; m. and lives in Boston.

CLARENCE C. BUCK, b. in Buckfield, Apr. 17, 1837; m. Sarah Titcomb. He died in Mass. several years ago. She lives with her daughter Julia in Dorchester, Mass. Children:

I *Julia*, b. —; unmarried.

II *Lucy Ann*, b. Mar. 12, 1839; m. June 20, 1867 at Portland, Me., Wm. Kimball Sawyer, b. June 15, 1840.

He was the son of Frederick Sawyer of Gorham, Me., and Harriet Eastman Merrill of N. Conway, N. H., and was a Civil War soldier. Shortly after his marriage moved to Boston, Mass., where he has since made his home. The death of his wife, April 7, 1910, was a great blow to him. He died Feb. 11, 1913. Both are buried in Pine Grove Cemetery, Portland, Me. Children:

I *Harris Eastman*, b. Apr. 3, 1868; d. July 5, 1911.

He graduated at Harvard University in 1891. The degrees of A.B., A.M. and Ph.D. have been conferred upon him. Went abroad and while pursuing studies in chemistry under traveling scholarship from the college, at Copenhagen, Denmark, he met the girl whom he subsequently made his wife. She descended from the German royal family. Dr. Sawyer in 1908 entered the government service as an expert on the subject of fermentation, under Dr. H. W. Wiley. He contracted a disease of the throat, in some of his experiments, which resulted in his death at East Andover, N. H. His widow with her daughter, Helen Margaret, b. Jan. 16, 1890, returned to her people in Denmark, where they now reside.

II. HELEN AMELIA, b. Boston, Oct. 22, 1873, resided with her parents till her mother's death. She is well educated and a highly accomplished lady. She is employed in the Social Service Department of the Mass. General Hospital, Boston. Residence, Cambridge, Mass.

III. CLARENCE BUCK, b. Mar. 5, 1879, Boston; m. June 15, 1904, Bertha May, dau. of Geo. Henry and Susan Ann (Hinkley)



Watson, b. Feb. 23, 1879. He graduated from Boston Latin School in 1896. Served in U. S. Navy during the war with Spain, and saw active service in the West Indies in Cuban and Porto Rican waters and holds for bravery in action, a Congressional battle medal. Now mechanical engineer with Dodge M'f'g Co. Two children:

*Richard Merrill Sawyer*, b. Dorchester, Mass., July 3, 1907.

*Arthur Gilman Sawyer*, b. Aug. 23, 1912.

NATHANIEL BUCK (see sketch) was the third settler in the town. He married prior to coming here, Mary, dau. of John Brown. His death is not recorded on the town records, but he is said to have died in 1817. His widow died in 1826, of which mention is made in the annals. Children, all but first three, born in Buckfield:

*John*, b. Nov. 15, 1770; m. Susannah Packard.

*Ellen*, b. July 18, 1773; m. Levi Cushman.

*Nathaniel, Jr.*, b. Sept. 19, 1775; m. Sarah —

*Moses*, b. Mar. 31, 1778; m. Sally Lander.

*Mary*, b. Aug. 10, 1781; m. Caleb Cushman.

*Edna*, b. Oct. 2, 1783; m. Capt. Jesse Turner.

*William*, b. Feb. 26, 1785; m. Martha Carsley.

*Daniel*, b. May 2, 1788; m. Rebecca Sawyer.

*Samuel*, b. Sept. 25, 1790; m. Betsy Cushman.

*Elisha*, b. April 17, 1794; m. Caroline Bridgham.

*Francis*, b.

*Benjamin*, b. ———; s. in Foxcroft.

JOHN BUCK, 3d, oldest son of Nathaniel Buck, b. Nov. 15, 1770; m. Susannah Packard. He lived in the western part of the town on what has been called for a hundred years or more John Buck hill. His cousin, John Buck 2d, lived on the same hill on the opposite side of the road till he moved East about 1814. He died ———. She died ———. Children:

*Sally*, b. Mar. 14, 1798; m. Mr. Cothrell.

*Sylvania*, b. Dec. 2, 1799; d. un. 1883.

*Ellen*, b. Aug. 14, 1801; m. Eliab Buck.

*Melzer*, b. Aug. 7, 1803; m. Almeda Farrar.

*Zelotes*, b. Mar. 19, 1805; m. Sarah H. Crockett.

*George Washington*, b. ———; m. Eliza Tuell.

*John*, b. June 9, 1816; m. Abby M. Morse.

MELZER BUCK, son of John Buck 3d, b. Aug. 7, 1803; m. Almeda Farrar. He died May 16, 1869. She died Sept. 20, 1889. Children:

*Francis E.*, b. Oct. 16, 1831; d. Oct. 6, 1876.

*Vesta M.*, b. Mar. 3, 1833; d. Sept. 16, 1859.

*Josiah M.*, b. Mar. 28, 1835; d. Apr. 13, 1836.

*Hannah L.*, b. Mar. 31, 1837; resides in Boston; unm.

*Addison*, b. Dec. 21, 1839.

*Augustus G.*, b. Apr. 9, 1842.

*Arabine A.*, b. May 14, 1844; d. Mar. 3, 1864.

*King R.*, b. Nov. 13, 1847; m. Isabella —

*Miller J.*, b. Nov. 26, 1849.

*Sarah P.*, b. Nov. 9, 1851; d. Apr. 3, 1852.

JOHN BUCK, son of John Buck 3rd, b. June 9, 1816; m. Abby M. Morse. He was born and lived all his days on "John Buck Hill." He died Jan. 8, 1899, aged 82 years, 7 mos. Children:

*Leroy L.*, b. June 28, 1849; d. Aug. 6, 1872.

*Orlando J.*, b. Dec. 30, 1852; m. Lillian B. Brewer; s. in Chicago.

*Ada C.*, b. July 31, 1855; m. (1) Charles Tebbetts; (2) Walter Merrifield.

*Walter J.*, b. Dec. 24, 1858; m. and s. in Texas.

*Susan M.*, b. May 9, 1861; m. Morris Hambro; 2d ———; s. in New York.

*Harry H.*, b. Dec. 19, 1864; m. Katie Warren.





Orlando J. Buck

ORLANDO J. BUCK, son of the preceding, born in Buckfield, Dec. 30, 1852, was educated in the schools of the town and at the Oxford Normal Institute at South Paris. Before he was 21 he taught several schools with marked success, and in his 20th year he went to Boston, Mass., and obtained a position in the Quincy Market with Aldrich & Co., where he remained for some five years with a yearly increase of wages. He was then offered a partnership, but having a flattering offer from the management of the Rubber Paint Company of Cleveland, Ohio, he accepted it and soon was given charge of the manufacturing department of the company's N. Y. factory. In 1881, the company having built a large new factory in Chicago, Mr. Buck went there to take charge as superintendent, a position he has since held. He is one of the principal owners of the plant and general manager. Mr. Buck married Jan. 21, 1880, Miss Lillian B. Brewer, born Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 26, 1856. They have three children:

I *Lillian Hazel*, b. Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 25, 1880, graduated at the University of Chicago in 1902 with the degree of Ph. B.



II *Nelson Leroy*, b. Chicago, Ill., Dec. 2, 1882, graduated at the University of Chicago in 1904 with the degree of S. B.

III *Ellsworth B. ewer*, b. Chicago, Ill., July 3, 1892.

SAMUEL BUCK, son of Nathaniel, Sen., b. Sept. 25, 1790; m. Betsey Cushman, b. Oct. 24, 1794. He married 2d in April, 1844, Mrs. Mahala Buck. He died Jan. 2, 1863. First wife died June 11, 1843. Children:

*Angeline*, b. July 12, 1814; d. Sept. 13, 1846; unm.

*Susan*, b. Jan. 10, 1816; m. Joseph Barrows, Hebron.

*Rosina*, b. Mar. 31, 1818; m. Joseph Packard Blanchard.

*Isaac Morrill*, b. July 15, 1820; d. Mar. 5, 1841; unm.

*Francis C.*, b. Oct. 19, 1822; m. S. Louise Prince.

*Cephas C.*, b. June 8, 1825; m. Annette B. Dutton.

*Elizabeth*, b. July 31, 1827; m. Cyrenius King, res. Minneapolis, Minn.

*Cynthia S.*, b. Apr. 17, 1830; m. Caleb S. Richardson, Minot.

*Diantha*, b. May 21, 1833; m. bro. of Joseph Packard Blanchard.

Child by second wife:

*Celia B.*, b. July 14, 1845; m. Charles H. Dunham.

ELISHA BUCK, brother of the preceding, b. April 17, 1794; m. Caroline Bridgham. He died Mar. 24, 1854. She died at Bethel June 6, 1895, aged 99 years and 8 mos. Children:

*Clarissa A.*, b. April 23, 1817; m. Chandler Hutchinson.

*Caroline*, b. Nov. 9, 1818; m. Cyrus Dean.

*Jennette*, b. Sept. 3, 1820.

*Ambrose*, b. Aug. 3, 1822; m. Mary J. Heald.

*Amanda F.*, b. Sept., 1824.

*Lloyd*, b. July 22, 1826; d. in 1857.

*Orville*, b. Aug. 7, 1828; m. Helen M. Heald.

*Arminta*, b. May 14, 1830; d. Jan. 31, 1897; m. Geo. W. Battles.

*Lorena J.*, b. May 24, 1833.

*Lucretia*, b. Aug. 31, 1836; d. Dec. 16, 1890.

*Albion J.*, b. Aug. 13, 1838; m. Hattie Horton.

*Llewellyn A.*, b. Aug. 17, 1840.

*Rosa Belle*, b. May 5, 1847.

AMBROSE BUCK, son of Elisha, b. Aug. 3, 1822; m. Mary J. Heald. Settled first in Buckfield, where he kept a public house. Afterwards moved to Auburn, where he d. Dec. 6, 1889. Children recorded on Buckfield records:

*Standish*, b. Jan. 28, 1848; *Carro*, b. Jan. 6, 1850; *Willie G. B.*, b. Aug. 24, 1858; d. July 5, 1859; *Ezra W.*, b. Feb. 9, 1861; *Alden K.*, b. May 7, 1864.

ORVILLE BUCK, brother of the preceding, b. Aug. 7, 1828;  
m. Helen M. Heald. Child:

*Alice J.*, b. Jan. 14, 1855.

ALBION J. BUCK, brother of the preceding, b. Aug. 13, 1838;  
m. Hattie Horton. She died Sept. 17, 1870. Children:

*Seth Norman*, b. July 27, 1865; m. Nettie Kimball.

*Blanche*, b. Nov. 17, 1867; d. June 10, 1886.

GEORGE WASHINGTON BUCK, son of John Buck 3d, b. in Buckfield; m. Eliza Tuell and settled in Sumner near Jackson Village. His wife died within a week after he did. Children:

*Polly*, b. about 1837; m. Frederick Farrar.

*Charles T.*, b. June 20, 1839; m. Elizabeth (Dunham) Stinchfield.

*Clinton H.*, b. about 1843; m. Marcena Irish.

*Henrietta*, b. about 1846; m. Freeman Farrar.

*Boy* d. very young.

*Louville*, b. ———; m. ——— Irish.

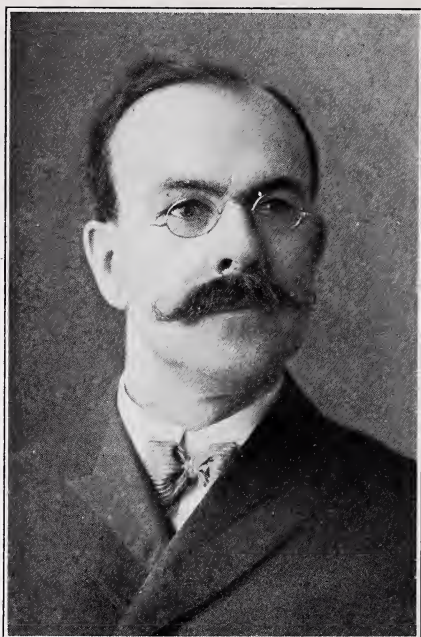
*Orville*, b. ———; m. ———.

CHARLES T., b. June 20, 1839; m. Elizabeth Stinchfield and settled in Paris on the Capt. Eleazer Dunham place near Snows' Falls. He was a soldier from Sumner in Co. C, 20th Maine, and served three years, and was at Round Top, Gettysburg. Children:

*Dr. Charles L.*, b. July 28, 1868; m. Edith R. Davis.

*George E.*, b. Nov. 15, 1873; resides in Boston.

DR. CHARLES L. BUCK, b. in Paris, July 28, 1868; m. Edith R., dau. of Dr. James W. and Ada J. (Dow) Davis. He acquired his education in the common schools of the town, Paris Hill, South Paris and Hebron academies, and for several years was a successful school teacher. At the age of 21 he began the study of dentistry in the office of Dr. James W. Davis at South Paris, whose daughter he subsequently married. After being in Dr. Davis' office for four years, he purchased the business and has since carried it on there. Dr. Buck has been very successful and is a very skillful dentist. He has always taken great interest in church and temperance matters and in all movements looking toward the improvement of social conditions and the advancement of the best interests of the community. He has been a member of the Methodist church for many years and for seven years has been the superintendent of the Sabbath school. He is one of the leaders of the Prohibitory party in the county. He is



Dr. C. L. Buck

also a prominent Odd Fellow and has held all the principal offices in the lodge. Children:

*Myrtle Elizabeth*, b. Nov. 1, 1891.

*Hazel Ada*, b. May, 1896; d. Oct. 10, 1900.

*Iva Rivers*, b. Mar., 1898; d. in infancy.

*Olive May*, b. Mar., 1900.

JOHN BUCK (see sketch) married Abigail Irish, dau. of John Irish of Gorham. He d. in Woodstock, March 4, 1828, aged 74. She died July 20, 1824, aged 73. Children, all but two first, born in Buckfield:

*Sarah*, b. Aug. 12, 1777; m. Enoch Philbrick.

*Abigail*, b. Feb. 5, 1779; m. Abijah Lapham.

*Simeon*, b. Nov. 16, 1780; m. Lois Drew; s. in Woodstock.

*Esther*, b. Oct. 25, 1782; m. John Warren, Jr.

*Elizabeth*, b. Nov. 20, 1784; m. Tilden Bartlett; s. in Bethel.

*Annis*, b. Nov. 15, 1786; m. Levi Turner.

*Mary*, b. Feb. 12, 1789; m. Luther Turner.

*Phebe*, b. Dec. 3, 1792; m. 1st, Benj. Brown, 2nd, Wm. R. Hemmingway of Rumford.

SIMEON BUCK, only son of above, b. Nov. 16, 1780; m. Lois, dau. of Stephen Drew, the Revolutionary soldier. They settled in Woodstock. Three of their children are recorded on the Buckfield records:

*Stephen*, b. Jan. 1, 1803; m. Ruth Cummings.  
*John*, b. Dec. 22, 1804; m. Hannah Cummings.  
*Eliza*, b. Dec. 21, 1806; m. Samuel Matthews of Summer.  
*Harrison*, b. —; went to Aroostook County.  
*Jerusha*, b. —; m. Benj. Brooks.  
*Bathsheba*, b. —; m. Nathaniel J. Farnham.  
*Elbridge*, b. —; m. Lucretia Parlin.  
*Melissa*, b. —; m. George Berry.

#### CHASE.

The Chase family is an ancient one of great respectability, and supposed to be of Norman origin. There were families of that name living in Suffolk County, England, as early as 1326. There are numerous branches in this country. The Buckfield Chases trace their descent from Aquila Chase, mariner, supposed to have been born in Chesham, England, in 1618, and who came to America about 1639 with his brother Thomas. Another brother William came with Governor John Winthrop's colony in 1630. Aquila Chase married Anne, daughter of John Wheeler of Hampton, N. H., about 1646, and settled in Newbury, Mass., where he died Dec. 27, 1670. His wife survived him and remarried. Ensign Moses, the 11th and youngest child of Aquila Chase, b. Dec. 24, 1663, m. 1 Nov. 10, 1684, Ann Follansbee; 2d in Dec., 1713, Sarah Jacobs. He had nine children, all by first wife. His third child, Moses, b. Jan. 20, 1688, m. Oct., 1709, Elizabeth Wells of Amesbury. Their 6th child, Eleazer, b. July 25, 1722, m. Jeannette Elder of Windham, Me., where he had come as a soldier with others to defend the settlement against the hostile attacks of the Indians. There were four children by this marriage, only two of whom survived, Isaac and Mary. Isaac m. Lois Smith and settled in Standish. His son Isaac m. his cousin Eunice, dau. of Rev. Nathaniel, and settled in that part of Turner afterwards known as Chase's Mills. They were the parents of Hon. Solon Chase, famous in his day as the editor of "Chase's Chronicle" and founder of the Greenback party.

The wife of Eleazer Chase died and he married Mrs. Mary Brown, formerly of Marblehead, whose first husband had been

killed by the Indians, as elsewhere related. Mr. Chase was not only an Indian scout and hunter but also a soldier in the French and Indian War and served a long period in the contest for Independence, though past the age when such service could be required of him. By the last marriage he had four children, Betsey, who married Eben Cotton of Gorham, Rev. Nathaniel, b. 1761, Joseph, b. 1769, and one other child who died young. Eleazer Chase came to Bucktown in 1782 with wife and son Joseph, who had his settling lot, not being old enough to obtain one for himself, and died here in 1808, aged 86.

REV. NATHANIEL (see sketch in church history) was three times married: First to Rhoda Elliott of Windham in 1783. They had five children, three of whom died in infancy.

*Daniel*, b. Mar. 18, 1785; m. Abigail Record.

*Dolly*, b. Mar. 12, 1787; m. William Tuttle.

The mother d. Apr. 22, 1789, and Mr. Chase m. 2d, Sept. 3, 1791, Jemima Haskell, and they had eleven children:

*Mercy*, b. Sept. 4, 1792; m. William Walker of Peru. *Betsey*, b. Jan. 2, 1794; m. Adam Knight of Peru. *Eunice*, b. Mar. 30, 1796; m. Isaac Chase, Esq., of Turner. *Priscilla*, b. May 4, 1798; m. John Ellis of Canton. *Nathaniel*, b. June 29, 1800; m. 1st Eunice Wescott, 2d, Abby Gould, s. in Turner and Readfield. *Salome*, b. Apr. 13, 1802; d. Jan. 15, 1806. *Miriam*, b. Apr. 1, 1804; m. Nathan Morrill. *Job*, b. June 29, 1806; m. Rebecca D. Latham; s. in Turner and Livermore. *Thomas*, b. June 6, 1808; m. Esther M. Daggett. *William*, b. Jan. 25, 1811; m. Vesta Fernald of Buckfield. *Isaac*, b. Apr. 6, 1815; m. 1st, Philena F. Swett; 2d, Angelia Shackley, s. in Peru.

The second wife of Rev. Nathaniel Chase d. Dec. 14, 1831, "aged 61," and he m. 3d, Mrs. Joanna Briggs, dau. of Dea. Wm. Berry, Feb. 20, 1833. He died in Buckfield of typhoid fever Apr. 20, 1853, aged nearly 92." His widow survived him many years.

DANIEL CHASE, ESQ., oldest son of Rev. Nathaniel Chase, b. Mar. 18, 1785; m. Abigail Record. For many years he was prominent in town affairs and was twice chosen a representative to the Legislature. He d. July 8, 1855. She d. Mar. 30, 1844. Children:

*Daniel, Jr.*, b. Apr. 13, 1807; m. Betsey Allen.

*David R.*, b. Dec. 26, 1808; d. unm. in So. Boston, July, 1852.

*Jacob E.*, b. May 8, 1811; d. in B., Feb., 1853.



*Charles G.*, b. Sept. 5, 1813; m. Margaret Lamb; s. in New York.

*Stephen D.*, b. Aug. 1, 1817; m. Olive Briggs; s. in Hebron.

*Cyrus G.*, b. Sept. 1, 1819; m. Lucy Record; one child, Abby, d. in infancy.

*Rhoda A.*, b. Mar. 12, 1822; d. July, 1824.

DANIEL CHASE, son of the preceding, b. April 13, 1807; m. Betsey Allen. Settled in Boston; returned to Buckfield. Children:

*Jairus A.*, b. Aug. 18, 1841.

*Chas. A.*, b. Mar. 18, 1847; m. Sarah J. Mitchell.

*G. Allen*, b. Aug. 27, 1852; d. in B., Sept. 30, 1854.

HON. THOMAS CHASE (see biog. sketch) m. Esther M. Daggett. He died Mar. 13, 1866. She died July 13, 1887. Children:

*Malona R.*, b. July 17, 1835; m. Dr. Chas. D. Bradbury.

*Roscoe G.*, b. Nov. 3, 1837; m. Ellen E. Gerrish; s. in Geneva, N. Y.

*Abbie F.*, b. Oct. 23, 1839; m. M. Dana Holbrook of Malden, Mass.

*Charles*, b. July 18, 1841, k. in battle of Cold Harbor, Va., June 3, 1864.

*George H.*, b. May 5, 1844; m. Maranda Morton of Paris; s. in Malden, Mass.

*Howard A.*, b. Oct. 15, 1846; m. Mary E. Gibbs; s. in Philadelphia, Pa.

*Lucy A.*, b. May 20, 1849; d. Nov. 22, 1860.

*Wm. D.*, b. Aug. 26, 1852; m. Lizzie C. Withington; s. in Auburn.

*Homer N.*, b. Sept. 30, 1855; m. Emma F. Emerson.

Children of Malona R. Chase and Dr. Chas. Dana Bradbury (marriage Apr. 26, 1854):

*Thomas*, b. April 16, 1855; *Charles D.*, b. July 9, 1858; *Rolfe*, b. Mar. 12, 1861 and *Abbie L.*, b. Jan. 7, 1864.

Children of Abbie F. Chase and M. Dana Holbrook (marriage Dec. 13, 1865, at So. Braintree, Mass.):

*William Chase*, b. Apr. 30, 1868; *Annie L.*, b. June 27, 1870; *Antoinette Kimball*, b. Aug. 17, 1873 and *Roscoe G.*, Dec. 27, 1877.

HON. WILLIAM CHASE, son of Rev. Nathaniel, b. Jan. 20, 1811; m. Vesta Fernald in 1835. He was prominent in town affairs for several years, and served on the board of county commissioners. He died after 1900. His wife died Feb. 14, 1899. Children:

*Persis M.*, b. Apr. 26, 1837; m. Thos. W. Bowman.

*Wm. W.*, b. Dec. 15, 1840; d. Feb. 15, 1841.

*Mary F.*, b. Apr. 29, 1842; m. Nathan D. Harlow; had one child, Gertrude, b. 1867; d. Aug. 15, 1868.

*Alice A.*, b. Mar. 16, 1851.

Another child died in infancy.

Children of Persis M. Chase and Thomas W. Bowman (marriage Dec. 28, 1857):

*Fred Earle*, b. Jan. 1, 1864. Another child d. in infancy. The mother died Sept. 17, 1869.

JOSEPH CHASE (see sketch), son of Eleazer, b. 1769; m. 1st Hannah Elliott, 2d Anna Legrow. He died in 1814, "aged 45." First wife died, 1795. Children by first wife:

*Rhoda*, b. Nov. 8, 1790; m. Bernard Pompilly.

*Hannah*, b. Mar. 20, 1795; m. Daniel Tuttle, Jr.

Children by second wife:

*Joseph, Jr.*, b. Mar. 30, 1797; m. Almira Shaw.

*Eleazer*, b. Aug. 12, 1798; m. Ann Kneeland; d. Feb. 10, 1885.

*Mary*, b. Aug. 11, 1801; m. Amos Shaw.

*Nancy*, b. Sept. 20, 1802; m. Alvah Gilbert.

JOSEPH CHASE, son of the preceding, b. Mar. 30, 1797; m. Almira Shaw. Children:

*Elmira Jane*, b. Mar. 23, 1816; m. Rasselas Cole.

*Miriam*, b. Nov. 5, 1818; m. Lucian Philbrick.

*Sarah Ann*, b. Feb. 5, 1825; d. Apr. 1, 1848.

*Lewis M.*, b. June 23, 1830; m. Eunice Cole.

LEWIS M. CHASE, son of the preceding, b. June 23, 1830; m. 1st Eunice Cole, 2d Eva Bisbee. Children recorded on town records:

*Julia Ella*, b. Feb. 23, 1849; *Sarah Jane*, b. Aug. 17, 1850; *Amanda Josephine*, b. June 16, 1852; *Ellen Shaw*, b. Dec. 14, 1853; *Mary Anna Ellsworth*; *Harrison*; *Eunice*.

#### CHESLEY.

SAMUEL CHESLEY purchased the Taylor farm in the southern part of the town and moved there with his family before the census was taken in 1850. His age at that time as given the enumerator was 50. The age of his wife Sarah was 49. In his family at that time was his mother, Sarah Chesley Pratt, aged 83. Shortly after she had married Thaddeus Pratt, the Revolutionary soldier, for her second husband, he had died and she obtained a pension. Samuel Chesley lived in the Waldron neighborhood in the western part of the town for many years. He exchanged farms with Jabez Taylor or his son, William L. Taylor. Nicholas Chesley from New Gloucester, who had married Sarah Hammond, was an early settler in the vicinity of Mt. Mica in Paris. He was born, according to the Paris History, at Dover, N. H., in Nov., 1750. They had seven children, one of whom was Samuel, b. Oct. 31, 1788. He married Patty Perry,

and finally settled in Lincoln, Me. At one time he run a distillery in Paris. The Buckfield Samuel was no doubt connected with the family of Nicholas. He had a brother Moses, b. in 1807, who married Mrs. Ruth (Brown) Dean. He settled in Oxford. At one time he was a deputy sheriff, and a terror to violators of the prohibitory law. Samuel Chesley and his wife lived to be past 80 and died in Hebron. She was over 90 years old when she passed away. Children:

*Mariette*, b. 1822; d. 1844.

*Betsey*, b. June 6, 1824; m. Moses Jordan. She is living in Hebron (1915) at 91 years of age. Her husband d. in Jan., 1887.

*Adaline*, b. Dec. 11, 1826; d. April, 1911.

*Caroline*, b. Dec. 11, 1826; d. April, 1905.

*J. Madison*, b. Aug. 30, 1828; m. Narcissa Jordan, res. Auburn.

*Sarah L.*, b. Oct. 30, 1838; m. A. Judson Merrill. She died Oct. 10, 1896.

#### CHURCHILL.

JABEZ CHURCHILL, one of the first settlers of that name and a Revolutionary soldier, came from Plymouth county, Mass., with his family about 1798 and settled in the mountain district. He lived to be quite aged and received a pension. He was probably a descendant of John Churchill, who came from England to Plymouth in 1643, and settled there. He m. in 1644, Hannah, daughter of Wm. Pontus. The line of descent is as follows: Eleazer, b. 1652, m. Mary Winslow, a descendant of Mary Chilton of the Mayflower colony. Elkanah m. Susanna Manchester. Elkanah m. Susanna Bartlett. They had Susanna, 1749; Meriah, 1751; Elkanah, 1754; Jabez, 1756; Abigail, 1760; Andrew, 1763, and perhaps others. From an affidavit made by Jabez Churchill in 1820, it appears that he was born in 1756, and hence we conclude that the Jabez named above born the same year, was the Jabez who settled in Buckfield. His children are not recorded on our records, but he had:

*Shepard*, b. about 1785; m. Polly Dudley.

*Josiah*, b. May 13, 1787; m. Rachel Curtis.

*Mathew*, b. —; m. Dolly Hall. He settled near Portland, was a Whig, the only one in the family and was elected representative to the legislature.

*Bela*, b. about 1789; m. Sarah Dudley.

*Ruhamah*, b. about 1795; m. Amos Winslow.

SHEPARD CHURCHILL, son of the preceding, b. about 1785; m. Polly Dudley. He died after the census was taken in 1860. Children:

*Samuel*, b. Apr. 1, 1809; m. Lavinia Packard.  
*Martin*, b. Apr. 12, 1811; m. Betsey Churchill.  
*Mary Ann*, b. —; m. Lebbeus Robbins.  
*Sarah*, b. —; m. Hanson Brown.  
*Nathan*, b., about 1820; m. Harriet Thomas.  
*Josiah*, b. Dec. 4, 1825; m. Tryphenia Holt.  
*Shepard*, b. May 15, 1830; never married.  
*Lucy Ann*, b. —; m. Augustus V. Washburn.

SAMUEL CHURCHILL, son of the preceding, b. Apr. 1, 1809; m. Lavinia Packard. Children:

*Coredlia S.*, b. Aug. 31, 1833; m. — Paine.  
*Ezra F.*, b. Mar. 23, 1839; m. — Rich.  
*Charles C.*, b. Dec. 23, 1840; m. — Rich.  
*Elizabeth E.*, b. Jan. 7, 1846; m. — Nelson.  
*Julia A.*, b. Sept. 13, 1849; m. Henry Hodgdon.

MARTIN CHURCHILL, bro. of the preceding, b. Apr. 12, 1811; m. Betsey Churchill. He died Jan. 27, 1876. Children:

*Nathaniel*, b. Apr. 6, 1834; m. Harriet —.  
*Hannah*, b. Jan. 4, 1836; m. — Washburn.  
*Emily*, b. Dec. 15, 1837; m. — Briggs.  
*Amanda*, b. Aug. 15, 1839; m. — Burns.  
*Clarinda*, b. Mar. 21, 1845; m. Jonathan M. Shedd.  
*Asaph*, b. Mar. 4, 1848; m. Fanny M. Murch.  
*Rosamond*, b. Apr. 16, 1850; m. — Harris.  
*Flora J.*, b. Dec. 28, 1851; m. Charles Hannaford.

BELA CHURCHILL, son of Jabez, b. about 1789; m. Sarah Dudley. He was a mechanic, gunsmith and miller, and had a small grist mill and machine shop on the small brook which flows between Owls Head and Streaked Mt., then often called Owl's Head Village. They died after 1860. Children:

*Jane*, b. Jan. 8, 1814; *Maria*, b. May 9, 1817, m. Demeric Swan and had Ambrose, Lorinda M., m. Adelbert S. Jordan and Ophelia who m. Otis G. Turner, Jr.

#### CILLEY.

WILLIAM CILLEY (anciently spelled in various ways but more commonly Silley—now Cilley), b. in N. H., was a soldier in the French and Indian war. Served in 1758 in the Crown Point expedition. Settled in Gorham, Me., and m. Anna Clark, b. Sept.

1, 1733. Moved to Buckfield and late in life to Brooks, where he died in 1818. The Gorham history and Cilley genealogy relating to this family are both imperfect and do not agree, and we cannot be certain as to names and dates. Children:

*John*, b. —; m. 1786, Molly Murch.

*Mary*, b. 1756; m. Enoch Leathers; s. in Sangerville.

*Benj.*, b. 1758; m. 1st, Patty Parsons; 2nd, Sally Newt.

*Sarah*, b. —; m. in 1777, Amos Brown.

*Abigail*, b. —; m. Richard Knight.

*Elizabeth*, b. —; m. in 1784, Benj. Skillings.

*Anna*, b. Apr. 9, 1768; m. Zachariah Weston.

*Fanny*, b. Apr. 9, 1768; m. Joseph Lombard, 1788.

*William, Jr.*, b. Mar. 27, 1770; m. 1793, Sarah Bonney, 2nd, Mary Waterhouse.

*Hannah*, b. Apr. 19, 1772; m. 1793, Caleb Lombard.

*Peter*, b. Apr. 19, 1772; m. Patty Teague.

*Simon*, b. June 13, 1774; m. Polly Teague.

#### COBURN.

THOMAS COBURN (see sketch) was of Dracut, Mass., prior to his settlement in Bucktown. He m. Ruth ———. They settled on North Hill. He died Sept. 27, 1804. The heirs sold the real estate to Daniel Howard, Esq., and moved away. The widow probably died about 1806. Children recorded on town records:

*Ruth*, b. Jan. 12, 1763.

*Thomas, Jr.*, b. May 16, 1766.

*Dolly*, b. Mar. 6, 1769.

*Sarah*, b. Feb. 25, 1773; m. Valentine Matthews or John W. Elliott.

*Sybil*, b. Sept. 29, 1777; m. Simeon Wescott.

JONAS COBURN (see sketch) supposed brother of the preceding, was a settler in Bucktown before Jan. 1, 1784. He settled on a lot adjoining Thomas's. He married Lucy Varnum. They moved away soon after 1800. Children recorded here:

*Sally*, b. Sept. 5, 1771; m. John W. Elliott or Valentine Matthews.

*Jonas, Jr.*, b. Jan. 11, 1774; m. Hannah Matthews.

*Asa Varnum*, b. Jan. 19, 1777.

*Lucy*, b. Apr. 8, 1779.

*Betsey*, b. Feb. 13, 1781.

*Silas*, b. Jan. 24, 1783.

*Hannah*, b. Apr. 14, 1785; m. Seth Harris.

*Mercy*, b. Oct. 22, 1787; m. Josiah Drew.

*Peter*, b. Sept. 3, 1791.



## COLE.

The present Coles of Buckfield are descended from an ancient Plymouth County, Mass., family. Lemuel Cole of this line, son of John, born in 1766, married Elizabeth Dunham, born in 1769, and resided in Carver, adjoining Plymouth. He emigrated with his family to Maine in 1805, coming from Plymouth to Hallowell in a sloop, thence journeying with an ox team to Hebron, where he settled at the foot of Number 4 Hill. The following year he removed to Hartford, settling in the Bear Mountain district and becoming a permanent resident. He was a sweet singer and a well-known composer of sacred music, many of his compositions appearing in the singing books of his day. With rude facilities he made a bass viol, which was a wonder in the settlement. He died March 8, 1849, aged 83. She died Aug. 22, 1850, aged 81. Children all born in Massachusetts:

*Betsey*, m. Allen Sturtevant.

*John*, d. aged 21.

*Nancy*, m. Thomas Allen.

*Sally*, m. Willard Lucas.

*Ebenezer*, m. Betsey Parsons.

*Lemuel, Jr.*, m. Lydia Lucas.

LEMUEL COLE, JR., son of preceding, was born in Carver, Mass., Jan. 4, 1804. He came to Hartford, Me., with his father's family when about two years of age. He m. Lydia, dau. of Dea. Isaac Lucas. She was born, also, in Carver, Nov. 6, 1803, and came with her parents from that town to Hartford when four years of age, riding the whole distance in an ox cart. Like most of the settlers, the Cole family had no abundant means, and Lemuel, at an early age, was thrown upon his own resources. After his marriage and settlement on a small farm, he learned the carpenter's trade of Dea. Ira Bartlett, working for four shillings per day. He grew prosperous, acquired a large farm and became the most prominent building contractor in the vicinity, employing many workmen and erecting buildings in all parts of his own and surrounding towns. In the spring of 1861 he moved to Buckfield, where he passed his remaining years. He was a man of great industry, energy and business ability. He had slight educational advantages, but became well-informed and kept in close touch with public affairs. He died Oct. 6, 1877. His wife died Aug. 17, 1886. Children all born in Hartford:

*Edward Gisby*, b. Sept. 27, 1827; d. young.

*Sarah Bennett*, b. Sept. 27, 1830; m. Peter D. Holbrook; s. in Braintree, Mass.

*Edward Gisby*, b. Aug. 23, 1832; m. 1st Martha E. Holbrook of Randolph, Mass., 2nd, Abbie C. Ellis of Sumner.

*Virgil*, b. Nov. 10, 1834; m. 1st, Elizabeth Hodgdon, 2nd, Emma Gurney, resides in Canton.

*Ma tha N.*, b. Nov. 13, 1837.

*Adelia F.*, b. Feb. 18, 1840; d. Dec. 22, 1856.

*Alfred*, b. May 16, 1843.

EDWARD G. COLE, son of the preceding, has had settlements in various towns, but during most of his married life has resided in Sumner and Buckfield. He is a carpenter by trade, having been prominently identified, during the past forty years with the building and mechanical work of the village, and was many years in business as an undertaker. Children by his second wife, Abbie (Ell's):

*Edward H.*, b. in Hartford, July 26, 1861; m. Dora Knight; s. in Turner.

ARTHUR E., b. Sept. 22, 1863, studied dentistry at which he worked several years in Boston and other places, and then returned to his native town where he has since remained in the practice of his profession. He has served on the board of selectmen, and is prominent in fraternal orders, and has held the office of District Deputy Grand Master of both Masons and Odd Fellows. He married Myrtie M., dau. of Cyrus C. Spaulding, and has:

*Ellen S.*, b. in Cambridge, Mass., Apr. 3, 1894; *Arthur H.*, b. Mar. 9, 1901 and *Cyrus E.*, b. Sept. 22, 1902.

ALFRED T. COLE, b. in Hartford, Sept. 4, 1867; m. Sept. 30, 1896, Josephine E., dau. of Dr. Joseph C. Caldwell. He was a clerk several years in the store of Isaac W. Shaw, and since Nov., 1899, has been in trade in the Ephraim Atwood store in partnership with Nathan E. Morrill.

ALFRED COLE, youngest son of Lemuel, Jr., came in the spring of 1861 with his father's family to Buckfield, where he resided to his death, March 13, 1913. He was one of the compilers of this volume. (See sketch). He married, July 7, 1878, Mary E. Storer, dau. of Nathan O. Storer. Children:

*Mary S.*, b. Feb. 19, 1886.

*Alfred S.*, b. Oct. 9, 1893.

WILLIAM COLE, then a young man, came here about 1810. The next year he m. Lapira Spaulding. He purchased the clothing works of William Campbell, and carried on the business for many years. He was the wealthiest man in Buckfield of his time. He d. July 5, 1841. She d. Aug. 14, 1852. Children:

*Addison G.*, b. Feb. 8, 1812; m. Sarah A. DeCoster.

*Cyrus*, b. Feb. 26, 1814.

*Myrtilla*, b. July 16, 1816; m. Geo. Bridgham, Jr.

*William L.*, b. Jan. 20, 1819; m. Cordelia Allen.

*Lydia E.*, b. July 21, 1821; m. Joseph J. Willis.

*Maria L.*, b. June 3, 1824.

*Aurelius V.*, b. Mar. 30, 1827; m. Lucy A. Hall.

*Rotheus M.*, b. Sept. 8, 1830.

*Melissa S.*, b. Jan. 5, 1834; m. Charles A. Allen.

*Mary L.*, b. Jan. 9, 1838.

ADDISON G. COLE, oldest son of the preceding, b. Feb. 8, 1812; m. Sarah A. DeCoster. He carried on the wool carding business in Buckfield for many years. He died in Auburn, Jan. 2, 1896. His wife d. Mar. 10, 1898. Children:

*Sarah B.*, b. Aug. 6, 1836; d. Aug. 21, 1836.

*James A.*, b. Sept. 17, 1837; d. Feb. 17, 1838.

*Adrianna*, b. Dec. 2, 1838; d. Jan. 18, 1840.

*Julia A.*, b. July 17, 1840; d. Nov. 10, 1843.

*William A.*, b. Mar. 19, 1843; *Sarah A.*, b. July 6, 1845; *Cyrus W.*, b. Dec. 15, 1848; *Frank L.*, b. Nov. 10, 1852; *Lizzie D.*, b. Jan. 14, 1856; d. Jan. 24, 1861; *Harry G.*, b. Dec. 6, 1858.

ARTEMAS F. COLE, perhaps bro. of first William, m. Hepsibah Atwood. For many years he was in business as a merchant at Buckfield village. He d. May 1, 1877. She d. Feb. 17, 1897, "aged 91 years." Children:

*Helen M.*, b. Oct. 10, 1830; m. George Gregg.

*Joséphine*, b. Mar. 31, 1836.

RASSELAS COLE, son of Gershom and Polly (Bessey) of Paris, b. Feb. 15, 1810; m. Almira Jane Chase and settled on North Hill. He died Aug. 26, 1894. She died July 5, 1895. Child:

*Mary Shaw*, b. Nov. 20, 1844; m. Horatio G. Davie.

#### CUSHMAN.

The Cushmans who settled in this part of Maine claim descent from Robert Cushman, an agent and promoter of the Plymouth colony.

GIDEON CUSHMAN, son of Caleb, b. Nov. 20, 1750, was an early settler in Shepardsfield. He m. in 1772, Ruth, dau. of Capt. Nathaniel Shaw of Plympton, and had 12 children. He had been a sailor and also a soldier in the War for Independence. His wife d. Dec. 19, 1836. He d. May 7, 1845, in his 95th year.

LEVI CUSHMAN, son of the preceding, b. Aug. 14, 1773; m. in 1796, Ellen Buck, and settled in Buckfield. She d. Apr. 8, 1802, and he m. 2d, Rhoda French. She d. in Oxford, Feb. 7, 1852, in her 83d year. Children:

*Polly*, b. June 10, 1797; m. Isaac Bolster, Jr.; s. in Harrison.

*Eleanor Ruth*, b. June 10, 1799; m. Henry Blake; s. in Patten.

*Eliza*, b. — 1804; m. Chandler Record.

*Sullivan*, b. Mar. 13, 1805; m. Clarissa J. Tribou.

*Solomon*, b. Mar. 7, 1807; d. June 25, 1827.

*Rhoda F.*, b. Sept. 23, 1811; m. John W. Fogg; s. in Harrison.

CALEB CUSHMAN, bro. of the preceding, b. Feb. 28, 1779; m. Polly Buck. He settled in Buckfield. He d. Jan. 23, 1859. She d. Mar. 14, 1858. Children:

*Cephas*, b. Oct. 1, 1802; d. Oct. 26, 1825.

*Sophonra*, b. June 20, 1804; m. Stephen Robinson, Paris.

*Mary* (Polly), b. May 22, 1806; m. Rolan Foster.

*Caleb, Jr.*, b. May 20, 1808; m. Everline Bridgman.

*Ruth*, b. Aug. 4, 1810; m. H. H. Hutchinson, Jr.

*Alexander*, b. Nov. 17, 1812; m. Ruth J. Bolster.

*Gideon*, b. Dec. 24, 1815; m. Eveline Bicknell.

*Zilpha*, b. July 27, 1818; m. Amory H. Allen.

*Levi*, b. July 3, 1820; m. Cordelia Hall.

CALEB CUSHMAN, JR., son of the preceding, b. May 20, 1808; m. Everline Bridgman. He d. May 10, 1885. She d. Feb. 6, 1861, in Auburn, buried in Buckfield. Children:

*Lucy Ann*, b. Jan. 11, 1837; m. Bennett B. Record.

*Charles F.*, b. July 26, 1838; s. in Boston.

*Everline B.*, b. May 28, 1840; m. John Bicknell.

*Rosetta*, b. Oct. 18, 1843; m. Charles Illsley.

*Florence*, b. June 14, 1853; m. Dr. Rotheus W. Taylor; s. in Portland.

ALEXANDER CUSHMAN, bro. of the preceding, b. Nov. 17, 1812; m. Ruth J. Bolster. Children:

*Lorenzo*, b. Sept. 2, 1844; *Mary*, b. Nov. 5, 1847; *Cynthia B.*, b. Aug. 7, 1848; *Frances*, b. Nov. 6, 1852; *Herman*, b. June 1, 1863.

GIDEON CUSHMAN, bro. of the preceding, b. Dec. 24, 1815; m. Eveline Bicknell. She d. May 4, 1868. Children:

*Amanda F.*, b. Apr. 8, 1840; *Samuel B.*, b. Dec. 27, 1841; *Julia F.*, b. Dec. 25, 1843; *Cordelia R.*, b. June 14, 1847.

NATHANIEL CUSHMAN, bro. of Levi *ante*, b. Jan. 26, 1782; m. Lucy Murdock. Children:

*Nathaniel, Jr.*, b. Apr. 4, 1808; *Lewis*, b. Sept. 21, 1810; *Sally*, b. Mar. 27, 1812.

#### DAGGETT.

The family name was formerly called Doggett, and is of great antiquity. Those of this name in New England, trace their descent from John Daggett, who emigrated from England in Gov. John Winthrop's company of 1630, and they claim that he is a lineal descendant of John Daggett, who lived in London about 1275 and was of royal descent. John<sup>1</sup> Daggett, the American ancestor, settled in Watertown, Mass., in 1642. He afterwards removed to Martha's Vineyard. One of his sons was Dea. John<sup>2</sup> Daggett, who was prominent in town affairs at Attleboro, Mass., where he lived. Of the children of Ebenezer<sup>3</sup> Daggett of the third generation was Samuel<sup>4</sup> Daggett, b. Jan. 3, 1731. Another son graduated at Yale College in 1744. He became a Doctor of Divinity and for many years officiated at head of the institution. Samuel's<sup>4</sup> son John<sup>5</sup> Daggett was b. in Lebanon, Conn., in 1753, and served as a soldier in the Revolution nearly through the whole war. In 1780 he moved to Vermont and from thence in 1802 to Greenfield, Pa. Don Delance<sup>6</sup> Daggett, one of his sons, b. in Hebron, Conn., in 1780, did not, however, emigrate to Pennsylvania, but having married Susan Root, removed to Buckfield where he began on the north side of the river, the manufacture of hats, as elsewhere related. His children were:

*Horace*, s. in Auburn and d. there.

*Henry*, murdered in La.

*Nelson*, went to Florida and d. there.

*Florilla*, m. William Irish of Hartford.

*Esther*, m. Hon. Thomas Chase of Buckfield.

*Eveline*, m. Thomas Irish, Jr., of Buckfield.

*Isaac*, s. in Mass., drowned in Neponset river.

*William*, s. in San Francisco, California, and d. there.

*Charles*, s. in Portland and d. there.

The last seven were all born in Buckfield village.



## DAVIS.

GERSHOM DAVIS (see sketch), a Revolutionary soldier, was from Gorham prior to coming to Bucktown. He m. Elizabeth McAllister. He d. Jan. 30, 1842, "aet. 83 years." She d. May 5, 1820, "aet. 65 years." Children:

*Stephen*, b. Sept. 18, 1780.

*Abigail*, b. May 30, 1782.

*Joseph H.*, b. Nov. 26, 1784, m. Rebecca McCorrison.

*Deliverance*, b. Dec. 5, 1786; m. ——— Damon.

*Polly*, b. Feb. 26, 1789.

*Betsy*, b. Feb. 11, 1792; m. Robert Pierce.

*Margery*, b. June 15, 1794; m. Thomas Damon

*Mercy*, b. Aug. 26, 1799; m. Joel Foster.

JOSHUA DAVIS, sup. bro. of the preceding, also from Gorham and a Revolutionary soldier, m. Elizabeth Cole. Children:

*Samuel*, b. Feb. 24, 1793.

*Sally*, b. Oct. 7, 1795; m. John N. Hodge.

*Abigail*, b. Feb. 25, 1797; m. Thomas Gammon.

*Betsy*, b. May 11, 1805.

*Herman*, b. May 9, 1811.

## DAVIE.

SIMEON DAVIE, a descendant of Sir John Davie of Creedy, Devonshire, England, in the 6th generation, m. Susanna Pratt of Bridgewater. They came from the old colony and settled in Hebron about a mile from the Buckfield line. The mother of Susanna Davie was Isabel (Downie) Pratt, who came from Scotland with her father and a brother, William. The son died and the father went back to Scotland. She married Barnabas Pratt. Her son, Thaddeus, was in the battle of Bunker Hill and she hearing the roar of the guns at her home in Bridgewater, became so excited that she was burnt severely by a coal of fire falling on her arm before she noticed it. After her husband's death she came to live with her daughter in Hebron. She was nearly 103 years old at the time of her death, Dec. 24, 1831. The daughter, Susanna Davie, d. Dec. 14, 1847. The line of descent to Simeon is: (1) Humphrey, Boston, 1666, man of note; (2) William; (3) Robert, m. Deborah Howes, descendant of Elder William Brewster, and Gov. Thomas Prentice; (4) Thomas, m. (2d w.) Hannah Rogers, a descendant of the martyr, Rev. John Rogers. Children:

*Sarah*, b. Nov. 28, 1789; m. Jabez Barrows.  
*Catherine*, b. Apr. 15, 1791; m. Joshua Whitman, Buckfield.  
*Simcon*, b. Apr. 14, 1794; m. Mehitable Stinchfield.  
*Solomon*, b. June 5, 1796; m. Rachel Mason; s. in Leeds.  
*Susanna*, b. May 3, 1799; m. John Packard, Buckfield.  
*Deborah*, b. Nov. 6, 1800; m. Samuel Packard, Buckfield.  
*George*, b. Oct. 22, 1802; m. Sophronia Bicknell.  
*Barnabas*, b. Jan. 1, 1805; m. and s. in Leeds.  
*Polly*, b. May 5, 1807; m. Elias Perkins, Minot.  
*Virgil M.*, b. Mar. 22, 1809.  
*Harrison G.*, b. Sept. 22, 1811; m. Content Lothrop.  
*Wealthy*, b. Nov. 4, 1818; m. William Monk.

## DEAN.

The Deans of Buckfield and Paris are descended from Walter Dean, who came from Chard near Taunton, England, in 1637 and settled on the Taunton river in the old colony. He was a prominent man in his section. From him the line of descent is traced as follows: Walter, Joseph, Benjamin, Israel, Josiah, Asa and Asa, Jr. The latter m. Clarissa Holland and settled on the homestead in Paris. Children:

*Betsey*, b. Mar. 23, 1814; m. Howard Mosier. The mother d. in 1821, and the father m. 2d Mrs. Hannah Barbour.

*Benj. W.*, b. Apr. 21, 1824; m. Matilda —; 2d Martha Pottle.

*Horatio*, b. Sept. 23, 1826; d. young.

*William H.*, b. Sept. 12, 1828; d. young.

*J. Robinson*, b. Aug. 7, 1831; m. Laura Taylor.

J. ROBINSON DEAN, son of the preceding, b. Aug. 7, 1831, m. Laura Taylor. He d. Nov. 18, 1900. She d. Mar. 3, 1899. Children: William Taylor b. Dec. 31, 1869; d. Dec. 29, 1890. Georgie E., b. Sept. 8, 1871; Laura Z., b. June 20, 1876.

## DECOSTER.

The tradition in the DeCoster families is that two brothers of that name came from France and settled in the old colony. They were descendants of a French marquis, who was a Huguenot refugee on account of the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes. They agreed that one should spell his name DeCoster and the other DeCosta, that their progeny might the better be identified. Anthony DeCoster bought land in Plymouth in 1723. His wife's name was Joanna. Their children were Robert, Jacob, Mar-

garet and perhaps others. Jacob married Elizabeth, dau. of John Cole in 1745. An Ebenezer DeCoster was a drummer boy in the War for Independence. He settled in N. H. and married the youngest dau. of Col. John Goffe, who took him home sick and half starved at Valley Forge. Whether he was related to the family who settled in Hebron is not positively known. Jacob DeCoster and his wife, Priscilla Rogers, a descendant of the martyr of Smithfield, came from Bridgewater, Mass., in 1786 and settled in that part of Hebron, known fifty years ago as "Sodom" and died there on the farm since called the DeCoster place. He was a sailor on a vessel engaged in the coasting trade and was at Charleston, S. C., when the news of the battles of Concord and Lexington and the closing of the Port of Boston was received there. The agent in Charleston would not let the vessel depart for fear of its being captured. Jacob DeCoster made the journey home to Bridgewater on foot. Tradition says he was nearly two months on the way. He d. Aug. 4, 1830, "aged 84." His wife d. May 7, 1830, "aged 79." Children:

*Jacob, Jr.*, b. May 27, 1774; m. Susan Morse.  
*Samuel*, b. Aug. 15, 1776; m. Sarah Bacon.  
*Chandler*, b. Dec. 12, 1778; m. Polly Ann Jordan.  
*John*, b. Mar. 19, 1780; m. Cyrene Harris.  
*Rogers*, b. Feb. 24, 1782; m. Elizabeth Rowe.  
*Hannah*, b. Oct. 7, 1784; m. Benjamin Rowe.  
*George*, b. Feb. 6, 1786; d. in 1804.  
*Thomas*, b. Aug. 10, 1788; m. Chloe Turner; no issue.  
*Sarah*, b. May 27, 1790; d. unm.  
*Polly*, b. May 29, 1792; m. Elkanah Irish.

SAMUEL DECOSTER, son of the preceding b. Aug. 15, 1776, m. Sarah Bacon and settled in Buckfield on the farm owned by his grandson, Virgil P. DeCoster, Esq. He d. Sept. 14, 1830. Children:

*Henry*, b. Dec. 18, 1798; m. Abigail E. Irish.  
*Samuel*, b. Feb. 24, 1801; m. Caroline —.  
*Joanna*, b. June 16, 1803; m. Joshua Irish.  
*James B.*, b. Oct. 10, 1806; m. Lucy Thompson.  
*Ozias*, b. Feb. 7, 1809; m. Elizabeth DeCoster.  
*Varanes*, b. June 16, 1814; m. Louisa Thompson.  
*Sarah Ann*, b. June 18, 1817; m. Addison G. Cole.

HENRY DECOSTER, oldest son of the preceding b. Dec. 18, 1798, m. Abigail E. Irish. He settled on a farm adjoining that of

his father. He was a man of influence and standing in the town, and for many years served on the board of selectmen. He d. Sept. 26, 1866. His wife d. Feb. 17, 1889, "aged 90 yrs., 9 mos., 10 days." Children:

*William Henry*, b. Aug. 15, 1828; d. Aug. 24, 1837.

*Elisha W.*, b. Feb. 1, 1830; d. Aug. 26, 1837.

*Edmund*, b. Jan. 14, 1831; m. Marianna Stowe.

*Samuel*, b. Sept. 1, 1832; d. Aug. 29, 1837.

*Charles*, b. Sept. 18, 1834; d. Aug. 23, 1837.

*Eliza A.*, b. Jan. 26, 1836; d. Sept. 2, 1837.

*James H.*, b. Oct. 12, 1837; m. Angelia Shaw.

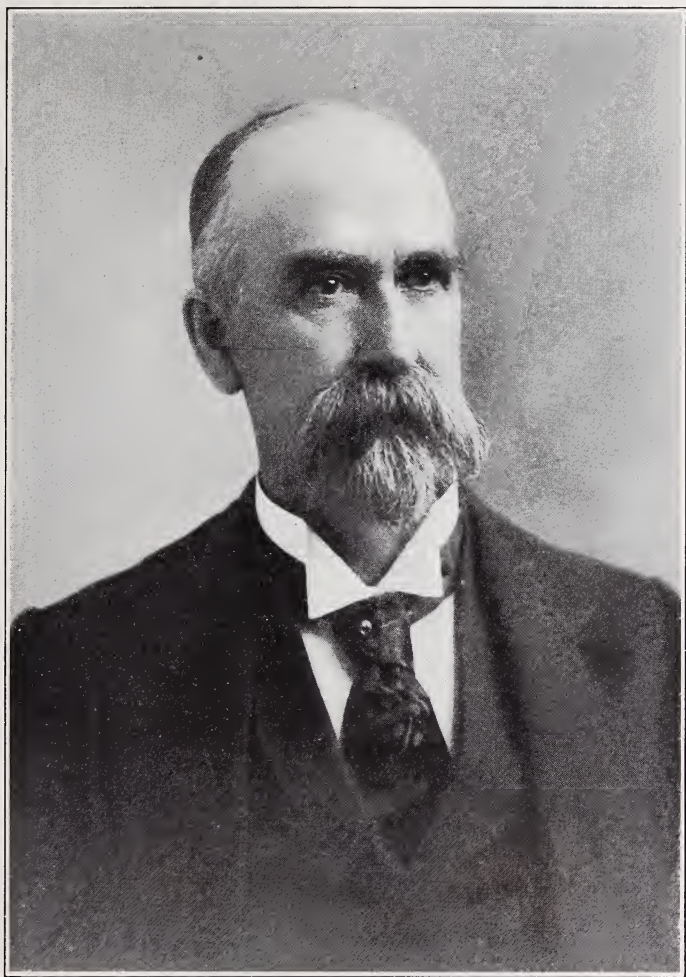
*Mary A.*, b. Sept. 23, 1839; d. June 30, 1867.

*Bethiah Ellen*, b. Nov. 24, 1841; m. ——— Hodgdon.

*Joseph F.*, b. Nov. 7, 1843; m. Emma H. Morrill.

JAMES H. DECOSTER, ESQ., son of the preceding b. Oct. 12, 1837, m. Angelia, daughter of Isaac and Joanna (Teague) Shaw. He was educated in the district and high schools of the town and for several years taught school during the winter. In 1857 he began mercantile life as a clerk in the store of Hiram Hines at Buckfield village. After his marriage in 1859 he moved to Hartford where he was in trade for about a year. In the spring of 1861 with Charles H. Prince, he purchased the hardware stock of Lorenzo Atwood in what was then known as the Douglass store, where he remained in business for many years. President Abraham Lincoln appointed Mr. Prince, postmaster and Mr. DeCoster became assistant. The post office was in one corner of the store. The firm did a good business for both members were popular with all classes.

At the outbreak of the Rebellion, a Buckfield company was raised and organized of which James H. DeCoster was orderly sergeant. For some reason the company was disbanded. In 1865 Mr. DeCoster was appointed postmaster, a position he held to the entire satisfaction of the patrons of the office till 1877, when having sold his interest in the store, he resigned. In 1880 he was nominated as the republican candidate for representative to the legislature and in ordinary times would have been elected. He ran about 20 votes in town ahead of the Governor. Soon after he moved to Mechanic Falls and engaged in various business pursuits, where he has since resided. He has been prominent in the affairs of that village, served for 14 years as Trial Justice and for a long period was secretary of the Masonic Mu-

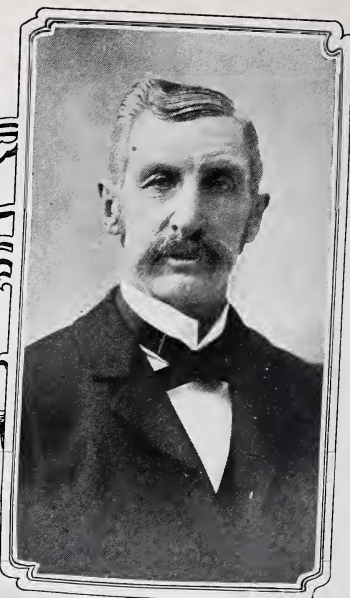


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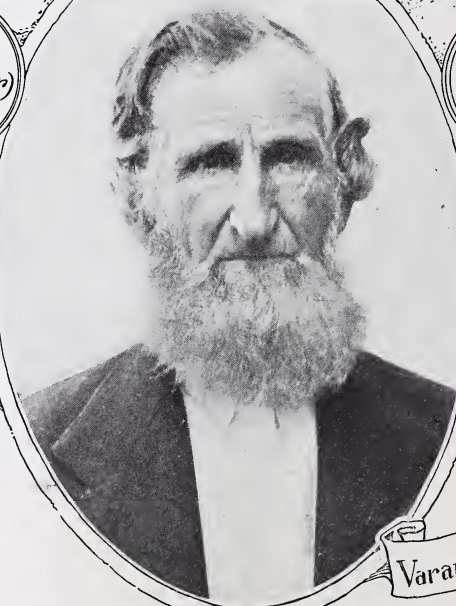




*Virginia  
(DeCoster)  
Jones*



*Virgil P.  
DeCoster*



*Varanes DeCoster*

tual Relief Association. He is a leading member of the Masonic and other secret organizations. In 1899 he was appointed postmaster at Mechanic Falls, a position he held for many years. Children:

*Bertha Lee*, b. May 16, 1861; m. E. Adron Gammon; resides at Mechanic Falls.

*Harry Wilson*, b. Oct. 26, 1866; m. Idora M. Perry; resides in Boston.

*James Carroll*, b. Sept. 30, 1868; m. Marion E. Bray; resides in Boston.

*Percy Shaw*, b. Mar. 6, 1871; m. Edith A. Bianchard; resides in Lynn, Mass.

VARANES DECOSTER, youngest son of Samuel was born on the same place where he lived all his life. He was one of the most prosperous farmers in town of his time and accumulated a handsome property. He married Louisa Thompson. He died Jan. 12, 1888. His wife died Feb. 24, 1898. Children:

*Varanes Francisco*, b. Nov. 19, 1838; m. 1st Ellen Torrey; 2d Emerette Campbell; s. in the West.

*William B.*, b. Sept. 27, 1840, soldier in Civil War; d. at Edwards Ferry, Md., Jan. 27, 1863.

*Louisa V.*, b. Dec. 16, 1842; d. Feb. 28, 1849.

*Georgianna*, b. Sept. 21, 1844; m. Stephen Morrill of Auburn.

*Virgil P.*, b. Apr. 12, 1848; m. Edith B. Hooper.

*Virginia*, b. Apr. 12, 1848; m. Barnum Jones of Auburn.

*Cleora H.*, b. Sept. 2, 1856; m. David M. Hildreth of Washington, D. C.

VIRGIL P. DECOSTER, son of the preceding b. Apr. 12, 1848, m. Edith B. Hooper of Turner. Mr. DeCoster lives on the old homestead and like his father is one of Buckfield's most prosperous farmers. He has served as a member of the board of selectmen and as representative in the legislature of the state, also as a member of the State Board of Agriculture. His wife is a woman of intellectual ability and has contributed much to the press. Both are very prominent members of the grange and also of the State Pomological Society. Children:

*Cleora M.*, b. July 8, 1891.

*Edith H.*, b. Sept. 16, 1893.

*Helen F.*, b. Nov. 19, 1895.

ROGERS DECOSTER, son of Jacob, sen., b. Feb. 24, 1782, m. Elizabeth Rowe. He resided on the old homestead and was the leading citizen in his part of the town. He served one term in the Legislature. He died about 1862. His wife died June 20, 1877. Children:

*Orris*, b. Mar. 7, 1806; m. Luke Bicknell; 4 c. (see Bicknell).

*John*, b. Apr. 6, 1809; m. Cyrenia Harris.

*Elbridge G.* b. Feb. 12, 1811; m. Susanna Startevant; 1 c., Kimball.

*Cyrus*, b. Nov. 2, 1812; m. Mary Prescott; 4 c., Sarah, James, Ellen and Verrin.

*Hannah*, b. Apr. 29, 1814; m. John Cushman; 2 c., Henrietta and John.

*Thomas*, b. June 13, 1817; m. Almada Packard; 6 c., Charles, George, Cyrena, Justin, Cora and Dr. John.

*Julia Ann*, b. May 6, 1821; m. Elbridge D. Whitman.

*Cyrena*, b. Dec. 29, 1823; m. William Randail; no issue.

*William*, b. Jan. 30, 1826; m. Martha Fuller; 3 c., Willis, Ella and Eddie.

JACOB DECOSTER, JR., b. May 27, 1774, m. Dec. 20, 1801, Susan Morse. They settled in Hebron on what was later called the Page place. She died in Jan., 1841. He died in July, 1842. Children:

*Parnelle*, b. Nov. 14, 1802; m. David Bicknell; 2d Orin Irish; 3 c., 2 by 1st, 1 by 2d, Simeon, William and Samuel.

*George*, b. Oct. 28, 1804; m. Harriet Bicknell; 5 c., Elmira, Parnelle, Rebecca, Flora and William K.

*Solomon*, b. Jan. 17, 1806; m. Cynthia Dunham.

*Howard C.*, b. Oct. 19, 1808; m. Mary Ann Buck; 9 c., Harriet A., Columbia H., Mary A., Jared M., Jacob C., William P., Frederick H., Sarah B. and Lillian E.

*Jacob*, b. July 6, 1811; m. Salina Record; 6 c., Mary, Sylvira, Susan, William H., Azulea and Malzema.

*Asa*, b. Aug. 13, 1813; m. Martha Fullerton; s. in N. Y.; 2 c., Horace and George.

*Fear*, b. Sept. 9, 1818; m. Samuel S. Bicknell, 2d Charles Goss; 1 c., by 1st husband, Adelbert.

*Fearing*, b. Oct. 18, 1820; m. Lyla Packard; 2d Joanna Connor; 7 c., Harriet, Minnie, Frank, Ellis, Charles, Ellen and Emma.

*Eph-aim*, b. Nov. 20, 1822; m. Lydia Heath.

SOLOMON, son of the preceding b. Jan. 17, 1806, m. Cynthia Dunham. He finally settled at West Minot, where he died about 1889. His wife died within a year afterwards. Children:

SOLOMON THURSTON, b. May 17, 1830, m. Lucy B. Chase. He resided in Buckfield village awhile during the sixties. Is an ornamental and carriage painter. The genealogy of the DeCoster families was principally contributed by him and he has taken great interest in this history. His wife died at Turner where he now resides, June 12, 1901. 4 c. Clarence L., m. Belle Teague (2 daughters, Addie and Carrie B.). Charlotte, m. Fred W. Bonney (2 c. Carrie and Willie). Alice S., m. Frank E. Bray

(1 c., Paul D.), and Lillian M., m. Albion B. Jones (1 c., Myra B.).

*Alvarado F.*, b. Jan. — 1832; m. Emma Bearce; 5 c., Orland, Imogene, Emma, Eva and Lorinda.

*Marcena*, b. May 18, 1834; m. Edward Bonney; 7 c., Frank, Rose, Edward, Grace, George, Sherman and Edith.

*Rose S.*, b. — 1840; m. Darius F. Pike; 3 c., Henry, Lizzie F. and Elsie G.

*Cynthia P.*, b. — 1849; d. unm.

*James L.*, b. — 1851; m. Emma Mitchell; 2 c., Gertrude and Harlan.

### DOBLE.

WILLIAM DOBLE (see sketch) settled on the Twenty Mile river. He married Sarah ———. He lived and died on his settling lot. He died after 1811. Children all but first four b. in Buckfield:

*William, Jr.*, b. Aug. 14, 1775.

*Phineas*, b. July 4, 1777; m. Mary —.

*Rebecca*, b. Aug. 16, 1779.

*Abraham*, b. Dec. 22, 1781; m. Lucinda Woodbury.

*Sarah*, b. Apr. 6, 1784; m. Daniel Pond.

*Lydia*, b. July 27, 1786.

*Aaron*, b. Dec. 8, 1788; m. Abigail Hall.

*Lucy*, b. Mar. 31, 1792.

*Elijah*, b. Nov. 3, 1793; m. Hannah Drake.

*Betsey*, b. Nov. 3, 1793.

*Solomon*, b. May 3, 1796; m. Louisa Rowe.

PHINEAS DOBLE, son of the preceding b. July 4, 1777, m. Mary ———. Children:

*Willard*, b. Jan. 11, 1801.

*Anna*, b. Sept. 3, 1802.

ABRAHAM DOBLE, brother of the preceding b. Dec. 22, 1781, m. Lucinda Woodbury. Children:

*Elvira*, b. Oct. 12, 1807.

*Orin*, b. Apr. 14, 1810.

*Alden*, b. Jan. 26, 1813.

*Harriet*, b. Aug. 11, 1814.

AARON DOBLE, brother of the preceding b. Dec. 8, 1788, m. Abigail Hall. Children:

*Miriam Hall*, b. Aug. 27, 1810.

*Sally*, b. July 2, 1812.

*John*, b. Aug. 24, 1814.

*Mary*, b. Dec. 11, 1816.

*Henry Parsons*, b. Jan. 25, 1819.

## DRAKE.

JOHN DRAKE of Bridgewater, Mass., b. Aug. 12, 1757, was one of the early settlers in the western part of the town. He served in the Revolutionary War. He m. Molly Cole, 1782. Lived in B., Hebron and Sumner. He died Feb. 18, 1834. She died Feb. 6, 1840. Children recorded on Buckfield records:

*John, Jr.*, b. Oct. 8, 1783; m. Martha Packard.

*Deborah*, b. Jan. 30, 1786; m. Wm. Berry, Jr.

*Mary*, b. Oct. 1, 1788.

*Hannah*, b. Aug. 8, 1791; d. Nov. 2, 1791.

*Ephraim Cole*, b. Sept. 17, 1792; m. Nancy Hersey.

*Stephen*, b. Apr. 29, 1795; m. Martha Hix.

*Hannah*, b. Nov. 24, 1797; m. Elijah Doble.

*Wm. Harlow*, b. Aug. 22, 1801; m. Desire D. Bisbee.

JOHN DRAKE, JR., b. Oct. 8, 1783, m. Martha Packard. Children:

*John S.*, b. Nov. 19, 1809; m. Amanda M. Wood.

*Diana*, b. Feb. 18, 1811.

*Polly*, b. Sept. 13, 1812.

*Martha*, b. Nov. 15, 1814; d. Apr. 19, 1826.

*H. G. O.*, b. Nov. 12, 1816.

*Geraldine*, b. June 17, 1819.

*Melissa*, b. July 4, 1821.

*Alexander F.*, b. Feb. 8, 1824.

*Hannah*, b. Mar. 14, 1826.

ABIAL DRAKE of another family moved into the township soon after the census was taken in 1790. He purchased a large tract of land of the proprietors (about 300 acres), east of the East Branch on which he lived to his death. He married Dolly, daughter of Jonathan Philbrick. Children:

*Martin*, b. Feb. 19, 1794; m. Celia Bisbee.

*Anna*, b. Mar. 3, 1796; m. Jonah Hall.

*Dorcas*, b. July 26, 1798; m. Amos Atkinson.

*Enoch*, b. Aug. 17, 1800; m. Rhoda Hussey.

*Abial, Jr.*, b. Jan. 14, 1804; m. Nancy Swett.

MARTIN DRAKE, oldest son of Abial, b. Feb. 19, 1794, m. Celia Bisbee in 1823. He lived to a good old age. All of his life had been spent on the place where he was born. He was a good citizen and noted for his great strength. He died Sept. 24, 1874. His wife died June 2, 1874. Children:

*Dorcas Ann*, b. Aug. 15, 1824.

*Sarah Jane*, b. July 18, 1826; m. Charles Dunn.



*Achsa Maria*, b. Aug. 19, 1828; m. John M. Damon.

*Celia V.*, b. Apr. 20, 1831; m. Geo. W. Long.

*Esther M. J.*, b. Jan. 27, 1839.

ENOCH DRAKE, brother of the preceding, b. Aug. 17, 1800, m. Rhoda Hussey. Children:

*Merritt Snell*, b. Nov. 22, 1827; *Nancy*, b. June, 1829; *Sabrina*, b. Feb. 1831.

#### FARRAR.

The Farrars of Buckfield are descendants of John Farrar, then commonly written Farrow who with wife, Frances, and dau. Mary from Hingham, England, settled in Hingham, Mass., about 1635. He died July 7, 1687. She died Jan. 28, 1689. They had 5 children and two sons, John, baptized June 6, 1639, m. Aug. 14, 1664; Mary, dau. of William Hilliard. She died Sept. 14, 1689. He d. Jan. 27, 1716, aged 76. He was a "carpenter." Nathan, m. Dec. 5, 1683, Mary, dau. of John and Mary Gardner. She died Feb. 27, 1710, aged 55. He died Oct. 18, 1715, aged 61. They had 5 children, Jonathan, the third, b. June 10, 1689, m. Oct. 27, 1714, Joanna, dau. of Thomas and Joanna (May) Whiton. She died Apr. 11, 1737, aged 46, and he m. 2d Mrs. Judith (Whiton) White. He died Apr. 14, 1751, aged 62. Six children all by first wife, three of whom were sons, Jonathan, b. Aug. 26, 1717; David, b. May 19, 1722 and John baptized May 24, 1724. This David had a son, David, b. in 1750. The name of the latter's wife as given in the History of Hingham was Desire Tower.

DAVID FARRAR, fifth in descent from John Farrar, had seen service in the Revolutionary war and settled in Bucktown in 1788. He was born about 1750. He m. Judith Stoddard of Scituate. He d. in 1810. Children only last four b. in B.:

*Judith*, b. July 1, 1773; m. Thomas Lowell.

*David, Jr.*, b. May 20, 1775; m. 1st Sarah Chesley; 2d Mary Gammon.

*Samuel*, b. Aug. 8, 1779; m. Rebekah ———

*Philip*, b. Jan. 14, 1781; m. ——— ———

*Tamar*, b. Oct. 31, 1784; m. John Brock, Jr.

*Mehitable*, b. Jan. 30, 1787; m. Nathaniel Mayhew.

*Nathan*, b. Sept. 16, 1789; m. Susannah Brock.

*Bela*, b. Dec. 26, 1791; m. Lydia Thayer; s. in Paris.

*Desire*, b. Oct. 3, 1796; m. Martin Crockett.

*John*, b. July 10, 1800; m. 1st Polly Brock, 2d Rebecca Coburn (?).

DEA. DAVID FARRAR, son of the preceding, b. May 20, 1775, m. 1st Sarah Chesley, 2nd Mary Gammon. He was a very worthy man and a deacon of the church for many years. He died Nov. 8, 1842. His 2d wife died Apr. 24, 1865 in the 77th year of her age. Children by 1st wife:

*David* 3d, b. Jan. 24, 1802; m. Cynthia Waterman.

*Sarah*, b. Jan. 23, 1804; m. Hon. Noah Prince.

*Judith*, b. ———; m. David Brock.

*Orin*, b. Aug. 16, 1807; d. May 3, 1871.

*Miriam*, b. Apr. 13, 1812; m. C. C. Harlow.

Children by 2d wife:

*Merritt*, b. July 27, 1817; m. Arabella Bicknell.

*Reuben L.*, b. Dec. 20, 1819; m. Hananh L. Cresey.

*Sophronia*, b. Mar. 14, 1822; m. Winslow Evans.

*Byron*, b. July 27, 1824; s. and m. in Arkansas City, Kansas.

*Julia Ann*, b. June 16, 1827; m. Joseph Cary.

*Milton*, b. May 5, 1829; s. in Westfield, Mass.

*Job P.*, b. Nov. 25, 1831; s. in Abington, Mass., and afterwards moved to Arkansas City, Kan.

DAVID FARRAR, oldest son of the preceding, b. Jan. 24, 1802, m. Cynthia Waterman. He died Sept. 12, 1893. She died Jan. 2, 1896, aged 91. Children:

*Lavornia*, b. Sept. 25, 1825; m. Edson Murdock, 2d Dea. Henry Bangs.

*Angeline O.*, b. May 8, 1829.

*Sarah Chesley*, b. July 30, 1832; m. ——— Fisk.

*Cynthia E.*, b. June 4, 1836.

*Jason*, b. Oct. 30, 1838; m. Clara E. Ricker.

*Clara M.*, b. Apr. 17, 1840; m. Wyer Greene, Portland.

JASON FARRAR, son of the preceding, b. Oct. 30, 1838, m. Clara E. Ricker. He represented his town and district in the Legislature. Held many positions of trust in town and was town clerk for many years. He went West and settled in Indiana. Children recorded here:

*Jason Montelle*, b. Dec. 26, 1870.

*Marion*, b. Aug. 26, 1872.

MERRITT FARRAR, son of Dea. David, b. July 27, 1817, m. Arabella Bicknell. He settled in the western part of the town near the old homestead. He has served as town treasurer and selectman and took a prominent part in county politics when the Republican party was organized. His wife d. in Feb., 1900, in her 75th year. Children:

*Mary A.*, b. June 1, 1841.

*Clara L.*, b. May —, 1861; m. Scott Briggs.

*Hattie M.*, b. Nov. 14, 1868; m. Isaac Turner.

REUBEN L. FARRAR, bro. of the preceding, b. Dec. 20, 1819, m. Hannah L. Cresey. He d. Mar. 27, 1900. Children:

*Julia C.*, b. Aug. 1, 1851; d. Sept. 6, 1852.

*Cynthia R.*, b. Sept. 20, 1853; m. Edsil Smith.

SAMUEL FARRAR, son of David, Sr., b. Aug. 8, 1779, m. Rebekah —. He d. Aug. 15, 1865. She d. Mar. 27, 1865. Child:

*Samuel*, b. Mar. 3, 1801.

PHILIP, bro. of the preceding, b. Jan. 7, 1781, m. — —. He was the first drover of cattle to the Brighton, Mass., market. He d. Sept. 24, 1846. Children:

*Judith*, b. Nov. 28, 1804; d. Nov. 2, 1825.

*America*, b. Feb. 22, 1807; m. Araminta Dean.

*Ethic*, b. Jan. 28, 1811; m. Betsey O. Bessey.

*Aratus*, b. Jan. 15, 1813; m. Diantha Spaulding.

*Althea H.*, b. Jan. 27, 1815; m. Elbridge R. Ricker of Hartford.

*Luten*, b. July 30, 1824; m. Lucy Hayford.

*Julia A. C.*, b. Apr. 23, 1828.

AMERICA FARRAR, son of Philip *ante*, b. Feb. 22, 1807, m. Araminta Dean. He was famous in his day as a dealer in fast horses, kept a public house for many years and was widely known as "Mec" Farrar and delighted to be so called. He d. Dec. 24, 1864. She d. Mar. 24, 1891. Children:

*Lucius Loring*, b. Dec. 9, 1830; m. Mary — —.

*Atwood*, b. May 13, 1833; m. Clarissa Morrill.

*James Jewett*, b. Dec. 13, 1834; d. Apr., 1836.

*Melissa*, b. Feb. 7, 1837; m. Hiram Dunham.

*Larkin W.*, b. Jan. 7, 1848; m. — — — Dean.

*Esther A.*, b. Sept. 20, 1850; m. Rosalvo Crockett.

LUCIUS L., son of the preceding, b. Dec. 9, 1830, m. Mary — —. Children:

*Minot W.*, b. Dec. 10, 1859; *Araminta L.*, b. June 26, 1856.

ATWOOD FARRAR, bro. of the preceding, b. May 13, 1833, m. Clarissa Morrill. Children:

*Atwood America*, b. May 5, 1859; *Horace L.*, b. Oct. 29, 1860; *Lizzie B.*, b. July 25, 1864; *Shirley*, b. May 15, 1874; *Charles L.*, b. Dec. 11, 1877.

ETHIC FARRAR, son of Philip, *ante*, b., Jan. 28, 1811, m. Betsey O. Bessey. Children:

*Hannibal Ethic*, b. Mar. 11, 1835; m. Martha Gilman.

*Miranda*, b. Aug. 26, 1835; m. Charles Foster.

*Roana*, b. Aug. 6, 1838; m. Simeon Hussey.

*D. Webster*, b. Aug. 22, 1840; killed at Bull Run.

*Charles*, b. Aug. 5, 1842.

ARATUS FARRAR, bro. of the preceding, b. Jan. 5, 1813, m. Diantha Spaulding. He d. Nov. 2, 1899. Children:

*Emily R.*, b. May 6, 1835; m. Horace Morrill; *James Madison*, b. Mar. 28, 1837; *Diantha Jane*, b. Mar. 9, 1839; *Amanda Maria*, b. ——— 1840; *Mary M.*, b. June 28, 1843, d. Oct. 2, 1861; *Wm. W.*, b. June 17, 1847; *Eva I.*, b. Aug. 21, 1851; *Ida I.*, b. Sept. 8, 1853.

NATHAN FARRAR, son of David, Sen., b. Sept. 16, 1789, m. Susannah Brock. Children:

*Caroline*, b. Jan. 2, 1822; *Orison*, b. Mar. 6, 1823, d. Oct. 22, 1823; *Orissa*, b. July 23, 1824.

### FORBES.

JONAH FORBES (see sketch) was a native of Easton, where he was born about 1741. He was a Revolutionary soldier and was enrolled at the beginning of that contest as one of the Minute Men. After the war he settled in the eastern part of Bucktown. There is no mention of his family on the Buckfield records. He was living in 1820 at the age of 79. Probably d. soon after. Children:

*Zadoc*, b. —; m. Judith ———.

*Arza*, b. about 1782; m. Rebecca Roberts.

*Miriam*, b. ——— m. Seth Roberts.

*Susannah*, b. ——— m. Nathan Hall.

ARZA FORBES, son of the preceding, b. about 1782, m. Rebecca Roberts. She died Aug. 14, 1854. He died Nov. 24, 1862. Children:

*Bethiah*, b. June 12, 1811; m. Josiah Keen, Jr.

*Jonah*, b. Mar. 21, 1813; m. Sylvira Hall.

*Eliab*, b. Feb. 3, 1815; m. Ann G. Seavey.

*Judith*, b. May 6, 1817.

*Richard*, b. May 28, 1820; m. Britannia Turner.

*Silas*, b. June 23, 1822; d. Dec. 2, 1852.

*Delphina P.*, b. Apr. 27, 1824; m. Charles T. Hall.

*Nathan*, b. Sept. 3, 1826; d. Feb. 11, 1853.

*Melvander G.*, b. Nov. 1, 1829; m. Julia C. Bicknell.

JONAH FORBES, son of the preceding, b. Mar. 21, 1813, m. Sylvira Hall. He d. Dec. 24, 1896. She d. Apr. 4, 1852. Children:

*Clinton*, b. Dec. 3, 1838; d. in Washington, D. C., Oct. 28, 1862.

*Elizabeth*, b. Feb. 28, 1841; m. Orlando Irish.

*Henry B.*, b. July 31, 1845; m. Addie T. Abbott.

*S. Ella*, b. Oct., 1849; m. William C. Bartlett.

RICHARD FORBES, son of Arza, b. May 28, 1820, m. Britannia Turner. He d. Dec. 9, 1858. Children:

*Frank M.*, b. Feb. 3, 1853; *Frederick L.*, b. Nov. 20, 1857, d. May 12, 1858.

HENRY B. FORBES, son of Jonah, b. July 31, 1845, m. Addie T. Abbott. He lives on the homestead of his father. Children:

*Mattie A.*, b. Oct. 23, 1879; m. Claude E. Holmes. *Harry C.*, b. July 3, 1882; *Clinton F.*, b. Nov. 25, 1884; *Ida B.*, b. Aug., 1891.

MELVANDER G. FORBES, son of Arza, b. Nov. 1, 1829, m. Julia C. Bicknell. He died March 27, 1873. Children:

*Avorline R.*, b. Aug. 24, 1855; m. Walter H. Purkis.

*Rev. Eleanor B.*, b. Nov. 11, 1860; a Universalist minister; s. at Gray, Maine.

#### FOSTER.

The Fosters of England and America are descended from Baldwin I of Flanders, called the "Iron Arm," on account of his great strength, or as some say on account of his being constantly in armor. He married the Princess Judith, daughter of Charles the Bold of France, a grandson of Charlemagne. Baldwin II. m. Aethelfryth, dau. of King Alfred the Great. Sir Richard Forester was 5th in descent from King Baldwin. While a young man he came over to England from Normandy with William the Conqueror, who had married his sister, Matilda. He was then called Forestarius from his occupation as Keeper of the Forest. His spurs were won at the battle of Hastings and he was knighted at the age of 16.

The Fosters who settled in Bucktown were of the Dorchester branch as it is called. The line is as follows: Rev. Thomas Foster and wife, Elizabeth Wimes of Ipswich, England, had three sons and three daughters. The latter married and settled in England. The sons were Richard, Thomas<sup>1</sup> and William. Richard died and the other two brothers and Richard's widow and children came to Mass. Sergt. Thomas<sup>1</sup> born about 1600, with wife, Elizabeth, settled at Dorchester, afterwards removed to Boston



where he was "gunner of the castle" and was in King Philip's Indian war. He died in Billerica, April 20, 1682. Of their six children was Dea. John<sup>2</sup> Foster, the 2d child, b. Oct. 7, 1642, who married Mary Chillingworth. He died June 13, 1732, at the age of 90. She died Sept. 25, 1702. Her father was a man of prominence and representative to the General Court from Marshfield. Dea. John Foster left 7 living children, 45 grandchildren and 83 great-grandchildren and had 26 grandchildren die before himself. They had 10 children. The 3d was Josiah<sup>3</sup> Foster, b. June 7, 1669, who married Sarah, daughter Samuel Sherman of Marshfield and settled in Pembroke. He was a farmer but his father and grandfather were blacksmiths. He lived to be 88 years old, dying in 1757. His wife had died July 30, 1713, and he married four years later Ursula Rand of Scituate but left no children by her. Josiah Foster had eight children—four boys and four girls. Isaac,<sup>4</sup> the 5th child, b. Aug. 5, 1705, married in 1732 Frances Josselyn of Hanover, a descendant of Sir Thomas Josselyn, Knight, of London, the father of Henry Josselyn of Black Point, now Scarboro, one of the foremost and ablest men in the early government of Sir Ferdinando Gorges of his Province of Maine. Isaac Foster was the administrator of his father's estate. They had 8 children, Micah<sup>5</sup>, b. Sept. 22, 1742, m. Hezediah Crocker, a descendant of John Howland and several others of the Pilgrims. He was a Revolutionary soldier and Minute Man. He died June 22, 1827, aged 85. She died Aug. 8, 1788, aged 45. Joel<sup>6</sup>, b. May 31, 1766, was the oldest child of a large family. He came here after Jan. 1, 1784, and before 1788. July 10th of the latter year he married Phebe Buck, daughter of Abijah Buck for whom the township was named. She was born Dec. 17, 1766. He was the first tanner and innkeeper in the village. He died Feb. 6, 1816. She d. Nov. 12, 1863. Children:

*Ellen*, b. Feb. 4, 1790; d. young.

*Hezediah Crocker*, b. Apr. 18, 1791; never married; d. Sept. 23, 1863.

*Rebecca*, b. Mar. 9, 1793.

*Micah*, b. May 15, 1795; m. ———; s. in eastern part of the state.

*Abijah*, b. May 15, 1795; d. Aug. 7, 1831.

*Joel*, b. Apr. 29, 1798; m. 1st Martha Lothrop, 2d Mercy Davis.

*Rolan*, b. Aug. 29, 1804; m. Polly Cushman.

*Phebe*, b. Sept. 22, 1806; d. Nov. 15, 1806.

*Jermalier*, b. Aug. 27, 1807; m. Tristram Warren.

*Granville Augustine*, b. July 4, 1812.

JOEL FOSTER, JR., m. Martha Lothrop and settled in Buckfield. She died Nov. 27, 1845, "aet. 54 years." He died July 14, 1877. Children:

*Phebe*, b. July 21, 1822; m. Joshua E. Whitman.

*Joel*, b. July 21, 1822; m. Armina Whitman; s. in Hebron.

*Charles*, b. May 17, 1829; m. Miranda Farrar; s. in Mo.

*Margaret Ann*, b. Aug. 28, 1831; m. J. J. Fuller; s. in Hebron.

*Abijah*, b. Aug. 28, 1831; m. Rozana C. Whitman.

*Hezediah*, b., May 20, 1835; m. Henry Cushman.

*Warren Augustine Clark*, b. Feb. 6, 1837; m. Sarah Bicknell; s. in Hebron.

ABIJAH FOSTER married Rozana C. Whitman and settled in Buckfield. She died Oct. 8, 1872. Children:

*Frank Forest Foster*, b. Nov. 25, 1857; m. Laura A. Place; s. in Woodstock.

*Fred Fenton Foster*, b. May 10, 1867; m. Lola Leigh Brann; s. in Milton Pl.

ROLAN FOSTER, son of Joel, married Polly Cushman and settled in Buckfield. He d. Mar. 2, 1869. She d. in Sept., 1887. Children:

*Ellen*, b. Mar. 28, 1830; d. Feb. 11, 1834.

*Marquis De Lafayette*, b. Nov. 15, 1832; s. in Mass.

*Virgil P.*, b. July 26, 1835; s. in Mass.; k. on railroad, Dec. 21, 1897.

*Mary Ann*, b. Nov. 16, 1837; never married.

*Rolan Augustine*, b. Apr. 11, 1842; s. in Mass.

CLARENCE E. FOSTER, born in East Machias, Feb. 12, 1849, is a direct descendant of Reginald<sup>1</sup> Foster, a native of Brunton, England, who was one of those leaving his native land during the reign of King Charles I to escape the tyranny of that monarch. With wife, Judith, five sons and two daughters, he settled at Ipswich, Mass., about 1638. His family was anciently connected with those of the same name in the north of England, which had won fame in their contests with their Scottish foes and are mentioned by Sir Walter Scott in "Marmion" and the "Lay of the Last Minstrel." The line of descent from Reginald is as follows:

Isaac, b. in England, 1630, m. 1658, Mary Jackson. He had 14 children by two wives, none by 3d who survived him.

Benjamin, b. June, 1665.

Benjamin, b. about 1699.

Wooden, b. in Maine, m. Frances Scott, was a blacksmith by trade at Scarboro, when he was engaged to go to Machias and

assist in building a saw mill. He settled there. He was a brother of Col. Benj. Foster who was the commander of the forces that seized the first British vessel on the outbreak of hostilities with the mother country. This affair took place in the harbor of Machias.

Moses, m. Drusilla West.

Aaron Moses, m. Elizabeth Comstock.

CLARENCE E., married Lelia, daughter of Amos K. and Melissa (Jordan) Winslow. He is one of Buckfield's best farmers and business men. For several years, he has been in the wood and lumber business and has acquired a large property—probably the wealthiest man in town. (He died in 1914.) Children:

*Maud A.*, b. Mar. 6, 1881; *Mary E.*, b. May 1, 1882; *Amos C.*, b. Aug. 9, 1883, m. Hazel Warren; *Leora*, b. June 15, 1886; *Stanley E.*, b. Sept. 16, 1887, m. Elsie Cushman; *Agnes B.*, b. June 15, 1889; *Florence*, b. May 20, 1891.

#### GAMMON.

Philip and Joseph Gammon, who were brothers, came from England to America about 1750 and settled in the vicinity of Portland. They lived at different periods at Cape Elizabeth, Scarboro and Gorham. Philip's wife was Joanna ———. Children: (Imperfect list).

*Philip*, m. Sarah Crockett, a Rev. soldier; living in Windham in 1790.

*Nathaniel*, b. abt. 1753; m. Mary Lowell; s. in Bucktown.

*Joseph*, b. in Aug., 1755; a Rev. soldier; m. Drusilla Reed; s. in Norway.

*Ruth*, m. in 1781, Thomas Clay.

*Jonathan*, m. Lydia Millett.

*Benjamin*, m. Betty Crockett.

*Betsy*, m. Benj. Bodge; s. in Windham.

Philip and wife, Joanna, deeded land in Gorham in 1801 to their daughter, Ruth Clay. Afterwards lived in Windham, said to have gone to Raymond with son, Nathaniel.

NATHANIEL GAMMON from Falmouth or vicinity, b. about 1753, m. Mary Lowell of Falmouth. She was b. in 1758. He served 3 years in the War for Independence on the quota of Windham. He was one of the original 47 permanent settlers and took up his lot in what was known in after years as the Lowell neighborhood. He d. in Sept., 1830. Children:

*Anna*, b. Feb. 26, 1778.

*Nathaniel, Jr.*, b. May 29, 1782; m. Clarissa Bryant.

*William*, b. Feb. 13, 1785; m. *Sophia Bryant*.  
*Mary*, b. Nov. 29, 1787; m. *Dea. David Farrar, Jr.*  
*Stephen*, b. July 19, 1790; s. in Peru.  
*Margery*, b. July 19, 1794; m. *Warren Bessey*.  
*Jonathan*, b. Apr. 22, 1797; m. *Margaret Thompson*.

**JONATHAN GAMMON**, son of the preceding, b. Apr. 22, 1797, m. *Margaret Thompson*, b. 1798. He had the homestead on which they lived to their death. It was a very respectable and worthy family—none more so in town. He died May 2, 1879. She died in 1875. Children:

*James E.*, b. Sept., 1828; m. ——— Denison; s. in Dodge City, Kansas.  
*Mary F.*, b. Oct., 1832; m. *Carlton Gardner*.  
*Margaret J.*, b. Aug., 1841; m. *S. F. Balcom*; s. in Cal. Before marriage she was a successful school teacher.

**JOSEPH GAMMON**, brother of the first Philip, was constable and tax collector in Gorham for several years. Children:

*Samuel*, m. in 1776, *Susanna Perkins*; s. in Hartford; Rev. soldier.  
*David*, m. in 1777, *Mary Doane*; s. in Buckfield; a Rev. soldier.  
*Daniel*, m. in 1781, *Mary Blanchard*, 2d *Polly Elder*.  
*Joshua*, m. in 1787, *Elizabeth Millett*.  
*Joseph*, m. in 1795; *Polly Patrick*.  
*Christiana*, m. in 1796, *Robert Knight*, Otisfield.  
*Willaim*, m. in 1798, *Molly Hasty*; s. in Stoneham.  
*John*, m. in 1797, *Sarah Cook*; s. in Casco.  
*Mary*, m. in 1801, *John Brown*; s. in Turner.  
*Abigail*, d. in Buckfield.

**DAVID GAMMON**, 3d son of above, m. *Mary Doane*. Children:

*Eunice*, b. July 15, 1780; *Joseph*, b. Jan. 3, 1784; *Thomas*, b. Jan. 27, 1786; *Polly*, b. June 22, 1788; *Levi*, b. Aug. 1, 1791; *Robinson*, b. Feb. 10, 1794; *Deborah*, b. Apr. 10, 1797; *Charity*, b. Apr. 10, 1800.

#### GARDNER.

The Gardners of Buckfield are descendants of John<sup>1</sup> Gardner, who came unmarried from England to Boston, Mass., about 1650 and finally settled at Hingham. He married his wife, *Mary* ——— at Boston, Apr. 10, 1651. He died Nov. 24, 1668, and she remarried. They had 10 children. John, the oldest, baptized July 17, 1652, m. Feb., 1683, *Mary*, dau. of *Samuel* and *Mary* (Farrar) *Stowell*. She died Oct. 22, 1714, aged 61. He died Dec. 16, 1700, aged 48. They had 6 children, John<sup>3</sup>, the oldest, b. Jan. 4, 1684, m. *Rebecca* ———. He died Apr. 20, 1742, aged 58. She survived him and m. 2d, Nov. 11, 1743, *Samuel Whiton*.

They had 9 children. The first son and fourth child, John<sup>4</sup>, b. Feb. 5, 1720, m. Dec. 8, 1742, Joanna, dau. of Jonathan and Joanna (Whiton) Farrar. She was baptized June 19, 1720. He resided at "Liberty Plains," South Hingham, where his ancestors had lived. He died Apr. 19, 1802, aged 82. The date of her death is not given. They had 8 children. Their first son and 5th child was John, b. Nov. 30, 1751. Luther, the 6th child, b. Sept. 29, 1754, m. Apr. 2, 1788, Jane Mayo of Scituate. Jonathan<sup>5</sup> was the 8th child and was born in Hingham, Jan. 29, 1764. He was a Revolutionary soldier and with his brother, Luther, also a Patriot of the War for Independence, settled in Buckfield before 1800. When the census for that year was taken the former had a family of eight persons and the latter two. It is said that Luther had no children and none are recorded on our records.

JONATHAN<sup>5</sup>, m. Sarah Gardner, b. Aug. 26, 1767. Her line of descent from John<sup>1</sup> was Stephen 2-3-4. He died in 1836. She survived him some ten years. Children:

*Jonathan, Jr.*, b. Feb. 27, 1790; d. about 1810.

*Ansel*, b. Sept. 5, 1791; s. in Dixmont, Me.; lived to be over 90.

*Sarah*, b. June 7, 1793; m. ——— Allen; s. in Eastern Maine.

*Ira*, b. Feb. 19, 1795; m. Naomi Gray.

*Joanna*, b. Dec. 28, 1797; m. and s. in Eastern Maine.

*Huldah*, b. ———; m. John Brown of Canton.

*Jane*, b. ———; m. ——— Lunt; s. in Eastern Maine.

*John*, b. ———1812; m. and s. in Eastern Maine; d. about 90 years old.

IRA GARDNER, b. Feb. 19, 1795, m. Naomi Gray of Paris, b. Oct. 21, 1798. He settled on a farm west of the village, which was the settling lot of Thomas Allen. He d. Sept. 3, 1870. Children:

*Columbia*, b. Sept. 28, 1820; d. June 16, 1856.

*Hannibal*, b. Apr. 26, 1822; d. Mar. 10, 1826.

*Brittania*, b. Nov. 2, 1823; m. Samuel Thomes.

*Oscar Fitz-Allan*, b. Sept. 14, 1825; m. Jennette T. Thomes.

*Carlton*, b. Mar. 3, 1828; m. Mary F. Gammon.

*Julius Melville*, b. Sept. 7, 1831; d. in 1869. His wife d. Aug. 25, 1865 and he m. 2d Mrs. Julia Ripley.

OSCAR F. GARDNER, son of the preceding, b. Sept. 14, 1825, m. Jennette T. Thomes. He served in the navy during the Mexican War, was a prominent man in town affairs and held the principal town offices for several years, was town clerk at the time of his death, Apr. 24, 1875. His widow died in Norway Oct. 16, 1902. Children:



*Eugene Lee*, b. June 25, 1856; m. *Lizzie Jones*.

*Jennie Columbia*, Apr. 25, 1858; m. 1st *William Gregg*, 2d *Charles Young*. Children: By 1st husband, *Hortense Gardner*, b. Jan. 5, 1879; by 2d husband, *Charlotte J.*, b. July 27, 1887.

*Gertrude O.*, b. May 18, 1875.

EUGENE L. GARDNER, son of the preceding, b. June 25, 1856, m. *Lizzie Jones*. Children:

*Guy*, b. —; *Iva May*, b. —; *Annie*, b. Feb. 27, 1888; *Mary C.*, b. Nov. 17, 1899.

CARLTON GARDNER, ESQ., son of *Ira*, b. Mar. 3, 1828, m. *Mary F. Gammon*. He was prominent in town and county affairs and a member of the board of selectmen and assessors for many years, also collector of taxes, town treasurer and member of the school board. The town affairs were always ably and judiciously managed while in his hands. Mr. Gardner served as deputy sheriff and jailer. He was a man of ability, sound judgment and of strict integrity and was respected by all who knew him. He died after 1900. Children by adoption:

*Mary*, b. Jan., 1870; m. *Dr. A. W. Hobart* of Chicago.

*John C.*, b. July, 1873; d. Aug., 1880.

## HALL.

DEA. JOHN HALL, b. in 1617, m. *Elizabeth Layton* of Dover, N. H. Of their children was *Hatevil*, who m. *Mercy Cromwell*. One of their sons was *Hatevil, Jr.*, b. in Dover, N. H., in 1709. He m. *Sarah Furbish* of Kittery, Apr. 1, 1733. He was a chair maker or turner and settled in Dover. About 1753 they removed to Falmouth, Me., where he became a large land holder there and in Windham adjoining, some of which was purchased "in the 15th year of his majesty's reign." A member of the Society of Friends or Quakers, he was accustomed to speak at their meetings. He was of medium size and both he and his worthy wife were open-hearted, generous and hospitable. He died Nov. 28, 1797, leaving 475 descendants, but not till he had visited on horseback his relatives in N. H., to bid them a final farewell, after recovering from what his friends and relatives feared would be a fatal illness which he said he should live to do. His wife died Mar. 2, 1790. Children:

*Dorothy*, b. Aug. 23, 1733; m. *George Leighton*.

*Daniel*, b. Mar. 24, 1735; m. *Lorana Winslow*.

*Hatevil*, b. Mar. 24, 1736; m. 1st Ruth Winslow, 2d Ann Jenkins.

*Mercy*, b. Oct. 6, 1738; m. Joseph Leighton.

*Abigail*, b. Feb. 12, 1740; m. Isaac Allen.

*Ebenezer*, b. July 20, 1741; m. Hannah Anderson.

*William*, b. Dec. 6, 1742; m. 1st Betsey Cox, 2d Elizabeth Wilson.

*John*, b. June 19, 1744; m. Grace Sprague.

*Jedediah*, b. Jan. 21, 1748; m. 1st Hannah Hussey, 2d Elizabeth Clough.

*Andrew*, b. Sept. 15, 1750; m. Jane Merrill.

*Nicholas*, b. Mar. 8, 1753; m. 1st Experience Stone, 2d Emma Sawyer.

*Paul*, b. Dec. 15, 1755; m. 1st Sarah Neal, 2d Keziah Neal.

*Silas*, b. —, 1758; m. 1st Hannah Gould, 2d Hannah Neal.

DANIEL HALL, oldest son of the preceding, b. Mar. 24, 1735, m. Lorana Winslow. At the age of 21 with his ax and snowshoes, he left his father's home in Dover, N. H., and went by spotted trees to Falmouth to take up a settler's lot. Having selected it and built a log house he returned to Dover. He gave such a favorable account of the place where he proposed to make his future home, that his father and mother and the whole family moved into the wilderness and selected some of the best land in the three townships of Falmouth, Gorham and Windham. They had five sons and four daughters. All but one son lived to grow up and have families.

HATEVIL HALL, bro. of the preceding, b. Mar. 24, 1736, m. Ruth Winslow. They s. in Windham, afterwards in Buckfield and thence to Brooks, Me., where he died May 10, 1804. His wife d. June 11, 1798 and he m. 2d Ann Jenkins. He could easily jump on a rope held as high as two men could raise it. He served 7 years in the Revolutionary War and did duty every day of service. Children:

*Job*, b. about 1754; m. 1st Mary Tripp, 2d Nancy Murray.

*Ruth*, b. about 1756; m. 1st John Briggs, 2d Nath'l Smith.

*Sarah*, b. Aug. 24, 1758; m. Robert Gatchell.

*Hezekiah*, b. about 1760; m. and had a large family; s. in Kentucky.

*Enoch*, b. Nov. 10, 1763; m. Miriam Furbish.

*Submit*, b. Oct. 15, 1766; m. Daniel P. Elliott.

*John*, b. about 1768; d. young.

*Hatevil*, b. about 1770; m. in Turner in 1792, Judith Morgan.

*Abigail*, b. Mar. 27, 1772; m. Daniel Campbell.

*Nathan*, b. in 1774; m. Susanna Forbes; s. in Buckfield.

*Dorcas*, b. June 23, 1776; m. Israel Herrick.

Children by the second wife:

*Margaret*, b. —; m. Joseph Roberts.

*Shadrack*, b. Feb. 4, 1779; m. Sarah Roberts; s. in Brooks, Me.

ENOCH HALL (see sketch), b. Nov. 10, 1763, m. Miriam Furbish. He died Dec. 10, 1835. She died a few years later than her husband in Livermore, Me., at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Abigail Doble. Children:

*Dolly*, b. Feb. 15, 1786; d. in 1798.

*Ruth*, b. Feb. 17, 1788; m. Hollingsworth Hines; s. in Hartford.

*Abigail*, b. Dec. 3, 1790; m. Aaron Doble.

*Andrew*, b. Jan. 9, 1792; m. 1st Betsey Packard, 2d Martha Bicknell.

*John*, b. Nov. 14, 1795; m. Harriet Gurney.

*Winslow*, b. June 19, 1798; m. Ruth Howland; s. in Hartford.

*Dolly*, b. Aug. 24, 1801; m. Daniel Brown.

*Zilpha*, b. June 8, 1804; m. Simon Brown.

*Hiram*, b. Sept. 29, 1806; m. Mary A. Thompson.

WINSLOW HALL, ESQ., son of the preceding, b. June 19, 1798, m. in 1824, Ruth Howland. He settled in Hartford where he engaged in trade. He also owned mills and a farm. He held all of the principal town offices, was postmaster and representative to the legislature. In 1843 he moved to Presque Isle, Aroostook County. Children:

*Joseph Blake*, b. Sept. 3, 1825; m. 1st Frances K. Newhall, 2d Lucinda E. Todd.

*Michael H.*, b. Mar. 12, 1827.

*Marcella M.*, b. Dec. 3, 1828; m. Joseph W. Hines.

*Julia A.*, b. Sept. 25, 1831.

*Edward W.*, b. Mar. 7, 1833.

*Grinfill C.*, b. June 12, 1835; m. Martha E. Pratt; s. in Aroostook Co.

*Ruth A.*, b. July 30, 1837; m. Nathaniel Bartlett; s. in Aroostook Co.

*Sarah H.*, b. Mar. 24, 1840; m. Wm. H. Rackliff; s. in Aroostook Co.

*Mary J.*, b. June 4, 1842; m. Sam'l W. Stratton; s. in Aroostook Co.

HON. JOSEPH BLAKE HALL, son of the preceding, b. Sept. 3, 1825, m. in 1847 at Sangerville, Me., Frances K. Newhall. He settled first in Aroostook County but finally moved to Portland where for many years he was editor of the Portland Monitor. He was secretary of the Maine Senate and Secretary of State. His wife dying shortly after they were married, in 1850, he married Lucinda E. Todd by whom he had six children. The oldest, Alfred Winslow, b. Aug. 6, 1851, m. Eva I. Gould. He is a printer and resides at Portland.

NATHAN HALL, brother of Enoch Hall, *ante*, b. in Windham, Me., in 1774, m. Susan Forbes. He settled in the eastern part of Buckfield on a farm adjoining that of Enoch. He was a remarkably fleshy man and for some years before his death, July

22, 1835, was nearly helpless from this cause. His wife d. Nov. 5, 1857. Children:

*Submit*, b. Dec. 17, 1795; m. William Irish.  
*Jonah*, b. abt. 1797; m. Ann Drake.  
*Nicholas*, b. Feb. 22, 1799; m. Huldah Taylor.  
*Cyrus*, b. Dec. 26, 1800; m. Anna Dorr.  
*Miriam*, b. ———; m. George Roberts.  
*Jane*, b. Feb. 15, 1807; m. Levi M. Dorr.  
*Levira*, b. Feb. 15, 1807; m. John M. Gallison.  
*Leonard*, b. ———; m. Laura Keene.  
*Tryphenia*, b. —; m. Chandler DeCoster.  
*Charles*, b. —; m. Delphina Forbes.

SHADRACK HALL, brother of the preceding, b. Feb. 4, 1779, m. Sarah Roberts, b. Jan. 17, 1781. They settled first in Buckfield but removed to Brooks, Me., in 1802, where he died Feb. 4, 1832. She died Dec. 26, 1860. Children:

*Hatevil*, b. 1804; m. Charity Lanphis.  
*Ann S.*, b. Sept. 12, 1806; m. Francis Allen.  
*Mary C.*, b. June 19, 1809; m. Paul H. Hall.  
*William P.*, b. — 1811; m. Olive Whitney.  
*Eliza*, b. Feb. 15, 1812; m. Robert Mitchell.  
*Arthur*, b. — 1813; m. Martha Cilley.  
*Ruth*, b. July 10, 1814; d. Sept. 14, 1816.  
*Nathan*, b. Apr. 14, 1816; d. Dec. 14, 1868.  
*Abigail*, b. June 17, 1819; m. Samuel L. Hobbs.  
*Enoch*, b. Jan. 4, 1824; d. June 10, 1824.  
*Miriam*, b. — 1828; m. Humphrey Small.

ANDREW HALL, oldest son of Enoch, b. June 9, 1792, m. Betsey Packard of Livermore. He died in Peru, Mar. 30, 1871. Children:

*Sylvia*, b. June 3, 1820; m. Jonah Fobes.  
*Miriam*, b. Aug. 11, 1822; m. Daniel W. Fobes.  
*Andrew Hobson*, b. Nov. 13, 1824; m. Martha P. Bicknell (?).  
*Lucy A.*, b. May 10, 1827; m. Aurelius V. Cole.

JOHN HALL, brother of the preceding, b. Nov. 14, 1795, m. Harriet Gurney. Children:

*Bainbridge*, b. Aug. 6, 1823, d. Oct. 6, 1824; *Bainbridge*, b. Dec. 14, 1824.

HIRAM HALL, brother of the preceding, b. Sept. 29, 1806, m. Mary A. Thompson. He lived on the farm where he was born till his death. Children:

*Cleora Elmore*, b. July 22, 1832, m. George A. Nourse, Cambridge, Mass.; *Francilla Valencia*, b. Sept. 17, 1834; *Charlotte Thompson*, b. Nov. 29, 1836; *William Henry*, b. July 8, 1841.

NOAH HALL, "mariner" with his wife, Mary Hall, settled in the western part of the town in January, 1813. He was born in Falmouth, Me., Apr. 14, 1780 and was the son of Nicholas and Experience (Stone) Hall. When he became of age, he went to sea and made several voyages to the West Indies and various ports of the United States. On one of these voyages he was impressed into the British navy. His certificate of citizenship, issued by our custom house officials by authority of the government, to protect him, he concealed in his wig till he should have the opportunity to reach any of the United States officials, in foreign ports. He knew if he showed his certificate it would be disregarded or destroyed. Such acts as this led to the war of 1812 with Great Britain. For the three years and a half that he was in the British service, though his war vessel had entered many European ports and had often been engaged with the forces of the Spanish, French and Dutch, he and others similarly situated were not allowed to go ashore. Finally an English mess mate at Liverpool, who was in the habit of rowing the captain ashore, took his certificate to the American consul who procured his discharge in December, 1806. The documents in the case are still preserved by his descendants as precious heirlooms. He made his way back home, where he was joyfully received, having long been given up as dead. After this he made many voyages as first mate to the West Indies and Europe. When the war of 1812 broke out he was on a voyage to Rotterdam, Holland, but his vessel reached home in safety. He decided to quit a sea-faring life and settled down on a farm and came to Buckfield where he made his home to his death, Jan. 24, 1871, in the 91st year of his age. His wife died January 9, 1864. Children:

*Eunice*, b. Nov. 5, 1813; d. unm.

*Jane M.*, b. May 17, 1815; m. Nehemiah Douglass.

*Polly*, b. Mar. 1, 1817; m. Joel Hall; s. in Peru.

*Experience*, b. July 25, 1818; m. Reuben Gurney.

*Cordelia*, b. Dec. 30, 1819; m. Levi Cushman.

*Andrew J.*, b. Sept. 5, 1825; m. Mary Hooper.

ANDREW J. HALL, son of the preceding, m. Mary Hooper. They lived on the old homestead. Children:

*Mary A.*, b. Jan. 13, 1852; m. William L. Harlow.

*Georgianna*, b. Mar. 17, 1854; m. Allison H. Ellwood.

*Arthur S.*, b. May 26, 1864; m. Alice King.

*Mattie G.*, b. Oct. 27, 1866; m. Fred Hardy.

*Harry L.*, b. Aug. 23, 1868; m. Edith Stearns.



## HAMMOND.

CAPT. BENJAMIN HAMMOND was the 13th settler in New Gloucester. He and his wife, Sarah (Cragie) with other settlers made the "Block House" their home during a part of the Indian hostilities. When they were nearly over, he built a log house on the top of Harris Hill in which the family lived for several years. In the War of the Revolution, he rose to the rank of Captain. He died at Ticonderoga from disease contracted in the service. Captain Hammond had been a famous Indian scout and a mighty hunter. The widow died in her 97th year. Children:

*Benjamin, Jr.*, b. July 13, 1760; m. Rebecca Smith; s. in Paris.

*Sarah*, b. — 1763; m. Nicholas Chesley; s. in Paris.

*Susan*, b. — 1765; m. Lemuel Jackson, Jr.; s. in Paris.

*Hannah*, b. — 1767; m. Jacob Parsons; s. in Norway.

*Bela*, b. — 1769; s. in Foxcroft.

*Joseph*, b. Nov. 27, 1771; m. Lydia Parsons; s. in Paris.

*Polly*, b. — 1773; m. — Cotton; s. in New Gloucester.

JOSEPH HAMMOND, son of the preceding, b. Nov. 27, 1771, m. Lydia Parsons of Norway, b. Oct. 28, 1777. She was the dau. of William and Sarah (Rust) Parsons. In their old age they came to live with their son, William P. Hammond. They had 16 children, none of whom are recorded on our records.

*Joseph*, the 1st son and 4th child, b. Sept. 29, 1802; m. Lydia Cushman and s. in Lincoln.

*Peleg Benson*, 2d son, b. Jan. 6, 1808; m. Emerline Irish; s. in Hebron and Paris.

*William Parsons*, 3d son, b. Sept. 27, 1809; m. Lucy Whittemore; s. in Buckfield.

*Henry Rust*, 4th son, b. Sept. 17, 1813; d. Feb. 3, 1816.

*John Rust*, 5th son, b. May 18, 1822; m. Jennette A. Cushman; s. in Patten.

*George W.*, 6th and youngest son, b. Nov. 14, 1826; m. Emily C. Thayer; s. in Paris.

The 7th daughter, *Lydia J.*, b. July 5, 1815; m. Bradford Morse; s. in Buckfield.

WILLIAM P. HAMMOND, son of Joseph, b. Sept. 27, 1809, m. Lucy Whittemore of Paris. They settled in Buckfield where he died Dec. 9, 1890. Children:

*Roxana*, b. Apr. 1, 1832; m. Alfred Mylod; s. in Dedham, Mass.

*Arabella*, b. — 1834; m. Gilbert Evans.

*Eliza Ann*, b. — 1838; m. Harrison Farrar.

*Edith P.*, b. — 1841; m. Homer Record; s. in Turner.



Old Harlow House at Plymouth

*Gideon W.*, b. — 1844; m. Ellen M. Thayer.

*Mary E.*, b. July 13, 1854; d. in infancy.

GIDEON W. HAMMOND, son of the preceding, b. in 1844, m. Ellen M. Thayer. Children:

*Angie P.*, b. Dec. 15, 1864; *Arabella*, b. May 5, 1871.

#### HARLOW.

WILLIAM HARLOW (see traditional history) was the sixth in descent from William<sup>1</sup>, who came to this country and settled in the old Colony at Plymouth where he m. in 1649, Rebecca Bartlett. His house was constructed from the timbers of the old Fort on Burial Hill. The line of descent is William, William, Robert, Isaac, William, William. The latter, our first settler by that name, m. Susanna, dau. of Thomas Harlow. He was a man of worth and greatly respected for his sterling qualities. He died in 1800 by the fall of a tree. She died in Sangerville in 1831. Children:

*Nathaniel*, b. Apr. 20, 1781; m. Polly Thayer.

*William*, b. — 1782; killed by a falling tree.

*Ivory*, b. Apr. 28, 1784; m. Rebecca Manwell; s. in Brewer.

*Jerusha*, b. June 22, 1786; m. Fuller Dyke; s. in Canton.  
*Rev. Ephraim*, b. Nov. 21, 1788; m. Laodicia Bessey.  
*Susanna*, b. Mar. 19, 1791; m. Abiatha Austin; s. in Byron.  
*William*, b. Mar. 19, 1793; m. Sarah Billings; s. in Bridgton.  
*Isaac*, b. Apr. 10, 1795; m. — Gray; d. in Phillips.  
*Elizabeth*, b. Apr. 23, 1797; m. Levi Gray; s. in Sangerville.  
*Drusilla*, b. Mar. 31, 1800; d. young.

NATHANIEL HARLOW, oldest son of the preceding, b. Apr. 20, 1781, m. 1st Polly Thayer of Randolph, Mass. He was a man of note in his part of the town, was a trader, postmaster and Justice of the Peace. 1st wife d. Jan. 1, 1842 and he m. 2d Mrs. Lucy (Witt) Turner. He died in Buckfield past 75 years of age. Children:

*Elvira*, b. Sept. 26, 1804; d. Dec. 15, 1810.  
*Irene*, b. Oct. 30, 1808; m. Sylvanus B. Faunce.  
*Isaac*, b. Mar. 31, 1812; m. Elizabeth Maxim; s. in Boston.  
*Hannah*, b. Oct. 2, 1814; m. Josiah Bailey.  
*Susanna*, b. Jan. 7, 1818; m. Benj. Maxim.  
*Polly*, b. Sept. 25, 1821; m. Deering Mayhew.  
*Louisa*, b. Aug. 26, 1824; d. June 30, 1847.  
*Nathaniel, Jr.*, b. Aug. 31, 1827; m. Harriet E. Bonney.  
*Jairus*, b. Feb. 13, 1830; m. Julia L. Turner; s. in Boston.

NATHANIEL HARLOW, JR., son of the preceding, b. Aug. 31, 1827, m. Harriet E. Bonney. He was a soldier in the Civil War. He d. Nov. 14, 1884. Children:

*Charles A.*, b. Apr. 7, 1852; d. young.  
*Frederick A.*, b. July 31, 1855.

REV. EPHRAIM HARLOW (see church history), son of William, b. Nov. 21, 1788, m. Laodicia Bessey of Paris. He died Apr. 8, 1862. She died Dec. 2, 1874. Children:

*C. Columbus*, b. —; m. Miriam Farrar; d. June 9, 1887.

*Lydia*, b. —; m. Col. A. D. White.

*Marcelle*, b. —; m. Orin Farrar.

*Laodicia*, b. —; d. unm. Apr. 5, 1880.

*Sarah*, b. —; m. Gilbert Barrett.

*Samuel*, b. —; m. 1st Boadicia Farrar, 2d — Wheeler, 3d Elvira Damon.

*Belinda*, b. —; m. Holmes Austin.

WILLIAM L. HARLOW, son of Isaac, *ante*, b. in Boston, Mar. 5, 1849, m. 1873, Mary A. Hall. Children:

*Flora A.*, b. Sept. 5, 1875; m. 1st Alphonzo Whitman, 2d Otis F. Rawson.

*Daisy M.*, b. Nov. 4, 1876; m. Edson G. Merrill.

*Maud E.*, b. Apr. 8, 1878; m. Edwin L. Phinney.

*Percy W.*, b. Aug. 28, 1880.

*Fannie G.*, b. May 9, 1883.

*Harry A.*, b. Aug. 29, 1884.

*Leon I.*, b. Jan. 6, 1886.

*Earle A.*, b. Apr. 6, 1887; d. young.

*Alice B.*, b. Feb. 14, 1889.

#### HATHAWAY.

EPHRAIM HATHAWAY, son of Capt. Ephraim of Dighton, Mass., was the first settler of this name in the township. Both father and son were soldiers in the War for American Independence. The son served in his father's company, 2nd Bristol County Regiment. The son was of the guards which had in charge many of the soldiers of Gen. Burgoyne after the surrender at Saratoga. He m. Jemima—. He died Feb. 15, 1836, and is buried on the Capt. Benj. Maxim farm. Children:

*Richard*, b. Sept. 29, 1784; m. Olive Faunce.

*Sabra*, b. Jan. 25, 1786; m. John Farris.

*Ephraim*, b. Mar. 21, 1788; m. Hannah Morey.

*Hiram*, b. Nov. 14, 1789; m. Hannah Huzzey.

*Freeman*, b. Mar. 27, 1794; m. Dorcas Philbrick; s. in Minot.

RICHARD HATHAWAY, son of the preceding, b. Sept. 29, 1784, m. Olive Faunce. Children:

*Hannah*, b. Apr. 3, 1815; *Freeman*, b. July 30, 1817, m. — Philbrick; *Granville Chandler*, b. May 10, 1819; *Ephraim*, b. May 23, 1827; *Phebe Leavitt*, b. Sept. 20, 1829; *Addison*, b. Sept. 17, 1831.

HIRAM, brother of the preceding, b. Nov. 14, 1789, m. Hannah Hussey. She died Sept. 12, 1844. Children:

*Hiram, Jr.*, b. Nov. 8, 1818; *Sylvanus*, b. Sept. 8, 1822, s. in Gardiner; *Sarah Jemima*, b. Sept. 25, 1824; *Chloe A.*, b. Jan. 9, 1827; *Calvin Morey*, b. Oct. 27, 1828; *Eliza Bennett*, b. May 2, 1832, d. May 5, 1843; *William T.*, b. Feb. 20, 1834; *James*, b. June 28, 1836, d. Aug. 26, 1838.

#### HEALD.

BENJAMIN HEALD, the first of the name in this section was a Revolutionary soldier. He came from Carlisle, Mass., to Sumner, then Butterfield Pl., prob. in 1783. He was one of those who settled there before Jan. 1, 1784 and was given 100 acres of land by the Commonwealth. He was also one of the proprietors.

He was born June 25, 1764. He m. Rebekah Spaulding of B. He died Oct. 12, 1841. She died June 10, 1858 in her 93d year. Children:

*Benjamin, Jr.*, b. Sept. 13, 1786; m. Achsah Hall.

*Susannah*, b. Jan. 29, 1788; m. Joshua Carpenter.

*Israel*, b. Jan. 22, 1793; m. Jane Standish.

*Charlotte*, b. Mar. 10, 1795; d. May 8, 1801.

*Hiram*, b. July 19, 1797; m. Sophronia Hersey.

*Harriet*, b. Jan. 14, 1800; m. Reuben Carpenter.

*Washington*, b. July 23, 1802; m. Eliza A. Allen.

*Joseph W.*, b. Sept. 28, 1804; d. young.

*Jefferson*, b. Nov. 16, 1805; m. Jane Hersey.

*Charlotte*, b. Feb. 23, 1808; m. Charles A. Buck.

*Columbus*, b. July 21, 1810; m. Nancy W. Buck.

COL. WASHINGTON HEALD, son of the preceding, b. in Sumner, July 23, 1802, m. Eliza A. Allen, b. Oct. 19, 1803. His father having purchased of Dominicus Record and his mother the water privilege and mills above the bridge in Buckfield village in April, 1826, he bought the same six years after and enlarged and rebuilt. In Sept., 1836, he sold to Addison G. Cole, and shortly after settled at North Buckfield where he owned the mills there and did business for many years. The place in our boyhood days was called "Heald's Mills." For many years he was the leading citizen of his section of the town and he rose in the militia to the rank of Lieut. Colonel. He died Mar. 22, 1876. His wife died July 6, 1893. Children:

*Betsy W.*, b. Aug. 28, 1825; m. Deplura H. Bisbee.

*Rebekah Spaulding*, b. July 23, 1827; m. Charles H. Pond.

*Geo. Washington*, b. Nov. 20, 1829; m. Eveline Hemenway.

*Joshua C.*, b. Mar. 24, 1831; m. Olynthia Swallow.

*Caroline D.*, b. May 18, 1834; m. Erastus N. Pendleton.

*Eliza Jane*, b. Nov. 13, 1837; m. Clinton Howe.

*William*, b. Jan. 31, 1841; m. Elva E. Lovett.

*Benj. Franklin*, b. Sept. 13, 1843; m. Rosilla Monk.

*Enos D.*, b. July 7, 1845; m. 1st Ella Mitchell, 2d Jane Swallow.

JOSHUA C. HEALD, son of the preceding, b. Mar. 24, 1831, m. Olynthia Swallow. They reside at North Buckfield. Children:

*Fred E.*, b. July 25, 1855; m. Florence Monk.

*Clinton Swallow*, b. June 10, 1858; d. Nov. 19, 1862.

*Anna R.*, b. May 18, 1861; m. Corey Bonney.

*Preston C.*, b. Dec. 19, 1864.

*Harry M.*, b. Dec. 14, 1870; m. Alice G. Cary.

*I. Maud*, b. July 5, 1873; m. Norman Bessey.



BENJAMIN F. HEALD, son of Col. Washington, b. Sept. 13, 1843, m. Rosilla Monk. They reside at North Buckfield where he has been in business for many years. Children:

*Washington*, b. July 23, 1867; m. Ella Bessey.

*Addie Belle*, b. Mar. 4, 1870; m. Rollin Stetson; d. in 1901.

*Elva E.*, b. July 1, 1873.

*Maggie P.*, b. Dec. 6, 1880.

WASHINGTON HEALD, son of the preceding, b. July 23, 1867, m. 1st Ella Bessey, 2d Lydia J. Varney. Mr. Heald is engaged with his father in the lumber business at North Buckfield. No issue.

ENOS D. HEALD, youngest son of Col. Washington, b. July 7, 1845, m. 1st, Ella A. Mitchell, 2d, Jane Swallow. Children by 1st wife:

*Carl Mitchell*, b. Apr. 27, 1873; m. Zilla Tobin.

*Harold Allen*, b. Sept. 25, 1875; d. young.

#### HODGDON.

JEREMIAH HODGDON, a carpenter, moved from Falmouth to Gorham, Me., and was in the fort or block house there with his family during the Indian War. His wife, Mary (probably Cotton) administered on his estate in October, 1749. She deeded land at West Gorham to Jeremiah Hodgdon (no doubt her son) in 1777. How many children, Jeremiah, senior, and his wife had is not known but there is a record of the baptism by Parson Smith of Falmouth of seven:

*James*, baptized Aug. 20, 1732.

*Benjamin*, Aug. 20, 1732.

*Elizabeth*, Aug. 20, 1732; m. in 1755, Benj. Donnell, Buxton.

*Seth*, Sept. 17, 1732.

*John*, 1734; m. 1770, Susannah Brown.

*Jeremiah*, 1737; m. 1st about 1760, Abigail ---, 2d Thankful Keen.

*Polly*, 1740, living in Josiah Davis' family, unm. in 1780.

William Cotton of Falmouth was guardian to minor children, Jeremiah, John and Mary Hodgdon.

JEREMIAH HODGDON, JR., was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and was a corporal in the Penobscot Expedition. His children by his wife, Abigail, were:

*Mary*, b. Aug. 2, 1762; *James*, b. Jan. 17, 1765; *Joseph*, b. Jan. 20, 1768, m. Mary Snow, s. in Orrington, Me.; *Mehitable*, b. July 22, 1770; *Sarah*, b. Sept. 19, 1772; *Elizabeth*, b. Aug. 1, 1774; *Jeremiah*, b. Sept. 9, 1776;

*Ebenezer*, b. May 17, 1771. He moved to Buckfield and late in life to Hebron where he died Aug. 24, 1823. His wife died ——— and he m. 2d Thankful Keen. Children recorded on Buckfield records by 2d wife: *Ebenezer*, b. May 27, 1781; *Tirrel*, b. Oct. 26, 1786; *Abigail*, b. May 12, 1788; *John*, b. June 23, 1791; *Lydia*, b. Feb. 7, 1794.

### HUTCHINSON.

The Hutchinsons of Buckfield and Hebron are descendants of Richard Hutchinson, the American ancestor, who was b. in England in 1602 and with his wife, Alice and four children came to this country in 1634.

A Hutchinson was Speaker of the House of Commons and several of that name were prominent during the reign of the first King Charles.

Timothy Hutchinson was the first of the name to settle in Buckfield. His father was Bartholomew of Sutton, Mass., who, m. Ruth Haven in 1763. The line of descent from Richard is Joseph, Benjamin, Nathaniel, Bartholomew. The latter had 10 children. Timothy was the 6th child, b. July 31, 1774. He m. Nizaula Rawson of Sutton. They came to B. before 1800 and settled in that part of the town afterwards set off into Paris. He was a man of ability and a noted school teacher. They had 14 children—only the 3d and 4th being recorded on Buckfield records, Nizaula, b. Feb. 13, 1801, m. Herman Towne and Marmaduke Rawson, b. Feb. 12, 1802, m. Sophia Cummings.

The family finally removed to Albany where he d. Mar. 14, 1867, in the 94th year of his age. The mother d. Feb. 25, 1869, past 90 years old.

Elder Daniel Hutchinson of Windham of another branch of the same family was an early settler in Hartford and preached there and in Buckfield for many years. He also taught school in both towns with great success. He taught one at Enoch Hall's that Mr. Hall attended with his children and from Elder Hutchinson, Hall acquired the first rudiments of what education he possessed.

Elder Daniel Hutchinson was sent as a representative from Hartford to the legislature and was also elected state senator. He died at an advanced age. The birth of two of his children are recorded here:

*Richard*, b. June 8, 1806 and *Jesse*, b. Dec. 29, 1807.

STEPHEN HUTCHINSON, JR., and his son, Joseph, were soldiers from Windham in the War of the Revolution. The latter settled in Hebron. He married Rebecca Legrow of Windham and died Feb. 24, 1801. Children:

*Rev. Joseph*, b. Nov. 3, 1779; m. Deborah Fuller.

*Samuel*, b. Aug. 9, 1781; m. Mary Randall.

*Lydia*, b. July 13, 1785; m. Nathaniel Keen.

*Stephen*, b. Aug. 6, 1787; m. Asenath Gilbert.

*Henry H.*, b. Aug. 9, 1789; m. Caroline Lander.

*Daniel*, b. Aug. 13, 1791; m. Charlotte Ricker.

*Rebecca*, b. Aug. 10, 1793.

*Elizabeth*, b. July 10, 1795.

*Benjamin R.*, b. Nov. 17, 1799; d. July 7, 1802.

STEPHEN HUTCHINSON, son of Joseph, b. Aug. 6, 1787, m. Asenath Gilbert. He purchased the settling lot of Lemuel Crooker on South Hill in Nov., 1812. Some years afterwards he moved to Buckfield village. His wife died and he m. 2d Jennette Alden of Greene. He died at an advanced age. Children by 1st wife:

*Stephen Drew*, b. Sept. 25, 1812; m. Mary Atkinson.

*Chandler*, b. Oct. 10, 1814; m. Clarissa A. Buck.

*Horace*, b. Mar. 23, 1817; m. Gustava Alden.

*Mark*, b. Feb. 14, 1820; m. Eliza Alden.

*Betsey*, b. about 1823; d. young.

*Albion P.*, b. Aug. 29, 1825.

Children by 2d wife:

*Jennette Alden*, b. Apr. 23, 1828; m. Samuel O. Record.

*Augusta Hayford*, b. May 29, 1829.

*Asenath*, b. May 28, 1832; m. Lewis O'Brien.

*Vesta*, b. Mar. 24, 1834; d. young.

STEPHEN D. HUTCHINSON, ESQ., oldest son of Stephen, b. Sept. 25, 1812, m. Mary Atkinson. He was town clerk in Buckfield for several years and was twice elected register of deeds. He moved to Paris Hill where after serving as register of deeds he was in trade to his death in 1897. Children recorded in Buckfield:

*Mary Annette*, b. July 29, 1838; m. Sumner E. Newell; *John Randolph*, b. Apr. 11, 1840; *Winfield Scott*, b. May 27, 1845.

HENRY H. HUTCHINSON, son of Joseph, b. Aug. 9, 1789, m. Caroline Lander. They settled on the John Irish, Jr., settling lot on South Hill. He was much in town office and served as a Representative to the Legislature and was highly respected by all who

knew him. He was one of the leading men of his section and in the town; was a Justice of the Peace and executed deeds, wills, etc. He died June 13, 1874. Children:

*Benjamin R.*, b. Nov. 21, 1812; d. Jan. 9, 1834.

*Henry H., Jr.*, b. June 30, 1814; m. Ruth S. Cushman.

*Hannah*, b. Mar. 23, 1816; d. Nov. 20, 1820.

*Edmund*, b. Oct. 19, 1819.

HENRY H. HUTCHINSON, JR., son of the preceding, b. June 30, 1814, m. Ruth S. Cushman. He followed in the footsteps of his father and was very prominent in town affairs. With one exception (Enoch Hall, who served an equal number of years as one of the selectmen) he was a selectman, the longest period of any in town. He died June 2, 1887. She died in Lynn, Mass., Aug. 27, 1895, aged 84. Children:

*Caroline*, b. July 13, 1838; m. William H. Mitchell.

*Sophronia*, b. July 4, 1840.

*George Dallas*, b. Nov. 24, 1843; resides in Lynn, Mass.

JOHN HUTCHINSON m. Hannah Lander in 1823. He died 1846. She died Jan. 16, 1875. Children:

*John Colby*, b. Dec. 30, 1824; m. Emeline E. Doe.

*Josiah*, b. June 29, 1827; m. Martha B. Gilbert.

*James F.*, b. Oct. 10, 1829; d. May 25, 1832.

JOSIAH HUTCHINSON, son of John *ante*, b. June 29, 1827, m. Martha B. Gilbert. They settled in the village where he was in trade for many years. She died Mar. 18, 1885. Children:

*Persis M.*, b. Sept. 5, 1852; *Carro A.*, b. Dec. 25, 1855.

### IRISH.

James Irish, the American ancestor of the Buckfield Irishes, came from Oxfordshire, England, to Falmouth, now Portland, Me., about 1710. About 1740 he settled in Gorham, Me. He married Elizabeth ———. They lived in Gorham where their youngest child, William, was probably born, till the Indian War broke out, when they removed to a place of greater safety until the danger was over. Then they returned to their farm. He died when about 55 years of age. His widow survived him many years and died at the age of 84. Children:

*John*, b. Apr. 13, 1724; m. about 1745, Sarah ———; s. in Bucktown.

*Miriam*, b. Sept. 13, 1725; m. about 1743, Gamaliel Pote; s. in Falmouth.

*Joseph*, b. Apr. 12, 1728; m. about 1753, Hannah Doane; s. in Bucktown.

*Elizabeth*, b. Apr. 19, 1730.

*Thomas*, b. Feb. 27, 1732; d. young.

*Gen. James*, b. Jan. 21, 1736; m. 1756 Mary G. Phinney; s. in Gorham.

*Thomas*, b. Jan. 29, 1737; m. 1759, Deliverance Skillings; s. in Gorham.

*William*, b. — 1741; m. Mary McAllister; s. in Bucktown.

JOHN IRISH (see sketch), son of the preceding, b. Apr. 13, 1724, m. Sarah ———. Children:

*Abigail*, b. Dec. 24, 1746; m. John Buck.

Child baptized in 1749.

*John, Jr.*, b. Aug. 12, 1751; m. in 1775, Eleanor Moffit.

*Molly*, b. June 15, 1753.

*James*, b. Feb. 18, 1755; m. in 1777, Mary Jenkins.

*Sarah*, b. July 8, 1757; m. in 1779, Joshua Young.

*Elizabeth*, b. June 11, 1760.

JOHN IRISH, JR. (see sketch) with wife, Eleanor Moffit from Gorham, Me., settled in Bucktown about 1783. He died in 1805. Children recorded here:

*Rebekah*, b. July 8, 1776; m. Simeon Bicknell.

*Jacob*, b. May 10, 1778.

*Abigail*, b. Oct. 14, 1779; m. David Bicknell.

*John*, b. Nov. 14, 1782; m. Huldah Washburn.

*Abijah*, b. May 30, 1786.

*Eleanor*, b. Aug. 30, 1788; m. Joseph Rowe.

*Relief*, b. Apr. 13, 1791; m. Alfred Monk.

*Simeon*, b. Mar. 2, 1793; m. Abigail Ricker.

JOHN IRISH, son of the preceding, b. Nov. 14, 1782, m. Huldah Washburn. Children recorded on B. records:

*Desire*, b. Dec. 2, 1807; *Emerline*, b. Oct. 14, 1808; *Eleanor*, b. Feb. 20, 1811; *Reuben*, b. Sept. 25, 1814; *Jennette*, b. May 1, 1817; *Oliver Washburn*, b. Jan. 16, 1820; *Cynthia*, b. Nov. 28, 1823.

JOSEPH IRISH (see sketch) settled in the south east part of the town before Jan. 1, 1784. He married Hannah Doane in 1753. He died in 1808. There is no mention of his children on our town records.

EBENEZER IRISH, son of the preceding, m. Bathsheba McFarland. Children:

*Samuel*, b. Mar. 23, 1790.

*Elkanah*, b. June 30, 1793; m. Polly DeCoster.

*Ebenezer, Jr.*, b. Sept. 11, 1794; m. Priscilla Rowe; s. in Abington, Mass.

*Joseph*, b. Aug. 11, 1796; m. Miriam Marshall; s. in Hebron.



*Dorothy*, b. Aug. 17, 1800.

*Daniel*, b. Jan. 10, 1803; m. Hannah Foster.

*Freeman*, b. June 26, 1807; m. Almeda Rowe; s. in Peru.

*Olive*, b. Mar. 16, 1811.

*Fidelia*, b. Apr. 26, 1813.

ELKANAH IRISH, son of the preceding, b. June 30, 1793, m. Polly DeCoster. He bought the farm which Peter White had as a settling lot. Here he lived to his death, June 27, 1869. She died Jan. 24, 1865. Children:

*Henry D.*, b. Oct. 1, 1820; a physician; m. Mary Chase; s. in Turner.

*Mary Ann*, b. Sept. 11, 1823; d. unm.

*Thomas Atwood*, b. Nov. 1, 1828; m. Franevilla Hall; k. on railroad in New York.

*Jacob Chandler*, b. Feb. 18, 1832; d. Dec. 16, 1850.

*Samuel R.*, b. Feb. 18, 1832; d. unm.

ELDER WILLIAM IRISH, the youngest son of James, the American ancestor, b. 1741, m. Mary McAllister. Their children were all born before they settled in Buckfield. He died in 1821. Children: (Gorham records mention no Stephen or Phebe).

*Thomas*, b. May 17, 1766; m. Elizabeth Roberts.

*Edmund*, b. Oct. 2, 1768; m. Bethiah Keen; s. in Hartford.

*Margery*, b. Apr. 12, 1771; m. William Lowell.

*Dorcas*, b. Sept. 2, 1773; m. Jabez Taylor.

*Stephen*, b. —; m. — Hines.

*Phebe*, b. —; m. Jonathan Record, Jr.

*Miriam*, b. Aug. 30, 1777.

*Sylvanus*, b. Feb. 22, 1780; m. Mchitable Haskell.

THOMAS IRISH, oldest son of Elder William, b. May 17, 1766, m. Elizabeth Roberts in 1792. They settled on North Hill in 1799. He d. Jan. 1, 1843. She d. in 1856. Children:

*Mary*, b. June 28, 1793; m. Bennett Pompilly; s. in Mt. Pulaski, Ill.

*Miriam*, b. Aug. 29, 1795; m. Jonas Spaulding; d. in 1892.

*Zoa*, b. May 18, 1798; d. Mar., 1799.

*Thomas, Jr.*, b. Mar. 3, 1800; m. Eveline A. Daggett.

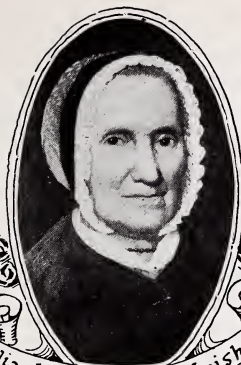
*Elizabeth*, b. Dec. 20, 1802; d. Oct., 1804.

*William*, b. June 25, 1805; m. Lucilva Leavitt; d. in N. Dakota.

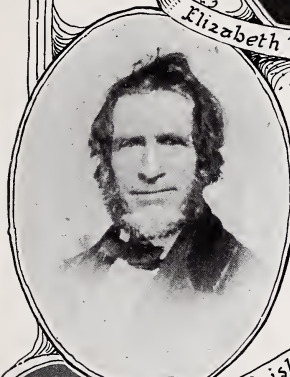
*Jonathan*, b. Mar. 23, 1808; m. Isabella Felton; s. in Avon.

*Sylvira*, b. May 15, 1812; d. young.

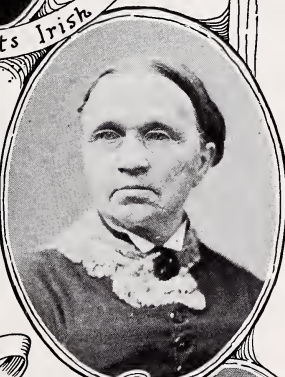
THOMAS IRISH, JR., b. Mar. 3, 1800, m. in 1835, Eveline A. Daggett. He lived for many years on the old homestead on North Hill, but finally moved to Rumford where he died Mar. 19, 1879. He taught about 70 schools with great success and was regarded as an authority in grammar and composition.



Elizabeth Roberts Irish



Thomas Irish



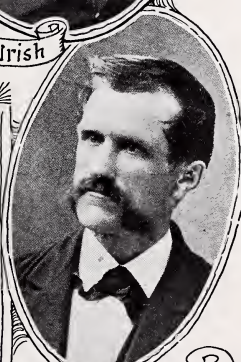
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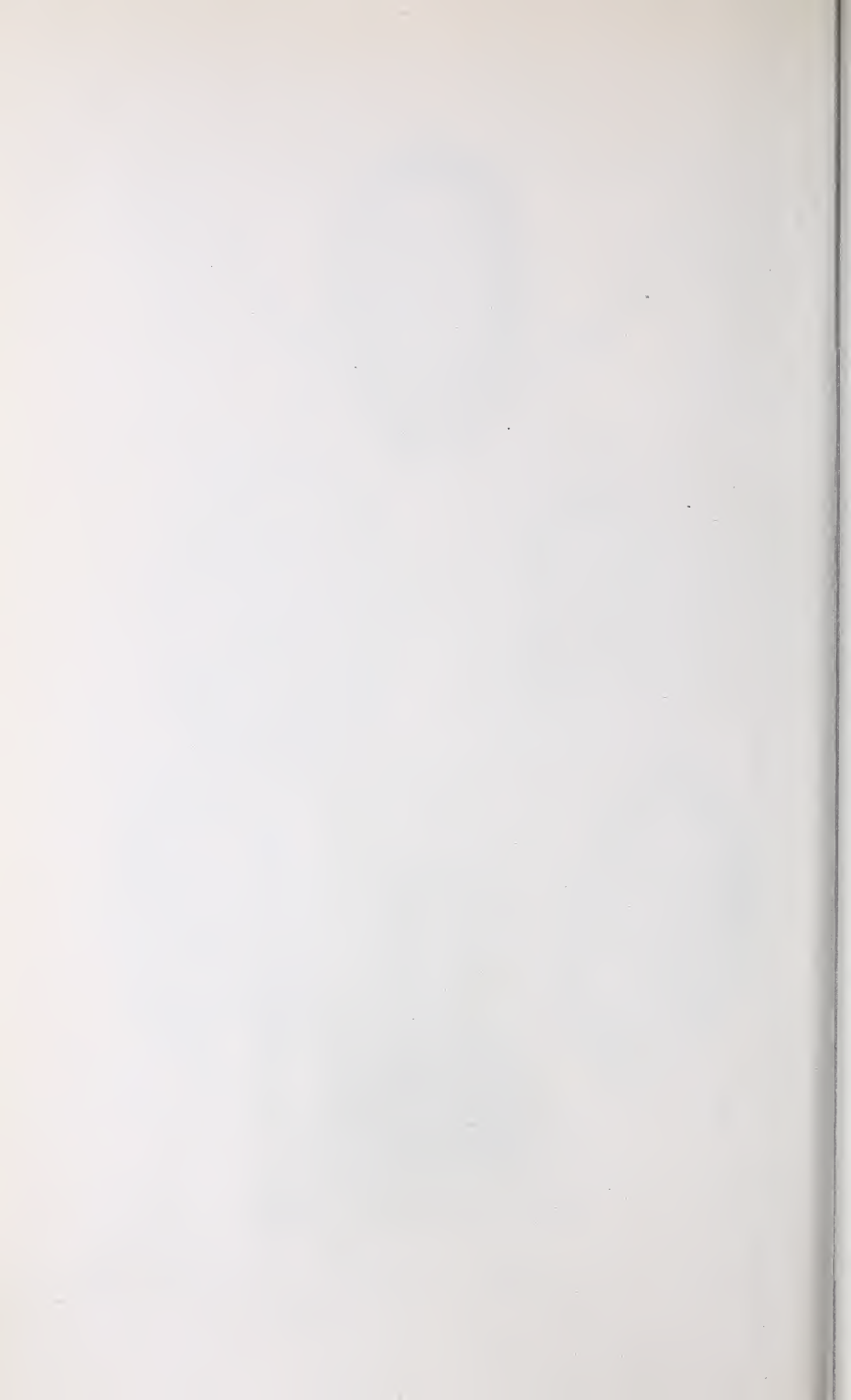
Henry D. Irish



Emily Irish



John N. Irish



Prof. Green, author of Green's Grammar, once said that Thomas Irish, Jr., was the best grammarian he had ever met. He was respected by all who knew him for his many sterling qualities. His wife d. in Buckfield, Feb. 24, 1902, aged 86. Children:

*Henry D.*, b. July 19, 1836; m. Catharine Hines.

*Jonathan N.*, b. Jan. 23, 1838; d. Nov. 13, 1913.

*Emily Stetson*, b. Jan. 20, 1841; d. in Rumford, Apr. 24, 1870.

*Phebe Morton*, b. Sept. 4, 1843; d. Sept. 10, 1847.

HENRY DAGGETT IRISH, ESQ., son of the preceding, b. July 19, 1836, m. in 1866, Catharine Hines. He lived for a period in Farmington and was a soldier in the Civil War from that town. Later he returned to Buckfield which he has since made his home. He is one of the most prosperous farmers in town. Mr. Irish is a prominent member of the Patrons of Husbandry and has held many offices of trust and has been Buckfield's representative in the lower branch of the legislature. Like his ancestors, he has always taken great interest in education and temperance. Children:

*Mabel Maud*, b. May 11, 1868; a graduate of Colby Univ. and is a successful teacher.

*Fred Spaulding*, b. May 3, 1870; m. Mattie Phillips.

*Harry Percival*, b. Mar. 19, 1873.

FRED S. IRISH, son of the preceding, b. May 3, 1870, m. Mattie Phillips. Children:

*Gilbert Henry*, b. Feb. 19, 1898; *Frances Ellen*, b. May 7, 1900.

SYLVANUS IRISH, youngest son of Elder William, m. Meritable Haskell. He died Dec. 20, 1858. She died in 1854. Children:

*Margery*, b. May 16, 1810; d. July 12, 1850.

*Betsey*, b. Nov. 4, 1812; d. Sept. 12, 1838.

*Mary*, b. Jan. 25, 1814; d. Oct. 31, 1849.

*Cyrus*, b. Sept. 13, 1815; m. Catherine Davis.

*Sylvira*, b. Apr. 5, 1817; d. Apr. 7, 1848.

*Miriam*, b. Nov. 7, 1818; m. Courtney Record; d. Jan. 20, 1870.

*Eunice*, b. — 1820; m. Elder Daniel Hill; d. Mar. 8, 1858.

*Phebe*, b. Apr. 12, 1823; m. Harrison Record; d. Apr. 19, 1866.

*Rosetta*, b. Mar. 6, 1828; d. May 16, 1837.

*Benjamin L.*, b. Oct. 7, 1829; m. 1st Mary Dearborn, 2d Lizzie Lowell.

CYRUS IRISH, son of Sylvanus, b. Sept. 13, 1815, m. Catherine Davis. He had the homestead of his father on which he lived to his death, Jan. 14, 1865. She died ——— 1877. Children:

*Dr. John C.*, b. Sept. 30, 1843; m. and s. in Lowell, Mass.

*Clara E.*, b. May 5, 1850; d. Jan. 14, 1859.

*Mary*, b. Nov. 3, 1857; d. young.

*Prof. Cyrus W.*, b. Aug. 27, 1862; m. Carrie A. Jockow; s. in Lowell, Mass.

PROF. CYRUS WENDELL IRISH b. Aug. 27, 1862, m. 1889, Carrie A. Jockow. They have one child, Elizabeth, b. June 13, 1893.

Before he was three years old his father died. His mother died when he was fifteen years old and he went to live with his brother, Dr. John C. Irish at Lowell, Mass., which he has since made his home. He graduated from the high school in that city and entered Harvard where he graduated with distinction in 1885. He made a specialty of chemistry and has since written a work on "Qualitative Analysis" which has become a text book on chemistry. On leaving college he was elected principal of the grammar school in Lowell and was promoted to teacher of chemistry in the high school. In May, 1897, he was elected headmaster of the high school, a position he holds at the present time.

BENJAMIN L. IRISH, youngest son of Sylvanus, b. Oct. 7, 1829, m. Mary Dearborn. She died Mar. 4, 1864 and he m. 2d Lizzie Lowell. Children:

*Franklin*, b. Oct. 18, 1863; d. young.

*Rose Edna*, b. June 12, 1866; m. Daniel Tuttle.

*Lillian*, b. about 1868; m. Wright Crockett; s. in Sumner.

JONATHAN IRISH, youngest son of Thomas, senior, b. Mar. 3, 1808, m. Isabella S. N. Felton. They settled in Avon, where he died about 1885. Children recorded here:

*George P.*, b. Oct. 22, 1842; *Elizabeth S.*, b. May 26, 1844; *Mary J.*, b. Mar. 15, 1846; *Franklin S.*, b. May 19, 1849; *Emily A.*, b. Aug. 16, 1851.

JOSHUA IRISH, son of Edmund, b. in Hartford, m. Joanna DeCoster and settled in Buckfield. He was prominent in town affairs and for two years during which the Maine Law was passed, he represented the town in the Legislature. He died June 23, 1866. Children:

*Charles B.*, b. Sept. 22, 1822; m. and s. in Aroostook Co.; 2 children recorded here, *Ann Eliza*, b. Nov. 1, 1848 and *Caroline R.*, b. June 23, 1850.

*Sally B.*, b. Mar. 24, 1825; m. Stephen O. Record.

*Emily D.*, b. June 17, 1827; m. Charles B. Atwood.

*Samuel F.*, b. Aug. 24, 1831; m. Mary Caswell.

*Varanes D.*, b. Dec. 13, 1835; m. Zoä ———.

*Wm. H.*, b. May 10, 1838.



SAMUEL F. IRISH, son of Joshua, b. Aug. 24, 1831, m. Mary Caswell. He died in Turner about 1896. Children:

*Sam'l H.*, b. Nov. 4, 1860; m. Lucy M. Tuttle.

*Hattie A.*, b. June 7, 1864; m. George Dillingham.

*Frank W.*, b. July 20, 1870; d. Nov. 17, 1873.

*Fred L.*, b. Jan. 4, 1875.

*Cora May*, b. Oct. 26, 1884.

SAMUEL H. IRISH, son of the preceding, b. Nov. 4, 1860, m. Lucy M. Tuttle. His wife died and he m. 2d Cora Chase. Child:

*Vesta May*, b. May 26, 1889.

### JENKINS.

SAMUEL JENKINS, JR., a soldier in the War for Independence, b. Nov. 23, 1755, m. Oct. 1, 1780, Lydia Dyer of Truro, Mass. He came from Gorham to Buckfield before the census was taken in 1800. His father was also a settler here at that time. The family trace their ancestry to John<sup>1</sup>, the American ancestor, who m. in 1652, Mary Ewer. Their 6th child was Thomas<sup>2</sup>, b. July 15, 1666. He m. Experience Hamblen in 1687. The 5th child of Thomas was Samuel<sup>3</sup>, b. Jan. 7, 1699, who m. in 1721, Mary Hinckley. Their 3d child was Samuel<sup>4</sup>, b. Oct. 20, 1727, who m. in 1749 Mary Chipman of Barnstable and moved with his family to Gorham and late in life came to Buckfield and perhaps died here. In 1777 he was one of the Committee of Safety in Gorham. All his sons were Revolutionary soldiers. Children all born in Barnstable:

*Capt. Josiah*, b. Sept. 20, 1750; m. in 1776, Prudence Davis.

*Deborah*, b. Feb. 2, 1752; m. in 1774, Gershom Hamblen.

*Abiah*, b. Jan. 21, 1754; m. in 1775, Richard Hines; d. in Turner, July 26, 1834.

*Sergt. Samuel, Jr.*, b. Nov. 23, 1755; m. 1st Lydia Dyer, 2d Thankful Snow.

*Molly*, b. Jan. 16, 1758; m. in 1777, James Irish, Jr.

*Joseph*, b. June 6, 1760; d. Apr. 20, 1783 in the army near West Point.

SERG. SAMUEL JENKINS served with distinction through the greater part of the war. His wife d. and he m. 2d in 1794, Thankful Snow. We do not know the date of his death. He has many descendants in Hebron and Turner. He died ———

She died Feb. 13, 1836, aged 83. Children by 1st wife, recorded in Gorham:

*Rebecca*, b. July 24, 1781; *Lydia*, b. Nov. 3, 1783; *Hannah*, b. May 17, 1785; *Joseph*, b. June 13, 1788.

Children by 2d wife recorded here:

*Samuel*, b. Apr. 26, 1795; *Sally*, b. Aug. 26, 1796; *Olive*, b. Sept. 28, 1798; *Benjamin*, b. Apr. 24, 1800; *Polly*, b. Apr. 14, 1802; *Rebecca*, b. July 12, 1805; *Prudence*, b. May, 1810; d. Nov. 9, 1849.

### JORDAN.

James Jordan and wife, Hannah Roberts, lived for several years in the eastern part of the town. He was a settler here before the census was taken in 1790. It does not appear that this family was related to the other Jordan families of Buckfield. He served in the Revolutionary War and had command "on the line" in front of the enemy at Bemis Heights, Saratoga, in the Burgoyne campaign. He may have been a descendant of Rev. Robert Jordan, a clergyman of the church of England, who came to this country and settled at Richmond's Island near Scarborough, about 1641. He m. there Sarah, only child of John Winter. They afterwards settled at Spurwink, on the mainland—a name which has come down to this day. Children recorded on B. records:

*Joseph R.*, b. Sept. 8, 1781, m. Abigail L. Brown; *James*, b. May 23, 1783; *Jonathan*, b. May 4, 1785, d. Aug. 27, 1800; *Hannah*, b. May 3, 1787, m. John B. Ward; *Mary Z.*, b. 1788, d. in infancy; *Elizabeth*, b. June 17, 1789, m. Benj. Ward; *John*, b. Apr. 20, 1791, m. Joanna Brown; *Isaac*, b. May 13, 1793; *Eliphalet*, b. Feb. 4, 1795, d. in early manhood; *Esther*, b. Apr. 2, 1797, m. John Cunningham; *Sarah*, b. Aug. 17, 1800; *Philena*, b. 1802, d. aged 2 years.

ELIJAH JORDAN, who settled in the southern part of the township, was a soldier in the War for American Independence and was at the battle of Bunker Hill. He died after 1826, aged nearly 80. None of his children are recorded on Buckfield records.

BENJAMIN JORDAN, son of the preceding, m. Anna Sawyer. Children:

*William*, b. Aug. 29, 1811; m. Arvilla Record.

*Cyrus*, b. Oct. 25, 1813; m. Deborah Bryant.

*Polly*, b. Oct. 20, 1815; m. Tristram G. Bicknell.

*Moses*, b. Dec. 15, 1817; m. Betsey Chesley; d. Jan. 7, 1887.

*Betsey*, b. Oct. 12, 1819; m. Alonzo Wood; s. in Hebron.

*Sophia Ann*, b. Sept. 8, 1821; m. Otis G. Turner.

*Benjamin, Jr.*, b. May 19, 1824; m. Sylvia Ann Mayhew.

*Eunice*, b. July 6, 1826; m. Arad Jordan.

*Narcissa W.*, b. June 6, 1830; m. J. Madison Chesley.

*Anna S.*, b. Dec. 16, 1833; m. Hiram Merrill.

*Adelbert S.*, b. Oct. 6, 1840; m. Lorinda Swan.

WILLIAM JORDAN, son of the preceding, b. Aug. 29, 1811, m. Arvilla Record. Children:

*William F.*, b. Aug. 12, 1834; m. ——— Bryant.

*Florian*, b. May 20, 1840; m. Jennette B. Jordan.

CYRUS JORDAN, son of Benjamin, sen., b. Oct. 25, 1813, m. Deborah Bryant. Child:

*Amanda*, b. May 22, 1841; m. Carroll Bicknell.

BENJAMIN JORDAN, JR., brother of the preceding, b. May 19, 1824, m. Sylvia Ann Mayhew. Children:

*L. Annette*, b. Oct. 31, 1846; m. Charles Maxim.

*Alice I.*, b. June 14, 1852; m. Carroll A. Taylor.

ADELBERT S. JORDAN, brother of the preceding, b. Oct. 6, 1840, m. Lorinda Swan. Child:

*Sherman A.*, b. Mar. 31, 1867.

ELIJAH JORDAN, JR., son of Elijah, Sen., m. Bathsheba Turner. He d. June 31, 1869. She d. June 14, 1863. Children:

*Isaac*, b. Nov. 11, 1815; m. Louisa Monk.

*Elijah*, b. Dec. 14, 1817; m. Relief Monk.

*Levi*, b. Nov. 22, 1819; m. Elvira Brown.

*Arad*, b. Mar. 29, 1822; m. Eunice Jordan.

*Mary*, b. Feb. 19, 1833; never married; d. Aug. 7, 1902.

*Celinda L.*, b. Dec. 14, 1840; m. 1st Geo. W. Farris, 2d Augustus Mayhew.

ISAAC JORDAN, son of Elijah, Jr., b. Nov. 11, 1815, m. Louisa Monk. He d. Feb. 3, 1890. She d. Nov. 16, 1890. Children:

*Melissa Ann*, b. Dec. 12, 1836; m. Amos K. Winslow.

*Ardelia P.*, b. May 22, 1839; m. Albion Smith.

*Jennette B.*, b. Nov. 23, 1843; m. Florian Jordan.

*Rufus M.*, b. Jan. 20, 1844; d. Nov. 13, 1844.

*Lorena*, b. Aug. 13, 1847; m. Stillman Gurney.

ELIJAH JORDAN, brother of the preceding, b. Dec. 14, 1817, m. Relief Monk. He d. at Mechanic Falls, June 6, 1900. She d. there also Apr. 9, 1895. Children:

*Capt. Henry Miltemore*, b. Apr. 11, 1836; m. ——— Hawkes; d. Nov. 18, 1875; soldier in Civil War; s. in Minot.

*Samuel K. D.*, b. Dec. 27, 1839; m. Martha O. Buck; s. in Mechanic Falls.

*Rosanna O.*, b. Mar. 17, 1845; m. Carroll Morrill.

*Prince A.*, b. June 9, 1850; m. 1st Etta Knight, 2d Mrs. Carrie (Foster) Rounds; s. in Mechanic Falls.

LEVI JORDAN, brother of the preceding, b. Nov. 22, 1819, m. Elvira Brown. Children:

*Amanda M.*, b. Sept. 25, 1857; m. — Fletcher.

*Betsey E.*, b. July 10, 1859; d. young.

*Morris H.*, b. Apr. 10, 1861.

*Levi H.*, b. Oct. 4, 1863; m. — Lunt.

ARAD JORDAN, brother of the preceding, b. Mar. 29, 1822; m. Eunice Jordan. Children:

*Sylvia Ann*, b. Jan. 6, 1845, m. — Keith; *Kimball T.*, b. Dec. 18, 1851, s. in Auburn.

#### LAPHAM.

ABIJAH LAPHAM was b. in Scituate, Mass., Aug. 15, 1769. He m. Sarah Hartwell and settled in Buckfield in 1793. With him came his father, John Lapham and wife, Bathsheba Eames. John Lapham was a soldier in the Revolution. His wife died about 1801 and he m. 2d Abigail, dau. of John Buck. She d. and he m. 3d widow Sarah (Davie) Maxim. He moved to Woodstock in 1827 and died March 1, 1847. Children by 1st marriage:

*Betsey H.*, b. Feb. 18, 1792; d. in B., Apr. 14, 1858; unmm.

*Sylvia*, b. Dec. 8, 1794; m. John Mayhew.

*John*, b. Feb. 28, 1797; d. Apr. 23, 1800.

*Nathan*, b. June 17, 1799; d. Sept. 21, 1801.

*Abijah*, b. Mar. 7, 1801; d. in infancy.

Children by 2d marriage:

*John*, b. May 6, 1802; m. 1st Louvicy Berry, 2d Rebecca Phinney; s. in Woodstock.

*Thomas*, b. May 6, 1803; m. Sophronia Crooker.

*Sally*, b. Nov. 13, 1804; m. Charles Crooker.

*Cinderilla*, b. Aug. 8, 1806; m. 1st Solomon Cummings, 2d Joseph Cummings.

*Phebe*, b. Mar. 31, 1809; d. unmm.

*James*, b. Feb. 8, 1811; m. Sally Moody; s. in Woodstock.

Child by 3d marriage:

*Abijah*, b. Sept. 9, 1826; d. Oct. 25, 1830.

## LATHAM.

The Lathams of Maine claim descent from Robert Latham, the American ancestor, who m. Susanna Winslow, dau. of John and Mary (Chilton) Winslow. The latter came on the Mayflower and was the first female according to tradition to land on Plymouth Rock. Robert Latham was one of the proprietors of Bridgewater and the land which he settled on there has remained in the family of his descendants ever since.

The line of descent from Robert<sup>1</sup> to Barzillai,<sup>5</sup> the first of the name to settle in Buckfield is as follows: Chilton<sup>2</sup> m. Susanna Kingman, Charles<sup>3</sup> m. Susanna Woodward, Woodward<sup>4</sup> m. Rebecca Dean. Barzillai Latham was born in Bridgewater, Apr. 3, 1778. He m. Mary Washburn, b. June 29, 1780. He purchased Aug. 18, 1801, of Jonathan Roberts, land at what was afterwards called the "Federal Corner." He made the journey with his wife whom he m. Nov. 30, 1801, on horseback. He appears to have been a man of decided convictions and a leader in that part of the town. He is said to have given the land for the school house and burying ground. In Sept., 1818, he exchanged his farm at the Corner with Caleb Shaw. In the deed he made reservation of the land on which the school house was built but said nothing about the burying ground. He d. on the farm bought of Caleb Shaw, May 3, 1863, aged 85 years. His wife d. Aug. 19, 1854. Children:

*Benjamin Washburn*, b. Oct. 18, 1802; d. at Monroe, Mich., Dec. 2, 1871.

*Rebecca D.*, b. Jan. 23, 1805; m. Job Chase; s. in Livermore.

*Barzillai, Jr.*, b. Nov. 3, 1806; m. Angelia Aldrich of Livermore, an aunt of the author, Thomas Bailey Aldrich. He d. at Pensacola, Fla., of yellow fever, Sept. 11, 1839.

*Sally*, b. May 10, 1808; m. Wm. W. Lucas; s. in Guilford.

*Azel Sears*, b. May 16, 1810; m. Judith Bradford.

*George*, b. Aug. 17, 1812; d. at Galveston, Texas, of yellow fever, Oct. 24, 1839.

*Eliab*, b. May 13, 1820; d. at Guilford from falling tree, Feb. 9, 1837.

*Julia Ann*, b. Mar. 9, 1822; m. Rev. J. C. Morrill, Dover, Me.

*Susan Blanchard*, b. Mar. 11, 1825; d. at Wellesley Hill, Mass., Feb. 10, 1901.

AZEL SEARS LATHAM, son of the preceding, b. May 16, 1810, m. Judith Bradford of Turner. He lived many years on the farm where his father died and all his children were born there.



He d. in Portland, July 27, 1877. His wife d. in Livermore, Feb. 5, 1872. Children:

*Charles Dean*, b. July 24, 1833; m. Annie Bailey.

*Stephen Bradford*, b. Feb. 25, 1838; m. Nancy E. Bond.

*Arthur Barzillai*, b. Nov. 30, 1842; m. Olive W. Poole.

*Aurilla Susan*, b. Mar. — 1847; d. Dec., 1853.

STEPHEN B. LATHAM, son of Azel S. and Judith (Bradford) Latham, was born in Buckfield, Feb. 25, 1838. He married Miss Nancy E., daughter of Elisha and Adaline C. (Rice) Bond. They reside at Hopkinton, Mass. Children:

*Clara I.*, b. Sept. 16, 1861, d. Aug. 6, 1862; *Frederick E.*, b. Sept. 27, 1863; *Walter C.*, b. Apr. 15, 1866, d. June 6, 1903; *Helen M.*, b. Dec. 12, 1870; *Leon F.*, b. July 4, 1874, d. Nov. 30, 1876; *Everett S.*, b. Apr. 14, 1876; *Idaline*, b. July 4, 1877, d. Aug. 2, 1878; *Frank E.*, b. Jan. 3, 1879; *Susie M.*, b. Dec. 8, 1881; *Gracie*, b. May 6, 1883, d. May 15, 1883; *Minnie Myrtle*, b. Nov. 25, 1884.

ARTHUR B. LATHAM, son of Azel S. and Judith (Bradford) Latham was born in Buckfield, Nov. 30, 1842. In 1862 he enlisted in Co. C, 20th Regt., Maine Infantry Vols., which was one of the best organizations in the service. He was promoted to first corporal and was wounded in the battle of the Wilderness, May 6, 1864, and discharged in June of the next year with the rank of sergeant. For two years after the war he clerked in a dry goods store in Boston and Providence. In 1867 he purchased the stage line from Auburn to Livermore. He married Miss Olive W. Poole of Livermore, Dec. 19, 1868, in which town they made their home till Sept., 1876, when they moved to West Auburn, where they have since resided. Mr. Latham was in the hotel business for awhile in Livermore and also was in trade there. Since residing in Auburn he has been engaged in business, built a large store and for several years was landlord of the Elm House. Mr. Latham was representative to the legislature from Auburn in 1881 and 1883 and was elected one of the assessors in '89, '90 and '91. He has been very successful in business and amassed a large property. Children:

*Ina Maybelle*, b. June 16, 1870, m. Sidney Atwood; *Emeline Maud*, b. Nov. 20, 1872; *Perley*, b. Sept. 26, 1880, d. young.

CHARLES D., son of Azel Sears, b. in Buckfield, July 24, 1833, m. Annie Bailey of Gray. He settled at Brettun's Mills and run the hotel there for several years. Finally settled in Portland and

was in the livery stable business and ran a hotel on Forest Avenue for many years. Now resides at Cape Elizabeth and is in the produce business. His wife died about 1881. He never remarried. Children:

*Aurilla Susan*, b. in Buckfield, 1857; never m.

*Hartley Willis*, b. in Buckfield, Apr. 19, 1860; m. Nellie J. Abbott; 2 c., *Clifton*, d. in infancy; *Leroy Clinton*, b. Nov. 28, 1893; resides at Cape Elizabeth.

*Nellie*, b. 1863; died about 22 years of age.

*Justelle*, b. 1866, died about 20 years of age.

*Bennie*, b. 187—, died about 3 years of age.

*Annie*, b. 187—, died about 5 years of age.

#### LEONARD.

NATHANIEL LEONARD born in Middleboro, Mass., Dec. 20, 1751, came from there to Buckfield with his wife, Hope ———, born July 7, 1756 and six children and settled in that section of the town since called the Leonard neighborhood. It was one of the most substantial families in town. The sons, Nathaniel and Jacob, and the daughter, Susannah, called Susan, were educated for school teachers and were very successful. The former became a land surveyor and drew a plan of the town. He was several times the candidate of the whig party for representative to the legislature. He was respected and revered by all classes for his uprightness, morality and sound judgment. Jacob was also regarded as one of the town's most worthy citizens. He had the farm of his father on which he lived with his brother, Nathaniel, and his sisters, Susannah and Hope. Susannah taught about 50 terms of school. She was well informed on all the current topics of her time and had a remarkable memory of events. Much of the unwritten history of the town was lost when she died. The father died July 4, 1833. The mother died Nov. 26, 1842. Children:

*Nathaniel, Jr.*, b. Oct. 10, 1792; d. June 27, 1875.

*Jacob*, b. Mar. 19, 1795; d. Jan. 23, 1875.

*Hope*, b. July 20, 1796; d. Mar. 30, 1867.

*Sarah*, b. Feb. 2, 1798; m. Elisha Morton; d. July 16, 1883.

*Elkanah*, b. about 1800; s. in Mass.

*Susannah*, b. Feb. 16, 1802; d. Oct. 3, 1882.

The epitaphs on the grave stones of Nathaniel, Jacob and Susannah are worthy of insertion here:

Nathaniel's: "*Who can say I ever did him wrong?*"

Jacob's: "*I tried to serve my God by dealing justly with my fellow men.*"

Susannah's: "*She always tried to do her duty.*"



Thomas Long



Bathsheba Long

## LONG.

The Buckfield Longs are descended from an ancient family of North Carolina, where its progeny became numerous during the Colonial period. Their lineage is traceable from James Long, who died in 1682. Miles Long, of the fifth generation from this James, came from North Carolina to Plymouth, Mass., where, in 1770, he married Thankful Clark, born in that town in 1750. He was lost at sea about 1776. His children were Betsey, who m. ——— Peterson and Thomas, born August, 1771, who m., Nov. 8, 1795, Bathsheba Churchill, b. May 26, 1776. This Thomas was the first of the family in Buckfield. He resided in Plymouth and Middleboro and came from the latter town to Buckfield in 1806, settling on North Hill. He purchased the settling lot of Thomas Coburn, then owned by Dan'el Howard, our first lawyer. He d. Oct. 16, 1861. His wife d. July 27, 1853. Children born in Mass.:

*Betsey*, b. 1796; m. Isaac Ellis.

*Thomas*, b. 1798; m. — Dunham of Plymouth, Mass.

*Zadoc*, b. July 28, 1800; m. Julia Temple Davis of New Gloucester.

*Sally*, b. 1802; m. Lucius Loring.

*Miles*, b. 1804; m. Ann Bridgham.

*Bathsheba*, d. in infancy.

Born in Buckfield:

*Harriet*, b. Dec. 14, 1806; d. young.

*George W.*, d. in infancy.

*Washington*, Apr. 6, 1811.

*Harriet*, Apr. 6, 1811; m. 1st Bennett Bray, 2d E. O. Lovering.

*Bathsheba Churchill*, Jan. 21, 1813; m. Isaac Bearce.

*Thankful Clark*, Oct. 25, 1815; d. in infancy.

*Thankful Clark*, Sept. 5, 1818; m. Capt. William W. Bacon.

THOMAS LONG, eldest son of the preceding, b. in Middleboro in 1798, came with his parents to Buckfield in 1806. He was by trade a boot maker and was also an accomplished musician, especially with the flute and clarinet, often contributing his talents to the choir and social occasions of the village. He entered the naval service as a musician in 1826, serving over three years on the U. S. Frigate *Brandywine*, and became leader of its band. The cruise was mostly in the South Pacific, the vessel often touching at South American ports, from which he wrote to his brother, Zadoc, many interesting letters, descriptive of his voyages and the countries visited. He resided in Buckfield and also in Plymouth, Mass., where he married. He died in Buckfield in 1841, and is buried in the cemetery at the foot of North Hill.

#### LOTHROP.

The Lothrop who settled in Buckfield and Leeds (in the latter town among the most prominent of its citizens) were descended from Mark<sup>1</sup> Lothrop, who came from England about 1650. He settled first at Salem, next at Duxbury and finally at Bridgewater, Mass., in 1656. According to family tradition, he was a brother of Rev. John Lothrop of Yorkshire, England, who was pastor of a church society for awhile in London. The father was Thomas of Cherry Burton and the grandfather was John Lowthorpe of Low Thorpe—(Thorpe is the name of a hamlet, farm or place). Rev. John came to Mass. in the ship *Griffin* in 1634 and settled first at Scituate and then at Barnstable. He was twice married and had a family of six sons and four daughters. Mark<sup>1</sup> Lothrop died in 1686. Children:

*Elizabeth*, m. Ensign Sam'l Packard, Jr.

*Mark*, d. in 1691 from disease contracted in the expedition against the French and Indians in Canada.

*Samuel* 2d, m. Sarah Downer.

*Edward*, d. without issue.

SAMUEL LOTHROP, who married Sarah Downer, settled in Bridgewater, Mass. He d. about 1724. Children:

*Mary*, b. 1683; m. Josiah Keith.

*Samuel*, b. 1685; m. Abiel Lasselle.

*John*, b. 1687; m. Mary Edson.

*Mark*, b. 1689; m. Hannah Alden, great-granddaughter of John of the Mayflower.

*Sarah*, b. 1693; m. Solomon Packard; d. young.

*Joseph*, b. —; m. Mary Snow; d. without issue.

*Edward*, b. 1697; d. 1724.

MARK LOTHROP, who married Hannah Alden in 1722, settled in Easton, Mass. She died, aged 81. Children:

*John* ———

*Seth*, m. 1755, Martha Conant.

*Jonathan*, m. 1747, Susannah Johnston.

*Joseph*, m. Content Washburn and s. in Easton in 1746. Children:

*Seth*, *Jonathan*, *Joseph* and probably others.

JOSEPH, b. about 1757, m. Martha Packard, born in 1760, dau. of Joseph and Sarah (Johnson) Packard. They settled in Buckfield. He d. in 1836. She d. about 1840. Children:

*Stephen*, b. —; s. in Gardiner and Augusta.

*Edward*, b. 1790; m. Rebecca Whitman.

*Martha*, b. about 1791; m. Joel Foster, Jr.

*Abraham*, b. —; m. Hannah Pierce.

*Margaret*, b. —; m. Elias Taylor.

EDWARD LOTHROP married Rebecca, daughter of Jacob and Abigail (Packard) Whitman, b. March 31, 1791. Children:

*Jane*, b. Dec. 9, 1809; m. Joshua Crooker; s. in Minot.

*Edward Wilkinson*, b. Oct. 26, 1813.

*Delana*, b. Aug. 17, 1815; d. unm., May 9, 1875.

*Jacob Whitman*, b. Apr. 23, 1818; m. Elizabeth M. Warren; s. in Sumner.

*Rebecca*, b. May 3, 1820; d. unm. July 3, 1872.

*Abigail*, b. Aug. 19, 1823; m. Joseph H. Farr; s. in Oxford.

*Bethuel Kinsley*, b. Aug. 18, 1825; d. unm. 187—.

*Margaret*, b. Aug. 29, 1827; m. Gilman G. Libby.

*Lorinda Vesta*, b. Aug. 20, 1828; m. Levi P. McAllister; s. in Lovell; she d. Mar. 18, 1867.

*Bethiah*, b. Apr. 15, 1829; m. Geo. G. Chaffin; s. in Paris.

*Elhanan Winchester*, b. Feb. 17, 1831; d. unm.

*Louisa Ann*, b. Oct. 9, 1834; d. unm.



ABRAHAM LOTHROP, brother of the preceding, married Hannah Pierce and settled near the old homestead. Children:

*Hannah Gilbert*, b. Aug. 5, 1808; *Abraham Pierce*, b. Aug. 18, 1810; *Content Washburn*, b. Sept. 19, 1812, m. Harrison Davie, s. in Hebron; *Emeline*, b. Sept. 12, 1814; *Delphina Virgil*, b. Oct. 26, 1817, m. —; *Almira Cummings*, b. June 3, 1821, m. Edward W. Lothrop, s. in Mass.; *Joseph Packard*, b. Mar. 21, 1823; *Myrtilla Cole*, b. Oct. 28, 1825; *Elias Taylor*, b. May 12, 1828.

### LOWE.

DAVID LOWE, a Revolutionary soldier, came from Sanford, Me. He m. Ruth Clay of Wells. He died in Sept., 1849, aged 91. She died in 1830, aged about 65. Children:

*David, Jr.*, m. Catharine Warren; s. in Lincoln.  
*Moses*, m. Margaret Coburn.  
*Ephraim*, m. Maria Seabury.  
*Lysander*, m. 1st Sarah J. Gammon, 2d Desire A. Rowe.  
*Dorcas*, m. John Rounds.  
*Sally*, m. Abner Rounds.  
*Betsey*, d. unmarried.  
*Ruth*, m. Sanford Noble.  
*Abigail*, d. in infancy.  
*Esther*, m. Jeremiah Smith.  
*Polly*, m. James Dunham.

MOSES LOWE, son of the preceding, m. Margaret Coburn. He d. Apr. 21, 1878. Children:

*Louisa*, b. Aug. 4, 1828, m. Russell B. Hersey of Livermore; *Jefferson*, b. Mar. 20, 1831, m. Delphina Farrar; *Wm. Wallace*, b. Feb. 7, 1834; *Varanes D.*, b. Apr. 14, 1836, d. Mar. 25, 1837; *Celestia J.*, b. Feb. 9, 1838; *Cordelia*, b. May 10, 1840; *Julia A. V.*, b. July 25, 1842.

EPHRAIM LOWE, son of David, the Revolutionary soldier, m. Maria Seabury. He d. June 22, 1881. She d. July 20, 1891, aged 86. Children:

*Horace*, b. Dec. 20, 1829, m. Melissa M. Andrews; *Corydon*, b. Nov. 21, 1831; *Delphini*, b. Oct. 20, 1837; *Dexter M.*, b. Mar. 28, 1838; *Ozias M.*, b. Dec. 8, 1839; *Suel F. P.*, b. Jan. 25, 1842; *Preston S.*, b. Nov. 7, 1849, m. Martha E. Atwood.

PRESTON S. LOWE, son of the preceding, b. Nov. 7, 1849, m. Martha E. Atwood. Child:

*Frank Atwood*, b. May 6, 1890.

LYSANDER LOWE, son of David, the Revolutionary soldier, b. about 1813, m. Sarah Jane Gammon. Children:

*Romanzo C.*, b. Feb. 8, 1849; *Esther J.*, b. Feb. 28, 1841; *Mary F.*, b. Apr. 2, 1843.

His wife died and he married 2d, Desire A. Rowe. Children: *Emma*, b. Jan. 18, 1863; *Charles Wesley*, b. Nov. 23, 1864, m. Sarah J. Smith.

He died July 17, 1898, in his 86th year. His 2d wife died Nov. 9, 1891.

CHARLES W. LOWE, son of the preceding, b. Nov. 23, 1864, m. Sarah J. Smith. Children:

*Harry L.*, b. Feb. 22, 1888; *Walter R.*, b. Feb. 28, 1890.

#### LOWELL.

The Lowell family is one of the most respectable and substantial in Buckfield. The father of the first settler here of that name was Stephen, b. at Amesbury, Mass., Oct. 6, 1728. He m. Anne Bolton of Falmouth, Me., Dec. 20, 1753. The line of descent from Percival, the American ancestor, is Richard<sup>2</sup>, Percival<sup>3</sup>, Gideon<sup>4</sup>, Stephen<sup>5</sup> to Stephen<sup>6</sup> mentioned above. The latter served in the War of the Revolution, settled first in Windham and after his son, Thomas, had selected a lot for settlement in Bucktown and built a log house, removed here. Before the Revolution, he had followed the sea for a livelihood. His wife d. in Buckfield, June 13, 1801. He d. two days after. Children:

*Miriam W.*, b. Falmouth, 1755; m. Richard Thurlo.

*Molly*, b. Falmouth, 1758; m. Nathaniel Gammon.

*Thomas*, b. Falmouth, Jan. 14, 1761; m. Judith Farrar.

*Anne*, baptized July 31, 1763.

*Stephen, Jr.*, baptized Apr. 17, 1765.

*William*, b. Windham, May 28, 1868; m. 1st Margery Irish, 2d Betsey Blake.

THOMAS LOWELL (see sketch), son of the preceding, b. Jan. 14, 1761, m. Judith Farrar. He d. Sept. 10, 1810. The widow moved to Litchfield. She d. in Augusta in 1863. Children:

*Nancy*, b. Dec. 7, 1791; m. Joseph Jenkins; s. in Richmond, Me.

*Abigail*, b. Sept. 8, 1792; m. Thomas Smith; s. in Gardiner.

*Reuben*, b. Dec. 31, 1794; m. Sarah Smith; s. 1st in Litchfield, 2d in Calais.

*Sally*, b. Jan. 14, 1797; m. 1st Benj. Hanscom, 2d — Hall.

*Tamar*, b. May 17, 1799; d. at Augusta, 1868; unm.

*Anne*, b. Dec. 16, 1801; m. Herman Russell; s. in the West.

*Thomas, Jr.*, b. Nov. 6, 1825; m. Martha J. Smith; s. in Lee.

*Judith*, b. Sept. 5, 1809; m. 1st John Smith, 2d Wm. Sibley; s. in Augusta.

WILLIAM LOWELL, bro. of the preceding, b. May 28, 1768, m. Margery Irish, b. Gorham, Apr. 12, 1771. She d. Nov. 12, 1812 and he m. 2d Mrs. Betsey Blake. He was a trader for many years at Lowell's Corner in the s.e. part of the town. Afterwards moved to West Minot, where he died July 10, 1840. His remains were interred in the Lowell burying ground in Buckfield. Children all by 1st wife:

*Hon. James*, b. Jan. 3, 1791; m. Hannah Goff; s. in Lewiston.

*Mark*, b. Apr. 23, 1793; m. Lydia Atkinson.

*Mary*, b. Sept. 5, 1796; m. Ichabod Bonney.

*Dorcas*, b. Sept. 15, 1798; m. Philip Chamberlain.

*Hon. Stephen*, b. Feb. 11, 1801; m. 1st Delaney Goff, 2d Huldah B. Anderson; s. in Sangerville.

*Hon. William*, b. Oct. 30, 1803; m. 1st Almira Dunham, 2d Atossa Greenwood, 3d Hannah Atwood; s. in Minot.

*Elizabeth*, b. Mar. 20, 1805; m. Samuel R. Bearce, Hebron.

*Margery*, b. May 25, 1809; m. William Howard, Hebron.

*Miriam*, b. July 6, 1812; m. Edmund H. Shaw; s. in Sangerville.

MARK LOWELL, son of the preceding, b. Apr. 23, 1793, m. Lydia Atkinson. He settled on the old homestead. He was a man of capacity and was selected by his party which was in a minority in the town and district for Representative to the Legislature and represented it in conventions. He d. Oct. 15, 1884. She d. Feb. 24, 1873. Children:

*Rev. John A.*, b. Jan. 23, 1823; m. Julia A. Chase—prof. at Bates College; d. in Wells.

*Hubbard*, b. Apr. 11, 1824; m. Annis P. Record.

*Benjamin A.*, b. July 6, 1826; d. Oct. 6, 1827.

*Benjamin P.*, b. Sept. 24, 1828; m. Clara Bonney Davie; s. in Auburn.

*Lydia E.*, b. Dec. 2, 1829; m. Benjamin L. Irish.

*Laura J.*, b. Apr. 20, 1831; m. Alonzo N. Record.

HUBBARD LOWELL, son of the preceding, b. Apr. 11, 1824, m. Annis P. Record. He settled on the homestead of his father. Children:

*Abby F.*, b. Oct. 17, 1849; m. Winfield S. Bucknam.

*Alice J.*, b. May 26, 1854.

*Georgie A.*, b. Nov. 19, 1855; m. Henry G. Shaw.

*James A.*, b. Aug. 11, 1857; m. Nellie Conant.

*Lydia E.*, b. Dec. 27, 1859; m. Frank Packard.

*Percival E.*, b. June 12, 1869; m. Agnes E. Robinson; s. in So. Paris.

JAMES ARTHUR LOWELL, son of the preceding, b. Aug. 11, 1857, m. Nellie Conant. He lives on the home place in Buckfield. Children:

*Harry*, b. Nov. 28, 1894; *John E.*, b. Dec. 2, 1896; *William R.*, b. June 30, 1898; *Helen F.*, b. Oct. 7, 1900; *Clinton H.*, b. July 27, 1902.

PERCIVAL E. LOWELL, bro. of the preceding, b. June 12, 1869, m. Agnes E. Robinson. He settled at South Paris where he a. July 2, 1902. She d. Nov. 2, 1901. Child:

*Eugene Percival*, b. Nov. 13, 1892.

### MATTHEWS

JOHN MATTHEWS, a Revolutionary soldier, with wife, Hannah, settled in the s. e. part of the town before 1800. They came here from the vicinity of Portland. We have no dates of their deaths, children all born before coming here:

*Valentine*, b. Sept. 3, 1767, m. Sarah Coburn; *Hannah*, b. Mar. 9, 1770, m. Jonas Coburn; *Lucy*, b. Aug. 15, 1773; *John, Jr.*, b. Aug. 23, 1777; *Samuel*, b. June 22, 1779; *Caroline*, b. Aug. 7, 1782; *Wm.* b. Mar. 29, 1784, m. Eliza Buck.

VALENTINE, b. Sept. 3, 1767, m. Sarah Coburn, Feb. 18, 1789. The family moved to Sumner before 1800, where the three last children named were born. Children recorded on our records:

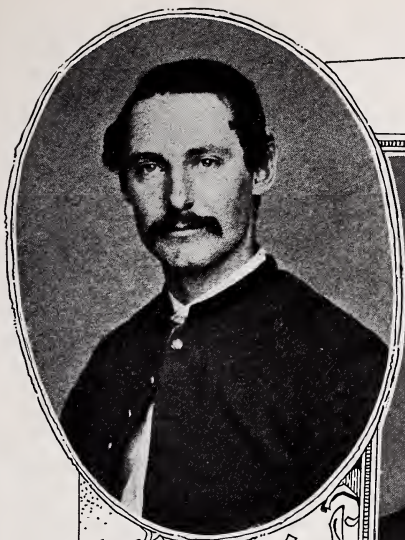
*Valentine*, b. July 14, 1790; *Sally*, b. Mar. 22, 1792; *Jabez*, b. Jan. 29, 1794; *Elizabeth*, b. Mar. 8, 1796; *Asa*, b. Sumner, Jan. 1, 1799, m. Susan V. Mann, s. in Paris; *Samuel*, b. Sumner, Feb. 19, 1806, m. Patience Rowe, s. in Paris; *Winthrop*, b. Sumner, June 18, 1808, m. Mary Barbour, s. in Paris.

### MAXIM.

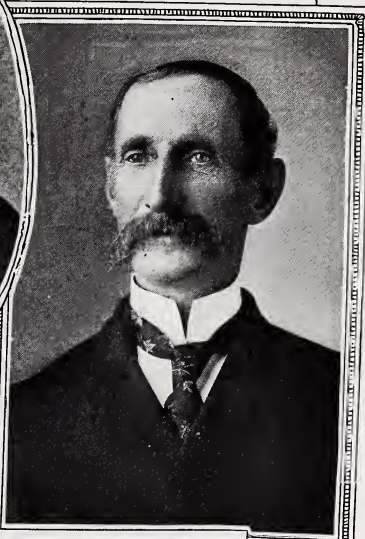
The Maxims of Buckfield and Paris are descended from Samuel (wife's name Hannah) who died at Rochester, Mass., in 1762. The line of descent is as follows: Samuel, Nathan and Silas.

CAPT. BENJAMIN, son of Silas, b. Nov. 30, 1814, m. Susan Harlow and settled in Buckfield on a farm bordering on the Paris line. His wife d. Oct. 23, 1869. He moved to Paris Hill in 1894, where he died after 1900. Children:

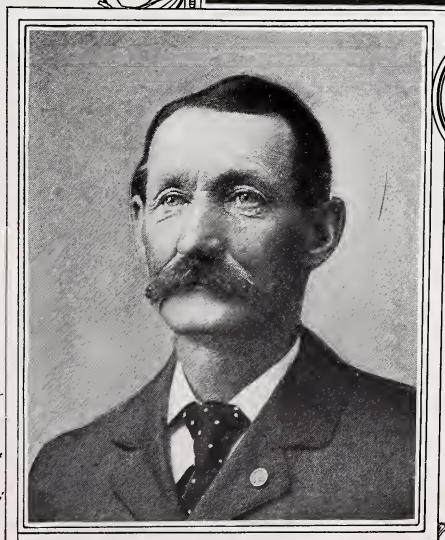
*Maria L.*, b. Mar., 1840; m. 1st James E. Hooper, 2d Benj. Turner.  
*Henry H.*, b. Mar. 28, 1841; m. Alice Ripley; s. in Paris.



*Henry H. Maxim*



*Olban A.  
Maxim*



*.....Franklin Maxim.....*





*Olban A.*, b. Oct. 14, 1842; m. Amanda M. Partridge; s. in Paris.  
*Wm. W.*, b. Sept. 19, 1844; m. Henrietta Cummings; s. in Paris.  
*Franklin*, b. Jan. 4, 1847; m. Flora A. Evans; s. in Paris.  
*Amanda*, b. Nov. 3, 1848; m. Bernard E. Vining; s. in Farmington.  
*Rose*, b. Aug. 30, 1850; d. in Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 26, 1898.  
*Daniel W.*, b. Feb. 13, 1853; m. Martha Daugherty.  
*Martha*, b. Apr. 16, 1857; resides in Cambridge, Mass.  
*Mary*, b. Apr. 16, 1857; resides in Cambridge, Mass.

HENRY HARRISON MAXIM, son of Capt. Benjamin, born in Buckfield, March 28, 1841, married, July 4, 1865, Miss Alice Elizabeth, dau. of Col. Orison and Hannah (Maxim) Ripley of Paris. She was born Jan. 7, 1847. They had one child, Henry B. Maxim, b. July 17, 1868. For many years Mr. Maxim's family resided in Sumner. Some ten or more years ago they removed to South Paris. In the autumn of 1861 Mr. Maxim enlisted and was mustered Nov. 15th into the service of the U. S. in Co. G, 12th Regt., Me. Vol. Infy. in the War of the Rebellion. He was in the Siege of Port Hudson, La., and the battles of the Opequan or Winchester and Cedar Creek. In the former engagement he was wounded. He re-enlisted and was transferred to Co. A of the new organization and was discharged from the service Feb. 25, 1865. Mr. Maxim was a model soldier—faithful in the discharge of every duty and brave and cool under fire.

OLBAN A. MAXIM, son of Capt. Benjamin, b. Oct. 1842, m. Amanda M., dau. of Austin and Sarah (Powers) Partridge. She is a relative of the Powers family of Aroostook County. In the fall of 1861 he enlisted in Capt. Moses M. Robinson's Co. G, 12th Maine Infantry, which went to the war in Gen. Benj. F. Butler's New Orleans expedition and served in the Department of the Gulf. After the war he married and settled on Paris Hill, where he now resides. For some 18 years he was a director of the Paris Mfg. Company, then located in that village and for three years was superintendent after the plant was moved to South Paris. He is a prominent member of the G. A. R. and Masonic orders. Children:

*Maynard*, b. Jan. 4, 1875; m. Metalena, dau. of Dr. Enoch Adams of Litchfield, Me., in 1895. He graduated at Kent's Hill Seminary and for several years has been principal of the academy at Holyoke, Mass. They have two children: *Metalena*, b. Nov. 6, 1896 and *Helen Lenora*, b. Oct. 16, 1899.

*Helen S.*, b. June 30, 1877; d. Jan. 5, 1889.

Infant son b. May 24, 1881; d. June, 1881.

FRANKLIN MAXIM, son of Capt. Benjamin, b. Jan. 4. 1847, m. Flora E. Evans. He enlisted in the fall of 1864 in the 5th Maine Battery and served till the organization was mustered out July 6, 1865. In 1877 he moved to South Paris where he has since resided. In 1889 he was appointed postmaster which position he held under Gen. Benjamin Harrison's administration. He was elected one of the board of selectmen in 1899 and has been annually re-elected to the present time (1903). He is a leading member of the Odd Fellows and G. A. R. organizations and has held the principal offices. Children:

*Myrtie B.*, b. Buckfield, Dec. 24, 1876. She graduated at Bates College in class of '98. Taught 2 years in Mass., after graduating and was asst. high school instructor in South Paris for several years.

*Harry E.*, b. Nov. 17, 1882. He graduated at Shaw's Business College, Portland, and is now clerk in store at Portland.

NATHAN MAXIM, son of Nathan, m. Sally Jordan. He died and she m. 2d Solomon Davie, 3d Abijah Lapham and 4th Samuel Bryant. Children:

*Sally*, b. July 12, 1803; m. — Smith.

*Lydia*, b. Dec. 7, 1805; m. — Delano.

*Annis*, b. June 13, 1807.

*Eunice*, m. 1st Alfred Monk, Jr., 2d Josiah Weeks.

*Dorcas*, b. —; m. Samuel Bailey.

*Nathan, Jr.*, b. about 1810; m. Arvilla Turner.

NATHAN MAXIM, JR., son of the preceding, b. Aug., 1810, m. Arvilla Turner. He died Dec. 19, 1899. She died Apr. 19, 1889, aged 80. Children:

*Adaline*, b. 1836; m. C. C. Harlow. She d. Dec. 16, 1895.

*Nathan*, b. 1838; m. Frances M. Dunham; s. in Paris.

*Charles*, b. 1847; m. L. Annette Jordan.

*Rachel*, b. 1849; m. Lincoln Sturtevant of Paris.

*Edwin*, b. Apr. 16, 1853; m. Lola T. Record.

EDWIN MAXIM, son of the preceding, b. Apr. 16, 1853, m. Lola T. Record. He lives in the village. She died Aug., 1914. Children:

*Sadie B.*, b. Turner, Sept. 29, 1873; m. Gilbert W. Tilton.

*Lena H.*, b. Turner, Aug. 3, 1875; m. Fred R. Dyer, Esq.

*Bessie May*, b. Buckfield, Nov. 29, 1882; d. Feb. 6, 1893.

*Nellie*, b. Dec. 11, 1888; d. in infancy.

CHARLES MAXIM, son of Nathan, b. ——— 1847, m. L. Annette Jordan. Children:

*Charles*, b. in Turner; *George*, b. in Turner; *Fred*, b. in Buckfield, m. — Bumpus; *Pearl*, b. in Buckfield, m. Ina May Turner.

## MAYHEW.

WILLIAM MAYHEW and his wife, Joanna, were early settlers in the western part of the town. Children:

*Joanna*, b. Nov. 22, 1781; *Mary*, b. Mar. 22, 1784; *William, Jr.*, b. Nov. 29, 1785, m. Anna Packard; *Sarah*, b. May 1, 1788; *Nathaniel*, b. July 16, 1790, m. Mehitable Farrar; *John*, b. Dec. 15, 1792, m. Sylvia Lapham; *Rachel*, b. Aug. 4, 1795, m. Cyprian Bowker.

NATHANIEL MAYHEW, son of the preceding, b. July 16, 1790, m. Mehitable Farrar. Children:

*Mehitable*, b. Feb. 14, 1811.

*Deering*, b. Dec. 4, 1812; m. Polly Harlow.

*Alexander*, b. Dec. 10, 1814; m. Mary Dean.

*Asia*, b. Jan. 13, 1818; m. Hannah A. Tucker.

*Sylvia Ann*, b. Dec. 30, 1820; m. Benj. Jordan.

*Desire Ann*, b. Jan. 31, 1825; m. Thomas Rowe.

*Christina*, b. Jan. 12, 1828.

DEERING MAYHEW, son of the preceding, b. Dec. 4, 1812, m. Polly Harlow. He d. Sept. 25, 1890. She d. Apr. 1, 1898. Children:

*Cordelia*, b. May 27, 1841; m. Charles Young, M. D.

*Augustus*, b. June 10, 1844; m. 1st Sarah Maxim, 2d Celinda Farris.

*Charles E.*, b. Aug. 31, 1848; m. Juliette E. Bicknell.

*Emma F.*, b. July 12, 1854.

AUGUSTUS MAYHEW, son of the preceding, b. June 10, 1844, m. Sarah Maxim. She died and he m. 2d Celinda (Jordan) Farris. Children by 1st wife:

*Anna C.*, b. Dec. 29, 1865; *Lillian F.*, b. Oct. 20, 1869.

ALEXANDER MAYHEW, son of Nathaniel, *ante*, b. Dec. 10, 1814, m. Mary Dean of Paris. He d. Jan. 8, 1885. Children:

*Mary Ann*, b. Apr. 24, 1837; *Araminta D.*, b. Oct. 26, 1839; *Frances M.*, b. Mar. 16, 1843; *America F.*, b. Jan. 6, 1845; *Sylvia E.*, b. Oct. 28, 1848, d. Aug., 1865; *Amanda*, b. Sept. 9, 1850, d. Aug., 1865; *Flora E.*, b. Nov. 25, 1852; *Asia C.*, b. July 3, 1854.

JOHN MAYHEW, son of William, Sen., b. Dec. 15, 1792, m. Sylvia Lapham. Children:

*Richmond*, b. Feb. 14, 1818; *Sylvanus*, *Sylvia Ann*, *Abijah*.

## MERRILL.

The ancestral home of the Merrills was in Place des Dombres, France, and the family name was DeMerle. They were Huguenots and fled to England about the time of the Massacre of St.

Bartholomew in the sixteenth century. The New England Merrills are descended from Nathaniel, who came to Mass. in 1633 and settled at Ipswich. The line of descent from him to Giles of the 6th generation, an early settler in Shepardsfield, now Hebron, is as follows: Daniel, b. 1642 at Newbury; Moses, b. 1683 at Salisbury; Moses, b. 1707; Ezekiel, b. Sept. 10, 1736, d. at Hebron, Jan. 1, 1822; Giles, b. New Gloucester, Feb. 1, 1762, m. 1787 Judith Cotton, d. in Hebron, May 25, 1848.

GILES MERRILL, JR., b. in Hebron, Aug. 15, 1790, was a soldier in the War of 1812. He m. in 1814, a dau. of Samuel Fogg and settled in the s. w. part of Buckfield. She d. in 1824 and he m. 2d Prudence Jordan of Buckfield, b. May 25, 1793. He died Nov. 10, 1851. She died Dec. 3, 1855. Both were mem. F. B. church, E. Hebron. Children:

- I. *Charlotte*, b. Feb. 8, 1815; m. Simeon Monk; s. in Mechanic Falls.
- II. *Julia Ann*, b. Mar. 27, 1817; d. Feb., 1897.
- III. *Caroline*, b. Oct. 10, 1820; m. Benjamin Dudley of Hebron.
- IV. *Rachel*, b. Nov. 6, 1822; m. Martin Turner.

By second wife:

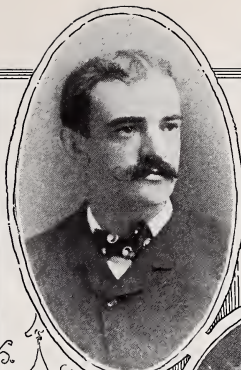
V. *Moses*, b. Dec. 22, 1826; m. Ann Field and had *Orlando F.*, b. Sept., 1849; *Eliza P.*, b. Apr. 21, 1851, m. Henry A. Sturtevant; *Flora A.*, b. May 5, 1856, d. Sept. 6, 1888 and *Lorenzo P.*, b. July 4, 1866, m. Charlotte Howe; s. at Rumford Falls. The father d. July 11, 1898; mother d. Aug. 6, 1886.

VI. *Thomas*, b. Dec. 22, 1826; m. Jane Field and had *Frederick*, b. Oct. 1850, d. 1881; *Frank P.*, b. Nov. 1, 1852, First Chief Div. Maine, Sons of Veterans and First Commander in Chief of National Organization, same order. Very energetic and able young man. He learned the printer's trade and later was salesman for a Boston firm for about 30 years. He d. lamented by all who knew him July 8, 1909. *Francena*, b. Oct. 1, 1855, d. Jan. 1878; *Freeman*, b. 1857, d. Dec. 1877; *Fessenden*, b. 1859, d. 1863; *Charles*, b. —

VII. *Hiram*, b. June 7, 1828; m. Anna S. Jordan; s. in Hebron; no issue.

VIII. *Adoniram Judson*, b. Jan. 23, 1833, m. Feb. 18, 1856, Sarah L. Chesley, b. Oct. 30, 1838. He obtained his education in the district schools at Hebron Academy and a Normal School. Mr. Merrill began very early to teach and was very successful in many towns and places all over the state. For 22 years he resided at Waltham, Mass. He was a travelling salesman for nursery stock for several years in the West and three years was travelling agent for D. Appleton & Co. for school books. His wife d. several years ago and he re-married. His second wife died and he returned to Maine to live with his oldest daughter in Hebron when about 80 years old and was elected one of the selectmen of that town and served with credit to himself and the satisfaction of his townsmen as in every





*Preston J. Merrill*



*Frank P. Merrill*



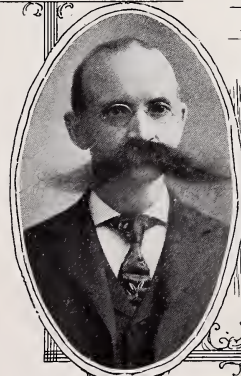
*A. Judson Merrill*



*Sarah L. Merrill*



*Addie F. Hatch*



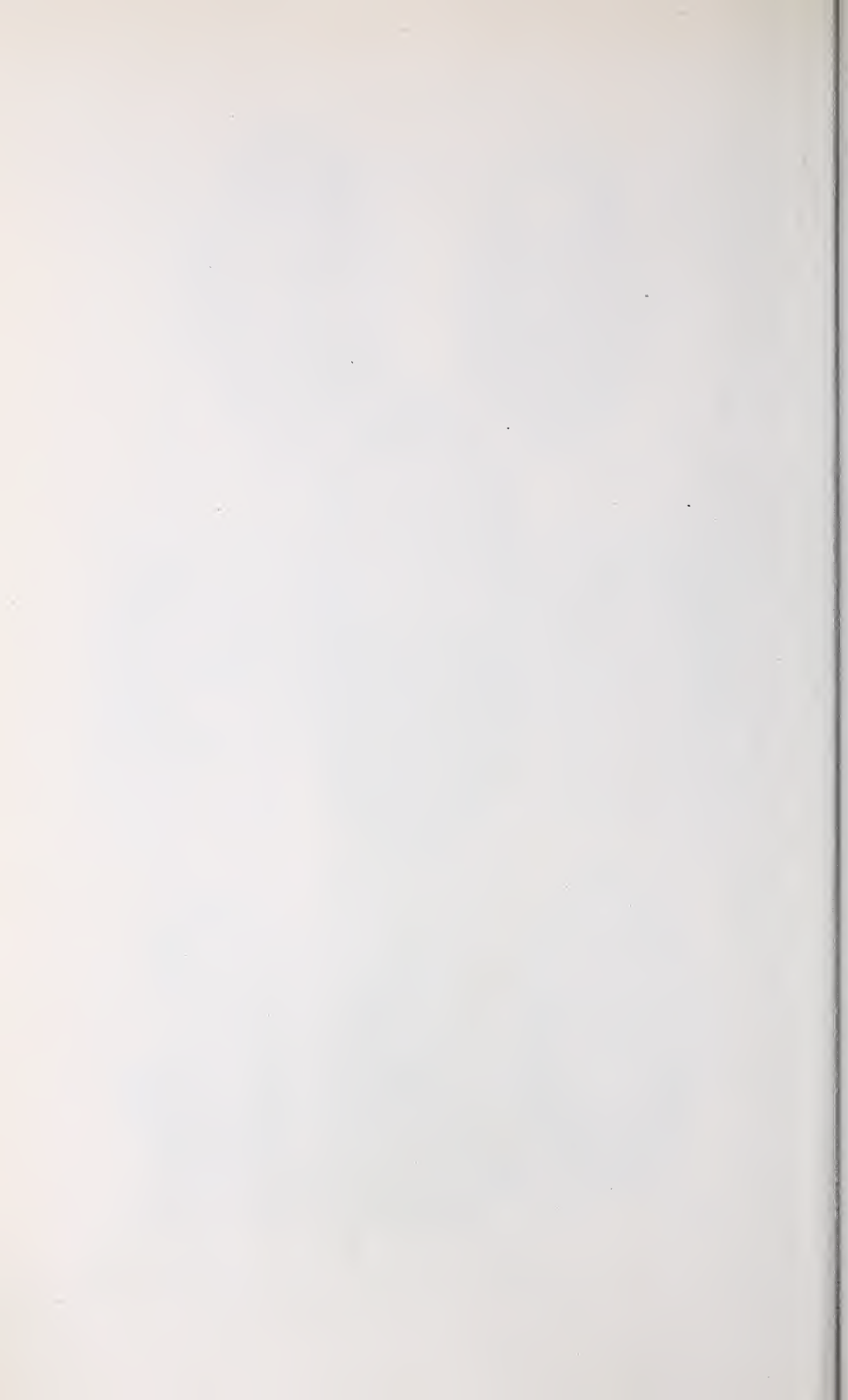
*Pearl W. Merrill*



*Belle Hutchinson*



*Frank W. Merrill*



public position he ever held. For his 35 years' service as an instructor of youth in this state, Mr. Merrill has been granted a teachers' pension. (He has recently (1915) married a lady by the name of Parker and resides at Islesboro.)

Children all by 1st wife and all b. in Buckfield:

*Addie Francis*, b. Mar. 27, 1857; m. Geo. O. Hatch, Apr. 13, 1885. She was educated at Hebron Academy and Waterville College. Taught 16 terms of school. Resides in Hebron.

*Claribel*, b. May 30, 1858; m. Sept. 16, 1884, John Hutchinson; educated at Hebron Academy, Colby Univ., Wellesley College and N. Y. Med. College, went abroad to Europe in 1900. Has practiced medicine in Waltham, Mass., for 25 years.

*Preston J.*, b. Sept. 13, 1859; m. July, 1890, Caro Thomas. Graduated at Colby Univ. in '83; principal of High School, Randolph, N. Y., and Virginia City, Montana; manager of the Merrill Teachers' Agency of Boston, Mass.

*Frank W.*, b. Oct. 12, 1861; m. Nov., 1895, Martha Malvy; has taught school in Belgrade, Rome and Islesboro.

*Pearl W.*, b. Sept. 16, 1866. He is located in Boston where he is doing an extensive business in window shades and screens.

IX. *Eurydice*, b. Apr. 14, 1835; m. Bradford F. Sturtevant in 1855; s. in Hebron. He d. Nov., 1899. Children: *Henry B.*, b. Apr. 13, '56, m. Lucy Bowman; *Rachel*, b. —, m. Fred Farris; *Bertha*, b. —, m. Arthur George; *Frank*, b. —, m. —.

X. *Sarah Jane*, b. Dec. 28, 1837; m. Winslow Turner; s. in Auburn. He d. Mar. 11, 1899. Children: *Herbert*, b. Mar. 25, 1858; *Winslow*, b. Feb. 20, 1862; *Eugene*, b. Nov. 5, 1865.

## MONK.

ELIAS MONK, born in 1760, was a soldier in the Revolution from Mass. and one of Washington's life guards. He settled in Hebron. His wife d. in 1806 and he m. 2d Louisa Rawson of Paris. He d. Dec. 17, 1842. Children all by 1st wife:

*Lewis*, b. Sept. 14, 1779; m. Martha Bessey.

*James*, b. Dec. 12, 1782; m. Mary Jordan.

*Martha*, b. Aug. 24, 1784; m. James Farris, Jr.

*Alfred*, b. Sept. 8, 1786; m. Relief Irish.

*Rebecca*, b. Sept. 7, 1788.

*Betty*, b. Apr. 4, 1791.

*Lovina B.*, b. Oct. 17, 1792.

*Millitiah*, b. Oct. 28, 1794.

LEWIS MONK, son of Elias, m. Martha Bessey. He d. Aug. 25, 1861. Children:

*Rachel*, b. Sept. 30, 1802; m. David Hannaford.

*Sarah*, b. June 1, 1806; m. 1st Wm. Blake, 2d Fred Denning.

*Lewis*, b. June 22, 1808; m. 1st Betsey Lane, 2d Eleanor Bucknam, 3d Nancy Russell.

*Lucy*, b. Mar. 11, 1809; m. 1st, Jesse Cummings. 2d Levi B. Rawson; d. Apr. 14, 1899.

*William*, b. Oct. 29, 1811; m. Wealthy Davie.

*Caroline*, b. Feb. 8, 1815; m. Win. W. Bumpus.

*Mary*, b. Sept. 11, 1821; m. Job Crooker.

ALFRED MONK, b. Sept. 8, 1786, m. Relief Irish and settled early in the last century in the southwest part of the town on a farm now owned by his grandson. He died July 7, 1875. She died Dec. 9, 1878, aged 90. They had lived together 67 years and 7 mos. Children:

*John Irish*, b. Oct. 22, 1809; m. Mercy Hatch.

*Simcon*, b. June 15, 1811; m. Charlotte Merrill.

*Louisa*, b. Nov. 25, 1813; m. Isaac Jordan.

*Alfred, Jr.*, b. Oct. 25, 1815; m. Eunice Maxim.

*Relief*, b. June 19, 1817; m. Elijah Jordan.

*Elias*, b. Mar. 28, 1819; m. Eliza Turner.

*Lysander W.*, b. Feb. 28, 1821; m. Betsey P. Turner.

*Harriet*, b. Jan. 28, 1824; m. Charles Record of Poland.

*Sidney*, b. Nov. 13, 1825; m. Sarah Robinson.

*Esther J.*, b. Dec. 13, 1827; m. Enoch Crockett of Sumner.

*Levi*, b. Oct. 26, 1828; m. Harriet Turner.

*Decatur*, b. June 26, 1831; m. Sylvia H. Benson.

*Melissa Ann*, b. Feb. 20, 1833; m. Decatur Turner.

*Isaac Jordan*, b. Sept. 14, 1837; m. 1st Florence Herrick, 2d — Wing.

ELIAS MONK, son of the preceding, b. Mar. 28, 1819, m. Eliza Turner. He d. Aug. 10, 1892. She d. Sept. 22, 1886. Children:

*Rosilla*, b. June 23, 1845; m. Benj. F. Heald.

*Emma A.*, b. Sept. 14, 1847; m. Appleton F. Mason.

*Rinaldo*, b. Feb. 22, 1849; m. Florence A. Barnes.

RINALDO MONK, son of the preceding, b. Feb. 22, 1849, m. Florence A. Barnes. He d. Oct. 23, 1892. She m. 2d Fred E. Heald. Children:

*Holman W.*, b. Oct. 19, 1882; *Josephine B.*, b. Feb. 25, 1884.

LYSANDER W. MONK, son of Alfred, b. Jan. 17, 1851, m. Betsey P. Turner. He d. Mar. 19, 1889. Children:

*Levi Turner*, b. Jan. 10, 1848; m. Estella Ames.

*Lysander E.*, b. Jan. 17, 1851; m. Reuvilla Ames.

*Winslow S.*, b. Feb. 9, 1857.

LYSANDER E. MONK, son of the preceding, b. Ja. 17, 1851, m. Reuilla Ames. Children:

*Orah Belle*, b. May 17, 1875; m. Montelle Turner.

*Lysander Isaac*, b. Dec. 19, 187—; m. Mary Fuller.

JAMES MONK with wife, Mary Jordan, settled in the town quite early in the last century. He was a bro. of Alfred, sen. Children:

*Joanna*, b. Mar. 23, 1804; m. Jesse Packard.

*Elsie*, b. Mar. 23, 1804; m. Josiah Weeks.

*Mary*, b. May 8, 1807; m. Samuel Sturtevant.

*James, Jr.*, m. and s. in Waterford.

*Elijah*, m. — Jackson.

*Eunice*, m. Moses Twitchell.

*Samuel*, b. Sept., 1816; d. Sept. 11, 1824.

*Arvilla*, b. June, 1823; m. John Cooper.

*Albion*, m. and s. in Mass.

#### MORRILL.

Three brothers by the name of Morrill, John, Nathan and William settled in the town before 1825. They came from Turner. The father's name was James who m. Anna —, b. abt. 1778. He was b. about 1769. He d. in Buckfield, after 1850. She d. after 1850.

JOHN MORRILL, son of James, was a blacksmith. He was b. about 1800. He m. Esther E. ——. Children:

*John James*, b. Jan. 29, 1825; *Wm. Sampson*, b. Feb. 11, 1828; *Lewis*, b. Apr. 21, 1830; *Charles W.*, b. Jan. 23, 1837.

NATHAN MORRILL, ESQ., son of James, b. abt. 1804, m. Miriam Chase. He was one of Buckfield's most substantial business men. During the latter part of his life was considered to be the wealthiest man in town. He died Jan. 29, 1888 in the 84th year of his age. Children:

*Horace*, b. Oct. 3, 1832; m. Emily R. Farrar.

*Ellen*, b. Dec. 14, 1833; m. Samuel Thomes.

*Isaac Chase*, b. Nov. 14, 1838; m. 1st Laura Withington, 2d ——— Rogers.

HORACE MORRILL, oldest son of the preceding, b. Oct. 3, 1832, m. Emily R. Farrar. He d. Apr. 16, 1893. Children:

*Lizzie Atwood*, b. July 23, 1858; m. Frank Vaughan.

*Alice M.*, b. Aug. 31, 1860.



*Helen*, b. July 15, 1863; m. Charles Hatch.

*Ralph*, b. Mar. 23, 1873; m. Maud Russell.

ISAAC C. MORRILL, son of Nathan, b. Nov. 14, 1838, m. Laura J. Withington. She d. Sept. 14, 1872. Children:

*Zadoc Long*, b. Mar. 23, 1867; d. in infancy.

*Earl Nathan*, b. July 5, 1868; m. Sarah Crommett.

*Ellen Ursula*, b. Oct. 29, 1870; m. Joseph Emery; s. in Everett, Mass. (For several years after her graduation, Miss Morrill taught school at Norway with great success and was very popular with all classes. Some years ago she died deeply lamented by all who ever knew her.)

E. NATHAN MORRILL, son of the preceding, b. July 5, 1868, m. Sarah Crommett. He has been in trade many years and has served as chairman of the board of selectmen, a position he now (1915) holds.

WILLIAM MORRILL, son of James, b. about 1811, m. Harriet Hodgdon. Children:

*Clarissa*, b. Nov. 16, 1834.

*Carroll C.*, b. June 25, 1837; m. —

*Mary*, b. Sept. 22, 1839; m. Joseph F. DeCoster.

*William L.*, b. Oct. 31, 1841.

*Harriet E.*, b. Aug. 3, 1845.

His wife died Apr. 20, 1847 and he m. 2d Matilda Lothrop. Children by second wife:

*Walter B.*, b. May 12, 1849.

*Addie B.*, b. Aug. 20, 1850.

*Emerline*, b. Feb. 2, 1852.

*Roderick P.*, b. Nov. 14, 1854.

*Geo. B.*, b. Aug. 7, 1855.

*Flora B.*, b. July 25, 1857.

*Ada Atwood*, b. May 7, 1859; d. Dec. 7, 1861.

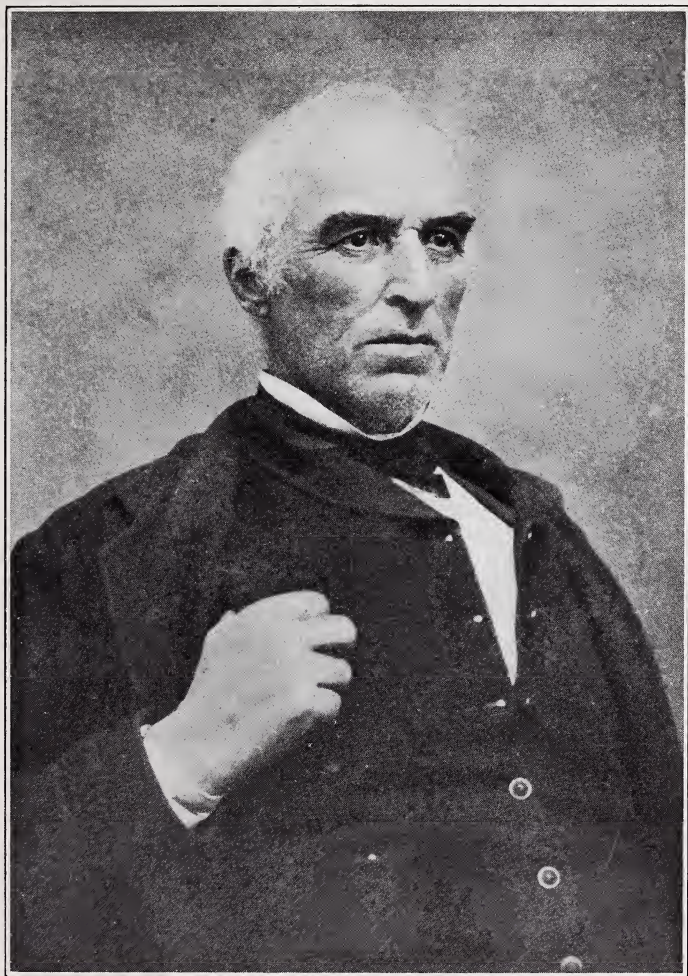
*Linwood*, b. Apr. 6, 1861.

*Agnes F.*, b. Jan. 18, 1863.

*Gains A.*, b. June 24, 1866.

#### PACKARD.

The Packards of Buckfield are descended from Samuel Packard, who with his family and servants came over to Mass. from Windham, England, in the ship Diligence in 1638 and settled in Bridgewater. He was a man of ability and note and soon after coming to this country, was licensed to keep an inn or public house. The name was originally pronounced Packer, and was



Nathan Morrill



Ellen Morrill Emery

quite common in the mother country. Persons by that name are mentioned in Pepys' Diary. He died about 1684, date of will. One of the ancestor's sons, Samuel, was also a man of note. He was appointed ensign in the militia. He married Elizabeth, daughter of the first Mark Lothrop. His estate was settled in 1698. His son, Joseph, married Mary, daughter of John Willis in 1723. Their son, Joseph, born in 1725, married Sarah, dau. of Capt. D. Johnson in 1748 and settled in Bridgewater. He was a soldier under Gen. Winslow. He lived several years in Buckfield. Died in Easton, very aged. Children all born in Bridgewater.

- I. *Daniel*, b. 1749; m. Elizabeth Connelly; s. in Bucktown.
- II. *Anna*, b. 1751.
- III. *Rev. Elijah*, b. 1753.
- IV. *Abigail*, b. 1756; m. Jacob Whitman; s. in Bucktown.
- V. *Bethiah*, b. 1758; m. Simon Record; s. in Bucktown.
- VI. *Martha*, b. 1760; m. Joseph Lothrop; s. in Bucktown.
- VII. *Dea. Job*, b. 1761; m. Eunice Babb (or Bray); s. in Bucktown.

DANIEL PACKARD (see biographical sketch) m. Elizabeth Connelly. He d. Feb. 27, 1835 in Woodstock. She had died several years before. Children:

- I. *Daniel*, b. Bridgewater, Mar. 3, 1774; d. in War of 1812.
- II. *Elijah*, b. Bridgewater, Nov. 29, 1777; m. Mileah Lothrop.
- III. *Betsey*, b. Hebron, May 29, 1781; m. Chas. Crooker of Woodstock.
- IV. *John*, b. Buckfield, Oct. 15, 1783; killed in War of 1812.
- V. *Abigail*, b. Buckfield, Sept. 29, 1784; m. Caleb Bessie; s. in W.
- VI. *Martha*, b. Buckfield, Oct. 16, 1786; m. John Drake, Jr.
- VII. *Stephen*, b. Buckfield, Jan. 21, 1788; m. Eleanor M. Robinson; s. in Woodstock.
- VIII. *Polly*, b. Buckfield, Apr. 2, 1790.
- IX. *Joseph*, b. Buckfield, Apr. 30, 1791; killed in War of 1812.
- X. *Nancy*, b. Buckfield, Feb. 11, 1793; m. Stephen Estes of Woodstock.
- XI. *Benjamin*, b. Buckfield, Mar. 30, 1794; d. in 1816 from dis. con. in War of 1812.
- XII. *Jesse*, b. Buckfield, Feb. 11, 1798; m. Joanna Monk.

ELIJAH PACKARD, son of Daniel, sen., b. Nov. 29, 1777, m. Mileah Lothrop. He died June 23, 1833. Children:

- Priscilla P.*, b. June 4, 1824; m. — Andrews.
- Jacob Lothrop*, b. Mar. 1, 1826; m. —
- Mary N.*, b. Feb. 28, 1829; m. — Andrews.
- Roxanna*, b. Sept. 24, 1832; d. Dec. 31, 1832.



STEPHEN PACKARD, son of Daniel, b. Jan. 21, 1788, m. in 1813 Eleanor M. Robinson of Monmouth. He died in 1863. She m. 2d Stephen Estes. She died July, 1875. Children:

- I. *Henry H.*, b. Nov. 28, 1813; m. Abigail Cole.
- II. *Joseph H.*, b. Apr. 1, 1815; d. Apr. 15, 1829.
- III. *Stephen, Jr.*, b. Apr. 1, 1818; m. Louisa Penley.
- IV. *Eleanor*, b. Apr. 18, 1820; m. Lorenzo Davis.
- V. *John R.*, b. Mar. 24, 1822; d. Apr. 15, 1829.
- VI. *Frederick R.*, b. Dec. 17, 1823; d. Feb. 25, 1827.
- VII. *Sarah H.*, b. Sept. 25, 1825; m. Aaron Ricker.
- VIII. *Martha*, b. June 2, 1827; m. Zebulon R. Wright.
- IX. *Joseph H.*, b. Aug. 11, 1831; d. Jan. 24, 1856.
- X. *Abbie R.*, b. Nov. 25, 1833; d. young.
- XI. *Fred R.*, b. Nov. 17, 1834; s. in California.
- XII. *John R.*, b. Nov. 17, 1834; d. Dec. 24, 1853.

STEPHEN PACKARD, JR., born in Woodstock, Apr. 1, 1818, m. Louisa Penley and settled in Paris. He died in 1898. She died in 1907. The following tribute is from their son, Stephen G. Packard:

Stephen Packard while yet a young man harkened to the call of the Gospel to walk with God's people. This choice had upon his life as it may upon any life, a moulding power for good. For many years he was a member of the Baptist church. Self-educated, his mind was clear and strong, quick to grasp and comprehend, was a school teacher while a young man; afterwards a thoroughly good and successful farmer so that nature answered liberally to his toil. His oldest son, Joseph Penley Packard, was a volunteer soldier in the war of the Rebellion. A letter came that he was seriously ill with relapsed typhoid fever. Mr. Packard at once started for the front, procured his son's discharge and brought him home in time to save his life. Stephen Packard's life was one of hard labor. The best tribute a father can receive as he passes away from this world is children standing over a tear bedewed grave. This children's tribute to the memory of an honored father Stephen Packard received as his mortal remains were laid at rest in the cemetery at North Paris. In manly strength and dignity he was ever the head of the family and their example in industry, energy and perseverance. He died at a good old age nearly the last of a lion-like race. The age of the deceased was eighty years and four months. He lived to see his children's children to the third generation.

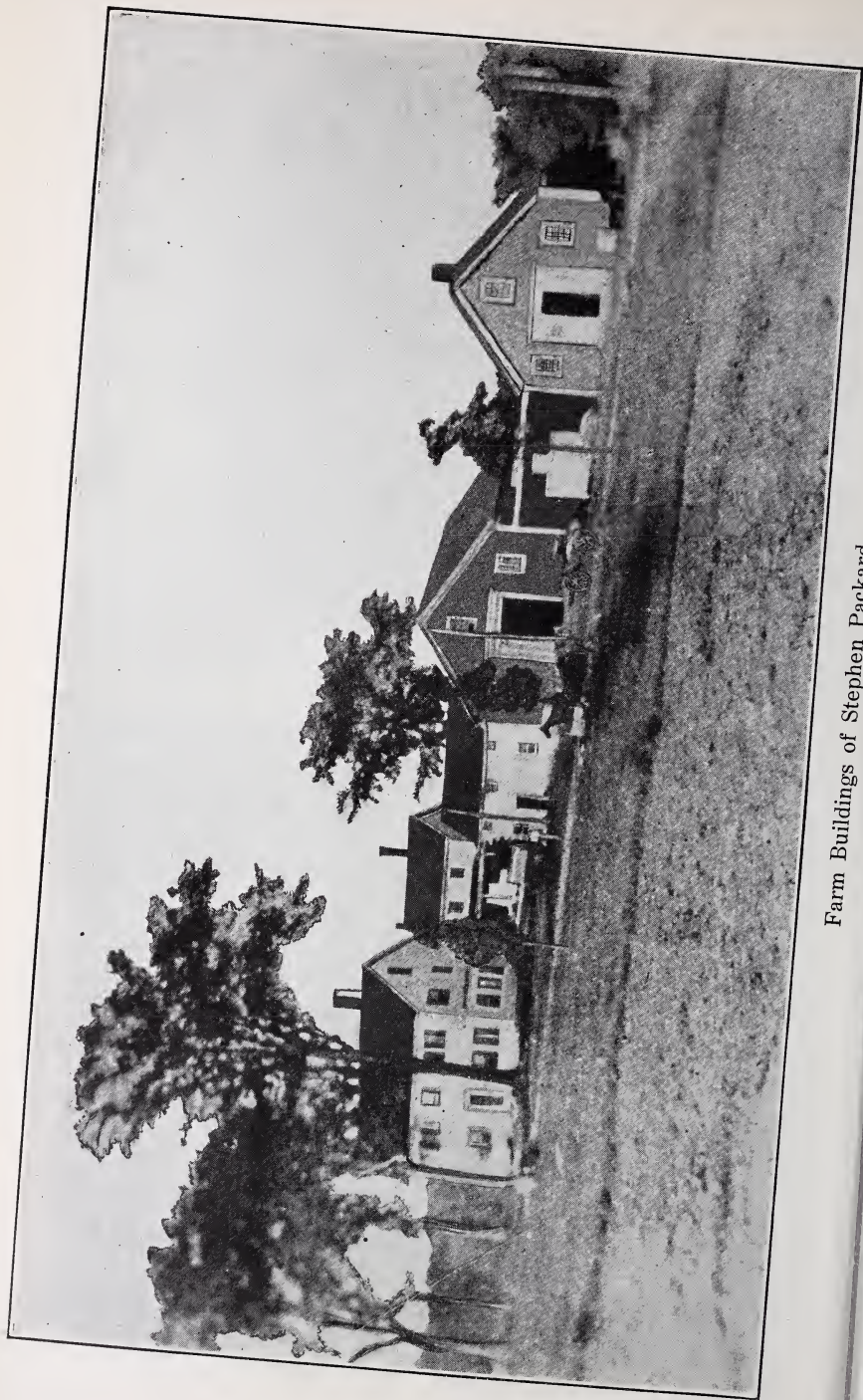




Stephen Packard



Mrs. Louisa B. Packard



Farm Buildings of Stephen Packard



Fourteen children, born to Stephen and Louisa B. Packard, grew up to have memories stored and enriched with all the recollections that cling around the name of Mother. Stories of a beautiful girl were heard by the large brood of boys and girls, who, in after years as a mother full well won her children's love and devotion. This woman came of good old English stock, days of the home loom, wool and flax spinning and weaving. Her father, Joseph Penley, was a soldier of the 1812 war. He was taken prisoner and held for some time and saw the brutality and cruelties incident to English prison ship life. His farm he took up from the wilderness in the days of the building of the Grand Trunk Railroad and made it one of the best farms in the town of Paris. This is now owned by the family of a grandson, Charles R. Penley, himself now deceased. There are things of interest, lessons to be learned about any life, 'tis said: Some people put in a Garden of Eden will soon make of it a desert; others placed in a desert will as soon make of it an Eden Garden. It is well to note the qualities that lead to these results. Whether we would or not we are here, ahead is 'the way, opportunity leading on over the hills of heroic achievement to the city of success.' The material for building grandly is all on the job. Shall it be the best, clean, strong and for eternity?

The Penley family of children inherited from their sturdy sire not the waiting wish bone, but the backbone, go qualities of character that generally make good."

Children:

I. *Joseph Penley*, b. May 27, 1841; d. Oct. 17, 1867. A brilliant young man, a scholar and teacher of note. He was severely injured in a riot while attending the Norway Liberal Institute, probable cause of ultimate death. The following obituary notice from a local newspaper is appropriately reproduced here:

"It is the glory of our democratic country that its citizens are not dependent on ancestral fame and wealth, but may carve their own fortune and win for themselves renown. Our self-educated men have been the bone and sinew of our land and have arisen to fill its most important posts of honor and responsibility. We can ill afford to spare such, yet the fell destroyer, Death, heeds not our necessities, nor our prayers. Joseph Penley Packard has thus passed out of our midst after a brief but not uneventful life. Possessing high aims and cherishing noble aspirations, we

deemed him ambitious, but his ambition was never allowed to interfere with his conscientious adherence to right, irrespective of consequences. This sense of duty led him to heed his country's call in 1862 and he enlisted with our brave boys in the 23d Maine Regiment and went to share the hardships and exposure of army life, until he was prostrated with fever, and consigned to the hospital. Here he was found by his father, who obtained his discharge, and returned with him to a northern clime, where amid healthful breezes he regained his wonted vigor. The public are familiar with the details of the sad occurrence at Norway, April, 1864, when he was severely injured by a blow from a cowardly assailant, endangering reason, and even life, and from the effects of which he never fully recovered.

Still, however, he prosecuted his studies, resolved to know no such word as failure in his chosen pathway of life. But while teaching High school at North Paris, he was suddenly attacked by that fatal scourge, diphtheria, and in one short week sickened, died, and was buried. He died Oct. 17th at the age of 26 years.

Thus has fallen in the vigor of early manhood one who had gained a large place, not only in the affections of his pupils, but in the esteem of the public. Parents, brothers, sisters and one dearer, and prospectively nearer than all, are deeply afflicted in their loss, yet can rejoice that he had not neglected to secure the Christian's hope, which sustained him in his terrible sufferings, and enabled him to record his dying request, that they would meet him in that better land.

C. A. P."

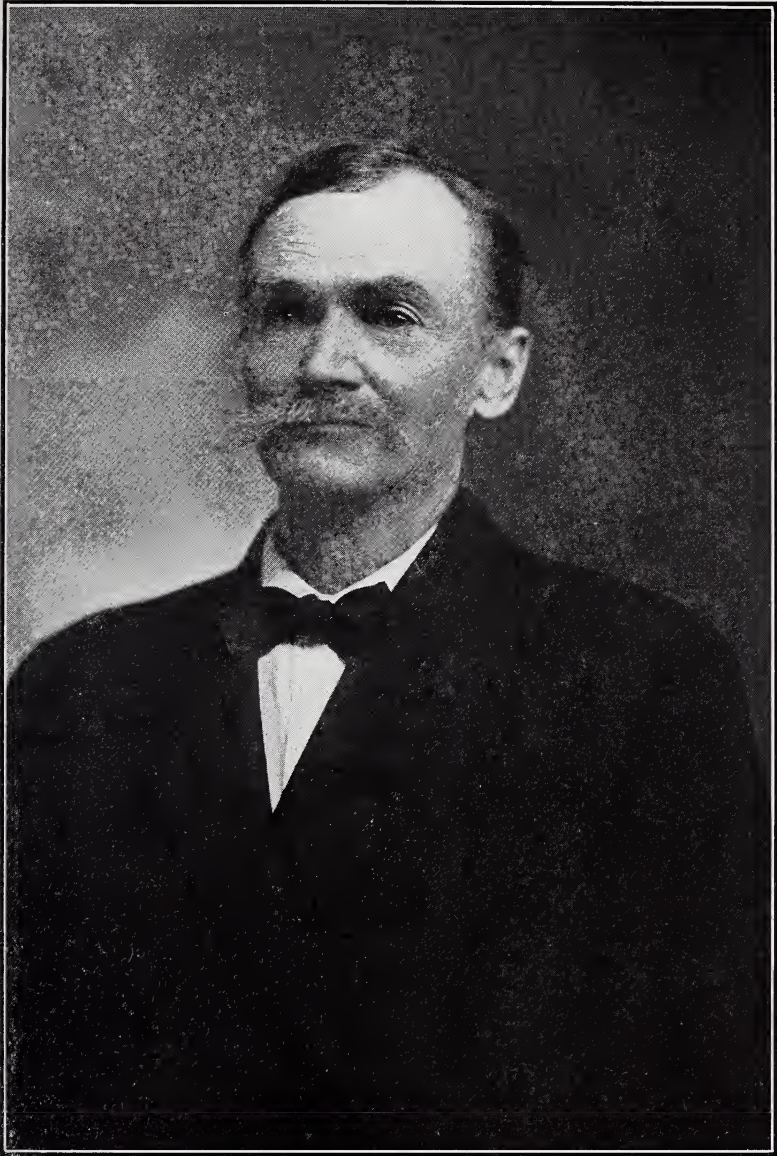
II. *Mary Esther*, b. Nov. 26, 1842; d. 1868; m. Charles Bean.

III. *Evelyn L.*, b. June 21, 1844; taught 70 terms of school; d. 1896.

IV. *Ellen L.*, b. Oct. 9, 1845; m. Mason Kimball.

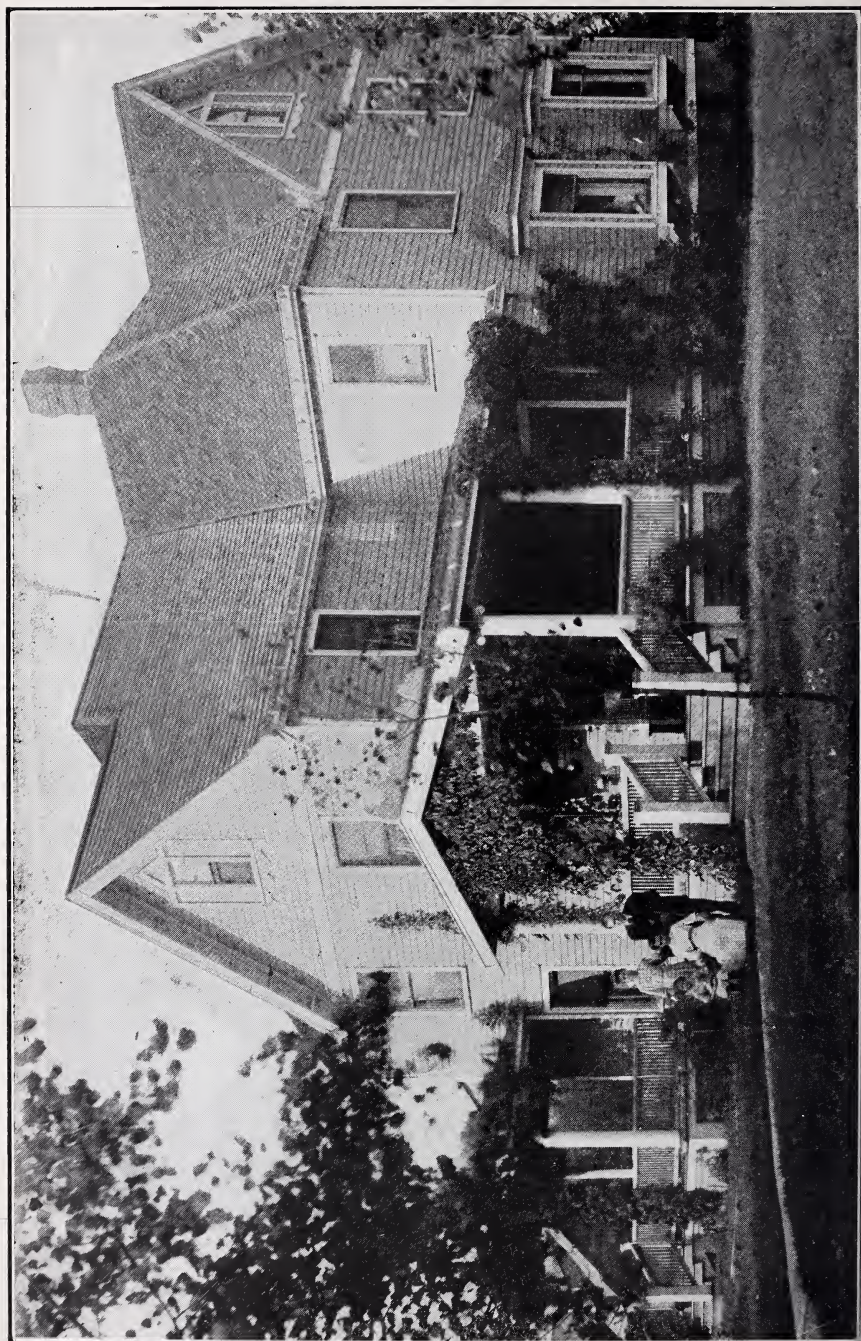
V. *Stephen Greenleaf*, b. July 1, 1847 in Woodstock. Twice married and has three children by first wife, *Harold C.*, *Ivan R.*, and *Mary Louisa (Brown)* and two grandchildren, *Stephen Packard Brown* and *Frank Stephen Packard*. No children by 2d wife, Mrs. Lena M. Brown. Moved to Paris with parents when about 4 years old. He writes to the compiler of these statistics thus:

"The memories of the home life on this splendid farm with its bountiful crops, apple orchards, wooded haunts, berry fields, the cattle, sheep and swine, the fine views from the buildings of valley and hill with old Streaked and Singepole in the distance—father and mother, brothers and sisters—my schoolmates are



Stephen G. Packard





with me still. I went from Paris to Elmira, N. Y., while yet a young man. Bought up quite a tract of land—now a desirable part of the city and have built and sold off lots and houses. Have been eminently successful financially. For many years have been identified with church and mission labors and was ordained as a preacher in this work." He is deeply religious, like his great-grandfather, the Revolutionary soldier and follows as near as may be in the footsteps of Billy Sunday, whom he has taken as his teacher and guide in spiritual matters.

VI. *Dr. Francis Henry*, b. July 23, 1848; m. Iva M. Carter and has one son, Frank Carter and one daughter, Helen Maud. Educated in the high schools of Norway, Bethel, Paris Hill and Hebron Academy. Received his degree of Doctor of Medicine at Bowdoin in 1878. Took post graduate course at the Univ. of N. Y. Finally settled in the successful practice of his profession at West Paris where he now resides.

VII. *Rebecca Jane*, b. June 12, 1850; m. — Coffin; s. in Colo.

VIII. *Sarah Rosemond*, b. Sept. 17, 1851; m. Albert T. Houghtling of Philadelphia.

IX. *Eleanor L.*, b. Oct. 11, 1853; m. Elbridge Libby.

X. *Abbie Betsey*, b. Mar. 25, 1855; m. Albert M. Burton of Corinna.

XI. *Annie Maria*, b. July 16, 1856; m. 1st — Godwin, 2d — Davis; s. in N. H.

XII. *James B.*, b. Jan. 28, 1859; m. —; s. in Monmouth.

XIII. *Achilles Hanno*, b. Oct. 23, 1861; m. Ella Bean; s. in Bethel.

XIV. *Ida L.*, b. Aug. 29, 1864; d. 1892.

JESSE PACKARD, youngest son of Daniel, b. Feb. 11, 1798, m. Joanna Monk. He died Jan. 22, 1877. She died Aug., 1879. Children:

*Benjamin*, b. Aug. 21, 1822; d. Aug. 24, 1822.

*Daniel*, b. July 21, 1823; d. Nov. 3, 1860.

*Betsey*, b. July 12, 1825; d. Nov., 1830.

*Jesse, Jr.*, b. Mar., 1827; m. Lizzie Smith.

*Elvira*, b. Nov. 12, 1828; d. June 3, 1866.

*Benjamin*, b. Feb. 6, 1831; m. Sarah Ann Cooper; s. in Berwick.

*John*, b. Aug. 25, 1834; m. Adelaide Bryant.

*Betsey*, b. July 25, 1837; m. Abel C. T. Whitman.

*James F.*, b. July 25, 1839; m. Susan M. Bassett.

*Joanna*, b. May 10, 1840; m. 1st Wm. Pratt, 2d Geo. H. Twitchell.

*Jennette*, b. 1842; m. Verrin DeCoster.

*Elsie E.*, b. 1844; m. Abel C. T. Whitman.

*Florence I.*, b. 1848; m. — Hogenswoell.

*Carlton G.*, b. 1850; d. in 1852.

JESSE, JR., son of the preceding, b. Mar., 1827, m. Lizzie Smith. Children:

*Lizzie P.*, b. July 3, 1862; m. — Bryant.

*Carlton G.*, b. June 4, 1864.

*George H.*, b. July 12, 1866; m. — Clark.

*Albion E.*, b. May 6, 1868.

*Jesse W.*, b. Dec. 6, 1870.

*Lillian I.*, b. Sept. 20, 1876; d. young.

*Infant*, b. Nov. 28, 1877, d. Nov. 30, 1877.

JAMES F. PACKARD, son of Jesse, sen., b. July 25, 1838, m. Susan M. Bassett. He was a soldier in the Civil War. Children:

*Alvira J.*, b. Sept. 30, 1863, m. Charles F. Scammon; *Leonora*, b. Aug. 30, 1867; *James E.*, b. Nov. 2, 1871.

DEA. JOB PACKARD, son of Joseph<sup>4</sup>, served in the Continental Army, settled in Bucktown in 1788 or before. He witnessed the signature to a deed made that year. He married Eunice Babb or Bray of Turner and settled in the south part of the town. He purchased land adjoining Daniel Packard's and Jacob Whitman's and afterward bought the settling lot of his brother. He appears to have been a thrifty farmer. Was deacon of the church for many years. In after life he disposed of the most of his estate to his children, whom he liberally provided for. His son, Moses, had the homestead. He died in 1848. His wife died Apr. 6, 1833. Children:

*Job*, b. July 20, 1787; died with measles at Burlington, Vt., in War of 1812.

*Moses*, b. Buckfield Mar. 11, 1789; m. Betsey Robinson.

*John*, b. Buckfield May 29, 1791; m. Susannah Davie; s. in Monson.

*Jonathan*, b. Buckfield April 3, 1793; m. Susan Pote.

*Samuel*, b. Buckfield Oct. 1, 1795; m. Deborah Davie; s. in Hebron.

*Eunice*, b. Buckfield Dec. 1, 1797; m. Thomas Bray of Minot.

*Peggy*, b. Buckfield May 18, 1800; m. Capt. Joseph Buckman.

*Betsey*, b. Buckfield July 12, 1802.

*Susannah*, b. Nov. 18, 1804.

*Thomas*, b. Buckfield Jan. 14, 1807; m. 1st, Mrs. Susan Packard; 2d, Almada Whitman.

MOSES PACKARD, son of Dea. Job, b. Mar. 11, 1789, m. Betsey Robinson. He died ————. She died Jan. 19, 1858. Children:

*Margaret*, b. Nov. 23, 1814; m. Richard Young; s. in Hebron.

*Eliza*, b. Jan. 23, 1816; m. Sewell Austin; s. in Ill.

*Job*, b. Apr. 26, 1817; m. Hadassah Austin; s. in Ill.

*Sally*, b. Jan. 12, 1819; d. unmarried.

*Jeremiah*, b. Aug. 6, 1821; m. Rebecca B. Fuller; s. in Hebron.

*William*, b. Jan. 14, 1823; m. Eveline Fuller.





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*Angeline*, b. June 3, 1824; m. Wm. W. Boardman of Lowell.  
*Harriet Ann*, b. May 30, 1827; m. Lewis F. Sherburne of Oxford.  
*Addison* Gerry, b. May 30, 1827; m. Martha J. Folsom.  
*Betsey Jane*, b. Feb. 7, 1829; m. Jacob M. Ellis; s. in Mass.  
*Albina A.*, b. Dec. 20, 1832; d. July 22, 1837.

ADDISON G. PACKARD, son of the preceding, b. May 30, 1827,  
 m. Martha J. Folsom. Children:

*Warren L.*, b. Aug. 7, 1851; d. Jan. 1867.  
*Margaret E.*, b. Feb. 17, 1854; m. Geo. B. Record.

JOHN PACKARD, son of Dea. Job, b. May 29, 1791, m. Susan-  
 nah Davie. They settled in Monson. Children recorded here:

*Emerline*, b. Aug. 10, 1820.  
*Belinda*, b. April 1, 1822.

JONATHAN PACKARD, son of Dea. Job, b. Apr. 3, 1793, m.  
 Susan Pote. He died May 12, 1829. She m. 2d Thomas Pack-  
 ard. Children:

*William F.*, b. July 31, 1823; s. in Ill.  
*Albion K.*, b. May 28, 1825; s. in Falmouth.  
*Joseph*, b. July 7, 1827; s. in Mass.  
*Margaret E.*, b. May 26, 1829; m. and s. in Falmouth.

THOMAS PACKARD, youngest son of Dea. Job, b. Jan. 14, 1807,  
 m. 1st Mrs. Susan Packard. She died before 1832 and he m.  
 2d Almeda Whitman in 1836. Child by first wife:

*Thomas*, b. —; s. in Oxford.

Children by second wife:

*Almeda Ann*, b. Aug. 20, 1837; m. Sylvester Packard, s. in Monson.  
*Catharine*, b. Mar. 16, 1839; m. Adrian Packard, s. in Monson.

He died before 1842 and she m. 2d Thomas DeCoster of  
 Hebron. She died in Buckfield Nov. 15, 1894.

GEN. ELIPHALET PACKARD, second son of Matthew Packard,  
 was born in North Bridgewater, Mass., Jan. 1, 1791. He was  
 a descendant of Samuel<sup>1</sup>, the emigrant. The line of descent is  
 as follows: Zacheus<sup>2</sup> m. Sarah Howard. David<sup>3</sup> b. 1687, m.  
 Hannah Ames. Ebenezer<sup>4</sup> b. 1724, m. Sarah Perkins and Mat-  
 thew<sup>5</sup> b. in North Bridgewater in 1756 m. Keziah Perkins.  
 Matthew died in 1795.

Eliphalet Packard m. Abigail Snell of West Bridgewater,  
 June 26, 1814 and moved to Minot, Me. About 1818 he settled  
 in Buckfield. He appears to have built or purchased a house

and shop on the Hartford road, on the north side of the river. In the autumn of that year he purchased of James Jewett, the land on which these buildings were situated. For many years, he carried on the business of a hatter in this shop. He lived in Buckfield about a dozen years and during that period he was chosen to various offices and for a number of years was trustee of the ministerial and school fund and served as clerk. His name was put into the jury box every time it was revised while he lived in Buckfield. One year he received a respectable vote for Representative to the Legislature and was chosen as a member of the committee to protest against the setting off of the Thayers into the town of Paris. He took great interest in military matters and rose from one position to another, till he was commissioned Brigadier General. He moved away from Buckfield in 1829 to West Auburn. Oct. 18, 1875 he died at Medford, Mass. Children recorded on Buckfield records, the three youngest being born in Buckfield:

*Betsey H.*, b. Minot, Apr. 4, 1815.

*Charles*, b. Oct. 14, 1818.

*Laura Ann*, b. Apr. 7, 1822.

*Eliphalet Franklin*, b. Jan. 5, 1824.

#### PARRIS.

CAPT. JOSIAH PARRIS (see biographical sketch), the first of the name to settle in Buckfield was a direct descendant in the male line from Thomas Parris of London, England, a merchant residing there early in the 17th century. This Thomas had a brother John, also a merchant and a planter of great wealth who deceased in Barbadoes in 1660 and who may have been the "Mr. Parish" mentioned in Winthrop's Journal Anno 1642.

Rev. John Parris, son of Thomas, perhaps named for his uncle, John, was a dissenting clergyman of Ugborough near Plymouth, England. Thomas, son of Rev. John, came to America in 1683 from London and was at Newbury, Mass., in 1685 and removed to Pembroke in 1697, where he died in 1752. His wife was Abigail Rogers, a descendant of Rev. John Rogers, the martyr who was burned at the stake in Smithfield on account of his religious convictions during the reign of Bloody Mary. Their son, Thomas, born at Pembroke, May 8, 1701, married in

1724, Mary, daughter of Matthew Gannett of Scituate, born Nov. 28, 1702. He died Sept. 2, 1786. She died Aug. 4, 1770. Of their children, Benjamin, born Aug. 27, 1731, married July 4, 1753, Milliscent, daughter of Josiah J. and Ruth (Manly) Keith, born Feb. 7, 1731 at Easton, Mass.

The grandfather of Josiah Keith was Rev. James Keith of Bridgewater, a Scotchman, who was educated at Aberdeen, Scotland, and came to Mass. in 1662 when nearly 19 years old. He was ordained as the first minister in Bridgewater in 1664. It is said that his first sermon was delivered from a rock. His pastorate lasted through life. He died in 1719, aged 76. His first wife was Susanna, daughter of Dea. Samuel Edson. By her he had nine children. She died about 1705 and he married 2d Mrs. Mary Williams of Taunton. Josiah, the 6th son and child by 1st wife, married in 1703, Mary, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Downer) Lothrop born 1683. The father of Samuel was Mark Lothrop, a brother of Rev. John Lothrop, who was pastor of the First Independent Church Society in London. He brought over the greater part of his flock and re-established his church at Scituate and later another at Barnstable. The Downer family coat of arms contained three peacocks with tails spread on the shield, and was one of the prettiest of devices in heraldry. Sarah Downer, the wife of Samuel Lothrop, who was a man of note and prominence was descended in the female line from Hannah Vincent, a beautiful French Huguenot who with her brother, a clergyman, fled to London from Paris to escape the Massacre of St. Bartholomew.

Of the large family of Benjamin and Milliscent (Keith) Parris, Samuel b. in 1755, m. Sarah Pratt, a descendant of Matthew of Weymouth and settled in Hebron and was a Judge of the first Common Pleas Court in Oxford County. His son, Albion Keith Parris was the 2d Governor of Maine, Congressman, U. S. Senator and Judge of the Maine Supreme Court.

Capt. Josiah Parris, a younger brother of Judge Samuel, b. Aug. 30, 1760, m. Experience Lowden of Bridgewater. Their children, all born at Buckfield, were Delphina Keith, b. Nov. 24, 1801, d. Sept. 10, 1826. She was called the belle of the town; Virgil D., b. Feb. 18, 1807, m. Miss Columbia Rawson of Paris Hill, b. Feb. 27, 1814. He d. June 13, 1874. His widow is still living in the 102d year of her age. (Her mother b. Sept. 17,

1778, d. Aug. 29, 1875. Mother and daughter now span a period of 137 years.) Upon calling at her home, June 15, 1915, she gave the writer some information as to dates and events and mentioned Miss Columbia Gardner with whose family she and her husband were intimately acquainted. She spoke of Miss Gardner's remarkable literary accomplishments and expressed a wish to read her poems and alluded to her untimely death while residing in the South. She had noted she said every step from boyhood in the careers of Gov. John D. Long and Capt. Thos. S. Bridgham and thought they were the only two persons now alive who were living in Buckfield village when she resided there. The name of Miss Ardelia H. Prince was suggested and she quickly replied: "She was living then on her father's farm and not in the village."

Mrs. Parris read the daily papers and kept well informed on the general topics of the day. We don't believe her equal can be found. They had four children:

I. *Hon. Edward Lowden*, b. Buckfield Sept. 3, 1837; m. Mary Ida DuBois, res. New York City.

II. *Virgil Kimball*, b. Paris May 10, 1840; m. Mrs. Martha M. Arnold, res. Paris Hill.

III. *Helen Delphina*, b. Paris April 20, 1844.

IV. *Percival Josiah*, b. Portland Jan. 5, 1849.

Percival J. Parris, the youngest son and child, attended Bowdoin College for three years and graduated at Union College, N. Y., the alma mater of his father, in 1871. Taught in Little Blue School, Farmington, 1871-2, principal of Johnson H. S., N. Andover, Mass., 1872-5; editor Oxford Register, 1876; read law in office of Alvah Black, Esq., Paris Hill; graduated at Hamilton, N. Y., Law School and admitted to the Oxford County Bar in 1879; was in the practice of law in New York City from 1879 to 1890; a part of this time was editor of the New York Press, an evening paper. In 1890 went to Whatcom, now Bellingham, Washington, and was there three years. Since 1892 has been located in Philadelphia, Penn., in the insurance business. He has never married.

#### PARSONS.

The American ancestor of the large number of families which bear the name of Parsons was Jeffrey<sup>1</sup>, who was b. in England, about 1631. He went to Barbadoes in the West Indies and after

some years' residence there came to Gloucester, Mass., in 1655. His wife was Sarah Vinson, whom he first saw, it is said, while stopping to get a drink of water from a fountain called Vinson's Spring, near her father's house. They have left a very numerous posterity.

HENRY PARSONS, probably 4th in descent from Jeffrey<sup>1</sup>, m. Anna Young. Among his children were Joseph and probably Davis, Henry, Philemon, Patty and Rebekah.

Joseph was born June 18, 1796. The others were older. Davis m. Sylvia Hall. Patty m. Benjamin Cilley. Philemon m. Polly Cole. Rebekah m. Henry P. Cox.

Philemon was a Revolutionary soldier. He m. Polly Cole in 1793. We have no record of their children, or the date of their deaths.

HENRY PARSONS, prob. son of Henry *ante*, m. Olive———. They settled in the southeastern part of Buckfield. He died July 27, 1804. She died Aug. 26, 1804. Children:

*Charles*, b. June 2, 1799.

*Isaac* b. Feb. 2, 1801; m. Phebe Aldrich of Falmouth.

*Anna*, b. May 2, 1802.

*Henry* b. July 25, 1804.

ELEAZER PARSONS, prob. a bro. of Henry, sen., m. Judith———. He served in the war of the Revolution. He died May 22, 1844, aged 82½ years. She died June 8, 1857, aged 95. Children:

*Hannah*, b. Aug. 30, 1784; m. Thomas Dyer.

*Lucy*, b. Apr. 10, 1786.

*Col. Aaron*, b. June 1, 1788; m. Eunice Warren.

*Sarah* b. Feb. 12, 1794; m. Robinson Gammon.

COL. AARON PARSONS, son of the preceding, b. in Buckfield, June 1, 1788, m. Eunice Warren. He carried on business as a machinist in the village for many years. Was prominent in the militia and rose to the rank of colonel. He represented the town and district one term in the Legislature. She d. Feb. 24, 1886. Children:

*Jane Warren*, b. Dec. 25, 1816.

*William Warren*, b. Dec. 16, 1819; d. Dec. 11, 1833.

*Clarinda*, b. Dec. 15, 1821; m. Dastine Spaulding.

*Charles*, b. Jan. 18, 1824; s. in Mass.

*Eunice W.*, b. May 14, 1826; m. Lysander Bartlett of Hartford.

*Maria Judith*, b. July 29, 1829; m. Dr. Crosby.



*Octavia*, b. Jan. 26, 1832; d. Feb. 10, 1832.

*Frances Ellen*, b. Mar. 22, 1839; m. Benjamin Spaulding.

COL. DANIEL PARSONS, a son of Davis before mentioned was born in East Butterfield, now Hartford, Apr. 30, 1795. He married 1st ——— Tucker, 2d Lydia Tobin, 3d Harriet (Emery) Ward. He was prominent in town affairs and served many years in the militia rising to the rank of colonel. He d. in Hartford, May 20, 1876. Children by 1st wife:

*Cyrus*, b. about 1816; s. in the West.

*Almeda*, b. about 1818; m. Ephraim Bryant.

*Betsey*, b. about 1820; m. Isaac Pulsifer.

*Merritt*, b. about 1822; m. Letitia Carr; 2d, Hannah Moore.

*Daniel*, b. about 1824; drowned while young.

*William*, b. about 1826; died young.

*Addison*, b. about 1828; m. Mary Webber.

Child by Lydia Tobin:

*Lydia*, b. about 1830; m. Henry Young.

Children by Harriet Ward:

*Emery*, b. about 1837; m. Victoria Allen; 2d, Abbie Mitchell.

*Martha J.*, b. about 1839; m. Sylvester Bisbee.

*Harriet*, b. about 1841; m. Silas Ryerson; 2d, George H. Fuller.

*Henry*, b. Oct. 22, 1843; m. Celia A. Russell.

*Sylvina*, b. about 1845; died young at age of 18.

*Julia A.*, b. about 1847; died in infancy.

MERRITT PARSONS, ESQ., born in Hartford, in 1822, m. Letitia Carr. He settled first in Hartford but came to Buckfield about 1885 where he has since resided. He has been prominent in town affairs for many years and in 1903 was chosen chairman of the selectmen. He was commissioned as Trial Justice, served as selectmen, town treasurer and school committee for many years in Hartford. His wife d. about 1870 and he married 2d Hannah Moore. Children all by 1st wife:

*Ellen*, b. about 1853; never married.

*Viola*, b. —; m. — Tyler.

*Olive J.*

HENRY PARSONS, brother of the preceding, b. in Hartford, Oct. 22, 1843, m. Celia A. Russell. In 1892 he came to Buckfield and purchased the Nathan Morrill farm where he has since resided. He has served as road commissioner and as a member of the board of selectmen. He is one of Buckfield's most substantial farmers and citizens. Children:

*Adella*, b. July 24, 1867; died in 1872.

*Adelbert*, b. Nov. 9, 1873; m. Emmie Moore. Children:

Mildred Idella, b. Sept. 11, 1898, and Clifford Adelbert, b. Sept. 5, 1900.

WILLIAM PEARSON of another branch of this family who have spelled the name as above, m. Susannah Walker and settled in the western part of the town. Children:

*William Oliver*, b. Sept. 24, 1815.

*Susan W.*, b. June 28, 1818; m. John Dunham.

*Benj. F.*, b. Nov. 19, 1827; m. Susan J. —.

*Augustus G.*, b. Feb. 5, 1834; m. Elizabeth W. Bonney.

BENJAMIN F. PEARSON, son of the preceding, b. Nov. 19, 1827, m. Susan J. —. Child:

*Howard C.*, b. June 4, 1851. His wife died Jan. 16, 1855.

AUGUSTUS G. PEARSON, son of William, *ante*, b. Feb. 5, 1834, m. Elizabeth W. Bonney. She d. Aug. 6, 1868. He d. Apr. 8, 1900. Children:

*James Victor*, b. Mar. 3, 1856.

*Emily A.*, b. Sept. 10, 1858.

*Mary E.*, b. Apr. 18, 1861.

*Lizzie E.*, b. Dec. 18, 1863.

#### PHILBRICK.

JONATHAN PHILBRICK, a soldier in the French and Indian War settled in Bucktown before Jan. 1, 1784. He m. Anna —. He d. shortly after 1800. The date of his wife's death is not recorded on the town records. Children recorded here:

*Elizabeth*, b. May 24, 1764; m. James Thurlo.

*Dolly*, b. July 6, 1767; m. Abial Drake.

*Dorcas*, b. Nov. 6, 1770.

*Sarah*, b. Oct. 13, 1773; m. John Bisbee.

*Enoch*, b. May 11, 1775; m. Sarah Buck.

CAPT. ENOCH PHILBRICK, son of the preceding, b. May 11, 1775, m. Sarah Buck. He was town clerk and prominent in the affairs of the town for many years. He d. about 1830. His wife died after 1850. Children:

*John*, b. Oct. 11, 1798.

*Abigail*, b. Feb. 24, 1800; m. Thomas Record.

*Betsey*, b. July 14, 1801; m. Robert P. Thompson, Boston.

*Offa*, b. March 1, 1803; d. Jan. 13, 1844.

*Sarah*, b. Oct. 24, 1804; m. Samuel B. Perry.

*Annis*, b. Aug. 18, 1806.

*Ximenes*, b. May 25, 1808; m. Rachel Bartlett.

*Albinus*, b. Feb. 15, 1810; d. May 11, 1810.

*Levi*, b. Jan. 9, 1813.

*Lucian*, b. Oct. 11, 1814; m. Miriam Chase.

*Marshall*, b. Nov. 24, 1816.

*Dorcas*, b. about 1818; m. Freeman Hathaway.

XIMENES PHILBRICK, son of the preceding, b. May 25, 1808, m. Rachel Bartlett. He was a prominent man in town affairs and served one term in the State Legislature. They s. in Aroostook County, where he was killed by a falling tree. Children recorded on our records:

*Preston*, b. Sept. 23, 1833.

*Andrew J.*, b. Mar. 14, 1835.

*Enoch*, b. Feb. 14, 1837.

*Sarah Viola*, b. Feb. 16, 1839.

*Annis T.*, b. Apr. 28, 1843.

LUCIAN PHILBRICK, brother of the preceding, b. Oct. 11, 1814, m. Miriam Chase. Children:

*Elmira J.*, b. Sept. 3, 1842.

*Joseph Fairfield*, b. Aug. 3, 1844.

*Marville Marks*, b. Jan. 4, 1847; d. Oct. 13, 1849.

*Zenas Shaw*, b. Apr. 8, 1848.

*Ximenes*, b. Oct. 31, 1849.

*Charles Pompilly*, b. Mar., 1852.

## RAWSON.

The Rawsons of America are nearly all descended from Edward Rawson, born in England, Apr. 16, 1615, who came about 1637 to Newbury in the Colony of Massachusetts Bay, where he soon became prominent in official life and public affairs and was a representative to the General Court and secretary of the Colony for many years. He was son of David and Margaret (Wilson) Rawson and grandson of Edward Rawson, b. in England, 1604, and his wife, Bridget Ward. He was also grandson of Rev. Wm. Wilson of Merton College, Oxford, afterwards canon of St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase and ex-Pres. Wm. H. Taft are descendants.

EDWARD RAWSON, the emigrant ancestor, m. Rachel Perne. She d. before Apr. 11, 1677. He d. Aug. 27, 1693. The line of descent to Capt. Samuel Rawson of Paris Hill is as follows. William m. Ann Glover; Jared m. Mary Gulliver; Ebenezer m.

Sarah Chase and Capt. Samuel m. Polla Freeland. Their daughter, Columbia, m. Hon. Virgil D. Parris. Mrs. Polla (Freeland) Rawson lived to be 97.

Jennet A. Rawson of the seventh generation from Edward and son of Horace W. Rawson, was born in Paris, Dec. 18, 1846. He was educated in the district school and the Maine State Seminary, taught school several terms and learned the druggist business in Marlboro, Mass. He came to Buckfield in 1875 and purchased the stock of Albion D. Wilson in the Bennett store, where he has since remained in the apothecary business. He married, Nov. 15, 1876, Carrie J. Folsom of Stratford, N. H., born in that town Sept. 2, 1855. Has been successful in business for many years and is a substantial citizen. (He d. in 1915.) Child:

*Harly Fiske*, b. Feb. 6, 1879; m. Lila S., dau. of Cyrus C. Spaulding. Is employed in his father's drug store, is prominent as a baseball coach, having had seasons with Bowdoin, Colby and other institutions.

#### RECORD.

The Records of Buckfield are descended from an ancient Plymouth county, Mass. family. The name is variously spelled. Those settling here were of Bridgewater and Easton. Three of the four brothers saw service in the war for American Independence and they all came here in time to acquire 100 acres of land free from the Commonwealth of Mass.

DOMINICUS RECORD (see sketch), the oldest of the four brothers, who settled here, b. in Bridgewater about 1745, was the son of Ebenezer and Joanna (Bowles) Record. He was m. before coming here and had three children. She d. or was divorced and after coming here he m. 2d Jane Warren. Children by 1st wife:

*Orin*, m. Susa —; settled in Sangerville.

*Martha*, m. William Campbell; settled in Sangerville.

*Clarissa*, m. Daniel Morrill and d. before 1810.

Children by 2d wife:

*Dominicus, Jr.*, b. June 26, 1788; m. Prudence S. Swallow.

*Jane*, b. March 8, 1790; m. Samuel F. Brown.

*Samuel*, b. Jan. 2, 1792; d. young.

The father d. Feb. 4, 1810, aged 65. The mother d. June, 1842, aged 84.

ORIN RECORD, son of the preceding, b. about 1774, m. Susa  
———. The family moved to Sangerville, Me. Children:

*Clarissa*, b. March 24, 1799; m. Pelham Bryant.

*Emily*, b. May 23, 1800.

*De Albra*, b. Jan. 5, 1802.

*Harriet*, b. May 26, 1803.

*Celia*, b. May 16, 1807.

*Susan J.*, b. May 14, 1810.

*Everline*, b. Feb. 26, 1812.

*Mary Ann*, b. Mar. 29, 1814.

*Samuel C.*, b. Dec. 20, 1815.

DOMINICUS RECORD, JR., half bro. of the preceding, b. June 26, 1788, m. Prudence S. Swallow. He d. in 1862. She d. Dec. 1887 at Turner in her 91st year. Children:

*Olivia*, b. Feb. 21, 1820; d. Jan. 10, 1852.

*Ann Maria*, b. Dec. 29, 1821; m. Lewis Briggs.

*Hannah*, b. Mar. 24, 1823; d. July 6, 1838.

*Lydia*, b. Apr. 30, 1825; m. Josiah W. Whitten.

*Martha C.*, b. Sept. 15, 1827; m. Clark C. Gregg, Bridgewater.

*Susan Jones*, b. July 12, 1830.

*Emily*, b. June 9, 1835.

JONATHAN RECORD, son of Ebenezer of Bridgewater, b. about 1749, m. Remember Briggs of Bridgewater. She d. before 1817 and he m. 2d Abigail Cobb. He d. Jan. 17, 1855 in his 105th year. She d. Jan. 26, 1857, aged 91. Children all by 1st wife:

*Jonathan, Jr.*, b. April 12, 1782; m. Phebe Irish.

*Timothy S.*, b. June 17, 1783; m. Abigail Lothrop.

*Sarah*, b. Sept. 7, 1788; m. Calvin Whitman.

JONATHAN RECORD, JR., son of the preceding, b. Apr. 12, 1782, m. Phebe Irish. Children:

*David Briggs*, b. July 3, 1805; m. Phebe S. Morton.

*Remember* b. Oct. 9, 1806; m. Dominicus R. Warren.

*Margery*, b. Jan. 8, 1809; m. Nehemiah Leavitt; s. in Penobscot Co.

*Selina*, b. Dec. 28, 1810.

*Phebe*, b. Mar. 29, 1813.

*William*, b. May 24, 1815; m. Mary J. Spaulding.

*Mary Ann*, b. July 10, 1817.

*Jonathan G.*, b. March 1, 1819.

*Dexter*, b. Feb. 9, 1821.

*Orpheus*, b. Mar. 11, 1823.

*Dorcas Jane*, b. Aug. 15, 1825; d. May 25, 185—.

*Thomas Florian*, b. Dec. 2, 1827; m. Vesta A. Pettingill.



TIMOTHY S. RECORD, son of Jonathan, sen., b. June 17, 1783, m. Abigail Lothrop. He d. May 18, 1873. Children:

*Lavina*, b. June 28, 1808; m. Asa Taylor.

*Albert H.*, b. Jan. 20, 1810; d. past middle life, unm.

*Arvilla*, b. Mar. 7, 1812; m. William Jordan.

*Drusilla*, b. Mar. 7, 1812; m. William L. Taylor.

*Patty*, b. Feb. 16, 1814; d. Feb. 16, 1816.

*Martha*, b. Feb. 16, 1814; m. Rotheus B. Waite.

*Patty*, b. Mar. 1, 1817.

*Stephen L.*, b. July 6, 1819; d. Jan. 14, 1877.

*Abigail*, b. Nov. 22, 1821; m. John Mayhew.

*Emery T.*, b. Sept. 8, 1828; m. Comfort C. Smith; s. in Paris.

DAVID RECORD, son of Ebenezer of Bridgewater, b. about 1749, m. Abigail Damon of Pembroke. He d. Mar. 20, 1832, aged 83. She d. Feb. 15, 1845, aged 86. Children:

*Abigail*, b. July 20, 1782; m. Daniel Chase.

*David, Jr.*, b. Mar. 31, 1784; m. Fanny Richardson.

*Ezekiel*, b. Feb. 22, 1786, m. Almira Milliken.

*Lewis*, b. Mar. 28, 1788; m. Sally T. Pompilly.

*Thomas*, b. Apr. 14, 1791; m. Abigail Philbrick.

*Mercy*, b. June 5, 1793.

*Deborah*, b. Sept. 17, 1796; m. Seth Sampson, Esq.

DAVID RECORD, JR., son of the preceding, b. Mar. 31, 1784, m. Fanny Richardson. He d. in 1859. She d. Feb. 22, 1856. Children:

*Mercy Richardson*, b. Mar. 24, 1810; d. in 1867.

*Vesta C.*, b. Feb. 18, 1812; d. in 1895.

*Abigail*, b. Feb. 2, 1814; m. Nathaniel Foster, Jr.

*Jennette*, b. May 28, 1816; d. Aug. 1, 1816.

*Thomas Loring*, b. Nov. 19, 1818; d. June 14, 1845.

*Almon*, b. Jan. 6, 1822; m. Eliza J. Washburn.

*Angeline Chase*, b. June 18, 1824; m. Alvin R. Parlin, Sumner.

*David A.*, b. Aug. 20, 1830; m. Fanny Young.

ALMON RECORD, son of the preceding, b. Jan. 6, 1822, m. Eliza J. Washburn. He d. Jan. 7, 1889. She d. Jan. 28, 1897. Children:

*Roscoe L.*, b. Jan. 25, 1852; m. Viola Jordan.

*Clara E.*, b. Jan. 20, 1856; m. Frank Haskell.

*Hattie R.*, b. June 6, 1858; m. John Davis.

*Herbert A.*, b. Aug. 20, 1861; m. Jennie S. Hodsdon.

*Mertie I.*, b. June 6, 1869.

DAVID A. RECORD, youngest son of David Record, Jr., m. Fanny Young, b. Hartford in 1835. He d. in Mass., Nov. 27, 1898. Children:

*William A.*, b. Aug. 9, 1858.

*Ernest A.*, b. Apr. 24, 1861; d. Oct. 16, 1879.

*Llewellyn R.*, b. Mar. 11, 1865.

*Caroline B.*, b. Aug. 3, 1868.

EZEKIEL RECORD, son of David, sen., b. Feb. 22, 1786, m. Almira Milliken. He d. May 17, 1881. She d. Aug. 11, 1877. Children:

*Ezekiel C.*, b. May 2, 1814; m. Miriam Irish.

*Dana M.*, b. Nov. 15, 1815; m. Lucy H. Reed.

*Viraeenne*, b. Aug. 26, 1817; m. Samuel Reed.

*Benj. Harrison*, b. Nov. 20, 1818; m. Phebe R. Irish.

*Samuel*, b. Sept. 18, 1820; m. Maria Manning.

*Dorcas Jane*, b. May 18, 1822; m. William Chick.

*Jennette*, b. Mar. 6, 1824; m. Dr. John R. Lord of Orono.

*Amanda*, b. July 19, 1825; m. Silas Shaw.

*Clark*, b. May 18, 1827; m. Henrietta M. Bunker; d. July 25, 1892.

*Susan*, b. July 27, 1828; m. Addison Shaw.

*Mary*, b. May 8, 1830; m. Francis E. Spaulding.

*David*, b. Feb. 9, 1833; m. Mary Record.

*Jonathan*, b. Dec. 13, 1834; m. Susie —; s. in Mass.

BENJAMIN HARRISON RECORD, son of the preceding, b. Nov. 20, 1818, m. Phebe R. Irish. He d. May 13, 1883. She d. Apr. 19, 1866. Children:

*Sylvia A.*, b. Aug. 8, 1849; d. May 29, 1866.

*Herbert W.*, b. Aug. 6, 1853; m. Abbie Fogg; s. in Paris.

*William H.*, b. May 18, 1855; m. Ella M. Record.

*Cora R.*, b. Feb. 26, 1859; m. Ellis Whitman.

*Flora M.*, b. Feb. 26, 1859; resides at Mechanic Falls; unm.

LEWIS RECORD, son of David, sen., b. Mar. 28, 1788, m. Sarah T. Pompilly. He d. about 1863. She d. in 1830. Children:

*Sarah*, b. July 9, 1824; m. Calvin Robbins.

*Lewis, Jr.*, b. Aug. 11, 1827.

*Morris*, b. Apr. 29, 1830; m. ——— Lothrop and s. in the West. His wife died and he m. 2d, in 1832, Phebe Spaulding. Children:

*Melissa*, b. July 23, 1833, d. July 5, 1850; *Lucius*, b. Feb. 4, 1835, never married; *Mary*, b. July 6, 1837, m. David Record; *Charlotte*, b. May 26, 1839, m. Cyrus Snell; *Aurelia*, b. July 30, 1841, m. Solon Tuttle; *Sophronia*, b. Oct. 5, 1843, m. Moses Brown; *Fostina*, b. Feb. 13, 1846, m. Sanford Conant; *Benjamin S.*, b. Dec. 18, 1848; *George W.*, b. May 24, 1851, m. Annie V. Merrill.

THOMAS RECORD, youngest son of David, sen., b. Apr. 14, 1791, m. Abigail Philbrick. Children:

*Otis Franklin*, b. Feb. 9, 1822; m. Deliverance D. Damon.

*Annis P.*, b. Aug. 12, 1827; m. Hubbard Lowell.

*Betsey*, b. Aug. 17, 1829; m. R. B. Jennings.

*Lucy*, b. Sept. 4, 1835; m. Cyrus Chase.

*John P.*, b. July 29, 1837; m. Adelaide Cole.

*George B.*, b. Apr. 7, 1840, m. Margaret E. Packard.

JOHN P. RECORD, son of the preceding, b. July 29, 1837, m. Adelaide Cole. Children:

*Louisa M.*, b. Oct. 11, 1863.

*Thomas*, b. Aug. 4, 1866.

*George B.*, b. Sept. 20, 1869.

*Abigail*, b. Feb. 18, 1874; m. Walter M. Briggs.

*Carrie C.*, b. June 15, 1880.

*John P.*, b. Apr. 20, 1887.

GEORGE B. RECORD, bro. of the preceding, b. Apr. 7, 1840, m. Margaret E. Packard. Children:

*Ella M.*, b. June 19, 1871, m. William H. Record.

*Warren L.*, b. Apr. 25, 1876.

*Addison G.*, b. Mar. 8, 1877.

*Joseph C.*, b. abt. 1879.

SIMON RECORD b. about 1756, m. Bethiah Packard, b. 1758. She d. June 8, 1829, aged 71 years. He d. Oct. 5, 1843, aged 87. Children:

*Cynthia*, b. Aug. 20, 1779; m. Clark Young.

*Simeon*, b. May 15, 1781; m. Eliza Strout.

*Bethiah*, b. July 20, 1783; m. Stephen Spaulding.

*Joanna*, b. Apr. 3, 1786; m. Eliphalet Noyes.

*Ebenezer*, b. May 18, 1788; m. Nancy Manley.

*Charles*, b. May 18, 1788; m. Sally Noyes.

*Cyrus*, b. Sept. 19, 1790; m. Arvilla Spaulding.

*Simon, Jr.*, b. Dec. 19, 1792; m. Catharine Fernald.

EBENEZER RECORD, son of Simon, b. May 18, 1788, m. Nancy Manley. He d. about 1871. She d. about 1885. Children:

*Diantha*, b. July 3, 1824; m. Charles Hutchinson.

*Delphina*, b. Jan. 13, 1828; m. Jonathan Damon.

*Diana*, b. June 6, 1831; died young.

*Alonzo N.*, b. Feb. 11, 1833; m. 1st, Lara Lowell; 2d, Mrs. Davie; d. Nov. 17, 1895.

*Lorenzo*, b. Sept. 13, 1837; m. and s. in Pembroke.

CHARLES RECORD, bro. of the preceding, b. May 18, 1788, m. Sarah Noyes. Children:

*Cyrus B.*, *Clara*, *John*, *Columbus*, *Charles*, *Elbridge*, *Elnathan*, b. 1825; s. in Minot.

CYRUS RECORD, son of Simon, sen., b. Sept. 19, 1790, m. Arvilla Spaulding. He d. Dec. 12, 1876. She d. at Mechanic Falls in August, 1896. Children:

*Asa S.*, b. Nov. 2, 1820; m. Sarah Bartlett.

*Mary L.*, b. Mar., 1822; d. Nov. 13, 1828.

*Angelina*, b. May 26, 1825; m. David L. Farrar.

*Fostina S.* b. May 26, 1825; m. Jason Mitchell.

*Abel A.*, b. May 11, 1828; m. Harriet Woodman and s. in Brunswick.

*Bennett B.*, b. Aug. 24, 1834; m. Lucy A. Cushman.

*Julius A.*, b. Jan. 7, 1844; m. Hannah C. Marston.

*Julia A.*, b. Jan. 7, 1844; m. Zadoc A. Buck.

ASA S. RECORD, son of the preceding, b. Nov. 2, 1820, m. Sarah Bartlett. He d. Nov. 23, 1876. She d. in 1901. Children:

*Phebe Z.*, b. Sept. 19, 1842; d. Feb. 3, 1844.

*Edgar T.*, b. Oct. 8, 1843; m. Mittie A. Foster.

*Martha M.*, b. June 20, 1846; m. Pearl Swallow.

*William Chase*, b. Sept. 2, 1848; m. Julia Smith; s. in Poland.

*Frederick F.*, b. June 9, 1856; died young.

EDGAR T. RECORD, son of the preceding, b. Oct. 8, 1843, m. Mittie A. Foster. Settled at So. Paris. He was a soldier in the Civil War. Child:

*Cora*, b. Sept. 15, 1870; m. John E. Everett; (she was killed with youngest child by R. R. train running into auto while crossing track in summer of 1915); 3 c.: *Marion*, b. March, 1895; *Lena C.*, b. May, 1898, and *Iva*, b. Jan. 1, 1903.

BENNETT B. RECORD, son of Cyrus, b. Aug. 24, 1834, m. Lucy A. Cushman. Children:

*Arvilla E.*, b. Oct. 23, 1855; m. Newell Estey of Boston.

*Lizzie F.*, b. Apr. 14, 1864; m. and set. in Mass.

*Anna B.*, b. June 27, 1865; m. Wm. Pitt Putnam of Waterville.

*Charles*, b. Sept. 30, 1867; m. Frances Walter of Portland.

JULIUS A. RECORD, bro. of the preceding, b. Jan. 7, 1844, m. Mrs. Hannah (Buck) Marston. They reside at South Paris. Children:

*Chester*, b. May 21, 1866; m. Eva Howard; s. in Portland.

*Roscoe*, b. Mar. 24, 1868; died young.

*Angelina*, b. July 13, 1870; m. 1st, Thos. Keough; 2d, Charles Edmunds.

*James S.*, b. Nov. 11, 1876; m. Emma Wheeler; s. at South Paris.

*Amy A.*, b. Sept. 11, 1878.

*Augustus J.*, b. June 26, 1881.

SIMON RECORD, JR., son of Simon, sen., b. Dec. 19, 1792, m. Catharine Fernald. Children:

*Freeman*, b. Apr. 19, 1818.  
*Stephen*, b. Nov. 1, 1819; d. Sept., 1844.  
*Samuel*, b. Jan. 1, 1822.  
*William*, b. Dec. 17, 1823; m. Harriet Mitchell.  
*Levi*, b. Aug. 13, 1825; m. Lydia Ludden; s. at So. Paris.  
*Philo*, b. Mar. 5, 1829; d. unm. Apr. 5, 1886.  
*Henry*, b. May 21, 1831; d. June 23, 1862.  
*Eliza Ann*, b. Feb. 2, 1833.

WILLIAM RECORD, son of the preceding, b. Dec. 17, 1823, m. Harriet Mitchell. Children:

*Lola K.*, b. July 12, 1856; m. Edwin Maxim.  
*Chas. A.*, b. July 8, 1859; m. Ruth A. Thomes.  
*William, Jr.*, b. Aug. 26, 1861; m. Dora Cobb.  
*Eugene*, b. Sept. 6, 1863; m. Arvilla Jordan.  
*Geo. H.*, b. Aug. 20, 1866; m. ——— Jordan.  
*Jennie A.*, b. Aug. 8, 1870.  
*Vernie*, b. Dec. 20, 1874.  
*Harry A.*, b. Oct. 21, 1879.

CHARLES A. RECORD, son of the preceding, b. July 8, 1859, m. Ruth A. Thomes. Child:

*Lottie J.*, b. Aug. 24, 1866.

EUGENE RECORD, bro. of the preceding, b. Sept. 6, 1863, m. Arvilla Jordan. Child:

*Maud E.*, b. Feb. 17, 1890; m. Oscar Casey.

#### RICHARDSON.

JOHN RICHARDSON, the first of the name we have any record of in Buckfield, was descended from Samuel, who came from England with two brothers and settled at Woburn, Mass., about 1630. Samuel<sup>1</sup> was born about 1610. The line of descent is given as follows: Samuel, Joseph, Stephen, Adam, Stephen.

JOHN RICHARDSON, son of Stephen, m. Lydia Crooker and settled in Buckfield, but after residing here a number of years, he moved to Turner where he passed the remainder of his days. Children recorded on our records:

*Abigail*, b. July 16, 1797.  
*Polly*, b. Nov. 18, 1799; m. Jotham Roberts.  
*Benjamin*, b. Apr. 13, 1802.  
*Ruth*, b. Aug. 26, 1805; m. Jabez Pratt.  
*Lyman*, b. Nov. 19, 1807; m. Mercy Buck.  
*John and Giles*.



## RICKER.

TOBIAS RICKER, b. May 12, 1764, was the first of the name to settle in Buckfield. He was a Revolutionary soldier and came here from Berwick, Me., before 1790. His wife's name was Abigail Warren. He d. Dec. 20, 1847. Children:

*Eleanor*, b. Mar. 25, 1785; d. Mar. 19, 1794.

*John*, b. Feb. 27, 1787; m. Charlotte Hayward.

*Tobias, Jr.*, b. Mar. 15, 1789; m. Sally Berry; 2d, Keziah Jackson, 3d, Abigail Ellis.

*Abigail*, b. Nov. 22, 1791; m. Obadiah Berry.

*Ephraim*, b. Jan. 29, 1794; m. Margaret Swett.

*Isaiah*, b. May 15, 1796; m. Hannah Mason.

*Charlotte*, b. Nov. 15, 1798; m. Daniel Hutchinson; 2d, Levi Berry.

*Anarew*, b. Mar. 17, 1802.

*Nancy*, b. July 4, 1804; m. Edmund Irish.

*Lysander*, b. Aug. 28, 1807; m. Cordelia Cushman.

TOBIAS RICKER, JR., son of the preceding, b. Mar. 15, 1789, m. Sally Berry. She d. and he m. 2d Keziah Jackson, 3d Abigail Ellis. He d. in Illinois, June 2, 1868. Children:

*Danville A.*, b. Sept. 9, 1815; m. Lucinda Mason.

By second wife:

*Sarah Ann*, b. Mar. 10, 1823; m. James S. Benson; 2d, Thomas Benson.

*Flora Jane*, b. Jan. 1, 1827; m. Wm. F. Berry.

*Algernon O.*, b. Nov. 28, 1833; m. Julia M. Ricker.

*Cyrus S.*, b. Apr. 26, 1839; m. Lizzie H. Barrelle.

EPHRAIM RICKER, bro. of the preceding, b. Jan. 29, 1794, m. Margaret Swett. He d. Oct. 23, 1875. She d. ——. Children:

*Horace*, b. Jan. 17, 1819.

*Ephraim, Jr.*, b. ——; m. Sarah Prince.

ISAIAH RICKER, bro. of the preceding, b. May 15, 1796, m. Hannah Mason. Children:

*Elcstia Abigail*, b. Apr. 20, 1828.

*Amanda Malvina*, b. Nov. 4, 1830.

*Silas Mason*, b. Aug. 30, 1832.

*Miles Mason*, b. Oct. 12, 1834.

REV. GEORGE RICKER, a Baptist preacher, b. Dec. 14, 1771, bro. of Tobias, sen., m. Dorcas Philbrick. He d. in Auburn, Me., in 1854. Children:

*Hiram*, b. June 6, 1799; m. ——; s. in Auburn.

*Elmira*, b. Feb. 2, 1801; m. David W. Swett.

*Sarah*, b. June 5, 1802; m. ——— Keith.

*George, Jr.*, b. Jan. 15, 1804; m. ———.

*Delana*, b. Oct. 5, 1805; died young.

*Luten*, b. Sept. 25, 1807; settled in the West.

*Jones*, b. Feb. 20, 1812; went to sea and was drowned first night out.

#### RIDER.

CAPT. JOHN RIDER, a Revolutionary soldier, who settled in the township before 1800, m. Ruth ———. He was from Plymouth County, Mass. We have no record when they died. Children:

*John, Jr.*, b. May 7, 1789.

*Lucy*, b. Sept. 7, 1792.

*Elizabeth*, b. Oct. 16, 1794.

*Laura*, b. Dec. 22, 1796.

*George*, b. Aug. 3, 1799.

SAMUEL RIDER, prob. a bro. of John, sen., m. Abigail———. No mention is made of their deaths on our records. Children:

*Enoch Frost* b. Mar. 29, 1803.

*Bela Morse*, b. Jan. 24, 1805.

*Polly*, b. May 21, 1808.

#### ROBERTS.

Joseph Roberts was probably a descendant of Thomas Roberts and his wife, Rebecca, who came from England in 1633 and settled in Dover, N. H., where or in the vicinity of which Joseph was born about 1727. He m. Hannah Young. They settled in Windham. In July, 1778, he exchanged farms with Theophilus Bradbury of Pearsonstown (Standish). In August, 1787, he sold his farm in Standish for 180£ to Peter White of Bucktown, who went there to live and appears to have passed the remainder of his days there. In June, 1795, Peter White sold his settling lot in Buckfield for £200 to Jonathan Roberts, Jr.

Joseph Roberts appears to have come to Bucktown soon after selling his place to Peter White. He was here with his family when the census was taken in 1790 and also in 1800. In March, 1803, he purchased one-half of the settling lot of Jonathan Roberts near Federal Corner. In 1804 he was living in Washington Pl., now Brooks.

The tradition is that he died in Buckfield about 1805. His wife died at the home of her daughter, Elizabeth Irish, about 1815.

JOSEPH ROBERTS was a patriot, a worthy man and a good citizen. He is said to have served awhile in the War for Independence. Children:

*Joseph, Jr.*, b. Feb. 6, 1756; m. Esther Hamlin; 2d, Margaret Hall.

*Hannah*, b. abt. 1762; m. James Jordan, Jr.; s. in B.

*Sarah*, b. Windham, 1764; m. Jotham Shaw; s. in B.

*Jonathan*, 2d, b. abt. 1766; m. Prudence Willard.

*Elizabeth*, b. ———, 1769; m. Thomas Irish; s. in B.

*Mary*, b. ———, 1773; m. Richard Taylor; s. in B.

*John*, b. ———, 1777; m. Miriam Irish; s. in O.

JOSEPH ROBERTS, JR. (see sketch), b. Feb. 6, 1756, m. Esther Hamlin, b. June 30, 1758, one of the first 47 settlers in Bucktown. First settler in Washington Pl., now Brooks, Me., where he d. Jan. 10, 1843. His wife d. in Buckfield, Feb. 21, 1801 and he m. 2d Mrs. Margaret Forbes, widow of Zadoc Forbes, daughter of Hatevil an Ruth (Winslow) Hall. He was the father of 24 children—12 by each wife. Nearly all of them lived to raise up families of their own. All of this family settled in Eastern Me. Children by 1st wife, all but two first probably b. in Buckfield:

*Hannah*, b. Feb. 20, 1778; m. 1799, John Young; 10 c.; d. in 1844.

*Tabitha*, b. Jan. 11, 1780; m. 1799, James Roberts; 4 ch.; d. in 1868. She killed a British soldier with a pitchfork while he was attempting to carry off her last cow.

*Sarah*, b. May 6, 1782; m. Shadrack Hall; 10 c.; d. in 1859.

*Isaac*, b. May 10, 1784; m. 1st, Abigail Merrill; 2d, Sarah Cobb; 9 ch.; d. in 1862.

*Dr. Jacob*, b. May 10, 1784; m. 1st, Huldah Myrick; 2d, Abby Jenkins; 11 c.; d. in 1856.

*Elizabeth*, b. Feb. 2, 1786; m. John Cates; 9 c.; d. in 1832.

*Gilman*, b. Oct. 28, 1788; m. 1st, Ann Leathers; 2d, Susan Bachelder; 12 c.; d. in 1877.

*Enoch*, b. Mar. 27, 1791; m. 1st Eleanor Leathers; 2d, Eliza Aborn; 11 c.; d. in 1855.

*Infant*, b. 1793; d. 1793.

*Esther*, b. Mar. 20, 1795; m. Daniel Hamilton; 13 c.; d. in 1877.

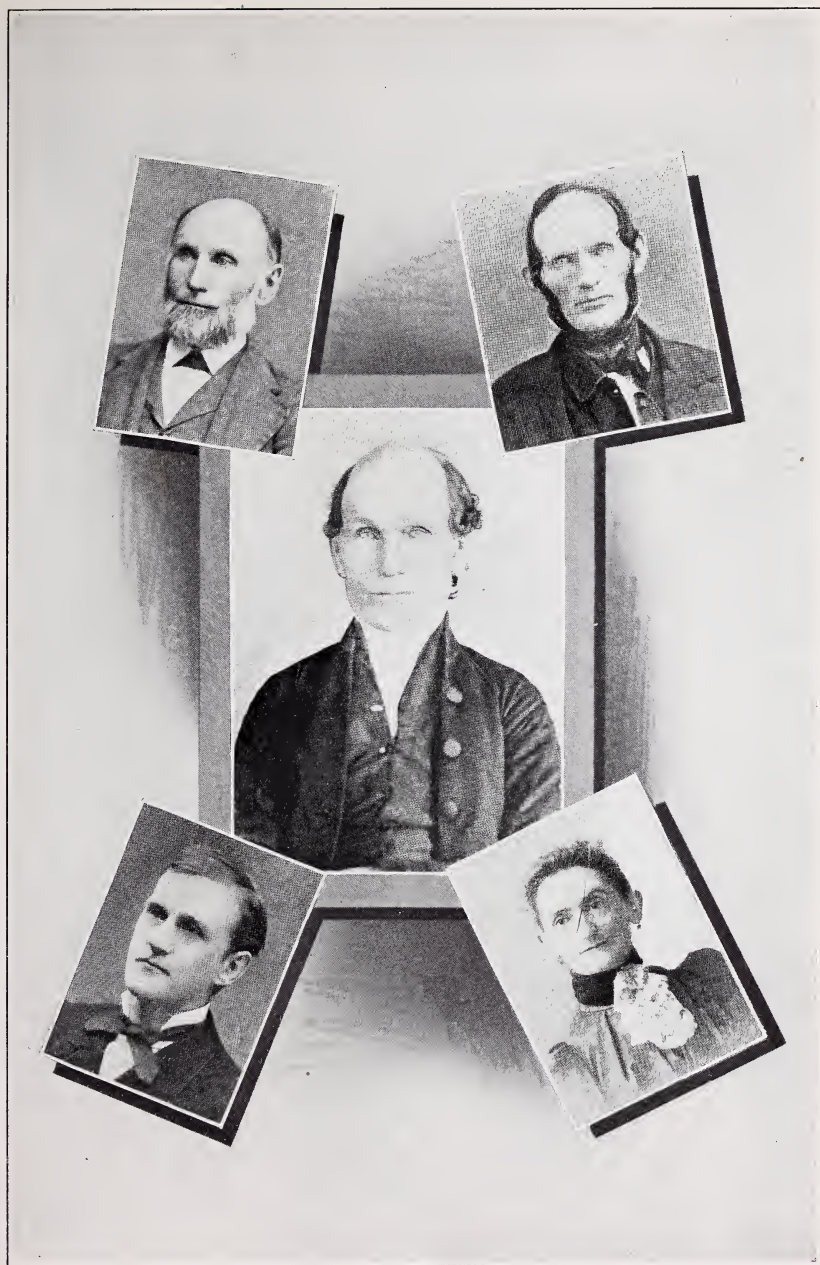
*Lovina*, b. Aug. ———, 1797; m. Levi Bowen; 12 c.; d. in 1856.

*Joseph*, b. Nov. 2, 1799; m. Lydia Knight; 3 c.; d. in 1885.

Children by 2d wife, all but first born in Brooks:

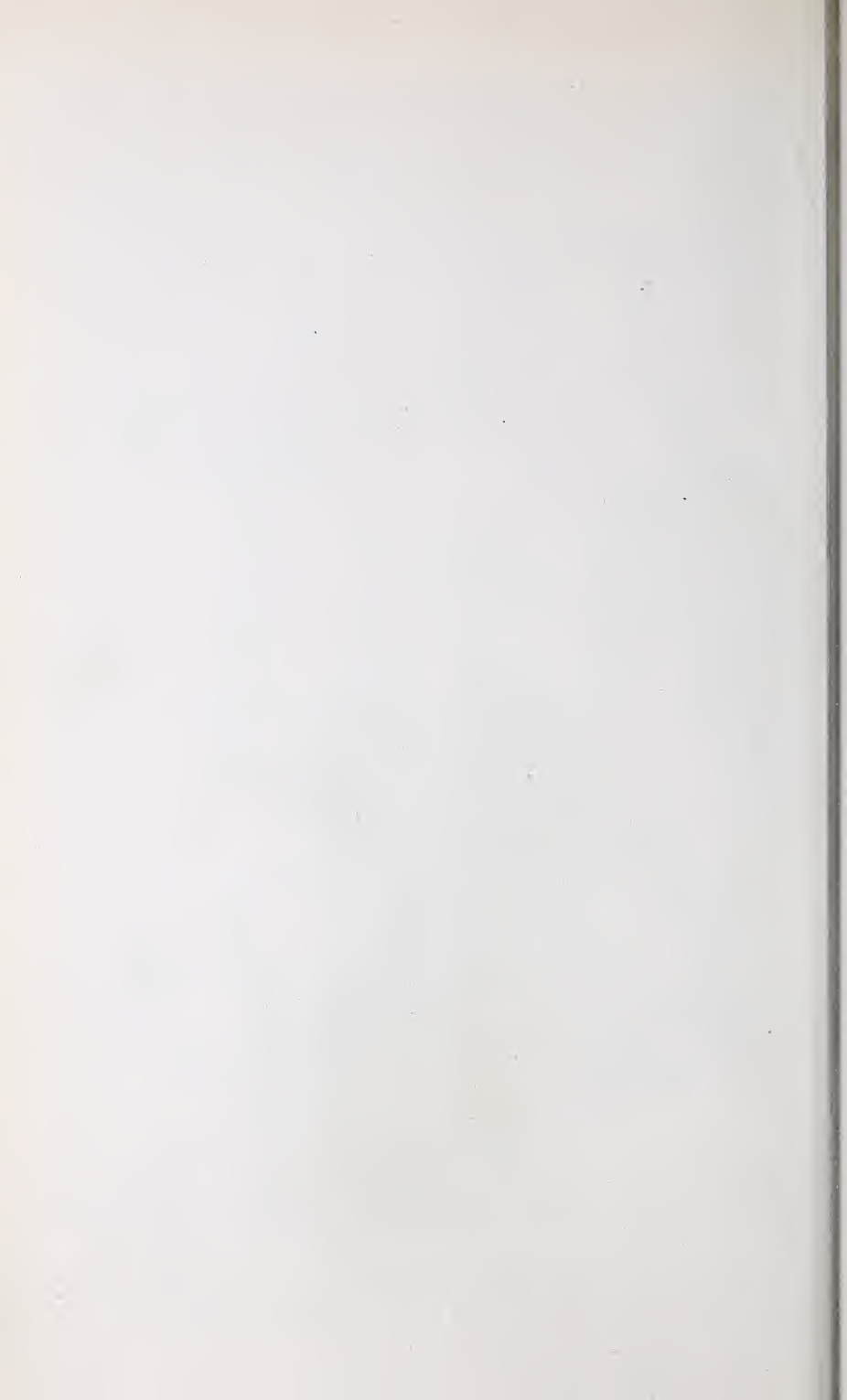
*Nathan*, b. Feb. 5, 1802; died young.

*Benj.*, b. Feb. —, 1804; m. Nancy Cilley; 5 ch.; d. in Rebel Prison in 1864.



Barnabas M. Roberts  
Dr. Jacob Roberts  
Capt. Cassius C. Roberts

Hamlin M. Roberts  
Amorena Roberts Grant





*John*, b. Jan. —, 1806; m. Harriet Jackson; 8 c.; d. in Minn. in 1886.

*Alfred, Jr.*, b. Oct. 21, 1807; m. 1st Caroline Davis; 2d, Sarah Roberts; 14 c.; d. in 1868.

*Ruth*, b. 1809; d. young.

*Mary*, b. 1811; d. young.

*Timothy T.*, b. July 31, 1812; m. Nancy Gardner; 4 c.; d. in 1868.

*Dr. Charles*, b. Jan. 1814; m. Clarinda Havener; d. in 1840.

*Hon. Nathan H.*, b. June 9, 1815; m., 1st, Elvira Irish; 2d, Mary Langham; 5 c.; d. in Minn. in 1892.

*Mary*, b. 1818; m. Calvin Fogg; 4 ch.; d. in 1893.

*Winslow*, b. Mar. 8, 1821; m. 1st, Amelia Putnam; 2d, Cornelia Rand; 3d, Maria Bangs; 7 c.; d. in 1879.

*Rufus*, b. Apr. 14, 1823; m. Adeline Files; 6 c.; d. in Minn. 1900.

DR. JACOB ROBERTS, son of the preceding, b. in Buckfield, May 10, 1784, died at North Vassalboro. Me., Mar. 15, 1856. He was a self-made man. He acquired his education and fitted himself for a physician by working on the farm and teaching. In 1810 he married Miss Huldah M. Myrick of Hebron, Me., b. in North Yarmouth in 1793, and settled in Brooks where he practiced his profession for nearly 40 years with great success. For many years he was the most eminent physician in all that section of the state and became noted for his skill in the treatment of serious cases. He became a convert to the Quaker faith in religion and the homeopathic system of medicine. In politics he was a whig and his influence among his patients was so great that he carried his town which was democratic by a large majority for Gen. Harrison for President in 1840 by over 100 majority. Doctor Roberts was noted for his benevolence and public spirit and had great tenacity of faith and purpose which characterizes the family. His wife died Apr. 6, 1845. They left several sons who rose to eminence in professional and political life. Children all but first born in Brooks, Me.:

*Hamlin M.*, b. Buckfield, 1811; m. Mary A. Rich; s. in Brooks, Me.

*Jacob W., Esq.*, b. Nov. 29, 1813; m. 1st, Phebe S. Abbott; 2d, Jane Lippincott.

*Amorena D.*, b. Sept. 2, 1815; m. Dr. Ezra Manter.

*Hon. Barnabas M.*, b. Oct. 17, 1818; m. Emeline Rich.

*Charles L., Esq.*, b. Apr. 14, 1821; m. Caroline P. Metcalf; s. in Ill.

*Prof. Porteous B.*, b. July 27, 1823; m. Mary A. Preckett.

*Emily E.*, b. in 1825; d. 1834.

*Phebe Y.*, b. April 5, 1828; m. William P. Miller.

*Huldah J.*, b. Dec. 19, 1830; m. Dr. J. H. Barrows; s. in Gardiner.

*Ellen C.*, b. May 27, 1833; m. Dr. Erza Manter.

*Dr. William P. Roberts*, b. Jan. 25, 1836; m. 1st, Susan D. Weeks; 2d, Cora B. Ferris; s. in Wisconsin.

HAMLIN MYRICK ROBERTS, son of the preceding, born in Buckfield in 1811, m. in 1835, Mary A. Rich. He was an early abolitionist and was one of the three in Jackson, Me., who voted for James G. Birney for President in 1840. He was a highly respected citizen and took a deep interest in political and public affairs but refused all efforts of his fellow townsmen to elect him to office. He died in Brooks, June, 1856. His widow m. Rev. Dexter Waterman in 1859 and d. in East Dixfield in 1877. Children all born in Jackson, Me.:

*Allen H. Roberts*, b. Feb. 22, 1836; m. 1863, Kate Weatherbee; resides in Chicago, Ill.

*Dr. Francis A. Roberts*, b. Aug. 9, 1838; m. Mary F. Hazzey.

*Emily*, b. 1840; died 1848.

*Nelson Roberts*, b. 1842; died 1848.

*Hon. Cassius C. Roberts*, b. Mar. 5, 1845; m. Pauline E. Colcord; resides in Chicago, Ill.

HON. CASSIUS CLAY ROBERTS b. in Jackson, Me., Mar. 5, 1845, m. 1868, Pauline E. Colcord. Two children were born of this union: Parepa R. Aug. 7, 1869 and Pauline E., Aug. 15, 1875. The latter married Feb. 13, 1897, James J. Lawler of Winsted, Conn., assistant superintendent of Winsted Silk Co., Chicago, where they reside. His wife d. Nov. 30, 1875 and he m. 2d Jan. 5, 1898, Margaret Bennett, who d. Aug. 28, 1899. Their child, a promising son, named Cassius Philip Roberts, b. July 29, 1899, d. June 22, 1901 from the effects of gasoline administered by an insane nurse.

Mr. Roberts acquired his education in the common schools and at the Maine State Seminary and Bethany College, West Virginia. On the breaking out of the War of the Rebellion, he enlisted in the 1st Maine Regiment but was rejected. When Col. Beal's 10th Maine was recruited he enlisted in Co. I and served till the regiment was mustered out of the service May 3, 1863. At Cedar Mt., he was wounded in battle, but soon recovered and was promoted to corporal. After his discharge he again entered the service as a commissioned officer in the U. S. Colored troops and was in command of his company at the siege and capture of Port Hudson. He returned to Maine having resigned after the opening of the Mississippi and almost immediately re-enlisted in the First Me. H. A. and was promoted to First Lieutenant and Captain by brevet for gallantry and faith-

ful service. He was wounded at the battle of Spottsylvania, Va. After the war, he became connected with a ship-building firm at Stockton, Me., and for several years run a general store at that place. For four years he was the political reporter and correspondent for the Boston Globe. He heartily entered into the Liberal Republican movement of 1872 and was a member of the National convention which nominated Horace Greeley for President. He was first selectman of Stockton, Me., 1876-1878 and state senator from Waldo County in 1879. In 1884 he moved to Chicago, Ill., where he has since resided. Mr. Roberts returned to the Republican party in 1897. In 1888 he was connected with the Chicago post office but resigned the next year to begin the publication of the "South West Chicagoan," to which was added the "Chicago Opinion" and six other weekly papers published by the West Chicago Press Association, of which he was editor. Captain Roberts is now (1915) living in comparative retirement at his pleasant home at Hollywood, Chicago. He has married a beautiful and accomplished Southern lady, who is devotedly attached to her worthy husband.

JACOB WELLINGTON ROBERTS, second son of Dr. Jacob, b. in Brooks, Me., Nov. 29, 1813, m. Phebe S. Abbott. He was a man of literary tastes and a writer of merit of both prose and poetry. He was well informed on all public questions of his time and was deeply interested in politics. Mr. Roberts for many years was the leader of his party in his section. He was a strong anti-slavery man. His wife d. in 1844 and in 1849 he m. 2d Jane Lippincott. He contracted consumption while travelling in the West from which he d. Dec. 18, 1849. Children:

*Edward Junius*, b. Feb. 8, 1837; d. Jan. 4, 1838.

*Dr. Edward Junius*, b. Feb. 10, 1839; m. Emma Evans.

*Freeman Myrick*, b. Dec. 21, 1840; m. Aurelia J. York.

*Amorena*, b. Nov. 5, 1842; m. Lemuel C. Grant.

Mrs. Amorena Grant lives in Boston. Her husband served in the Civil War in several Maine regiments. After the war he followed the sea and was mate of the bark "Warren," when it went down in a storm with all on board. Mrs. Grant is the author of a book on the descendants of Joseph Roberts. (She died suddenly at her home in Boston Sept. 3, 1915.)

HON. BARNABAS MYRICK ROBERTS, the 4th child of Dr. Jacob, was b. Oct. 17, 1818, in Brooks. He began teaching school at 16.

Soon after reaching his majority he went to Kentucky where he taught school with much success. At the urgent request of his parents he returned home and settled on a farm in Jackson. He married Miss Emeline Rich, a sister to his brother Hamlin's wife. In 1853 he opened a store at Brooks village and two years later became a partner with Hon. N. G. Hichborn, afterwards the temperance candidate for governor of the state at Stockton which partnership continued till Mr. Hichborn's death in 1875, after which he conducted the business alone. Originally a whig, Mr. Roberts became an abolitionist in 1844. He was one of the founders of the republican party in Maine and was always one of its trusted leaders. He was state senator from Waldo County. For four years was collector of customs at Belfast, Me., during the war and a candidate for Congress in 1866. He was a ready debater, well informed and of unimpeachable integrity. He d. in 1896. His wife d. Dec. 19, 1893. They had seven children.

DR. WILLIAM PINKNEY ROBERTS of Janesville, Wisconsin, the youngest child of Doctor Jacob Roberts, was born in Brooks, Me., Jan. 25, 1836. When eighteen years of age having been given up to die as a hopeless consumptive, he went West where he regained his health. He graduated from the Hahnemann Medical College of Chicago and began the practice of his profession in Nawaygo, Michigan. He adopted some original methods of treating the sick with great success. Some years later he settled in Janesville, Wisconsin, where he has become eminent. In 1890 he originated and helped organize the American Invalid Aid Society of Boston. He has become one of the highest authorities in the United States on consumption. He was the originator of the custom of flying the stars and stripes over schoolhouses. The doctor has been twice married. His first wife was Susan A. Weeks of Vassalboro, Me. She d. and he m. in 1888 Cora B. Ferris of Janesville.

JONATHAN ROBERTS, 2d, son of Joseph, sen., b. in Windham about 1766, m. in 1786, Prudence Willard. He served awhile on the coast of Maine during the latter part of the War of the Revolution. He was one of the early settlers of Bucktown, but after living here several years, moved to the eastern part of the state. Children recorded here:

*Jotham*, b. Dec. 28, 1787; m. Polly Richardson.

*Lydia*, b. Oct. 26, 1789; m. William Haskell.

*Daniel*, b. Dec. 30, 1791; m. Mary Haskell.  
*Hannah*, b. Dec. 22, 1794; m. Libbeus Jones.  
*William*, b. Mar. 17, 1796; m. Ruth Edwards.  
*Cyrus*, b. Apr. 21, 1803; went to sea; never returned.

JONATHAN ROBERTS (see sketch), brother of Joseph, sen., b. about 1746 in N. H., m. in 1768, Elizabeth Webb at Windham and from there came to Bucktown in time to acquire a settling lot. He d. after 1815. We have no record of his wife's death. Children recorded on B. records:

*Samuel*, b. Windham, Feb. 5, 1769; s. in Eastern Me.  
*Susannah*, b. Windham Apr. 28, 1771.  
*George*, b. Windham Apr. 26, 1773; m. Mary Brown.  
*Jonathan*, b. Windham July 17, 1775; moved from B. before 1820.  
*James*, b. Windham Sept. 15, 1777; m. Tabitha Roberts; s. in E. Me.  
*Bethiah*, b. Windham Sept. 17, 1779.  
*Judith*, b. Windham Oct. 6, 1781.  
*Betsey*, b. Dec. 10, 1783; m. Going Knight.  
*Seth*, b. May 5, 1786, moved away before 1820.  
*Rebecca*, b. Dec. 9, 1788; m. Arza Forbes.

GEORGE ROBERTS, son of the preceding, b. Apr. 26, 1773, m. Mary Brown. He settled after 1815 in Eastern Maine. Children recorded here:

*Susannah*, b. June 13, 1799.  
*Amos*, b. Oct. 6, 1800; m. Christina Ryerson.  
*Ezra*, b. Mar. 30, 1802.  
*George, Jr.*, b. Oct. 17, 1803; m. Miriam Hall.  
*Jonathan*, b. July 21, 1806.  
*Sarah*, b. July 8, 1808.  
*Seth*, b. Dec. 7, 1810.  
*Benjamin Brown*, b. Oct. 19, 1812.  
*Alanson*, b. Jan. 14, 1814.  
*Mary Brown*, b. May 2, 1816.  
*Hannah*, b. May 11, 1818.

SETH ROBERTS, bro. of the preceding, b. May 5, 1786, m. \_\_\_\_\_, s. in Eastern Maine. Children recorded here:

*Benjamin*, b. May 9, 1815.  
*James*, b. Feb. 25, 1817.

#### RYERSON.

LUKE RYERSON who was an early settler in the western part Buckfield, was b. in New Jersey. He m. Abigail Ellery. He settled first in York County where his first children were born.



His wife died and he m. 2d Sarah Coombs of York b. Dec. 14, 1766. He died in Buckfield in 1812. Children by first wife:

*Col. William*, b. Aug. 4, 1769; m. Sally Parsons; s. in Paris.

*Luke, Jr.*, b. 1772; m. Keziah Cushman; s. in Paris.

*Elizabeth*, b. ———.

*George*, b. ———; m. Elizabeth Jenks; s. in Paris.

*Polly*, b. ———.

*John*, b. ———.

*Joseph*, b. ———; d. young.

*Samuel*, b. ———.

*Benjamin*, b. ———.

*Susannah*, b. ———; m. John Bearce; s. in Auburn.

*Abigail*, b. ———; m. ——— Irving.

Children by second wife:

*Sarah*, b. June 16, 1793; m. John Cole, Poland.

*Joseph*, b. Oct. 7, 1794; s. St. Albans, Vt.

*Howell*, b. Mar. 6, 1796; m. 1st, ——— Churchill; 2d, ——— Roberts;  
3d, ——— White.

*Nancy*, b. Mar. 9, 1798; m. Jonathan Pulsifer.

*Nehemiah*, b. July 9, 1799; s. in Portland.

*Esther*, b. Mar. 6, 1801; m. John Moore.

*Roding*, b. Aug. 20, 1802; m. Anna Whittemore.

*N. Osgood*, b. Sept. 25, 1803; m. Nancy Hersey.

*Christina*, b. Nov. 20, 1804; m. Amos Roberts.

*Simcon*, b. Nov. 28, 1805; m. Miranda Walker; s. in Paris.

*Ebenezer*, b. Aug. 20, 1807.

#### SHAW.

JOTHAM SHAW, one of eighteen children, was the son of Deacon John Shaw and Jane (Drake) Shaw, a descendant of the celebrated Drake family of England. He was born in Weymouth, Mass., Sept. 28, 1764. He married Sarah Young Roberts of Windham, Me., about 1786. He was a soldier in the War for Independence and an early settler of Bucktown where he died Apr. 18, 1832, aged 68. His wife died Mar. 4, 1855, in her 91st year. Children of Jotham and Sarah (Roberts) Shaw:

*Xoa*, b. Dec. 25, 1787; m. John Hutchinson.

*Jesse*, b. Nov. 5, 1789; m. Catharine Morse.

*Almira*, b. Aug. 11, 1791; m. Joseph Chase.

*Amos*, b. Dec. 6, 1793; m. Mary Chase.

*Miriam*, b. Sept. 16, 1796; m. Edmund Hall.

*Charlotte*, b. Aug. 23, 1799; d. Apr. 3, 1805.

*Jotham*, b. Dec. 3, 1801; m. Sarepta Whiting.

*John*, b. Mar. 10, 1804; m. Irene Irish.

*Isaac*, b. May 21, 1806; m. Joanna Teague.

*Charlotte*, b. Mar. 20, 1810; m. Thomas Cates.

JESSE (Jotham, John) b. Nov. 5, 1789, m. Catharine Morse. She d. Aug. 29, 1875. He owned a farm which he cleared and in which he built a house in the eastern part of the town, enlisted and served in the War of 1812. Died Sept. 12, 1886. Children:

I. *Sylvira*, born Dec. 28, 1816, married Daniel F. Simpson of Byron; later removed to North Turner. Children:

*George F.*, born Dec., 1845; *Maria F.*, born July 4, 1847; *Emma*, born July 24, 1849; *Ella*, born July 27, 1851; *Charles S.*, born Sept. 5, 1854.

II. *Francis C.*, born Feb. 11, 1819; married Vilona Whitman. After her death he married Rebecca Smith. He was killed by being run over with a yoke of oxen and cart. Had one son, *Henry M.*, born Feb. 28, 1851, who lives in Caribou, Maine. Has three children:

*Grace*, *Shirley* and *Barton*.

III. *Maria*, born Feb. 22, 1821; married Ichabod Allen of Turner, Me.

IV. *James*, born Mar. 16, 1823, married Isabella D. Brown of Brunswick, Mar. 23, 1851. He enlisted in Nineteenth Maine Regiment, Co. E, Aug. 1862. Was in several battles and at the Battle of the Wilderness, May, 1864, received wounds from which he died in the hospital at Washington, D. C., June, 1864. They had two children:

*Henry G.*, born May 15, 1852; married Georgia A. Lowell. He died Nov., 1908. They have three children:

*James A.*, married Bessie Lee Alden of Marlboro, Mass. He is a Free Baptist minister preaching at Dale, N. Y. *Annie B.*, married Rev. Luther D. Tibbetts. *H. Lowell*, married Florence Wyman of West Peru. They have one son, *John Henry*, born June 30, 1912.

*Mary Emma*, born July 2, 1860; died Mar. 8, 1888.

V. *Henry M.*, born Mar. 13, 1824. When a young man shipped on a whaling voyage, and after returning to port, was never heard from again. Supposed by his relatives to have met with foul play.

VI. *Jotham*, born June 4, 1826; went West and during the Civil War enlisted in a Minnesota regiment, but before the war closed was taken sick and died.

VII. *Alfred*, born April 18, 1829. In 1854 went to California and after the Civil War broke out enlisted in the Sixth Cal. Regiment, saw service on the Pacific coast and the Isthmus of Panama. In 1866 returned to Buckfield. Married Isabella D. Shaw, the widow of his brother James, bought a farm in the southern part of the town. In Oct., 1872, bought a stand in Buckfield village, where he lived until his death, May 17, 1899. Had two daughters, *Kate B.*, married George C. Morrill of Sumner, and *Josephine M.*

VIII. *Geo. W.*, born Aug. 7, 1832, lived on the place owned and cleared by his father, married Sylvia Bonney of Paris, Me.; she died Oct. 30,

1888. He married for his second wife, Mrs. Mary E. Jones, Sept. 13, 1891; she died Aug. 23, 1906. He died July 15, 1908. His children were Addie E., and a son, who died in infancy.

AMOS (Jotham, John), b. Dec. 6, 1793, m. Mary Chase. Their children:

*Silas*, b. Sept. 4, 1821; d. June 23, 1893.

*Zenas*.

*Joseph*.

*Wilson*.

SILAS (Amos, Jotham, John), m. Amanda C. Record. She died Dec. 29, 1903. They had one child, Mary A., b. Oct. 15, 1855, m. Justus B. Mason.

ZENAS (Amos, Jotham, John), m. Jane Benson. They had two children:

*Wilson*, married Elizabeth Spaulding (deceased). They had one son, *Warren S*.

*Albert*, married Sadie Keene (deceased). They had 4 children, *Jennie M.*, *Ervin A.*, *Bertha* and *Lawrence*.

JOSEPH (Amos, Jotham, John), m. Sarah Pettengill. They had one son, *Alton J.*, m. Mary Harris.

WILSON (Amos, Jotham, John), m. Ellen Loring.

JOTHAM (Jotham, John), b. Dec. 3, 1801, m. Sarepta Whiting, b. July 29, 1805. He died June 25, 1868; she died Sept. 19, 1893. Children:

*Mary Elizabeth*, b. June 28, 1829; m. John H. Purkis of Providence, R. I.

*John Addison*, b. Feb. 7, 1832; m. 1st, Susan Record; 2d, Eliza Gilbert; 3d, Ellen Bradley.

*Charlotte Frances*, b. May 22, 1834; m. Hosea Bisbee.

*Charles A.*, b. Sept. 14, 1839; d. Mar. 21, 1851.

*Jotham William*, b. Sept. 3, 1841; m. Rosanna B. Irish.

*Isaac Whiting*, b. July 5, 1844.

*Sarepta A.*, b. Dec. 16, 1846; m. John Purkis.

JOTHAM WILLIAM (Jotham, Jotham, John), m. Rosanna B. Irish. Children:

*Isaac Whiting*, b. Jan. 10, 1867; m. Ida Marston.

*Ella F.*, b. Oct. 21, 1870; m. Horace Dunn; res. Lisbon, Me.; children, *Leroy H.* and *Sarah R.*

*Clarence W.*, b. Feb. 14, 1879; m. Julia Turner; res. Buckfield, Me. Their two children are *Rodney E.* and *Gleason T.*

*Harold*, b. Feb. 23, 1886; m. Lida Gammon.

JOHN (Jotham, John) b. March 10, 1804, d. June 11, 1888; m. Irene Irish. She d. March 9, 1889. Children:

*Phebe*, b. August 9, 1833; d. December 31, 1908.

*Elvira M.*, b. July 1, 1835; d. March 1, 1836.

*Rosette Irish*, b. October 20, 1837; d. January 15, 1907.

*John Emery*, b. March 1, 1841.

*Eliza Ann*, b. March 2, 1843; d. November 1, 1871.

*Sarah Jane*, b. October 23, 1845; d. December 18, 1885.

*Jotham*, b. November 25, 1848.

PHEBE (John, Jotham, John) m. W. A. Knapp. Children:

*W. Herbert*, unmarried.

*Theresa Adelaide*, married (J. W. Hall, deceased), Geo. Elliott.

*George C.*, married Lena House.

*Frank L.*, m. Gertrude Eastman.

*Henry A.*, m. Blanche House.

*Anna I.* m. Norman Marsh.

*Grace G.*, unmarried.

SARAH JANE (John, Jotham, John) m. Addison S. Young. Children:

*Angie May*, married Adna Godding.

Twins:

*Clarence A.*, married Gertrude Hodsdon.

*Carroll E.*, married Addie Hodsdon.

*Charles H.*, married Kate Phillips.

*Elvira*, died young.

*H. Clifton*, married Louise Verrill.

*R. Clarendon*, died young.

JOTHAM (John, Jotham, John) m. Lora E. Greene, July 1, 1858; d. November 2, 1907. Children:

*Albert Jotham*, b. January 29, 1879; d. February 17, 1879.

*Nellie Rosette*, b. November 28, 1880; m. Ruel E. Taylor.

*Infant*, b. February 15, 1882; d. February 15, 1882.

*Etta Louise*, b. April 15, 1887; m. Bernard Kennedy.

ISAAC (Jotham, John) b. May 21, 1806; m. 1st, Joanna Teague; 2d, Fanny Teague Irish. He died April 8, 1894; Joanna died Aug. 27, 1862. Children:

*Sabina Ellen*, b. Mar. 20, 1832; m. Asia Ricker; d. Aug. 20, 1868.

*Angelia J.*, b. Mar. 13, 1835; m. James H. DeCoster.

*Eliza F.*, b. Dec. 25, 1839; m. James B. Bryant.

*Mary A.*, b. May 5, 1841; m. Decatur Irish.

*Isaac Wilson*, b. Aug. 7, 1850; m. Ada M. Tuttle.

SABRINA E. (Isaac, Jotham, John) m. Asia Ricker. She died Aug. 20, 1868. He died Feb. 25, 1910. Children:

*Estella D.*, b. Mar. 6, 1853; d. Dec. 27, 1879; m. William S. Stetson. They had one son, *Willie A.*, died Jan. 19, 1893.

*Fred A.*, b. May 10, 1857; m. Kate Hemmenway Ellis; res., Worcester, Mass.

*Angelia D.*, b. July 10, 1860; married Leon H. Bassett. She died Jan. 17, 1908; he died Dec. 16, 1897. They had 7 children: *Arthur W.*, *Cora A.*, *Leon H.*, *Walter S.*, *Helen S.*, *Carrie M.* and *Elsa L.*

*Anna*, b. Aug. 24, 1863; m. Fred Skillings of Auburn, Me. They have three children: *Angie M.*; *Mabel R.*, married Fred C. Bailey, have one child, *Dorothea S.*; *Rosa C.*

(Children of Angelia J. (Shaw) and James H. DeCoster given in DeCoster genealogy.)

ELIZA F. SHAW (Isaac, Jotham, John) m. James B. Bryant. She died Jan. 24, 1913; he died Sept. 20, 1875. Children:

*John B.*, b. Nov. 20, 1867; m. Clara Waterman; res., Buckfield.

*James I.*, b. Feb. 4, 1875; m. Eleanor L. Stearns of Paris, Me.; res. Buckfield. They have two children, *Wilma* and *James*.

MARY A. SHAW (Isaac, Jotham, John) m. Decatur Irish. Children:

*Nellie*, b. Aug. 23, 1866; d. Dec. 14, 1877.

*James E.*, b. July 6, 1870; m. Wilma Maxim; res. ——. They have one son, *Howard Maxim*.

ISAAC WILSON SHAW (Isaac, Jotham, John), b. Aug. 7, 1850, was the youngest child and only son of Isaac Shaw, a prosperous farmer of East Buckfield. During his minority he came to the village, residing with his brother-in-law, James H. DeCoster, and became a clerk in the store and postoffice of the latter. Later, he acquired an interest in the business, and on the resignation of Mr. DeCoster, was appointed postmaster, serving about ten years. On Mr. DeCoster's retirement he became sole proprietor of the store. He devoted great energy to his affairs and under his close attention and careful management his business steadily increased until his store became a prominent center of hardware trade for a large surrounding country. He married Ada M. Tuttle of Buckfield. He died Feb. 22, 1906. Children:

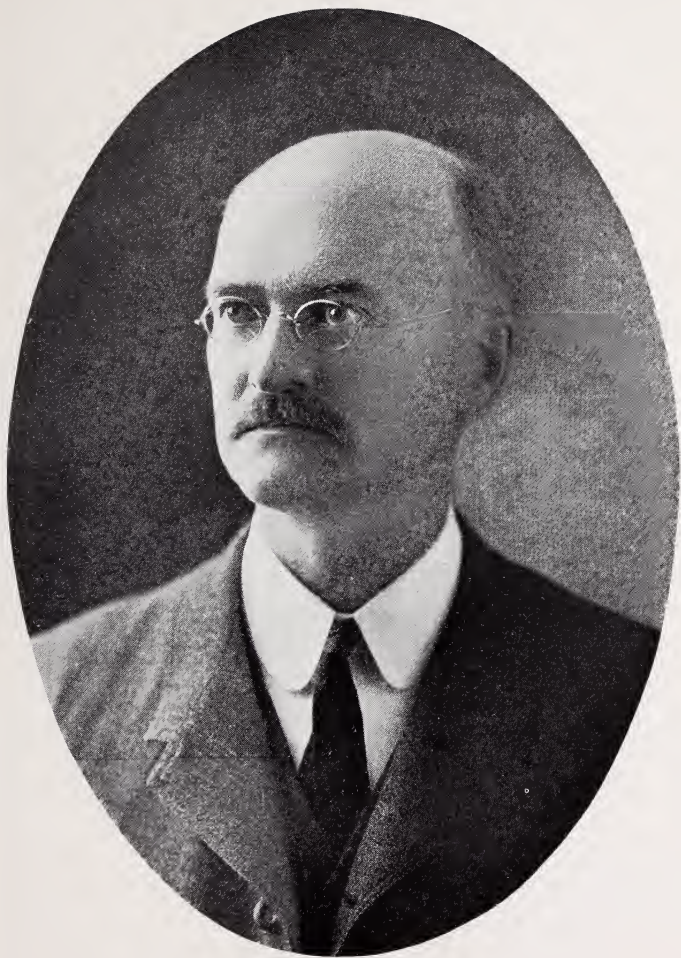
*Amy Wilson*, b. July 19, 1878.

*Howard P.*, b. Sept. 12, 1882.

*Mildred W.*, b. Oct. 11, 1889.

*Helen M.*, b. Jan. 27, 1893.





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CHARLOTTE (Jotham, John) b. Mar. 20, 1810; d. Nov. 13, 1900; m. Thomas S. Cates of Bangor, Me., who died June, 1867. Children:

*Sarah Elizabeth*, m. Thomas Files; res. Bangor, Me. They have a son, *Ralph Ernest*, and a daughter, *Bertha Celestia*.

*Celestia*, m. Rev. S. C. Whitcomb, res. Bangor, Me. They had one son, *Arthur Mellen*, who died in 1884.

*Miriam Shaw*, teacher in Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C.

*Mellen Thomas*, m. Annie Wood; res., Bangor Me. They have one daughter, *Charlotte*, m. Frank Rowe.

### SMITH.

JASIEL SMITH was born in Taunton, Mass., March 25, 1734. He m. Anna Crossman. In 1787 they came to Turner and died there. Children:

*Hannah*, b. Feb. 15, 1758; m. Samuel Andrews (B.'s 1st Rep.)

*A daughter*, b. July 9, 1759, died in infancy.

*Laban*, b. Feb. 1, 1760; m. Molly Bryant of Turner.

*Jasiel*, b. Feb. 7, 1763; m. Rachel Purington of Topsham.

*Asa*, b. Aug. 22, 1765; m. Jane Niles of Turner.

*Seba*, b. June 13, 1767; m. Aphia Stevens.

*Nancy*, b. May 13, 1769; m. Moses Stevens of Turner.

*Keziah*, b. Sept. 22, 1771; m. James Waterman of Buckfield.

*Chloe*, b. Mar. 16, 1774; m. Dr. Charles Hayes of Reading.

*Rachel*, b. Mar. 25, 1780; m. Rev. John Strickland of Turner.

JASIEL and SEBA, sons of Jasiel, settled in Buckfield. After living here for several years, the latter moved to Bridgton. The former served in the War of the Revolution. He died in Buckfield May 15, 1848. Only one child is recorded on our records, *Anna*, b. Dec. 19, 1791.

SEBA SMITH, son of Jasiel, b. June 13, 1767; m. Aphia Stevens. They settled 1st in Turner, 2d in Buckfield and 3d in Bridgton. He was the 2d post rider in that section. Children recorded on Buckfield records:

*Charles*, b. Aug. 29, 1790.

*Seba, Jr.*, b. Sept. 14, 1792; m. Elizabeth O. Prince.

*Silas*, b. July 2, 1794.

*Abiel*, b. July 13, 1796.

ISRAEL SMITH of another family, with wife Rebekah, were settlers here before 1800. He was a taxpayer in 1797. We have no records of their deaths. Children:

*Josiah*, b. June 28, 1787.

*Israel, Jr.*, b. Sept. 20, 1789.

*Jane*, b. Nov. 15, 1791.

*Elliott*, b. Oct. 14, 1794.

*Rebecca*, b. June 10, 1797.

*William*, b. May 26, 1802.

JOSIAH SMITH, son of the preceding, b. June 28, 1787, m. Betsey ———. Child:

*Montillian*, b. Oct. 18, 1810.

### SPAULDING.

The Spauldings of Buckfield are descendants from Edward, the American ancestor, who came to Braintree, Mass., between 1630 and 1633. The name is supposed to have been derived from the town of Spalding in Linconshire, England. E. W. Spalding, Esq., of St. Louis, Mo., suggests that it means "shoulder-hitter," from *spall*, shoulder, and *ding*, to strike. The name originated in the Middle Ages.

BENJAMIN SPAULDING (see sketch) who made the first improvements in the town of Buckfield, was b. at Concord, Mass., Feb. 5, 1739. The line of descent from the American ancestor Edward<sup>1</sup> to him is as follows: Andrew,<sup>2</sup> Henry,<sup>3</sup> Leonard,<sup>4</sup> Benjamin.<sup>5</sup> He m. Patty Barrett of Chelmsford, Nov. 29, 1764. She was b. Jan. 31, 1740. Leonard, the father of Benjamin, died in Concord, Mass., in Feb., 1758. His mother, Elizabeth, m. 2d, Dr. Ezekiel Chase. He died and she came to Buckfield to live with her son's family, where she died in 1799, aged 80.

He died Oct. 14, 1811. She died Oct. 4, 1819. Children (only last three born in Buckfield):

*Patty*, b. Sept. 14, 1765; m. Joseph Robinson.

*Rebecca*, b. Nov. 10, 1766; m. Benjamin Heald.

*Benjamin, Jr.*, b. Aug. 15, 1768; m. 1st, Myrtilla Robinson; 2d, Mrs. Mary Bumpus.

*Leonard*, b. Feb. 13, 1770; m. Margaret Warren.

*Elizabeth*, b. Jan. 18, 1772; m. John Fletcher.

*Abel*, b. Oct. 15, 1777; m. Phebe Proctor.

*Esther*, b. Oct. 28, 1779; m. Alexander Thayer.

*Stephen*, b. Aug. 13, 1782; m. Bethiah Record.

*Thankful*, b. Aug. 16, 1787; m. Caleb Cushman of Paris.

HON. BENJAMIN SPAULDING, son of the preceding, b. August 15, 1768, at Chelmsford, Mass.; m. Myrtilla Robinson of Sumner,

Oct. 15, 1790. She was b. Dec. 12, 1770. His wife d. Oct. 1, 1816, and he m. 2d, Mrs. Mary (Sturtevant) Bumpus of Hebron. She died June 24, 1845. He died Feb. 18, 1858, in the 90th year of his age. Children by first wife:

*Increase*, b. Oct. 2, 1791; m. Sally Spaulding.

*Lupira*, b. Feb. 17, 1794; m. William Cole.

*Jonas*, b. Apr. 22, 1796; m. Miriam Irish.

*Adrian*, b. July 1, 1800; d. Mar. 4, 1825.

*Axel*, b. Feb. 17, 1803; m. Clarissa Murdock.

*Sidney*, b. Jan. 20, 1807; m. Eliza G. Atwood.

*Melissa*, b. Jan. 22, 1809; d. Aug. 18, 1831.

By second wife:

*Dastine*, b. Jan. 15, 1819; m. Clarinda B. Parsons.

*Ozen*, b. Dec. 2, 1821; m. Martha M. Emery.

INCREASE SPAULDING, ESQ., son of the preceding, b. Oct. 2, 1791; m. Sally Spaulding. He held the principal town offices and served as town clerk for many years. She died Dec. 11, 1836. He died April 22, 1839. Children:

*Danville D.*, b. Jan. 8, 1815; d. Feb. 11, 1816.

*Cynthia E.*, b. Oct. 13, 1819; d. Sept. 20, 1820.

*Adrian*, b. Nov. 4, 1824; m. Betsey Davis; s. in Freeport.

*Francis E.*, b. Mar. 21, 1827; m. Mary Record; s. in Corning, N. Y.

*Sarah J.*, b. June 26, 1830; m. John Walcott of Mechanic Falls.

*Augustine W.*, b. Feb. 17, 1832; d. May 26, 1835.

*Sally*, b. Nov. 2, 1836; d. Mar. 11, 1837.

JONAS SPAULDING, ESQ., 2d son of Hon. Benjamin, b. Apr. 22, 1796; m. Miriam, dau. of Thomas and Elizabeth Irish. He was town treasurer and a member of the board of selectmen and assessors for many years. He died Mar. 15, 1848. Children:

*Mary J.*, b. Feb. 28, 1820; m. William Record.

*William Franklin*, b. Dec. 29, 1821; d. Jan. 31, 1892; m. Emily Warren.

*Elizabeth*, b. Jan. 20, 1828; d. July 28, 1848.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN SPAULDING, son of the preceding, b. Dec. 29, 1821; m. Emily, dau. of David and Phebe Warren. He d. Jan. 31, 1892. She d. Apr. 26, 1895. Child:

*Elizabeth*, b. Sept. 10, 1854.

MAJOR AXEL SPAULDING, 4th son of Hon. Benjamin, b. Feb. 17, 1803; m. Clarissa Murdock. He died April 1, 1856. She died Oct. 27, 1869. Children:

*Frederick A.*, b. Dec. 27, 1825; m. Amanda M. Bisbee.

*Clarissa*, b. July 31, 1828; m. John Q. Ellis of Sumner.



FREDERICK AUGUSTUS SPAULDING, son of the preceding, b. Dec. 27, 1825; m. Amanda M., dau. of Capt. Lewis and Elizabeth Bisbee of Sumner. He died June 12, 1856. Child:

*Lewis Bisbee*, b. Dec. 11, 1851.

SIDNEY SPAULDING, 5th son of Hon. Benjamin, b. Jan. 20, 1807; m. Eliza G. Atwood. He died Apr. 1, 1881. She died June 14, 1896, aged 86. Children:

*Mary*, b. Feb. 27, 1835; d. Aug. 18, 1835.

*Benjamin*, b. June 15, 1836; m. Mary Barrett.

*Cyrus Cole*, b. Feb. 18, 1838; m. Ellen M. Tuttle.

*William Cole*, b. June 18, 1841; m. Lovina J. Sterling.

*Flora A.*, b. Feb. 20, 1846.

*Florence A.*, b. Jan. 26, 1855; m. C. Childs.

BENJAMIN SPAULDING (see sketch) oldest son of Sidney, b. June 16, 1836; m. Mary Barrett of Sumner. She d. Mar. 10, 1885. Children:

*Sarah Eliza*, b. Mar. 10, 1872.

*Mary*, b. July 11, 1874; m. James E. Warren.

*Benjamin, Jr.*, b. Mar. 29, 1876.

*Gilbert Barrett*, b. Mar. 9, 1878.

CYRUS C. SPAULDING, son of Sidney, b. Feb. 18, 1838; m. Mrs. Ellen M. Tuttle of Turner, dau. of Lucius Young of Buckfield. He served as Corp. in Co. C of Col. Chamberlin's 20th Regt. Maine Vols., and while in the service contracted the disease of which he died July 3, 1897. He was for several years after the war, a successful merchant in his native village and was also town clerk for many years. His wife d. May 4, 1878 and he m. 2d, Mrs. Carrie Crommett. Children:

*Infant*, b. Mar. 2, 1867; d. Sept. 12, 1867.

*Nellie B.*, b. Sept. 11, 1870; m. Stanley Bisbee.

*Myrtie M.*, b. Aug. 28, 1872; m. Dr. Arthur E. Cole.

*Lottie M.*, b. Jan. 20, 1874; m. Ellis Russell.

Child by 2d wife:

*Lila S.*, b. May 27, 1881; m. Harley F. Rawson.

WILLIAM C. SPAULDING (see sketch) son of Sidney, b. June 18, 1841; m. Lovina J. Sterling. She d. March 31, 1904. Settled in Caribou. Children:

*John S.*, b. July 21, 1869; m. Harriet Louise Burpee. He died Dec. 15, 1896; no children.

*Atwood W.*, b. Jan. 6, 1873.

DASTINE SPAULDING, Esq., son of Hon. Benjamin, b. Jan. 15, 1819; m. Clarinda B. Parsons, b. Dec. 15, 1821. He was town clerk for many years, also selectman and treasurer. He moved to Cape Elizabeth. No issue.

OZEN SPAULDING, bro. of the preceding, b. Dec. 2, 1821; m. Martha M. Emery of Hartford. He d. Mar. 7, 1888. Child:

*Orlando H.*, b. Feb. 18, 1857.

CAPT. LEONARD SPAULDING, 2d son of Benjamin, sen., b. Feb. 13, 1770; m. Margaret Warren. He died Aug. 27, 1854. She died July 13, 1856. Children:

*Sally*, b. Nov. 22, 1794; m. Increase Spaulding.

*William*, b. Apr. 2, 1796; m. Rebecca Swallow; s. in Ohio.

*Zilpha*, b. July 25, 1799; m. Hon. Job. Prince.

*James*, b. June 10, 1802; m. Cynthia Bray.

*Africa*, b. May 10, 1804; m. Harriet Swett; s. in Ohio.

*Almeda*, b. Aug. 28, 1807; m. Winchester Spaulding.

*Abel*, b. July 29, 1809; m. Marcia Geer; s. in Ohio.

*Jane*, b. Sept. 20, 1811; m. Winchester Spaulding.

*Benjamin Franklin*, b. Dec. 1, 1814; m. Lydia S. Fletcher; s. in Minn.

*Diantha*, b. Aug. 20, 1817; m. Aratus Farrar.

CAPT. JAMES SPAULDING, son of the preceding, b. June 10, 1802; m. Cynthia Bray of Turner. His wife died Dec. 11, 1864, and he went to live with his son-in-law, Jacob W. Browne, Esq., at Earlevill, Ill., where he died in 1886. Children:

*Margaretta J.*, b. Sept. 8, 1826, m. 1st, Ezra S. Bisbee; 2d, Jacob W. Browne, Esq.

*Zilpha Prince*, b. Apr. 10, 1832; m. Christopher C. Packard.

*James G.*, b. July 4, 1834; m. Nancy W. Hines.

*Emma F.*, b. Feb. 16, 1844; m. Capt. John E. Bryant.

ABEL SPAULDING, son of Benjamin, the first settler, b. Oct. 15, 1777; m. Phebe Proctor. He died Sept. 1, 1809. She died Oct. 21, 1812. Children:

*Asa*, b. Aug. 24, 1800; d. Sept. 13, 1816.

*Arvilla*, b. May 11, 1803; m. Cyrus Record.

*Phebe*, b. Oct. 3, 1809; m. Lewis Record.

STEPHEN SPAULDING, the youngest son of Benjamin, the first settler, b. Aug. 13, 1782; m. 1st, Bethiah Record; 2d, Sophia Morrill. He died Apr. 27, 1868. Last wife died Feb. 3, 1891, in her 97th year. Children:

*Winchester*, b. Feb. 13, 1805; m. 1st, Almeda Spaulding; 2d, Jane Spaulding.

*Roxanna*, b. July 3, 1808; m. Isaac Tuttle of Turner.

*Alexander Thayer*, b. June 20, 1811; m. Mary J. Manly; s. in Ohio.

*Emerline*, b. June 5, 1814; m. Wm. S. Bisbee of Sumner.

*Danville Decatur*, b. Mar. 18, 1820; m. Roxy M. Brown; s. in Minn.

*Stephen Jackson*, b. Sept. 17, 1828; m. Georgianna Buck; s. in Minn.

*George Greenleaf*, b. Jan. 25, 1832; m. Charlotte G. Morrill; s. in Sumner.

*Augustus Washington*, b. May 26, 1837; m. Mary B. Keen.

WINCHESTER SPAULDING, oldest son of the preceding, b. Feb. 13, 1805; m. Almeda Spaulding. She died Feb. 11, 1843, and he m. 2d, Jane Spaulding. He died May 15, 1891; 2d wife d. Jan. 16, 1894. Children:

*Francis M.*, b. Dec. 22, 1830; d. Oct., 1837.

*Melissa*, b. Jan. 19, 1832; m. John Cressey.

*Alexander*, b. Oct. 23, 1834; d. Nov. 28, 1857.

*Mary Elizabeth*, b. July 15, 1837; m. William Clapp of Salem, Mass.

*Martha M.*, b. Apr. 30, 1840.

AUGUSTUS WASHINGTON SPAULDING, brother of the preceding, b. May 26, 1837; m. Mary B. Keen. Children:

*Carroll Augustus*, b. Aug. 23, 1856.

*Georgianna Julia*, b. Aug. 28, 1865.

*Stephen*, b. Feb. 21, 1869.

DANVILLE DECATUR SPAULDING, son of Stephen, b. Mar. 18, 1820; m. Roxy M. Brown. They settled in Minnesota. Children recorded here:

*Augustus W.*, b. Mar. 25, 1846.

*Alonzo D.*, b. Dec. 27, 1847.

*Victoria A.*, b. May 9, 1850.

## STEPHENS

The Stephenses of Buckfield, Paris and Woodstock are descended from an old Plymouth County, Massachusetts, family.

EZRA STEPHENS, with his wife, Lydia, came to Buckfield early in the last century. He began trade in the village on the east side of the river near the present site of the post office. Capt. Samuel, his brother, b. in Plymouth in 1768, s. in Woodstock. Zaccheus, another brother, s. on Paris Hill, where for many years he kept a public house. Ezra Stephens died about 1818 from the effects of being kicked by a horse. After his death family moved away. Children recorded on our records:

*Benjamin S.*, b. Sept. 29, 1808; m. Abigail Sampson; s. 1st, Sumner, and afterward moved to Paris where he d. May 8, 1874.

*Ezra*, b. Aug. 3, 1810.

*Eleazer*, b. Mar. 13, 1813.

*Edward F.*, b. Dec. 20, 1814.

*Louisa A.*, b. Mar. 5, 1817.

*Sylvia F.*, b. Nov. 19, 1819.

## SWETT.

JOHN SWETT, son of Dr. Stephen Swett, a surgeon in the Revolutionary War, and his wife, Sarah Adams, b. June 23, 1763; m. Betsey Warren. He came here from Gorham or Windham and settled in the township before the census was taken in 1790. John Swett of Windham served  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years in the Revolution. Dr. Stephen Swett was the first physician to settle in Gorham. He was b. in Newmarket, N. H., and was the son of Moses and Hannah (Swett) Swett. The American ancestor of this family was John Swett, who came from England and was one of the grantees of Newbury in 1642. His son, Capt. Benjamin Swett, the grandfather of Dr. Stephen Swett, was killed in a fight with the Indians at Scarborough, June 29, 1677. Dr. Stephen, with his family, moved to Windham and late in life to Otisfield, where he d. Jan. 6, 1807. His wife d. there May 3, 1808.

Two brothers of John, Nathaniel, b. Oct. 9, 1771, m. Olive Moody and d. in Scarboro; and William, b. Dec. 6, 1776, m. Clarissa Benson of Middleboro and d. at Hartford, were residents for several years in Buckfield.

John Swett for many years was one of the principal citizens of the town. He died July 14, 1844, in Buckfield (so granddaughter, Mrs. Rose M. Briggs, 1905, says). Children recorded here:

*John, Jr.*, b. Feb. 4, 1789; m. Remember Berry.

*Josiah*, b. Sept. 13, 1790; m. Achsa Hayford.

*Polly*, b. Apr. 23, 1792; m. Clemmons Randall.

*Margaret*, b. Apr. 21, 1794; m. Ephraim Ricker.

*Nancy*, b. July 27, 1796; m. Abial Drake, Jr.

*David Warren*, b. May 8, 1798; m. Almira Ricker.

*Hon. Leonard Spaulding*, b. Dec. 7, 1801; m. and s. in Ill.; was a prominent lawyer and politician. He was at one time a law partner of Abraham Lincoln. 1 c. recorded on our records: *Francis I.*, b. Sept. 23, 1827.

*Lorenzo Spaulding*, b. Oct. 27, 1808.

## TAYLOR.

SAMUEL TAYLOR (see sketch) came here from Pembroke, Mass., where the baptism of six of his children is recorded. His wife was Priscilla Simmons of Duxbury, a descendant of Moses Simmons, the Pilgrim who came in the Fortune. Their marriage occurred Nov. 1, 1750. The date of her death is not known. He died after the census was taken in 1810 at the great age of 94. Children:

*Samuel*, b. ———; m. 1784, Hannah Low of Marshfield; lived for a period in Buckfield.

*Asa*, bap. July 20, 1755; m. Dec. 20, 1818, Mrs. Rebekah Ames.

*Urania* or *Ranah*, bap. July 20, 1755; m. Aug. 17, 1780, Isaac Foster; s. in Buckfield.

*John*, bap. June 15, 1760.

*Priscilla*, bap. July 10, 1763.

*Richard*, bap. Oct. 2, 1768; m. Mary Roberts; s. in Buckfield.

*Jabez*, bap. Oct. 2, 1768; m. Dorcas Irish; s. in Buckfield.

RICHARD TAYLOR, son of the preceding, m. Mary Roberts, April 23, 1794. He lived many years in the east part of the town in the vicinity of the Federal Corner. He died June 16, 1849. She died Feb. 20, 1848. Children:

*Elizabeth*, b. Jan. 27, 1795; m. Benson Cushman.

*Dolly*, b. Sept. 12, 1796; d. April 23, 1871.

*Prudence*, b. July 22, 1798.

*Mary*, b. Oct. 21, 1800; d. Feb. 20, 1848.

*Zoa*, b. Dec. 14, 1802; m. Harvey Sylvester.

*Huldah*, b. Jan. 8, 1805.

*John*, b. Feb. 10, 1807; m. Olive Morrill.

*Richard*, b. Mar. 6, 1809; m. Miriam Thurlow.

JABEZ TAYLOR, brother of the preceding, b. Oct., 1765; m. Feb. 9, 1795, Dorcas Irish. He lived on the settling lot of his father for many years, but finally moved into the western part of the town with his son, William L., where he died April 9, 1854. She died Nov. 2, 1861, aged 88 years and 2 mos. Children:

*Elias*, b. Mar. 29, 1796; m. Margaret Lothrop; s. in Hebron; d. in B. Nov. 28, 1889.

*Asa*, b. Mar. 16, 1800; m. Lavina Record.

*Abel*, b. Nov. 28, 1803; d. Jan. 4, 1809.

*Thomas*, b. ———; s. in Mass.

*William L.*, b. ———; m. Drusilla Record.



ASA TAYLOR, son of the preceding, b. Mar. 16, 1800; m. 1831, Lavina Record. He died Mar. 9, 1894. She died Aug. 29, 1888. Children:

*Dr. Rothens Waite*, b. Mar. 17, 1845; m. Florence Cushman; s. in Portland.

*Carroll Asa*, b. Dec. 6, 1846; m. Alice Jordan.

CARROLL A. TAYLOR, son of the preceding, b. Dec. 6, 1846; m. Alice Jordan. Child:

*Benjamin Jordan*, b. Aug. 21, 1876.

WILLIAM L. TAYLOR, son of Jabez, b. ———; m. 1834, Drusilla Record. Children:

*Albion*, b. Jan. 17, 1835; m.; s. in South Paris.

*Louisa J.*, b. Oct. 19, 1840; m. Robinson Dean.

JOHN TAYLOR, son of Richard, b. Feb. 10, 1807; m. 1834, Olive Morrill. Children:

*Henry Lewis*, b. Apr. 15, 1835.

*Howard*, b. June 25, 1839.

*Mary Frances*, b. May 22, 1845.

RICHARD TAYLOR, JR., brother of the preceding, b. Mar. 6, 1809; m. Miriam Thurlow. This family moved to Byron and settled on Buckfield Hill. Children recorded on Buckfield records:

*Adaline Wadsworth*, b. Jan. 10, 1833.

*Ruth Thurlow*, b. Apr. 15, 1835.

*Mary Elizabeth*, b. Mar. 15, 1837.

#### TEAGUE.

BANI (called Beni) Teague (see sketch) a soldier of the Revolution, settled in Bucktown on Turner line before Jan. 1, 1784. We have no record of his family. His name disappeared from the tax lists in 1811. He probably died before 1820. Children:

*Bani, Jr.*, m. Sarah Tuttle; s. in Turner.

*Patty*, m. Peter Cilley, b. 1768; s. in Brooks.

*Polly*, m. Simon Cilley, b. 1774; s. in Brooks.

*Elizabeth*, m. Samuel Irish.

*Judah*, m. ———.

#### THAYER.

ASA THAYER, son of Ichabod and Mary (Marsh) Thayer of Milford, was seventh in descent from Thomas<sup>1</sup> Thayer, who settled in America about 1636. Asa was b. Oct. 3, 1767, and in

1790 m. Lydia Chapin. They settled on one of the lots in the northwest part of the town, afterwards annexed to Paris. He died in 1848. Children recorded on our records:

*Levi*, b. Oct. 23, 1793; m. Sally Perry.

*Mary*, b. Aug. 31, 1795; m. Galen Field.

*Didamia*, b. Sept. 9, 1797; m. Cyrus Keen; s. in Sumner.

*Lydia*, b. July 3, 1799; m. Bela Farrar; s. in B.

*Ziba*, b. Nov. 13, 1801; m. Almira Fobes; s. in Paris.

*Laura*, b. Dec. 14, 1803; m. Austin Nelson, Hebron.

*Asa, Jr.*, b. Apr. 2, 1806; m. Lucy M. Whitney.

*Arba*, b. Jan. 6, 1809; m. Florilla Tuttle.

DEA. LEVI THAYER, son of the preceding, b. Oct. 23, 1793; m. Sally Perry of Paris. Settled first in Buckfield, but afterward removed to Paris, where he remained during life. She d. Sept. 7, 1864. He d. June 5, 1875. Children recorded on Buckfield records:

*Alexander S.*, b. Sept. 5, 1819; m. 1st, Angeline Perry; 2d, Ruth Marston.

*Emeline S.*, b. Aug. 4, 1821; m. Simeon Cummings Paris.

*Horace C.*, b. Mar. 6, 1824; m. Betsey Whitehouse.

ALEXANDER THAYER, bro. of Asa, sen., b. Mar. 15, 1771; m. Esther Spaulding. He settled near his brother on one of the lots annexed to Paris. He d. suddenly of fever Mar. 8, 1809. She d. July 30, 1841. Children:

*America*, b. July 5, 1799; m. Caroline Prentiss.

*Almira*, b. Feb. 14, 1803; m. Cyprian Stevens.

LIEUT. ISAAC THAYER was sixth in descent from Richard<sup>1</sup> Thayer, a brother of Thomas<sup>1</sup> Thayer before mentioned,—the line of descent being Richard<sup>2</sup> b. 1624, Nathaniel<sup>3</sup> b. 1658, Zachariah<sup>4</sup> b. 1687, Zachariah<sup>5</sup> b. 1719, Lieut. Isaac<sup>6</sup> b. Randolph, Mass., Nov. 23, 1741. He m. 1761, Mary Spear, who died in 1764; 2 ch. He m. 2d, 1770, Rachel Sawin, who died in 1780; 5 ch., Vashti, Rachel, Shadrack, Eunice and Eliphalet. He m. 3d, May 9, 1782, Hannah Joyce of Bridgewater, and they moved to Buckfield in 1792, and settled in the western part of the town, on the farm now owned by one of his descendants—Webster Maxim. The house in which he lived and died, a cut of which is given here, was built soon after he moved here and it is probably the oldest house in town. He had served in the War for Independence and rose to the rank of lieutenant, for meritorious service. Lieut. Isaac Thayer was in the brilliant engagement at Trenton under



Lieut. Isaac Thayer House, oldest building in town

Gen. George Washington, and in other battles. While in the campaign of 1779 in Rhode Island he wrote a letter home to his wife which is preserved in the Smithsonian Institute at Washington, D. C. He d. Feb. 22, 1805, and was buried on what was once his farm, now owned by Webster Maxim. In 1907 a granite stone furnished by the U. S. Government was placed at the head of his grave, and dedicated with appropriate exercises by his descendants and others. A feature of the occasion was an original hymn written and sung by his great-grand-daughters, Mary and Martha Maxim of Cambridge, Mass. His widow remarried and survived him some 36 years. The children of this Revolutionary soldier are not recorded on Buckfield records. His son, John Thayer, had the homestead. His son, Shadrack, lived here awhile but finally returned to Massachusetts. None of the other children ever settled in Buckfield. Children by 3d wife:

*Polly*, b. March, 1786; m. Nathaniel Harlow.

*John*, b. Feb., 1788; m. Susan Hersey.

*Hannah*, b. ———; d. young.

*Col. Ebenezer*, b. Feb. 27, 1797; m. Mary Faunce; s. in Paris; 4 c., *Mary Ann*, *Hannah A.*, *Sarah J.*, and *Maria E.* He d. Sept. 25, 1857.

*Dea. Joel B.*, b. Apr. 9, 1799; m. Mary Dudley; s. in Paris. She d. and he m. 2d, Mrs. Louisa Davis; 2 c. by 1st wife: *Alvin, Angeline*, m. *Dea. Elbridge Forbes*, parents of Arthur E. Forbes, one of the editors of the *Oxford Democrat*.

*Lydia*, b. about 1802, m. Calvin Crooker, Jr., s. in Paris; 8 ch., *Almira*, m. Henry O. Bessey; *Hannah J.*, m. James M. Pote; *Cynthia Hill*, m. Augustus C. Richmond; *Joel T.*, a former deputy sheriff at Norway, m. Mary A. Matthews; *John B.*, m. Eliza Matthews, 2d Laura Merrill; *Orlando* and *Edwin M.*, died young, and *James Orlando*, b. Dec. 4, 1841, m. Adelia H. Higgins, dau. of Thomas and Lucy A. (Bearce) Higgins, b. Norway, May 12, 1844. Mr. Crooker for many years was the leading hardware dealer in Norway and vicinity and held many public positions of trust and prominence among which was chairman of selectmen and assessors of his town. He is now (1915) living in retirement with his family, enjoying the fortune he has honorably acquired through years of laborious effort and good management, and the respect and confidence of all. Children:

I. *Estelle A.*, b. Feb. 21, 1867; m. Frank E. Bell. They resided in Portland for many years, where he died Dec. 25, 1912. She has since made her home in Norway. Mrs. Bell is a lady of charming and attractive manners and of exceptional business and intellectual ability.

II. *Ella M. H.*, b. May 1, 1868—a lovable young lady who took high rank in her studies at school. She died Oct. 19, 1886, deeply lamented by all who knew her. Her aunt, Ella Higgins, for whom she was named, was like her in purity of character and loveliness of disposition. She, too, early went into a decline and died, leaving behind with her relatives and friends, tender memories never to be forgotten and a void in their hearts never to be filled on earth.

JOHN THAYER, son of Lieut. Isaac, m. Susan Hersey. He lived on the old homestead to his death in the autumn of 1853 in his 65th year, and his remains were interred in the Hall burying ground on the Paris Hill road. His wife survived him several years. Children:

*George Washington*, b. Oct. 29, 1812; m. Esther Merrill; s. in Aroostook County.

*John G.*, b. Jan. 5, 1814; m. Mary Bearce; s. in Aroostook Co.

*Isaac*, b. 1827; m. Eliza Cooper; s. in Mich.

#### THOMES.

The Thomes families of Buckfield are descendants of Thomas Thomes, who was an inhabitant of Falmouth Neck as early as 1716. His wife's name was Elizabeth. They united with Parson Smith's church in 1738. He built a house in which he lived in



Clay Cove. He received a grant of land on the Neck in 1721. They had at least three children, Joseph, John and Thomas, Jr.

The latter with his wife, Mary, and family, settled in Gorham, Me., prior to 1763. In clearing up his lot, a large apple tree was found and preserved. It proved very productive. One year 17 barrels of cider were made from the apples that grew on it. After it had grown old and begun to decay a hollow in the trunk was large enough to secrete a full-grown person. He died Dec. 16, 1790. His wife died Dec. 13, 1786. They had at least seven children, one of which was Samuel, born about 1749. He married Dec. 23, 1779, Sarah, daughter of John Lombard. He died Mar. 3, 1798, aged 51. His wife died May 20, 1846, aged 83. Children:

*Sarah*, b. Sept. 7, 1781; m. Moses Baker.

*Nathaniel*, b. Jan. 23, 1784; m. Mary Higgins.

*Rev. George*, b. Mar. 9, 1795; m. Rebecca Davis.

*Samuel*, b. ———; m. Betsey Harmon; s. in Denmark.

REV. GEORGE THOMES (see church history) b. Mar. 9, 1795, came here from Gorham, Me., as pastor of the Universalist church society in 1840. His wife was Rebecca Davis, b. abt. 1797. He was postmaster and town clerk for many years. He died May 6, 1871. Children:

*Emerline*, b. abt. 181—; m. Charles Strout.

*Samuel*, b. abt. 1820; m. Sophonia O. Danley.

*Ursula*, b. abt. 1822 ;m. Charles Withington.

*Moses B.*, b. abt. 1827; m. Jennette Bicknell.

*Ranolph Codman*, b. abt. 1830; m. Josephine Cole.

*Jennette T.*, b. Sept. 9, 1833; m. Oscar F. Gardner.

SAMUEL THOMES, son of the preceding, b. about 1820; m. Sophronia O. Danley. He began business as a merchant tailor at "Spaulding's Mills" or North Buckfield, soon after his father's family came here. After doing business there a few years he removed to the village, where for many years he carried on a successful business and amassed a good property. His wife died and he m. 2nd Britannia Gardner. Children:

*Gardner*, b. Dec. 10, 1847.

His 2d wife d. June, 1855, and he m. 3d, Mary Bicknell. She d. and he m. 4th, Ellen Morrill.

MOSES B. THOMES, bro. of the preceding, b. ———, 1827; m. Jennette Bicknell. He was a druggist and apothecary for many



years in the village and finally moved to Canton where he carried on the same business. She died Nov. 30, 1879. Children:

*George V.*, b. Oct. 2, 1853; m. Cora Snell.

*Ruth A.*, b. Oct. 5, 1862; m. Charles Record.

His wife d. and he m. 2d Abby D. Childs. She d. May 10, 1874, and he m. 3d, Georgie Gregg.

### TUCKER.

The Tuckers of Buckfield, Sumner, Paris and Norway, have a common origin. They are of an ancient Massachusetts family. William Tucker, a Revolutionary soldier, came to Butterfield plantation prior to 1784. Isaac and Samuel who settled in Buckfield were brothers. They came from New Gloucester. Benjamin, who settled in Norway in 1800, is said to have been related to the other three mentioned.

WILLIAM TUCKER married Annie Morse of Newburyport, Mass. They had three girls, Sarah, Abigail and Dorcas, and one son, Amasa. The girls never married.

AMASA TUCKER, b. in Sumner about 1800; m. Ruth, dau. of Abijah Buck, Jr. They lived for a while in Buckfield. He d. Mar. 11, 1875. She d. Jan. 20, 1886. Children:

*William S.*, b. Aug. 30, 1822; m. Mrs. Lois (Damon) Tucker; s. in Buckfield.

*Amasa, Jr.*, b. May 15, 1824; m. Hannah White; s. in Mass.

*Serena H.*, b. June 8, 1825; m. Sam'l Stanwood; s. in Mass.

*Sarah A.*, b. Mar. 28, 1827; m. Sam'l Stanwood.

*Ellen M.*, b. Apr. 14, 1829; m. Brainerd Towle; s. in Mass.

*Margarette*, b. Apr. 9, 1831; d. Apr. 12, 1833.

*Cyrus A.*, b. July 3, 1833; m. Caroline Bates; s. in Sumner.

*Emily S.*, b. Mar. 18, 1835; d. Nov. 17, 1857.

*Eliza A.*, b. Aug. 28, 1837; m. 1st, Horace Keen; 2d, Chas. W. Field.

*James R.*, b. Aug. 3, 1839; m. Adelia Benson; s. in Paris.

WILLIAM S. TUCKER, son of the preceding, b. Aug. 30, 1822; m. Mrs. Lois Tucker, widow of Elbridge, s. Buckfield. Children:

*Mary*, m. — Cummings.

*William Henry*, b. July 10, 1843; m. — Churchill.

JAMES R. TUCKER, youngest son of Amasa, b. Aug. 3, 1839; m. Adelia Benson of Paris. He was a soldier in the Civil War, and was a member of Capt. O. F. Nimm's famous Massachusetts battery. Kept a public house at West Paris and other places.

Was sheriff of the county from 1898 to 1903, and keeper of the jail for many years. Children:

*Clara E.*, b. Aug. 30, 1867; d. Oct. 31, 1887.

*George H.*, b. Jan. 2, 1869; m. Frances L. Stephenson; s. in Portland.

*Ruth A.*, b. Apr. 26, 1871—a very smart and talented lady. Many years ago she was thrown from a carriage and received a severe injury to her spine. She has obtained considerable relief from several operations. While her father was jailer at South Paris, she managed the office successfully for the greater part of the time, and is capable of managing almost any kind of business.

*Annie L.*, b. Jan. 18, 1876; d. Oct. 13, 1877.

*Eva May*, b. Feb. 15, 1880.

SAMUEL TUCKER m. Anna ———. He died June 8, 1846.

Children:

*Phebe*, b. Oct. 18, 1794; died unmarried.

*Samuel J.*, b. July 29, 1796; s. 1st in Parkman, afterwards in Mass.

*Amos*, b. July 30, 1798; m. Lucretia ———.

*Lemuel*, b. Aug. 16, 1800; m.; s. in Paris, afterwards moved to Abington, Mass.

*Lydia*, b. Nov. 5, 1802; m. ———.

*Anna*, b. Dec. 10, 1805; m. Madison Johnson; s. in Springfield.

*Abigail*, b. Jan. 3, 1808; m. Andrew Hutchinson; s. in Hallowell.

*Reuben*, b. Dec. 5, 1810; s. in Eastern Maine.

*Olive*, b. Aug. 28, 1812; m. Nelson Warren.

AMOS TUCKER, son of the preceding, b. July 30, 1798; m. Lucretia ———. Children:

*Orville P.*, b. July 15, 1835.

*Cornelia H.*, b. Apr. 10, 1837; m. John P. Newton.

ORVILLE P. TUCKER, son of the preceding, b. July 15, 1835; m. ———. He was an engineer on the railroad for many years. Child:

*Marian Louise*, b. July 5, 1867.

ISAAC TUCKER m. Polly Atkins. He settled on a farm in the western part of the town. It is still owned by his son. He died abt. 1872, aged 93. Children:

*Sally*, b. Apr. 30, 1800.

*Mahala*, b. June 25, 1803; d. Sept. 14, 1803.

*Timothy*, b. Dec. 19, 1804.

She died and he m. 2d, Hannah Atkins.

*Charles*, b. Oct. 19, 1807, m. Caroline Hammond.

*Elbridge*, b. Feb. 23, 1809; m. Lois Damon.

*Arvilla*, b. Oct. 13, 1810; d. unmarried.

*Levi*, b. Jan. 8, 1812; m. Fanny Evans; s. in Paris.

*Hannah A.*, b. Jan. 2, 1818; m. Asia Mayhew; s. in Mass.

*Isaac J.*, b. Mar. 2, 1821; m. 1st, Esther A. Dean; 2d, Mary E. Griffin.

The mother died abt. 1890, aged 98.

ISAAC TUCKER, son of the preceding, b. Mar. 2, 1821; m. Esther A. Dean. Children:

*Emerson E.*, b. July 18, 1856; m. Emma Howe.

*Cora E.*, b. April, 1866; m. William E. Cooper; s. in Paris.

### TURNER.

JESSE TURNER, the first of the name to settle in the town of Buckfield, was a Revolutionary soldier from Pembroke. He married Bathsheba Lapham, May 3, 1780. They settled about 1797 in what has since been known as the Turner neighborhood.

The name was quite common in the old colony of Plymouth and in England. One is mentioned in Pepy's Diary. John Turner and his two sons came in the Mayflower and died the first winter. A daughter afterwards came here.

Humphrey Turner, with wife, Lydia Gammon, and a son, John, came to Plymouth in 1628. They settled in Scituate. John m. Mary Brewster. Their children were Jonathan b. 1646, Joseph b. 1650, Ezekiel b. 1651, Lydia b. 1653, John b. 1654, Elisha b. 1657. —

Jesse Turner was prob. a descendant of Humphrey. He d. Mar. 13, 1821, "aged 77." She d. June 30, 1832, "aged 73." Children:

*Capt. Jesse*, b. Mar. 9, 1781; m. Edna Buck.

*Levi*, b. Sept. 22, 1784; m. Annis Buck.

*Luther*, b. Apr. 2, 1788; m. Polly Buck.

*Capt. Isaac*, b. ———; 179—; m. Margaret Higgins.

*Bathsheba*, b. Sept. 20, 1797; m. Elijah Jordan.

*Capt. Joseph*, b. about 1800; m. Sophronia Perry.

Capt. Jesse Turner, Jr., son of the preceding, b. Mar. 9, 1781; m. Edna Buck. He rose to the rank of captain in the militia and was in command of a company of Buckfield soldiers which went to Portland during the contemplated British attack on that city in 1814. He d. Aug. 20, 1849. His wife d. Jan. 25, 1864. Children:

*Clarissa*, b. May 11, 1807; m. Henry Tobin; s. in Lincoln.

*Arvilla*, b. Mar. 21, 1809; m. Nathan Maxim.

*Nathaniel* b. June 24, 1811; m. Ann Thomas.  
*Jesse*, b. June 24, 1813; m. Elcy Turner.  
*Charles*, b. June 17, 1816; m. Rachel Pratt.  
*Otis G.*, b. May 31, 1818; m. Sophia Ann Jordan.  
*Martin G.*, b. Nov. 1, 1820; m. Rachel W. Merrill.  
*Mary*, b. ———; m. Perez Stubbs.

CHARLES TURNER, son of the preceding, b. June 17, 1816; m. Rachel Pratt. He died Jan. 7, 1868. Child:

*Mary Jane*, b. Dec. 4, 1841; m. Abel Irish.

OTIS GREENLEAF TURNER, bro. of the preceding, b. Nov. 1, 1820; m. Sophia Ann Jordan. He d. Dec. 28, 1885. She d. about 1912. Children:

*Benj. J.*, b. May 22, 1844; m. Louise Maxim.  
*Otis G., Jr.*, b. Sept. 6, 1846; m. Ophelia Swan.  
*Dastine S.*, b. Nov. 30, 1850; m. Sarah S. Maxwell.  
*Lester S.*, b. June 12, 1859; m. Martha J. Corbett.  
*Melvena E.*, b. May 19, 1864; m. Warren E. Bumpus.

OTIS GREENLEAF TURNER, son of Otis G., sen., b. Sept. 6, 1846; m. Ophelia Swan. Child:

*Charles L.*, b. June 23, 1869; d. Sept. 5, 1878.

DASTINE SPAULDING TURNER, bro. of the preceding, b. Nov. 30, 1850; m. Sarah S. Maxwell. He lived on the old homestead of his father where he was born, for many years, but recently has moved to the village. Child:

*Lena*, b. Jan. 2, 1878; m. Shirley M. Bonney.

LESTER S. TURNER, bro. of the preceding, b. June 12, 1859; m. Martha J. Corbett. Children:

*Ina May*, b. Sept. 21, 1885; m. Pearl Maxim.  
*Harry O.*, b. Aug. 21, 1887.  
*Mildred B.*, b. May 15, 1889.

MARTIN G. TURNER, son of Capt. Jesse Turner, Jr., b. Nov. 1820; m. Rachel W. Merrill. He died in 1852. She died June 9, 1887. Children:

*Josephine*, b. Nov. 12, 1846; m. Nathaniel Field.  
*Wesley*, b. Mar. 13, 1848; m. Rose F. Record.  
*Clementine*, b. Dec. 4, 1849; m. Samuel J. Record.  
*Martin Nelson*, b. Nov. 5, 1852; m. Emma A. Smith.

WESLEY TURNER, son of the preceding, b. Mar. 31, 1848; m. Rose F. Record. He died about 1915. Children:

*Ernest L.*, b. Jan. 15, 1873; m. — Inez Penley.

*Rachel A.*, b. June 28, 1877; m. 1st, Sherman Jordan; 2d, Judson Dudley.

*Nellie J.*, b. July 16, 1887; m. Claude M. Whitman.

NELSON M., bro. of the preceding, b. Nov. 5, 1852; m. Emma A. Smith. Children:

*Julia M.*, b. Mar. 24, 1884; m. Clarence Shaw.

*Arthur C.*, b. Dec. 26, 1888; m. Isabel Jordan.

*Amy M.*, b. May 12, 1892; m. Robie Sturtevant.

LUTHER TURNER, son of Jesse, sen., b. Apr. 2, 1788; m. Polly Buck. Children:

*Melzer*, b. Jan. 5, 1807; s. in Lincoln.

*Luther, Jr.*, b. Sept. 9, 1809; s. in Lincoln.

*Esther*, b. Apr. 10, 1811; m. John Elliott.

*Phebe B.*, b. Oct. 28, 1813; m. Henry Holbrook.

*Joseph*, b. Jan. 16, 1816; d. young.

*Bathsheba J.*, b. May 4, 1819; m. Dennis Bisbee.

*Abigail L.*, b. Jan. 2, 1821; m. Constance Chandler.

*Winslow*, b. July 4, 1825; m. Sarah J. Merrill.

*Betsey P.*, b. Mar. 31, 1828; m. Lysander Monk.

*Levi*, b. May 23, 1831; m. Columbia P. Bidwell.

WINSLOW TURNER, son of the preceding, b. July 4, 1825; m. Sarah J. Merrill. Children:

*George L.*, b. ———.

*Ella F.*, b. Dec. 7, 1853; d. Feb. 22, 1855.

*George H.*, b. Mar. 25, 1856; m. ———; s. in Auburn.

*Giles W.*, b. Feb. 20, 1862; m. ———; s. in Auburn.

LEVI TURNER, 2d, bro. of the preceding, b. May 23, 1831; m. Columbia P. Bicknell. Children:

*Rosetta J.*, b. Dec. 26, 1858; m. Chas. A. Warren.

*Frank*, b. ———; m. ———, and s. in Mass.

CAPT. ISAAC TURNER, son of Jesse, sen., m. Margaret Higgins. He died Mar. 16, 1863. She died Mar. 29, 1859, aged 63. Children:

*Elsie*, b. Feb. 9, 1819; m. Jesse Turner, s. of Jesse, Jr.

*Elijah*, b. Mar. 28, 1821; m. Lucy Ann Mason.

*Eliza*, b. Nov. 25, 1822; m. Elias Monk.

*Enoch*, b. Nov. 7, 1827; d. young.

*Lucinda*, b. Aug. 22, 1829; d. unmarried.

*Decatur*, b. Mar. 5, 1830; m. Melissa A. Monk.

*Luther*, b. ———, 1840; m. Emily Mason.

ELIJAH TURNER, son of the preceding, b. Mar. 28, 1821; m. Lucy Ann Mason. He died Sept. 24, 1897. Children:



*Alphoretta*, b. Feb. 7, 1852; m. Alvin S. Bessey.

*Isabel*, b. Dec. 17, 1853; m. Sidney Swallow.

*Lucy Ann*, b. May 19, 1856; m. Dr. Gibbs, Livermore.

*Margaret*, b. Aug. 30, 1858; m. Fred Atwood.

*Eliza*, b. Mar. 5, 1860; m. Herbert Hall.

DECATUR TURNER, bro. of the preceding, b. Mar. 5, 1830; m. Melissa Ann Monk. Children:

*George W.*, b. May 21, 1855; m. Jennie Marston; s. in Mass.

*Isaac*, b. Jan. 24, 1857; m. Hattie Farrar.

*Alfred F.*, b. Mar. 17, 1863; m. Bertha Keen; s. in Paris.

*Montelle*, b. Apr. 9, 1875; m. Orah B. Monk; s. in Paris.

CAPT. JOSEPH TURNER, son of Jesse, sen., b. about 1800; m. Sophronia Perry. He died May 24, 1870. She died June 23, 1874. Children:

*Rozana*, b. Oct. 24, 1826.

*Brittania*, b. Apr. 25, 1829; m. Richard Fobes.

*Julia Long*, b. Nov. 24, 1831.

#### TUTTLE.

The Tutttles who were among the early settlers in Buckfield trace their descent from John<sup>1</sup> Tuttle who came to America and settled in Dover, N. H., shortly after 1633.

Daniel Tuttle (a Rev. soldier) of the 6th generation (all of the line named John) b. in Dover, N. H., March 28, 1756; m. Lois Leathers, s. in Newfield, Me., from whence several of the children came to Buckfield, where he also came later and probably died here. Children:

*Sarah*, b. May 12, 1780; m. Bani Teague, Jr.

*John*, b. Dec. 7, 1783; m. Polly K. Snell; s. in Paris.

*William*, b. July 8, 1786; m. Dolly Chase.

*Betsey*, b. July, 1789; m. Josiah Smith.

*Daniel J.*, b. 1792; m. Hannah Chase.

*Polly*, b. 1795; m. Joshua Knox of Peru.

*Lucy*, b. ———; m. Richard Anderson.

WILLIAM TUTTLE, son of Daniel, the Revolutionary soldier, b. July 8, 1786; m. Dolly Chase. Children:

*Issac*, b. Oct. 7, 1808.

*Rhoda*, b. Mar. 21, 1810.

*Hiram*, b. Nov. 8, 1812; m. Brittania Fernald.

*Mercy C.*, b. May 9, 1815.

*Louis L.*, b. Sept. 28, 1817.

## WALDRON.

JAMES N. WALDRON, b. in New Brunswick; m. Sarah Hanson. He died Sept. 12, 1873. She died in 1887, aged 78. Children:

*Olive Ann*, b. Jan. 20, 1831.

*Sarah Jane*, b. Aug. 25, 1832; m. Zenas Maxim, Jr., May 3, 1853,

*Linton*, b. July 8, 1834.

*Milton*, b. Mar. 29, 1837.

*Josephine B.*, b. Mar. 24, 1839; m. Marion A. Bessey of Paris. She d. May 10, 1871.

*Frederick A.*, b. Apr. 6, 1841; graduated at Waterville College and settled in the city in the practice of the law. Died some years after.

*Ashbyline*, b. Apr. 21, 1843.

*Clarence* b. June 13, 1845; d. unmarried 1914.

*Julia*, b. May 8, 1847; m. ——— McLean.

*Isa G.*, b. Oct. 28, 1849; m. Dr. Alden C. Whitman.

*Prince B.*, b. Feb. 4, 1852.

*LaFayette B.*, b. Apr. 9, 1854; s. in Dexter as an attorney and where he held the office of Judge of the Municipal Court for several years.

*Wesley E.*, b. about 1857; m. Marinda Winslow; s. in Paris.

## WARREN.

TRISTRAM WARREN, a soldier in the French and Indian war, m. Mary Neal. They came to Bucktown from Berwick after Jan. 1, 1784. Their first child was one of those who settled here before that date; we do not know the date of their deaths. Children, none of whom were born here:

*John*, b. May 20, 1756; m. Elizabeth Buck.

*Jane*, b. May 2, 1758; m. Dominicus Record.

*Abigail*, b. May 12, 1764; m. Tobias Ricker.

*Mary*, b. Jan. 17, 1769.

*Edmund*, b. Mar. 31, 1773; m. Lydia Glover.

*Tristram*, b. Dec. 27, 1776.

*Andrew*, b. Aug. 6, 1780; m. Polly Alden.

*Levi*, b. Feb. 3, 1783.

*Lois*, b. ———; m. Simeon Hersey.

JOHN WARREN (see sketch) b. May 20, 1756; m. Elizabeth Buck. He died June 4, 1807. Children:

*Mary*, b. Feb. 15, 1782.

*John, Jr.*, b. Nov. 11, 1783; m. Esther Buck.

*Jane*, b. Oct. 28, 1785.

*Phebe*, b. Aug. 30, 1787; m. Geo. W. Cushman.

*Betsey*, b. Feb. 6, 1790; m. Nathaniel Bumpus.

*Sally*, b. May 19, 1792.

*Katharine*, b. Sept. 3, 1794; m. David Lane, Jr.

*James*, b. Dec. 29, 1796.

*Margaret*, b. Jan. 24, 1801; m. Wm. W. Pool.

*Athelstan*, b. Jan. 23, 1804; m. Jasmine Pool.

EDMUND, brother of preceding, b. Mar. 31, 1773; m. Lydia Glover. Children:

*Nathaniel S.*, b. Sept. 15, 1799.

*Cyrus*, b. Aug. 21, 1808.

*Dominicus R.*, b. June 10, 1810; m. Remember Record.

*Lydia*, b. July 4, 1812.

*Janet*, b. May 26, 1815; m. Samuel Mason, Hartford.

ANDREW WARREN, brother of preceding, b. Aug. 6, 1780; m. Polly Alden. Children:

*Albert*, b. Feb. 12, 1805.

*Mary M.*, b. Oct. 16, 1806.

*Dennis*, b. July 24, 1808.

*Marcus*, b. May 23, 1810.

*Miller*, b. May 10, 1812.

*Andrew*, b. Jan. 21, 1814.

*Priscilla*, b. Aug. 21, 1815.

JOHN WARREN, JR., son of John and grandson of Tristram, b. Nov. 11, 1783; m. Esther Buck. Children:

*Jane*, b. July 19, 1805.

*John, 3d*, b. July 22, 1807; m. Nancy Coburn.

*Tristram*, b. Nov. 29, 1810; m. Jumalier Foster.

*Betsy*, b. Dec. 17, 1811.

*Lucetta*, b. Aug. 15, 1813.

*Esther*, b. Aug. 5, 1815; m. Jonas Coburn, Sumner.

*James*, b. May 9, 1817.

*Ferdinand A.*, b. May 5, 1819; m. Sylvia I. Bartlett.

*Osmond*, b. June 13, 1824; m. Margaret S. Corthell.

TRISTRAM WARREN, son of the preceding, b. Nov. 29, 1810; m. Jumalier Foster. He d. Mar. 2, 1876. She d. Jan. 30, 1895, "aged 87." Children:

*Francis M.*, b. Jan. 19, 1838; m. Virgil D. Bicknell.

*James A.*, b. July 2, 1842; m. Georgianna H. Bicknell.

JAMES A. WARREN, son of preceding, b. July 2, 1842; m. Georgianna H. Bicknell. He served in the Civil War, and died in 1901 from disease contracted in the service. Children:

*Charles A.*, b. Feb. 10, 1862; m. Rosetta J. Turner.

*James W.*, b. May 5, 1865; d. Sept. 16, 1871.

*Kate E.*, b. May 22, 1867.

*Ormsby D.*, b. April 17, 187—; m. Agnes Winslow.

*Merton A.*, b. Sept. 25, 1873.

CHARES A. WARREN, son of the preceding, b. Feb. 10, 1862; m. Rosetta J. Turner. He was killed in the woods Feb. 13, 1897. Children:

*Frank E.*, b. July 10, 1882.

*Gertrude E.*, b. Jan. 15, 1886.

*Hazel E.*, b. Dec. 17, 1888.

FERDINAND A. WARREN, son of John, Jr., b. May 5, 1819; m. Sylvia I. Bartlett. He was for many years in the harness business in Buckfield, was prominent in temperance matters. He died Nov. 23, 1895. Children:

*Walter F.*, b. Oct. 25, 1845.

*Alphonso F.*, b. Oct. 3, 1847; m. Elizabeth A. Young.

*Florence Z.*, b. May 2, 1851; d. Mar. 15, 1854.

*Esther J.*, b. May 29, 1853.

ALPHONSO F. WARREN, son of the preceding, b. Oct. 3, 1847; m. Elizabeth A. Young. He was the drummer boy of Co. C, 23d Me. Infantry. Since his father's death he has carried on the same business in the village. Child:

*James E.*, b. Nov. 26, 1873; m. Mary E. Spaulding.

OSMOND WARREN, son of John, Jr., b. June 13, 1824; m. Margaret S. Corthell. Children:

*John*, b. Jan. 30, 1851.

*Laura*, b. Apr. 17, 1854.

DAVID WARREN (see sketch) was one of the early settlers. He married Mary ———. It does not appear that he was any related to the family of the elder Tristram Warren. The tradition is that he was not. He moved to Hartford where he died, aged 86. Children recorded on the Buckfield town records:

*Mary*, b. May 1, 1788.

*Hannah*, b. Feb. 11, 1790.

*Mark*, b. Mar. 3, 1792; d. Aug. 14, 1793.

*Eunice*, b. Mar. 11, 1794; m. Col. Aaron Parsons.

*Johnston*, b. Aug. 23, 1796.

*David, Jr.*, b. Jan. 6, 1799.

#### WATERMAN.

Three brothers, James, Ichabod and Thomas R. Waterman, settled very early in Buckfield. They were sixth in descent from Robert<sup>1</sup> Waterman, the American ancestor, who came to

Plymouth from Norwich, England, in 1636. He settled at Green Harbor, now Marshfield. He married Dec. 11, 1638, Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas<sup>1</sup> Bourne. The line of descent to these brothers was Dea. John<sup>2</sup> b. Apr. 19, 1642; m. Anne Sturtevant. Dea. Robert<sup>3</sup> m. Mary, dau. of Rev. Isaac Cushman and grand-dau. of Elder Thomas Cushman and his wife, Mary Allerton, dau. of Isaac Allerton of the Mayflower. Josiah<sup>4</sup> b. Mar. 5, 1705; m. Joanna Bryant. Ichabod<sup>5</sup>, father of these Buckfield settlers, b. Nov. 17, 1724; m. Hannah, dau. of Benj. and Phebe Harden) Rogers, a descendant of Rev. John Rogers, who suffered martyrdom by being burnt at the stake in the reign of Bloody Mary, Queen of England. Children born in Kingston, Mass., were:

*Lydia*, b. Nov. 5, 1758 (d. aged 91); m. Elijah Faunce.

*Benjamin*, b. Aug. 8, 1760 (d. aged 85); m. Lucy Bradford.

*Zenas*, b. Dec. 29, 1762 (d. aged 89); s. in Nova Scotia.

*James*, b. Mar. 21, 1765 (d. aged 96); m. Kezia Smith.

*Ichabod, Jr.*, b. Aug. 12, 1767 (d. aged 92); m. Parthenia Carter.

*Hannah*, b. June 9, 1770 (d. aged 79); m. Silas Maxim.

*Phebe*, b. Dec. 30, 1771 (d. aged 76); m. Caleb Swift.

*Thomas R.*, b. Mar. 10, 1776 (d. aged 86); m. Molly Ellis.

JAMES WATERMAN, b. Mar. 21, 1765; m. Kezia Smith, dau. of Jasiel and Anna (Crossman) Smith. Children:

*Sophronia*, b. May 20, 1794; m. Henry White; s. in Dixfield.

*James, Jr.*, b. July 23, 1796; died young.

*Lewis*, b. Dec. 18, 1798; m. Abigail Bassford.

*Julia*, b. Aug. 4, 1801; m. William Clark, Hartford.

*Nancy*, b. March 14, 1803; m. Dr. Jonathan Norton.

*Oriza*, b. ———; m. Dr. Jonathan Norton, Farmington.

*Arvilla*, b. ———; m. Naphthali Mason.

ICHABOD WATERMAN, bro. of the preceding, m. Parthenia Carter. Returned to Massachusetts and died there. Children:

*Betsey*, b. Mar. 24, 1792.

*Hannah*, b. Mar. 1, 1793.

*Minerva*, b. Mar. 17, 1795.

*Nahum*, b. Mar. 22, 1798; d. Oct. 3, 1801.

*Joanna*, b. Feb. 12, 1801.

*Seth*, b. Mar. 26, 1803.

THOMAS R. WATERMAN, bro. of the preceding, b. Mar. 10, 1776; m. Molly Ellis. He was a blacksmith. Removed to San-gerville, Me., and died there. Children recorded on our records:

*Zenas*, b. Dec. 5, 1802; d. in infancy.



*Lysander*, b. Dec. 5, 1802.

*Janet*, b. Nov. 25, 1810.

*Charles*, b. May 16, 1819.

#### WHITMAN.

The American ancestor of the Whitmans of Buckfield, Woodstock and Turner, was John Whitman, who came from England (the vicinity of Cheshire, near scene of Gray's Elegy) before 1638 and settled at Weymouth, Mass. It appears by Winthrop's Journal that he was admitted to the rights and privileges of a citizen in December of that year. The tradition is that he left his family behind till he had selected a lot for a settlement, cleared several acres of land and built a habitation and that he brought his wife and children hither in 1641.

In 1645 he was appointed ensign in the militia and the same year, with two others, was commissioned "to end small controversies" in that town. He served as one of the selectmen of the town for many years. He was a deacon of the church from the time one was established in Weymouth to his death, November 13, 1692, at about 90 years of age. He left four sons and five daughters, Thomas, John, Zechariah, Abiah, Sarah, Mary, Elizabeth, Hannah and Judith. The oldest child was Sarah, who married Abraham Jones. They had a daughter, Sarah, who married Mordecai Lincoln of Hingham, Mass., the great-great-grandfather of Abraham Lincoln. Thomas, born in England about 1629, died in 1712. From him were descended Congressman and Chief Justice Ezekiel Whitman, Levi Whitman, Esq., for 18 years State's attorney for Oxford County, and candidate for Congress; Sarah, wife of Governor Albion K. Parris; and Rev. Marcus Whitman, the missionary, to whom now the credit is given for saving to the United States the territory embraced in the states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho. He was massacred by the Indians in 1843.

From John, the second son of the ancestor, are descended Hosea B. Whitman, for many years one of the most prominent citizens and selectmen of Mexico, and Harry A. Whitman, shot and killed by Abner D. Thorne on Paris Hill, while he was assisting the officers in arresting Thorne for burglary.

REV. B. L. WHITMAN, former president of Colby University, and president of Columbia University at Washington,

D. C., Rev. Charles R. Tenney, one of the leading clergymen of the Universalist denomination in Maine, and Izah Tenney Sanborn, teacher and matron of Kings Daughters at Bangor, daughter of the late Dr. Jesse Howe of Norway, are descendants of Rev. Zechariah Whitman, the third son of the ancestor, who was born in Weymouth in 1644. He died in 1726.

The Buckfield and Woodstock Whitmans are descended from the fourth son of the ancestor, Abiah.

Judge Mitchell's History of Bridgewater says that more persons of this name in that town, in the early times, received a college education, than any other. The names of a large number are given. The next most numerous were the Packards.

Abiah was the youngest son, born in 1646. He married Mary Ford. He had the homestead and administered on the estate of his father. He died in his 82d year, leaving a very large estate for those days. His wife had died in 1715. Their children mentioned in his will are John, Zechery, Abiah, Elizabeth, Lydia, Mary and Eleanor.

John was born in 1681; m. 1st Rebecca Manley, Mar. 25, 1713; 2d, Jean Chaplin, Sept. 4, 1750. He settled in Easton. By his first wife he had John, Terah, Rebecca, Sarah and Mary. By his second wife, Rebecca and Jacob.

JACOB WHITMAN, born Nov. 28, 1753, m. April 13, 1777, Abigail Packard, b. Bridgewater, Mass., May 20, 1756. He served in the Continental Army. Settled in Bucktown. He died Dec. 29, 1842, aged 89. She died July 7, 1837. Their descendants are the only persons of the name of Whitman who trace their ancestry back to Abiah. Children:

*Luther*, b. Easton, May 5, 1778; m. Polly Berry; s. in Woodstock.

*Jacob, Jr.*, b. Easton, Oct. 11, 1779; m. Dorcas Berry; s. in Woodstock.

*Joseph*, b. Easton, Mar. 26, 1782; m. Polly Cole; s. in Woodstock.

*Calvin*, b. Buckfield, May 26, 1785; m. Remember Record.

*Joshua*, b. Buckfield July 4, 1788; m. Catharine Davie.

*Rebecca*, b. Buckfield Mar. 31, 1791; m. Edward Lothrop.

*Abigail*, b. Buckfield Feb. 20, 1794; m. Capt. Jonathan Cole of Woodstock.

*Winchester*, b. Buckfield, Oct. 11, 1798; d. Sept. 17, 1801.

CALVIN WHITMAN, son of Jacob, was born in Buckfield May 26, 1785. He m. April 14, 1809, Sarah, daughter of Jonathan and Remember (Briggs) Record. She was born Sept. 7, 1788. They settled first in Hebron adjoining the old homestead, then

moved to Buckfield where they lived for about 35 years, and finally to Paris, where he died April 9, 1857, in the 82d year of his age. She died at her son John's in South Paris, Dec. 29, 1884, aged 96. Both are buried in the Lowell cemetery in Buckfield. Children:

*Hannah Briggs*, b. Sept. 19, 1810; d. Nov. 15, 1812.

*Calvin Winchester*, b. Dec. 29, 1813; m. Elvira E. Shurtleff; s. in Hebron.

*John*, b. Hebron Dec. 22, 1816; m. Sarah DeAlbra Bumpus; s. in Paris.

*Hannah Remember*, b. Hebron, Oct. 15, 1819; m. Ebenezer Snell.

*Jonathan Record*, b. B. Sept. 9, 1822; m. Anna M. Durell; s. in Paris.

*Jacob Streeter*, b. B. July 6, 1825; d. June, 1826.

*Augustus Melvin*, b. B. May 11, 1828; m. Nancy B. Shurtleff; s. in Hebron and Paris.

JOSHUA WHITMAN, son of Jacob, was born in Buckfield July 4, 1788. He had the homestead, on which he resided to his death. He m. Catharine, daughter of Simeon and Susannah (Pratt) Davie of Hebron, b. April 16, 1791. He died August 9, 1858. She died Sept. 24, 1878, in her 88th year. Children all born in Buckfield:

*Elhanan*, b. Feb. 3, 1814; d. Mar. 15, 1816.

*Elbridge Davie*, b. May 18, 1815; m. Julia Ann DeCoster.

*Almeda*, b. Feb. 26, 1817; m. 1st, Thomas Packard; 2d, Thomas DeCoster; s. in Hebron.

*Joshua Elhanan*, b. Mar. 15, 1819; m. Phebe Foster.

*Elijah Packard*, b. Sept. 16, 1821; m. Ann P. Holbrook.

*Armina*, b. Feb. 18, 1824; m. Joel Foster, Jr.; s. in Hebron.

*Russell Streeter*, b. Feb. 25, 1826; m. Eliza Bicknell.

*Andrew Jackson*, b. Oct. 26, 1829; m. Nancy Jane Daggett.

*Ozias*, b. Sept. 13, 1831; m. Izah T. Hatch; s. in Red Wing, Minn.

*Rozana Catharine*, b. Mar. 19, 1834; m. Abijah Foster.

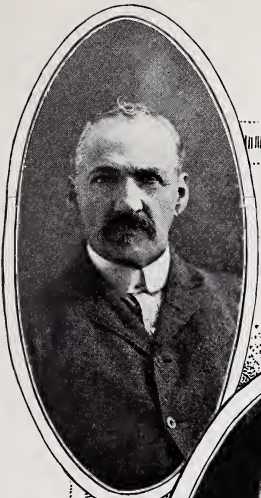
*Dora Packard*, b. Sept. 10, 1837; m. 1st, Henry C. Long; 2d, Henry E. Hay; s. in Lynn, Mass.

ELBRIDGE D. WHITMAN, son of Joshua and Catharine (Davie) Whitman, b. May 18, 1815, m. Julia Ann, dau. of Rogers and Betsey (Rowe) DeCoster, b. May 6, 1819. He d. in 1885. She d. Aug. 20, 1880. Children all born in Buckfield:

*Abel Cyrus Thomas*, b. June, 1838; m. Betsey Packard; 2d Elsie E. Packard.

*John C.*, b. Feb. 21, 1840; m. 1st, Ella Farris; 2d, Eva Chase; r. in Rumford; 4 c. by 1st wife: *Leon*, *Henry*, *Agnes* and *Ella*.

*Elizabeth A.*, b. Aug. 13, 1841; m. James A. Russell; s. in Hebron.



Alden C. Whitman



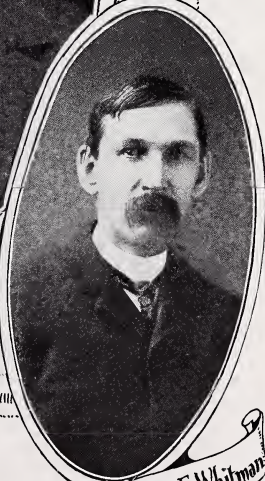
Henry W. Whitman



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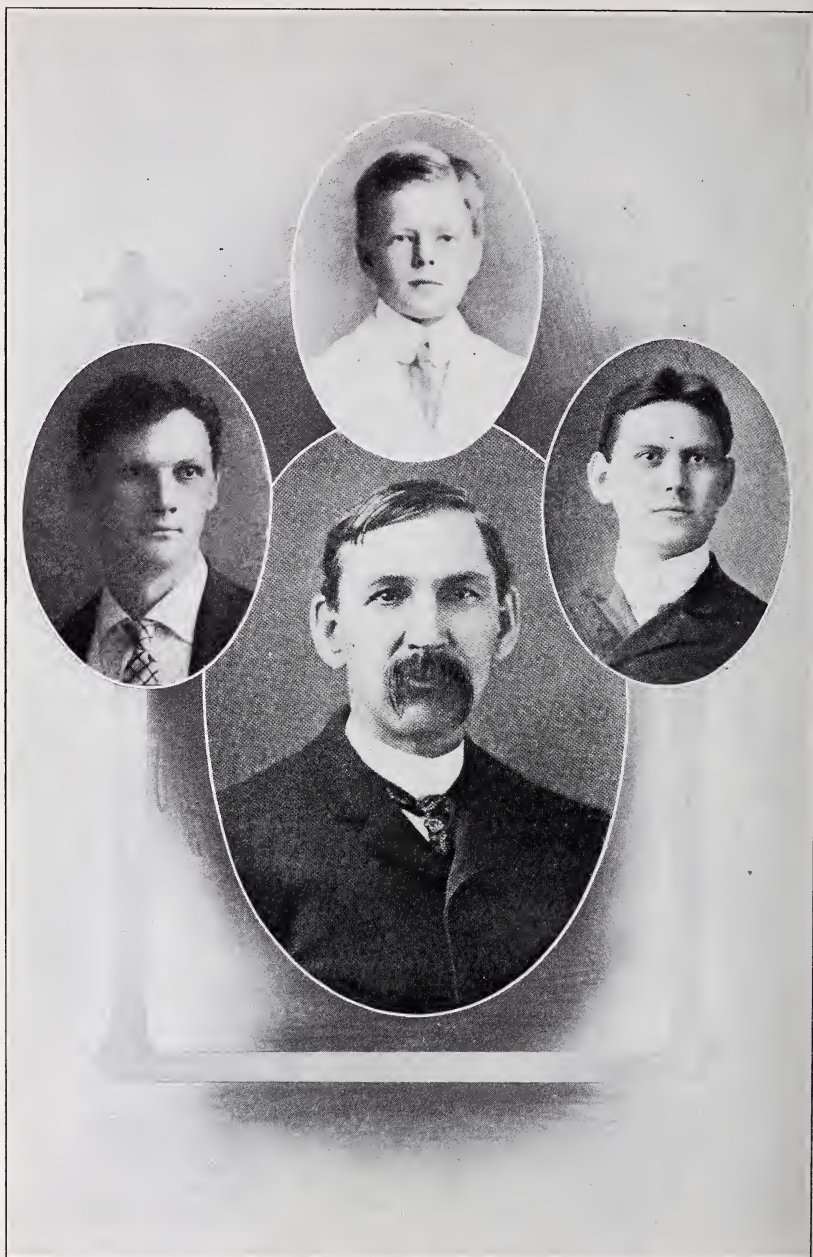


Ellis Whitman



Charles F. Whitman





Victor M. Whitman

Victor Whitman  
Charles F. Whitman

Verne M. Whitman



*William S.*, b. Sept. 28, 1843; d. Jan. 28, 1859.

*Henrietta*, b. Mar. 8, 1846; d. Sept. 28, 1847.

*Eliza Ann*, Nov. 12, 1848; m. Charles D. Snell; 1 c., Winnifred D.

*Emma Eldora*, b. Sept. 11, 1853; m. Caleb B. Farris; s. in Hebron; 4 c., *Melvin Rogers*, *Iva*. *Guy* and *Cyrenia*.

ABEL C. T. WHITMAN, oldest son of the preceding, m. 1 Betsey Packard. She died in Sept., 1865, and he married 2d her sister, Elsie Ellen. Children:

*Henrietta*, b. June 2, 1865; m. Chas. Rand.

*Elsie S.*, b. Sept. 4, 1868; m. Alton Crooker.

*Florence Mabel*, b. Dec. 26, 1869; m. Oscar Eastman.

*John T.*, b. Jan. 15, 1871; d. June 19, 1882.

*Claude M.*, b. Feb. 23, 1875; m. Nellie J. Turner.

JOSHUA E. WHITMAN, son of Joshua and grandson of Jacob, the Revolutionary Patriot, b. March 15, 1819; m. Phebe, daughter of Joel and Martha (Lothrop) Foster b. July 21, 1822.

His father selected him to take care of his parents in their old age. He never sought office or public position but was well informed on matters pertaining to state and nation. A man of the utmost integrity, he was loved and respected by all, and particularly the young. He resided on the old homestead till 1864, when he moved into the western part of the town. His wife, named for her grandmother, Phebe (Buck) Foster, was equally loved and admired. Her whole life was devoted to the happiness of others. She died April 5, 1897. He died suddenly when going home from his oldest son's, June 7, 1900, in the 82d year of his age. Children:

*Henry Wilson*, b. June 8, 1843; m. Martha M. Dunn.

*Alden Chase*, b. Nov. 15, 1846; m. Isa Gertrude Waldron.

*Charles Foster*, b. Feb. 6, 1848; m. Mary A. Dinsmore.

*Ellis*, b. Apr. 13, 1850; m. Cora R. Record.

HENRY WILSON WHITMAN, oldest son of the preceding, born June 8, 1843; m. Aug. 20, 1864, Martha M. Dunn, daughter of Aaron and Martha (Foster) Dunn of South Paris. He settled in the western part of Buckfield on the highway to South Paris where he has become one of the most prosperous farmers of the town. No issue.

DR. ALDEN CHASE WHITMAN (see physicians), brother of the preceding, was born Nov. 15, 1846. He married 1st, July 4, 1871, Isa Gertrude, daughter of James 2nd and Sarah (Hanson)

Waldron; 2d, Mrs. Lucretia M. (Beal) Blondel of Topsham.  
Children by 1st wife:

*Launcelot*, b. Aug. 14, 1879; died in infancy.

*Plaisted J.*, b. Nov. 12, 1880; m. Ethel Reynolds.

*Geraldine Gertrude*, b. Jan. 14, 1889; m. Lewis E. Green.

Child by 2d wife:

*Phebe Priscilla*, d. abt. 3 years of age.

CHARLES FOSTER WHITMAN (see biographical sketch) is the third son of Joshua E. and Phebe (Foster) Whitman. He was born in Buckfield Feb. 6, 1848; m. Aug. 27, 1867, Mary A., daughter of Ansel and Judith C. (Morse) Dinsmore of Norway born May 18, 1848. Children:

*Victor Melnotte*, b. Buckfield, June 21, 1869; d. Nov. 17, 1876.

*Verne Mortier*, b. Buckfield Mar. 14, 1871; m. Molly Wren Maloney.

*Victor Merton*, b. Norway Sept. 22, 1877; m. Jessie L. Dinsmore.

PROF. VERNE M. WHITMAN, son of Charles F. and Mary A. Whitman, was born in Buckfield March 14, 1871. He fitted for college at the Norway High School and entered Colby University in the autumn of 1890, where he took high rank and was one of the most popular of the students. He graduated in 1894, and, securing a position as principal of the High School at Calais, he went there to teach. He was there some six years. In 1900 he married Mollie Wren, daughter of Capt. John and Amy (Stevenson) Maloney of St. Andrews, N. B. They have one child, Victor, born at Canton, Me., April 5, 1901. Mr. W. is now (1915) principal of the High school at Laconia, N. H.

VICTOR MERTON WHITMAN, brother of the preceding, was born at Norway Sept. 22, 1877. He fitted for college at the Norway High School, where he graduated with honors in 1895. He did not choose to enter college, but secured a position on the Boston and Maine Railroad, where he was for several years. He m. April 21, 1904, Jessie Lyla, daughter of Charles W. and Carrie (Tee) Dinsmore, b. January 23, 1877. Residence, Norway, Maine.

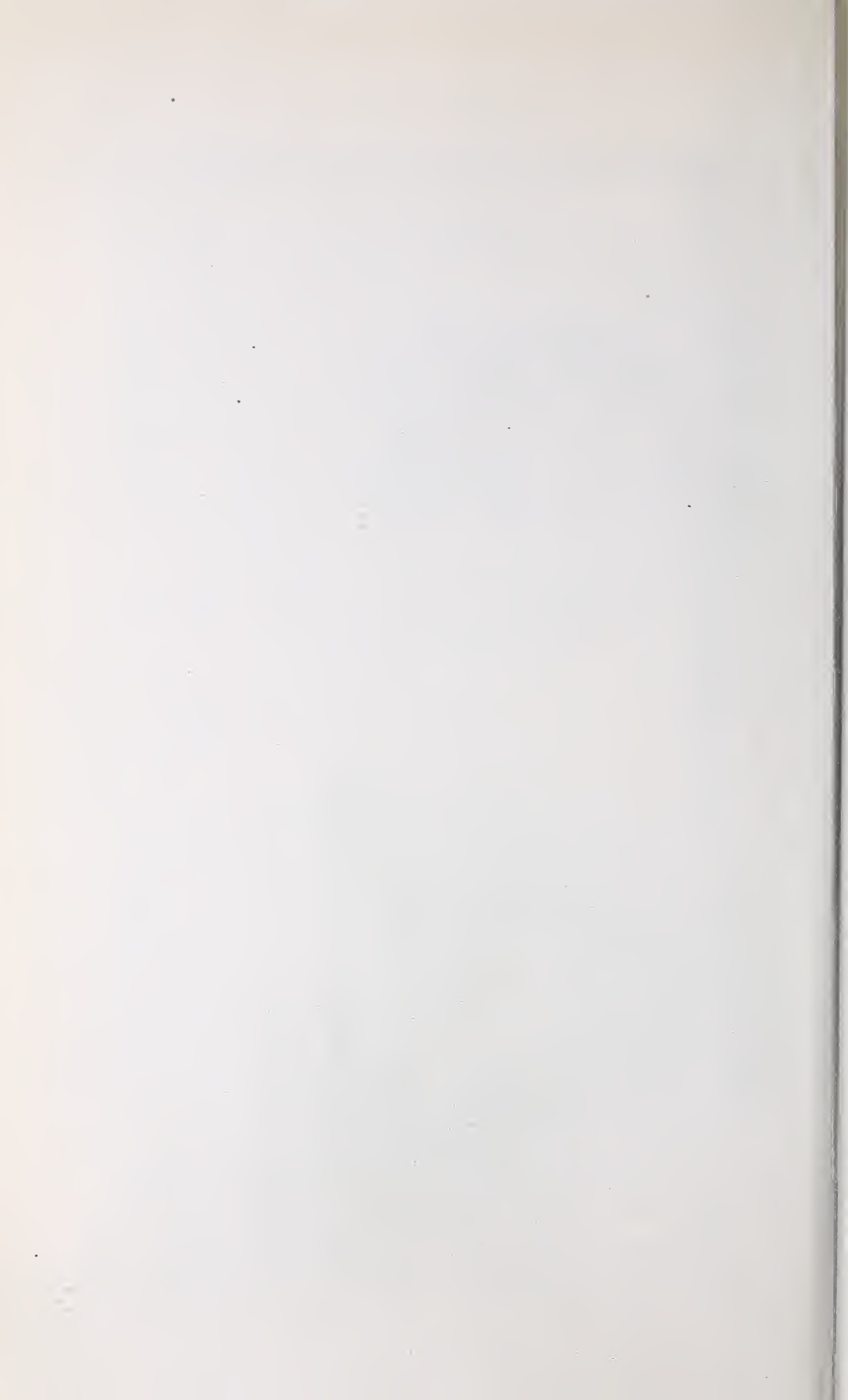
ELLIS WHITMAN, youngest son of Joshua E. and Phebe (Foster) Whitman was born on the old homestead in Buckfield April 13, 1850. He took care of his parents and had the estate. He married Mar. 1, 1874, Cora R., daughter of Benj. Harrison and Phebe (Irish) Record. She was b. Feb. 26, 1859.



Oziab Whitman



Mrs. Izah T. Whitman



Mr. Whitman is a very prosperous farmer and one of the leading citizens in his section of the town. He has served several years, on the board of selectmen and assessors, and as collector of taxes. Children:

*Harold E.*, b. April 30, 1889.

*Flora E.*, b. April 30, 1889.

ELIJAH P. WHITMAN, son of Joshua, m. Ann P., daughter of John and Patty (Prentiss) Holbrook of Stoughton, Mass., b. Sept. 25, 1825. He settled at Buckfield village, where he worked at his trade of a shoemaker till his death March 11, 1877. He was an intellectual man and was among the pioneers in the temperance reform and anti-slavery movements. His widow m. 2d Charles Beals, residence Auburn, Me. She died in 1912. Children:

*Ella Frances*, b. Oct. 9, 1849; m. Oscar G. Chandler; s. in Sumner.

*Cora Lee*, b. July 5, 1857; m. Oscar V. Miller; s. in Auburn.

RUSSELL S. WHITMAN, son of Joshua, m. Eliza, daughter of Luke and Orris (DeCoster) Bicknell. He resided on the old homestead in Buckfield till his death Oct. 6, 1892. She died Mar. 17, 1892. They had one child, Mary Ellen, b. March 19, 1854. She m. 1st, Chas. W. Cummings of Paris. He died Oct. 17, 1880. She m. 2d, George L. Seavey. Resides in Auburn. No issue.

ANDREW J. WHITMAN, son of Joshua, m. Nancy Jane, daughter of Horace and Jane (Coburn) Daggett, b. Nov. 5, 1832. Residence, Buckfield, where he died Feb. 25, 1866. She died at Auburn, Me., in the autumn of 1900. Children:

*Ida May*, b. April 15, 1858; d. July 14, 1858.

*Ada Lee*, b. Jan. 8, 1860; resides in Auburn; unmarried.

*Elmer Ellsworth*, b. April 1, 1862; d. Nov. 9, 1863.

PROF. OZIAS WHITMAN, son of Joshua, b. Sept. 13, 1831; m. Izah T. Hatch of Norway, b. Aug. 18, 1842. He graduated at Waterville College at the head of his class. For many years he taught in the principal academies of the state, and attained great popularity as an instructor. His wife has been equally successful as a teacher. They went West and settled in Red Wing, Minnesota. He is now (1915) in the Weather Bureau service at St. Paul, Minn., a position he has held for many years. No issue.



## WINSLOW.

AMOS WINSLOW was a shipbuilder at Freeport, Me., prior to his settling in Buckfield. He worked at the trade of a tanner after coming here, but finally married and settled down on a farm in the western part of the town. He was born at Freeport Sept. 11, 1791. Amos Winslow was 6th in descent from Kenelem<sup>1</sup>, a brother of Governor Edward Winslow, who came over in the Mayflower with the other Pilgrims and settled at Plymouth, Mass. Amos Winslow married in 1813, Ruhama Churchill, daughter of the old Revolutionary soldier Jabez and his wife, Maria (Benson) Churchill. She was born Feb. 1, 1794. He died Jan. 6, 1855. She died quite aged. Children:

*Solomon*, b. Aug. 21, 1819; d. in Paris Nov. 20, 1895; unmarried.

*Hiram*, b. Mar. 12, 1822; m. Elmira E. Colburn; s. in Ann Arbor, Mich.

*Stephen*, b. Aug. 19, 1824; d. in Buckfield Feb. 21, 1898; unmarried.

*Maria*, b. Dec. 22, 1826; m. N. Greenleaf Bumpus; s. in Paris.

*Marinda*, b. Aug. 17, 1829; m. Wm. A. Coburn; s. in Dedham, Mass.

*George C.*, b. July 12, 1832; m. Lydia Lamrock; s. in Norway.

*Amos K.*, b. July 28, 1834; m. Melissa Jordan.

GEORGE CLINTON WINSLOW, son of the preceding, b. July 12, 1832; m. Lydia, daughter of John and Letitia (Henderson) Lamrock. He settled first in Paris, but finally moved to Norway where he lived to his death, Oct. 14, 1877. Child:

*Edward Clinton Winslow*, b. in Paris Nov. 29, 1862. After graduating with honors from the Norway High School, he entered the store of C. N. Tubbs & Co., as clerk. His integrity and strict attention to business, soon won the confidence of his employers. He is now (1915) clerk in the hardware store of Longley & Butts, Norway. Jan. 14, 1885, he married Sarah Elida, daughter of James M. and Christina (Richards) Wilson, b. in Oxford, Me., Feb. 6, 1862. They have one child, *Raymond Edward*, b. April 19, 1902.

AMOS KENDALL WINSLOW, youngest son of Amos b. July 28, 1834; m. Melissa, daughter of Isaac and Louisa (Monk) Jordan. He settled on a farm near the old homestead in the western part of Buckfield. Children:

*Lelia*, b. Sept. 23, 1857; m. Clarence E. Foster.

*Marinda*, b. Mar. 14, 1859; m. Wesley E. Waldron; s. in Paris.

*Lorena*, b. Jan. 2, 1865; m. John Pettengill; d. 1913.

*Agnce*, b. ———; m. Ormsby D. Warren.

## WOODBURY.

BENJAMIN WOODBURY, the Revolutionary soldier, was descended from John<sup>1</sup> Woodbury, who came to Gloucester, Mass., from Somersetshire, England, in 1624. Benjamin was sixth in descent from John, and was b. Oct. 31, 1761. His father was Joshua, who married Abigail Parks. Benjamin m. Rhoda Collins at Southboro and moved to the northwestern part of Buckfield about 1800. The farm he settled on was set into Paris in 1828. He died in 1849 in Buckfield. Children recorded in Buckfield records:

*Kate*, b. Sept. 24, 1786; m. Calvin Cole.

*Lucinda*, b. Jan. 4, 1789; m. Abraham Doble.

*Sarah*, b. Dec. 17, 1790; m. Luther Stiles.

*Collins*, b. Feb. 13, 1793; m. Pamela Andrews.

*Benjamin*, Jr., b. Nov. 10, 1795; d. in Illinois.

*Charles*, b. Jan. 18, 1798; d. young.

*Ruth*, b. Apr. 14, 1800; m. Ira York.

*Mary C.*, b. Oct. 26, 1802; m. William Greenleaf.

*Asa*, b. May 1, 1805; m. 1st, Tacy Tuttle; 2d, Victoria N. Hathaway.

*Charlotte*, b. May 4, 1808; m. Lorenzo D. Mason.

*Charles*, b. Aug. 20, 1812; m. 1st, Hannah Bemis; 2d, Catharine Bemis.

## YOUNG.

JOSHUA YOUNG (see sketch) and wife Sarah Irish, settled in the southeast part of the township, and he was here in time to acquire without purchase 100 acres of land from the Commonwealth. He appears to have been an older brother of Caleb. He was also a Revolutionary soldier, and it is said was at Bunker Hill. He died about 1825. (Dec. 23, 1824 (?).) He was twice married; 1st to Sarah ——— at Wellfleet, Mass., and had one child, Joshua, Jr. She died and he m. 2d June 13, 1779, Sarah Irish, dau. of John, sen. Children:

*Joshua, Jr.*, b. Nov. 13, 1775.

*Benjamin*, b. July 22, 1780; m. Mercy Richardson.

*Lucius*, b. Feb. 21, 1782.

*Ebenzer*, b. Aug. 23, 1784; m. Patience ———.

*Isaac*, b. Sept. 24, 1785; m. Anna Brown.

*Betsey*, b. Aug. 6, 1787; m. Wm. Brown.

*Moses*, b. Aug. 31, 1789; m. Vesta Drake.

*Sarah*, b. Feb. 27, 1792; m. Gilbert Tuell.

EBENEZER YOUNG, son of Joshua, the Revolutionary soldier,  
b. Aug. 23, 1782; m. Patience ———. Children:

*Hiram*, b. Jan. 22, 1807.

*Sally*, b. Nov. 7, 1808.

MOSES YOUNG, bro. of the preceding, b. Aug. 31, 1789; m.  
Vesta Drake. He died Feb. 26, 1853. Children:

*Lucius*, b. Oct. 6, 1816; m. Salina D. Staples.

*Lucy*, b. Aug. 11, 1821; m. Silas Mitchell.

*Sarah Jane*, b. Nov. 1, 1825; m. Edmund Hutchinson.

LUCIUS YOUNG, son of the preceding, b. Oct. 6, 1816; m.  
Salina D. Staples. Children:

*Ellen Maria*, b. Feb. 24, 1839; m. Cyrus C. Spaulding.

*James H.*, b. Nov. 16, 1841.

*Lucius L.*, b. Jan. 9, 1843.

*Elizabeth Ann*, b. Mar. 3, 1850; m. Alphonso F. Warren.

JAMES H. YOUNG, son of the preceding, b. Nov. 16, 1841; m.  
———. Child:

*John L.*, b. Jan. 28, 1875.

CALEB YOUNG (see sketch) and wife, Mary, settled in the  
eastern part of the township prior to 1784. He was a soldier in  
the War of the Revolution. He died Feb. 26, 1830, in the 83d  
year of his age. Children:

*Sarah*, b. Dec. 9, 1785; m. Daniel Russell (?).

*Charles*, b. Aug. 23, 1787.

*Abigail*, b. Jan. 18, 1798.

*Isaac*, b. Mar. 5, 1793; m. Delia Tobin.

*Mary*, b. Mar. 5, 1793; m. Joseph Robinson.

*Benjamin*, b. June 15, 1795; m. Eliza B. Harden (?).

*Joshua*, b. June 5, 1797; m. Nancy Hussey.

ISAAC YOUNG, son of the preceding, b. Mar. 3, 1791, m. Delia  
Tobin. Children:

*Elizabeth Irish*, b. Mar. 22, 1834.

*Isaac Bray*, b. Dec. 9, 1836.

## FROM TOWN RECORDS.

**Families Not Reported—Many Removed to Other Places.**

Children of Freeman G. (son of Jacob) and Anna G. Allen: Alice W., b. Jan. 8, 1854; George Freeman, b. May 5, 1856; Julia Ann, b. Oct. 14, 1862, d. April 24, 1864.

Children of Hamden A., son of Alpheus and Hannah (Seabury), b. 1823 and Hannah (Skillins) Allen: Emily, Maria, Hamden, Sidney, Lebbeus, Jane, Oscar and Lois.

Children of Lebbeus T. and Pauline E. (Murdock) Allen; Mary E., b. June 16, 1845, m. Alvin Reed; Charles S., b. Dec. 30, 1856; m. Ada Garland.

Children of Ichabod and Mary Allen: Winslow Hooper, b. July 16, 1847; Eleanor Augusta, b. Jan. 29, 1849; Cynthia P., b. June 6, 1852; James Monroe, b. Jan. 21, 1854.

Children of Mark and Ruth (Parris) Andrews: Bela, b. March 16, 1785; Mark, Nov. 13, 1786; Mehitable, b. Sept. 22, 1788; Polly, b. Sept. 6, 1791; Milliscent Parris, b. Mar. 22, 1795; Josiah Parris, b. Aug. 1, 1799; Ruth, b. Aug. 21, 1801.

Children of Samuel and Hannah (Smith) Andrews; Zilpha, b. June 7, 1794; Sophia, b. June 25, 1796.

Children of Ebenezer and Mehitable Austin: Ebenezer, b. Mar. 21, 1790; John, b. Dec. 17, 1791; Susanna, b. Aug. 19, 1793; Zadoc, b. Mar. 30, 1796; Esther, b. May 29, 1798; Daniel, b. Jan. 31, 1801.

Children of Daniel and Vesta Austin (He d. Jan. 29, 1868); Hiram, b. Nov. 6, 1831, d. Feb. 23, 1838; Vesta, b. Nov. 24, 1833, m. Chas. O. Godwin; Leonard, b. Apr. 28, 1835; Julia, b. Oct. 24, 1837; Rosania, b. Apr. 25, 1839; Daniel, b. Mar. 17, 1842; Greenville, b. Jan. 17, 1845; Alonzo, b. Feb. 7, 1847; Marcellus, b. Aug. 20, 1851; William, b. Apr. 13, 1853.

Children of Leonard and Arvilla Austin: Maria, b. May 5, 1858; Forrest M., b. Dec. 27, 1860; Willis W., b. Nov. 16, 1863; Minnie L., b. Feb. 18, 1865; Leonard, b. Mar. 5, 1867; Carroll H., b. Apr. 3, 1869.

Children of John and Rebecca (Packard) Bisbee (He was drowned in the Androscoggin river abt. 1810. The widow in 1817 m. Abijah Buck): Ambrose, b. May 24, 1799; Martin, b. Feb. 5, 1800; Cyrenia, b. Feb. 17, 1802; Cyprian, b. Apr. 20, 1804; Anna Perkins, b. Sept. 5, 1807.

Children of Martin and Sophia (Cushman) Bisbee: Persis, b. Oct. 19, 1826; Cyrenia, b. Aug. 14, 1828.

Children of Stephen, b. Jan. 25, 1773, and Elizabeth Bosworth, b. Feb. 17, 1781; m. Jan. 30, 1803; Eliza, b. Apr. 7, 1804; Alonzo, b. Jan. 1, 1806; d. Feb. 25, 1809; Stephen W., b. Sept. 25, 1807, com. suicide June 2, 1855; Jacob B., b. Sept. 28, 1809; Daniel, b. Dec. 31, 1811.

Children of George and Myrtilla (Cole) Bridgman: George G., b. Mar. 11, 1835; Georgianna, b. July 27, 1837; Emily G., b. Apr. 29, 1840.

Children of Hanson (s. of John and g. s. of Amos) and Sarah D. (Churchill) Brown (he d. Mar. 3, 1893; she d. July 6, 1899): Wm. H. H., b. Apr. 26, 1840; Helen; George W.; Eliab, b. Jan. 22, 1852.

Children of Moses (son of Wm.) and Susanna Brown (he d. Apr. 20, 1857; she d. Apr. 7, 1857): Wm. F., b. Mar. 23, 1835; Lucius, b. Sept. 27, 1836; Moses, b. Oct. 15, 1840; Susanna, b. Aug. 28, 1844.

Children of Morris (son of Wm.) and Fanny Brown: Betsey, b. Nov. 24, 1832; Elvira, b. July 25, 1837, m. Levi Jordan; Amanda M., b. Mar. 4, 1840, d. Aug. 28, 1849; Lucy Ellen, b. May 8, 1845.

Children of John (s. of John and g. s. of Amos) and Ursula Brown: Alonzo, b. abt. 1838; Fernando, b. abt. 1840; Henry and Henrietta, twins, b. abt. 1842; Rhoda, b. Dec. 23, 1844; James, Aug. 23, 1847; Mary, b. Mar. 27, 1849; Amelia, b. Mar. 8, 1851; Ella, b. Feb. 8, 1853; Charles, b. July 26, 1855; Ada L., b. May 3, 1857.

Children of Levi and Lydia Bryant: Clarissa, b. Jan. 9, 1783, m. Nathaniel Gammon; George, b. Aug. 22, 1784; Mercy, b. June 6, 1786; Elizabeth, b. Mar. 29, 1788; Levi, b. Feb. 6, 1792; Pelham, b. Dec. 27, 1794; m. Clarissa Record; Fanny, b. Jan. 12, 1796; Lucia, b. Feb. 19, 1799; Marcia, b. Aug. 20, 1801; Ephraim G., b. abt. 1804.

Children of Nathaniel, Jr., and Sarah Buck (he d. abt. 1837): Benj. T., b. May 7, 1798; Eliab, b. Aug. 19, 1800, m. Eleanor Buck, s. in Foxcroft; Sophia, b. June 6, 1802; Rachel, b. Dec. 10, 1804; Nathaniel, b. May 17, 1807; Paul, b. Feb. 14, 1809.

Children of Moses (s. of Nath'l, pioneër) and Sally Buck: Olive, b. Dec. 10, 1799; Ira Brown, b. April 10, 1802; Polly, b. Apr. 29, 1804; Elmira, b. Apr. 26, 1806; Irene, b. May 31, 1808; Moses, b. Aug. 22, 1811.

Children of William and Martha (Record) Campbell (he d. in Sangerville, past 80): Sally, b. June 20, 1805; William, b. July 17, 1807; Romilla, b. Sept. 1, 1809; Rodolphus R., b. Sept. 18, 1811; Otis W., b. Feb. 1, 1814; Andrew, b. Apr. 21, 1816; Sam'l R., b. June 8, 1818; Dominicus R., b. Dec. 10, 1820.

Children of Ebenezer and Martha Carey: Hannah, b. March 26, 1796; Ichabod, b. Aug. 22, 1797; Zenas, b. April 3, 1799; Remember, b. Feb. 26, 1801; Polly, b. Sept. 16, 1802.

Children of John and Martha (Crockett) Carsley: Ebenezer, b. May 7, 1792; Sarah, b. May 25, 1794; Rachel, b. Apr. 8, 1796; Fanny, b. Mar. 25, 1798; Mercy, b. May 13, 1800; Freeman and Daniel, twins, b. Sept. 14, 1808.

Children of John and Nancy Chaffin: Henrietta DeAlbra, b. Nov. 29, 1800, m. Capt. Jonathan Buck; John, b. Apr. 20, 1804; Anna, b. Sept. 16, 1806; Rodney, b. Dec. 12, 1808; Geo. G., b. June 30, 1813, m. 1st, Betsey Bonney, 2d Bethiah Lothrop; Hannah S., b. Feb. 25, 1816; Adoniram J., b. Sept. 6, 1819.

Children of Rodney and Mary (Waldron) Chaffin: Mary A., b. Dec. 1, 1826, m. Joseph D. Fuller; John M., b. Sept. 6, 1828; Mary E., b. Dec. 21, 1830; Daniel H., b. Aug. 28, 1832.

Children of Adoniram J. and Lydia (Bean) Chaffin: Nancy D., b. Dec. 30, 1842; Abana, b. Dec. 2, 1845; Fred L., b. Sept. 11, 1850.

Children of Edmund and Anna Chandler: Barnabas, b. Jan. 20, 1773; Rebekah, b. Oct. 1, 1777; Lucy, b. Nov. 21, 1779; Anna, b. April 1, 1782; Huldah, b. June 8, 1789; Mary, b. April 5, 1791; Christopher, by 2d wife, Hannah, b. Oct. 18, 1794.

Children of William (Rev. Sol.) and Lydia Churchill: Lydia, b. Dec. 13, 1784; Polly, b. June 1, 1788; Benj., b. July 22, 1791; Wm., b. Aug. 5, 1797.

Children of Asaph (bro. of Wm.) and Polly Churchill: Asaph, b. July 31, 1803; Hiram, b. Aug. 20, 1808; Nathaniel, b. May 28, 1810; Elbridge, b. Jan. 28, 1812; Betsey D., b. Jan. 22, 1814, m. Martin Churchill; Albert, b. May 21, 1816; Polly, b. May 26, 1818; Nancy m. an Emery. They had a son an officer in the U. S. Navy.

Children of Asaph (s. of Martin) and Fanny (Murch) Churchill: Fanny, b. 1871, m. a Tucker; Asaph, 1874, m. a Lovejoy; Jennie, 1875, m. a Jewell, in U. S. Navy; Howard, 1877; Ernest, 1880; Fred, 1882; Harriet, 1885; Flora Belle, 1887; Lizzie, 1888.

Children of William L. and Cordelia (Allen) Cole: Cordelia M., b. Oct. 29, 1842; Bertrand, b. Feb. 2, 1845.



Children of Aurelius V. and Lucy A. (Hall) Cole: Willis H. b. Jan. 6, 1851; Charles V., b. Aug. 3, 1852.

Children of Sampson and Betsey Cole (he d. Apr. 28, 1841, she d. in 1832); Sylvia, b. June 10, 1814, d. Feb. 22, 1852; Osgood, b. July 16, 1818; Hannah, b. Sept. 26, 1821; Augusta Prince, b. June 4, 1823, m. George Bennett.

Children of Lewis and Abigail Cole: Algernon L., b. Nov. 27, 1817; Hiram F., b. May 18, 1820; Ossian L., Aug. 4, 1823; Erastus M., b. Jan. 10, 1825.

Children of John and Hannah Cressey (he d. Apr. 30, '63): Wm. N., b. Dec. 12, 1818, m. Mary Fletcher; Jane H., b. Oct. 18, 1820, m. J. H. Hall; Sarah Ann, b. June 20, 1822; Margaret, b. June 6, 1824, m. Chas. G. Davis; Hannah b. June 26, 1826, m. Reuben L. Farrar; Mary, b. June 7, 1828; John, b. May 24, 1829, m. Melissa Spaulding; Benj., b. Feb. 3, 1832, m. Cynthia S. Keen; Isaiah, b. Apr. 10, 1834; Mercy B., b. Jan. 24, 1837, d. July, 1838.

Children of Lemuel and Rachel (Foster) Crooker: Rebekah, b. Oct. 19, 1773; Lydia, b. Jan. 18, 1776; Seth, b. Apr. 3, 1778; Rachel, b. Apr. 3, 1782; Margaret, b. Mar. 20, 1784, m. Adam Richardson; Lemuel, b. Mar. 28, 1787; Elizabeth, b. May 21, 1792; Patience, b. Apr. 12, 1795; Melinda, b. Oct. 16, 1800.

Children of Gen. Henry and Sarah (Rust) Farwell (pub. Dec. 16, 1808, d. Dixfield Feb. 21, 1847): Thaddeus Henry, b. Jan. 15, 1810; Grosvenor Prescott, b. Dec. 1, 1811; Edward Augustus Ferdinand, b. Sept. 12, 1814; Oliver Smith, b. Sept. 18, 1817.

Children of Nicholas and Mary Fernald: Mary, b. Feb. 20, 1774; Timothy, b. March 23, 1785; Samuel, b. June 30, 1789; Katherine, b. Feb. 16, 1792.

Children of Zadoc and Judith Forbes: Bethiah, b. Oct. 17, 1797; Ezekiel, b. May 20, 1799, d. 1876; Nathan, b. Feb. 18, 1801; Rebecca, Jan. 25, 1804; Arvilla, b. Mar. 10, 1807; Daniel, b. Mar. 24, 1811; Elizabeth, b. Mar. 24, 1812; Myrinda, b. July 24, 1815; Susan, b. Aug. 27, 1817.

Children of Abraham and Frances Harding: Orin, b. Mar. 19, 1792; Abraham, b. April 6, 1794; Crocker, b. May 5, 1796; Harvey, born May 28, 1798; Isaac Foster, b. Mar. 31, 1802; Eliza Bonney, b. Apr. 5, 1804; Lucy, b. June 21, 1806; Lyman, b. Oct. 2, 1807.

Children of James and Abigail Hussey: Sally, b. Feb. 11, 1792; Simeon, b. Aug. 28, 1793; Betsey, b. Dec. 6, 1795; Patty, b. Dec. 28, 1797; Nancy, b. Jan. 19, 1800; Natie, b. Jan. 6, 1802; Margery, b. Dec. 18, 1803; Rhoda and James, b. Nov. 28, 1804; Frances, b. Feb. 6, 1810.

Children of Varanes D. and Zoa Irish: Martha, b. Oct. 23, 1879; Henry C., b. July 3, 1882; Clinton F., b. Nov. 29, 1884.

Children of Abel (son of Stephen) and Adaline (Bard) Irish:

I. Jerome B., b. Dec. 1, 1849; m. Sarah E. Thurlow, two ch., Arthur E., b. July 26, 1880, and Lucinda A., b. Feb. 25, 1882.

11. Lucinda S., b. Dec. 11, 1851; m. Charles Lucas.

Children of Thomas and Molly Joselyn: Thomas S., b. Nov. 30, 1785; Molly, b. July 22, 1788; Solomon, b. Nov. 4, 1790; Samuel, b. July 5, 1792; Enoch, b. Dec. 6, 1796.

Children of Josiah and Eunice Keen: Simeon, b. Aug. 17, 1796; Nathaniel, b. Oct. 15, 1799; Nancy, b. July 25, 1805; Josiah, b. Aug. 27, 1808.

Children of Enoch and Mary (Cilley) Leathers: Benjamin, b. Sept. 4, 1789; Anna, b. April 15, 1791; Eleanor, b. Feb. 22, 1793; Enoch, b. Jan. 29, 1795; Mary, b. Feb. 3, 1797. Family removed to Sangerville, Me.

Children of Thomas and Susanna Lincoln: Ebenezer, b. Apr. 23, 1795; Lucy, b. Nov. 27, 1796; Betsey, b. June 5, 1799; Thomas Foster, b. Apr. 15, 1801; Susanna, b. March 4, 1805.

Children of Caleb and Hannah (Cilley) Lombard: William, b. Feb. 18, 1784; Peter, b. Aug. 8, 1795; Lydia, b. Apr. 2, 1797.

Children of James and Jane Manwell: Rebekah, b. Feb. 4, 1788; Benjamin, b. Mar. 21, 1790; Jairus, b. Apr. 14, 1792; John, b. Sept. 28, 1796.

Children of Daniel and Olive Merrill: Daniel, b. April 2, 1794; Erving, b. Feb. 19, 1801.

Children of Philemon, Jr., and Mary Parsons: George, b. Dec. 17, 1795; Joseph, b. June 11, 1797; Moses, b. Oct. 12, 1798; Betsey, b. June 10, 1800; Mark, b. Mar. 1, 1802; Peggy, b. Oct. 19, 1806; Rebekah, b. Mar. 5, 1807; John, b. April 10, 1811, d. June, 1812; Abigail, b. Feb. 14, 1813; Polly, b. Nov. 26, 1817.

Children of William and Martha Reynolds: William, b. Aug. 9, 1792; Nathan, b. June 27, 1794; Zopher, b. Nov. 18, 1796; Zebedee, b. Oct. 1, 1800.

Children of Ephraim and Martha Spencer: Samuel, b. Aug. 30, 1799; Ichabod, b. Dec. 10, 1801; Stephen, b. Jan. 30, 1804.

Children of James and Martha Thompson (he d. Dec. 23, 1855): James, b. 1801; Jere S., b. 1803; Betsey, 1805; Wm. N., 1806; Polly, 1808; Adam, 1810; Jane, 1811; John, 1812; Robert, Sally. His wife d. and he re-married. Children by 2d wife: James, b. Aug. 10, 1837, and Margaret, m. Jonathan Gammon. Robert Thompson, b. abt. 1814; d. Nov. 8, 1868; 6 ch., Sarah Ann, b. 1829, d. 1833; Geo. H., b. 1830; Enoch P., b. 1831; Adeliza, b. 1837; Wm. Henry, d. young, and Harriet, 1841.

Children of Samuel and Margaret (Legrow) Tobin: Joseph, b. Mar. 10, 1789; Benjamin, b. Mar. 14, 1791; Deliverance, b. April 25, 1793; Matthew, b. July 9, 1795.

Children of Joseph and Esther Tyler: Desdemona, b. May 23, 1794; Betsey, b. Aug. 5, 1796.

Children of David and Mary Warren: Mary, b. May 1, 1788; Hannah, b. Feb. 11, 1790; Mark, b. Mar. 3, 1792, d. Aug. 14, 1793; Eunice, b. Mar. 11, 1794; Johnston, b. Aug. 3, 1796; David, Jr., b. Jan. 6, 1799.

Children of Joshua and Deborah Westcott: Simeon, b. Nov. 2, 1766; Ephraim, b. Sept. 14, 1770; Eunice, b. Aug. 29, 1773; Nancy, b. March 31, 1777; Betsey, b. Mar. 3, 1781; Levi, b. Jan. 31, 1785.

## RECORD OF DEATHS

From

1867 to 1901

Kept by

Mrs. Emma A. Mason,  
North Buckfield.

Mar. 16, '63, Capt. Isaac Turner.—Mar. 29, '59, Margaret Turner, 63 yrs.—Miss Hezediah Crocker Foster, Sept. 23, '63, aged 72.—Mrs. Phebe (Buck) Foster, Nov. 12, '63, aged 97.—Charles Bicknell, June 13, '64.—Elisha Buck, Mar. 24, '54.—Mrs. Esther Warren, Feb. 8 '66, 83 years 4 mos.—Tamar Brock, April 16, '66, 81 yrs. 5 mos. 16 d.—Luther Turner, Jan. 23, 78 years, 9 mos., 21 d.—Mar. 30, '67, Hope Leonard, 71.

1868.

Apr. 8, Ephraim Harlow.—May 4, Mrs. Gideon Cushman.—May 26, Harvey Bowker.—June 6, Mrs. Amos Tucker.—June 16, Whitmore Bowker.—July 6, Hambleton Thayer.—July 31, George Evans.—Aug. 6, Elizabeth Pearsons.—Sept. 24, Augustus Buck.—Nov. 13, Roscoe Buck.

1869.

Jan. 23, Old Lady Cobb.—Mar. 2, Rolan Foster.—Apr. 24, Arabella Evans.—May 9, Ellen Buck.—May 14, George H. Johnson.—May 16, Melzer Buck.—May 28, Old Mrs. Merrill.—June 31, Elijah Jordan.—Aug. 12, Mrs. Samuel Harlow.—Aug. 31, Uncle Jacob Allen.—Oct. 17, Arvilla S. Mason, 57 yr.—Oct. 23, Mrs. Benj. Maxim.—Oct. 27, James Bicknell, 67 yrs.

1870.

Apr. 11, Mrs. Asia Howard.—May 24, Capt. Joseph Turner.—May 31, Levi Monk, 41 yrs., 7 mos., 5 d.—Jan. 13, Old Mrs. Dean.—14, Mrs. Caleb Cushman.—Sept. 3, Ira Gardner.—Sept. 8, Mrs. Dr. Pinkney Bridgman, Mrs. Harriet Buck.—Sept. 26, Mr. Estes Barrows killed.

1871.

Jan. 24, Mr. Noah Hall.—Mar. 15, Alice M. White.—Apr. 27, Mrs. Hannah Cressey.—May 3, Mr. Orin Farrar.—May 10, Mrs. Marion Bessey.—May 8, Mrs. George Thomes.—Aug. 3, Mrs. Augustus Thayer.—Aug. 24, Roscoe Record.—Sept. 16, Wilbur Warren.

1872.

Jan. 22, Mrs. Kimball Prince.—Jan. Old Mrs. Spencer.—Feb. 14, Hon. Noah Prince.—Feb. 29, Mrs. Lucy Bennett.—Mar. 24, Mrs. Peleg Hammond.—May 4, Mrs. Ephraim Atwood.—July 8, Mrs. Abraham Waldron.—Aug. 3, Aunt Annie Jordan.—Aug. 4, Lottie Daniels.—Aug. 6, Leroy Buck.—Aug. 22, Samuel Keen.—Sept. 12, Mrs. Sally Parris.—Sept. 14, Mrs. Isaac Morrill.—Oct 10, Esther Tucker.—Dec. 14, Abigail Bowker.

1873.

Jan. 4, Olive Ames.—Jan. 14, Elisha Bessey killed.—Feb. 14, Hon. Zadoc Long in Mass.—Apr. 18, Warren Bessey.—Apr. 21, America Thayer.—May 18, Mr. Timothy Record.—June 19, Mrs. William Daniels.—June 29, Mrs. Clinton Howe.—July 22, Mrs. Otis Bicknell.—Aug. 21, Emerson Coburn, killed.—Sept. 12, Mr. James N. Waldron.—Sept. 5, Mr. Allen Tuttle.—Oct. 13, Nathan Storer.—Dec. 2, Mrs. Ephraim Harlow.—Dec. 18, Mrs. Asa Woodbury.—Dec. 18, Mrs. Asa Robinson.

1874.

Jan. 14, James Murdock.—Mar. 8, Ina Briggs.—Mar. 10, Kinsman Holmes.—Mar. 14, Henry Hammond.—Mar. 28, Howard Damon.—May 10,

Mrs. Moses Thomes.—June 6, Mrs. Cyrus Dean.—June 12, Joseph Shaw in Auburn.—June 13, Hon. Virgil D. Parris at Paris Hill.—June 23, Sophronia Turner, suicide (hung herself).—Sept. 18, Lottie Hanson.—Dec. 25, Mrs. Ella (Whitman) Chandler in Sumner.—Dec. 30, Mrs. Granville Harlow.

## 1875.

Jan. 18, Old Mrs. Hutchinson.—Jan. 20, Mr. Jacob Leonard.—Feb. 17, Mrs. Obadiah Berry.—Mar. 1, Mr. Obadiah Berry.—Mar. 12, Mr. Amasa Tucker.—Apr. 18, Mrs. Burroughs.—Apr. 24, Mr. Oscar Gardner; Apr. 30, Charles Gerrish.—June 26, Mr. Nathaniel Leonard.—July 5, Nathaniel Marston.—July 7, Alfred Monk, 88; had lived with his wife, Relief, over 67 yrs.—Aug. 26, Peggy Hall.—Aug. 28, Nellie Buck, 18.—Oct. 2, Ed. Smith.—Oct. 6, Horace Keen.—Oct. 6, Polly Turner, 86.—Oct. 21, Cyrus Chase.—Oct. 22, Lucinda Turner.—Oct. 23, Ephraim Ricker.—Nov. 18, Capt. Miltemore Jordan (near Mechanic Falls).—Dec. 22, William Irish.—Dec. 25, Orville Bridgham.

## 1876.

Jan. 27, Martin Churchill.—Mar. 2, Tristram Warren.—Mar. 22, Washington Heald, 73.—Mar. 24, Mrs. Samuel Jordan at Mechanic Falls.—Apr. 12, James Canwell.—May 10, Burt Shaw, suicide.—May 23, Charles Evans.—June 8, Polly Churchill.—June 15, Mr. Valentine Ripley.—July 24, Widow Cushman.—Sept. 14, Old Mr. Edmund Dean.—Oct. 22, Gussie Record.—Oct. 30, Enna Chase.—Nov. 23, Asa Record.—Dec. 1, Angie Tuttle.—Dec. 12, Cyrus Record.—Dec. 16, Citoyenna Buck.

## 1877.

Jan. 14, Stephen L. Record.—Jan. 25, Mrs. Ann Allen.—Feb. 11, Ada Jane Young.—Feb. 17, Gilbert Evans.—Mar. 3, Old Mr. David Bonney.—Mar. 8, Mr. John Brock.—Mar. 12, Elijah Whitman.—Mar. 29, Mrs. William Morse.—Apr. 23, Carroll Spaulding.—Apr. 24, Fairfield Bessey, suicide, hung himself.—May 1, Artemas Cole.—July 14, Joel Foster, 79.—July 24, Aunt Hannah Tucker.—Aug. 11, Mrs. Ezekiel Record.—Sept. 2, Otis Bicknell.—Sept. 9, Mrs. Lorenzo Dean.—Sept. 10, Freddie Cobb.—Oct. 6, Lemuel Cole.—Oct. 6, Francis Buck.—Oct. 15, Harold Farrar.—Nov. 17, Aunt Cenia Bicknell.—Dec. 21, Miles Long.—Dec. 25, Bela Farrar.

## 1878.

Jan. 4, Mrs. Harvey Keene, 76.—Jan. 13, Royal Allen.—Feb. 18, Aratus Damon, 43.—Mar. 12, Jesse Turner.—Mar. 19, Charles Allen.—Mar. 24, Old Lady Jewett, 82 yr., 9 mos.—Apr. 21, Moses Lowe.—May 4, Mrs. Cyrus Spaulding.—July 14, George Whittemore, drowned.—July 23, Mrs. Bert Churchill.—Sept. 28, Austin Buck, suicide.—Nov. 18, Thomas Damon.—Dec. 6, Charles Briggs.—Dec. 9, Mrs. Relief Monk, 90.

## 1879.

Jan. 22, John Farrar, Hannah Danley.—Mar. 4, Mrs. Evans.—Mar. 27, Alice L. Cole.—Apr. 17, Artemas Gregg.—Apr. 20, Harold Heald.—May 2, Mr. Jonathan Gammon.—June 3, Mrs. Mary J. Storer; July 11, Mrs. Carrie Monk.—Aug. 19, Mrs. Sarah Mayhew, 38.—Sept. 22, Allen Dean.—Nov. 1, Aunt Nabby Bowker.—Nov. 2, Mary Pearson.—Nov. 27, Melvin Allen.—Nov. 30, Mrs. Moses Thomes.

## 1880.

Jan. 3, Lorenzo Buck (son of Mellen).—Feb. 15, Alton Bonney.—Mar. 15, Augustus Swallow Keith at Bridgewater, Mass.;—Apr. 5, Laodicea Harlow.—Apr. 12, Florence W. Bicknell, 18; Ella Heald, 29.—April 27, Kimball Jordan, Nathan Churchill.—May 18, Eunice Hall.—May 27, Sophronia Evans.—June 30, Joseph Damon.—Sept. 25, Sally Bowker, 84.—Oct. 3, Mr. James Merrill.

1881.

Mar. 4, Dea. Whitney Cummings.—Mar. 9, Freeman Hollis, Mr. Sidney Spaulding.—Apr., Franklin Pearson.—May 18, Eekiel Record.—June 22, Ephraim Lowe.—July 24, daughter of Fred DeCoster.—Aug. 2, Mrs. Sarah Prince.—Aug. 17, Mr. DeCoster.—Aug. 31, Fred Briggs.—Sept. 8, William Morse, suicide.—Sept. 21, Emma Cole.—Oct. 6, Jason Damon.—Oct. 30, Frank Cobb.—Nov. 10, Harrison Swallow.—Nov. 19, Mrs. Hamden Allen.—Dec. 5, son of Dr. J. C. Caldwell.—Dec. 15, Mr. Luther Turner.

1882.

Jan. 14, Ada Jack.—Jan. 12, George Bicknell.—Mar., Amos Tucker.—April 23, Mrs. Jordan (Mary Bowker's mother).—May 10, Mr. Sydenham Bridgham.—May 23, Angie Hammond.—May 28, Marcella Farrar.—July 27, Betsey Thompson.—Aug. 11, Lorenzo Bonney.—Oct. 3, Aunt Susan Leonard, Wallace Atwood.—Oct. 13, Loring Bicknell.—Dec. 29, Mrs. Mary Tucker Cummings.

1883.

April 17, Mrs. Jacob Briggs.—May 9, George Allen.—May 13, Harrison Record.—July 18, Mrs. Jane Hall Douglass.—Aug. 6, Elbridge Bicknell.—Sept. 7, Josephine Hall.—Oct. 8, Daniel Fletcher.—Oct. 24, Hittie Mayhew.—Nov. 1, Mrs. Gilbert Barrett.—Nov. 26, Betsey Churchill.—Dec. 1, Sylvenia Buck.—Dec. 9, Mary Bicknell.

1884.

Jan. 7, Isabel Bicknell.—Jan. 11, Peleg Hammond.—Feb. 3, Mr. Ames.—Mar. 29, Calvin Robbins.—May 19, Chandler DeCoster.—June 21, Persis Hall.—June 30, Harvey Keene, 78.—Oct. 15, Mr. Mark Lowell.—Oct. 13, Melissa Dunham.—Nov. 14, Nathaniel Harlow

1885.

Jan. 8, Alexander Mayhew.—Feb. 21, Edna Bell Ames.—Mar. 10, Mrs. Benj. Spaulding.—Apr. 1, Madison O. Proctor.—Apr. 2, Peleg Hammond, 2d. Apr. 30, Benj. Briggs, killed in mill.—Apr. 19, America Bonney.—Apr. 26, Mrs. Emily Hammond.—May 10, Caleb Cushman.—June 7, Mrs. Willis E. Cole.—June 27, Elvira Proctor.—July 6, Nancy Shedd.—July 20, William Cressey, killed.—Aug. 27, Mrs. Jane Hall.—Sept. 21, Elder Hall, 89.—Nov. 16, Judith Bicknell, 83.—Dec. 28, Otis Turner.

1886.

Jan. 10, Charles Withington.—Jan. 20, Mrs. Ruth Tucker.—Mar. 13, Patience Hodgdon, 86.—May 18, Calvin Turner.—May 30, Mrs. Phebe Record.—June 10, Blanche Buck, 18.—Aug. 7, Samuel Damon, 81.—Aug. 17, Mrs. Lemuel Cole, 82.—Sept. 8, Harrison Hodgdon.—Sept. 22, Mrs. Eliza Monk, 63.—Oct. 12, Mrs. Caroline Tucker.—Oct. 30, Abijah Buck (3d), at Mechanic Falls.—Nov. 23, Mrs. Edna Atwood Watkins.

1887.

Jan. 7, Moses Jordan.—Jan. 29, Mr. Gilbert Barrett, Mr. Nathan Morrill.—Feb. 22, William Bicknell, 83.—Mar. 16, Mrs. James Hussey.—Apr. 8, John Bennett.—Apr. 23, Rolan A. Foster, 45.—Apr. 25, Alonzo Bowker. May 7, Levi Jordan.—May 10, Mrs. Hiram Fields, suicide.—May 12, James Keen.—May 31, Mrs. Millett Shedd.—June 4, Walter Cobb, killed.—June 3, H. H. Hutchinson, Esq.—June 9, Columbus Harlow.—June 27, Georgie Spaulding Philbrick.—July 13, Mrs. Thomas Chase.—July 29, Isaac Harlow, Harold Austin.—Sept. 16, Henry Holbrook, Mrs. Rolan (Polly) Foster, 81.—Oct. 12, James Huzzey.—Oct. 22, Charles Harlow.—Oct. 29, Clinton Ripley.—Nov. 26, Silas Mitchell.—Dec. 13, Col. Albert D. White.

1888.

Jan. 1, Mrs. Valentine Ripley, Mrs. William Bicknell, 82.—Jan. 12, Mr. Varanes DeCoster.—Jan. 9, Otis Young.—Feb. 4, Wm. Mitchell.—Feb. 16,



Melissa Bowker.—Mar. 7, Ozen Spaulding.—Mar. 8, Emma Shaw.—Apr. 18, John Bicknell.—June 7, Mrs. Lizzie Caldwell.—July 29, Sadie M. Jack.—Aug. 24, Leander Hodgdon.—Aug. 29, Mrs. Asa Taylor.—Oct. 12, child of Elmer and Frank Austin.—Nov. 18, Gilbert Evans, 2d.

## 1889.

Feb. 15, Mr. Alexander Thayer.—Mar. 17, John Damon.—Mar. 19, Ly-sander Monk.—Apr. 20, Mrs. Arvilla Maxim.—May 9, son of Fred H. Atwood.—Aug. 2, Lila May Monk.—Aug. 26, Asa Woodbury.—Sept. 19, Christopher Harlow.—Sept. 20, Almada Buck.—Sept. 23, Maj. Lucius Loring, 91.—Nov. 11, Hon. Sullivan C. Andrews in Mass.—Dec. 6, Ambrose Buck.

## 1890.

Jan. 10, Mrs. Larnard Farrar.—Jan. 13, Simeon Abbott, 89.—Jan. 28, Edmund Irish.—Feb. 3, Isaac Jordan, Frank, son of Herman Morse.—Feb. 15, Tristram G. Bicknell.—Mar. 5, Mrs. Jerusha Shaw.—Mar. 6, Mr. George H. Watkins.—Apr. 7, Charles Tucker. May 2, Mrs. David Bonney.—May 13, Courtney Record.—June 4, Alden Bessey.—July 4, Mrs. Ezekiel Fuller.—Sept. 25, Deering Mayhew.—Nov. 16, Mrs. Isaac Jordan.—Dec. 8, William Hammond.—Dec. 16, Lucretia Buck.—Dec. 19, Samuel P. Harlow.

## 1891.

Jan. 10, Levi P. Bicknell, killed.—Jan. 11, Frank Brown. Jan. 18, Walter F. Warren.—Feb. 3, Sophia Spaulding.—Feb. 5, Hollis Hall.—Feb. 24, Mrs. Susan Dunham.—Mar. 13, Dea. Henry Bangs.—Mar. 24, Mr. Lorenzo Atwood, Mrs. Araminta Farrar, 81.—Mar. 27, Hon. Rufus Prince Turner.—Apr. 4, Mr. Ephraim Atwood, 82.—May 15, Winchester Spaulding.—May 10, Mrs. Solon Chase, Turner.—May 25, Mrs. Leander Hodgdon.—June 29, Lucy B. Hammond.—July 17, Mrs. Lydia White.—July 20, Mrs. Ephraim Lowe, 86.—Aug. 10, George Gregg, Andover.—Aug. 21, Charles H. Dunham.—Sept. 6, John Cressey, suicide.—Oct. 1, Anna Heald Bonney.—Oct. 18, Lucy C. Mason.—Nov. 8, Mrs. Ly-sander Lowe.

## 1892.

Jan. 14, Africa Farrar, Freeman Shaw.—Jan. 22, John Warren, 84.—Jan. 31, W. Franklin Spaulding.—Feb. 4, Mrs. Larnard Swallow, 82.—Feb. 9, Elsie Hollis.—Feb. 12, Gilman Cushman.—Feb. 24, Ella, wife of Dr. C. M. Bisbee.—Apr. 14, Thomas W. Keyou, Paris.—May 13, Martha A. Waite.—July 22, Bessie Damon.—July 25, Clark Record.—July 19, Etta Jordan, Mechanic Falls.—Aug. 10, Elias Monk, 73.—August 23, Rinaldo Monk, 43.—Nov. 16, Mary S. Mason, 69.—Dec. 15, Dr. Charles Dana Bradbury.

## 1893.

Jan. 5, Prudence Austin, 81.—Jan. 7, Bertha M. Roberts.—Feb. 6, Bessie M. Maxim, 10.—Feb. 7, Lebbeus Leavitt, 82.—Feb. 8, Howard D. Waldron, 67.—Feb. 12, George Bennett.—Mar. 3, Hanson Brown, 80.—March 23, Philip Mason.—Apr. 16, Horace Morrill, 60.—Apr. 19, Columbia P. Turner, 58.—June 18, Mr. William W. Bacon, 76.—June 23, Silas Shaw, 71.—July 6, Eliza Heald, 89.—July 17, Aroline R. Purkis, 37.—Aug. 11, Sylvira Warren, 77.—Sept. 12, Mr. David Farrar, 91.—Sept. 19, Sarepta Shaw, 88, Willie S. Record, 13.—Oct., George R. Coffren.—Oct. 5, Mary Lewis, 69.

## 1894.

Jan. 10, Nancy M. Murdock, 57.—Jan. 16, Jane Spaulding, 81.—Feb. 14, George Cushman, 38, Ellis H. Austin, 67.—Mar. 9, Mr. Asa Taylor.—Mar. 12, Mrs. Harriet E. Harlow.—Apr. 2, Agnes B. Sampson, 81.—Apr. 7, Mary M. Waterman, 69.—Apr. 8, Mr. Isaac Shaw, 87.—Apr. 10, Mary Irish.—May 9, Tryphenia DeCoster, 82.—May 22, Renssellar Foster, 70.—May 27, Emily Holmes, 24.—June 26, Granville C. Waterman, 89.—July 28, Burt Jammon, 18.—Aug. 20, Louisa B. Spaulding, 1.—Aug. 26, Mr. Rasselas

Cole, 84.—Sept. 22, Elvira Harlow, 62.—Sept. 28, Mary B. Gammon, 44.—Oct. 6, John Monk, 85.—Oct. 9, Charles Tucker, 38, Mary Cressey, 69.—Oct. 10, Annie M. Tuttle, 23.—Nov. 23, Matilda Wood, 85.—Dec. 4, Mariah E. Irish, 79.

## 1895.

Jan. 18, Mr. Josiah Whitten.—Jan. 30, Jumalia Warren, 87.—Feb. 23, Jacob Lothrop. Apr. 9, Relief Jordan at Mechanic Falls, 78.—Apr. 14, Mrs. Angelia Record Farrar, 69.—May 3, Martha Bicknell DeCoster, S. Paris, 47.—May 9, Mary Ann Mayhew Farrar, Paris, 58.—May 22, Ira Ames.—May 26, Melinda Harlow Austin.—June 7, Mrs. Caroline Buck at Bethel, 99 $\frac{3}{4}$ .—July 5, Mrs. Rasselas Cole.—July 11, Mrs. Salatiel Tilton at Floral Park, N. Y.—Sept. 29, Aaron Cobb, 79.—Nov. 17, Alonzo Record.—Nov. 20, Solomon Winslow.—Nov. 23, Ferdinand Warren, 76.—Dec. 7, infant son of Harry and Kate Buck, 2 days.—Dec. 16, Adeline Maxim Harlow, 59.—Dec. 22 Charles Merrill.

## 1896.

Jan. 2, Cynthia Waterman Farrar, 91.—Jan. 10, Joseph Bicknell, 72.—Feb. 3, Herbert Bennett, 33, at Chicago.—Feb. 5, Capt. Isaac H. McDonauld, Portland.—May 6, Augustus Bonney, 52, Etta Eastman.—May 7, Peter Tileston, Mechanic Falls, 80.—June 2, Mr. Addison Cole, 84, Auburn.—June 14, Mrs. Eliza Spaulding.—June 29, Granville Harlow.—July 4, Prof. Luther Mason.—Aug. 1, Eliab Bisbee.—Aug. 5, Aunt Arvilla Record at Mechanic Falls, 93.—Sept. 27, Lora Bessey Millett, 26.—Oct. 23, Mrs. Columbus Harlow.—Nov. 23, Ezekiel Fuller, Hartford.—Dec. 19, Fred A. Waldron, Esq., Waterville, 55.—Dec. 24, Jonah Fobes, 83.

## 1897.

Jan. 31, Araminta Buck Battles, 67, in Bradford, Mass.—Feb. 17, Hepzibah Atwood Cole, 91.—Mar. 20, Mrs. Silas Mitchell.—Apr. 3, Mrs. W. H. Conant, 22.—Apr. 5, Mrs. Phebe (Foster) Whitman, 75.—Apr. 7, Caroline (Heald) Davis, 63.—June 5, Mr. David L. Farrer, 76.—July 3, Cyrus Cole Spaulding, 59.—July 4, Luther Turner, 59.—June 26, Ezekiel Damon, 99, at N. Paris.—Sept. 21, Mr. Stephen D. Hutchinson, 85, at Paris Hill, Hiram A. Conant, 52.—Sept. 24, Elijah Turner, 76, Wm. Burt, 75.—Oct. 15, Stella May Turner, 7, Charles Withington, 7.—Oct. 20, Harold Nulty, 5.—Nov. 7, Edson Murdock, 69.—Dec. 2, Mrs. Caroline Crocker Bridgham, 91.—Dec. 4, Nettie Kimball, wife of S. Norman Buck, at Norway.—Dec. 9, Alonzo V. Ripley, Hot Springs, Ark.—Dec. 10, Addison Monk, 55, at Hebron.—Dec. 21, Virgil P. Foster, killed by cars in Pembroke, Mass.

## 1898.

Jan. 6, Mrs. Amial (Hussey) Jones, 61.—Jan. 7, Cyrus Dean, 93.—Feb. 7, Mrs. Chase Harris.—Feb. 5, Arthur Thomas, 12.—Feb. 19, Mrs. John E. Wood, 26.—Feb. 21, Stephen Winslow, 70.—Feb. 24, Mrs. Varanes DeCoster, 84.—Feb. 26, Miss Rose Maxim, at Cambridge, Mass., 47.—Mar. 2, Fitzroy J. Foster, 50, S. Paris.—Mar. 10, Mrs. Addison G. Cole, 83, Auburn.—Mar. 27, Della Cooper Briggs, 37.—Hattie Andrews Smith, 26.—Apr. 1, Polly Mayhew, 76.—Apr. 13, E. Grant Harlow, 26, Paris Hill.—Apr. 8, Mrs. Huldah R. Merrill, 80.—May 6, Demeric Swan, 87.—June 3, Dr. John F. DeCoster, 39, Rumford Falls.—July 11, Moses Merrill, Sumner.—July 17, Lysander Lowe, 85.—Aug. 9, Edwin S. Burroughs, 54, in Mass.—Oct. 16, Miss Martha C. Foster, Hebron.—Oct. 30, Mrs. Faustina (Record) Mitchell, 73.—Oct. 2, Mrs. Sarah (Bicknell) Foster, 59, Hebron.—Nov. 19, Calvin B. Keene, 88.—Nov. 22, Percy Gauthier, 25.—Nov. 26, A. Addison Record, 69, in Mass.—Dec. 5, Mrs. William Burt, 76.—Dec. 12, Mrs. Hiram A. Conant, 49.—Dec. 19, Nathan Maxim, 87.—Dec. 20, Alanson M. Warren, 71, Pleasanton, Mich.—Dec. 31, Martha, wife of Clinton Swallow, 71, in Miss.

1899.

Jan. 6, Annie D. wife of Hon. Prentiss Cummings, 46, Brookline, Mass.—Mrs. Polly Howe, 81, W. Sumner.—Jan. 8, John Buck, 82.—Jan. 10, George W. Battles, 73, N. H.—Jan. 17, Mrs. Lizzie, wife of Benj. Irish, 60, Mrs. Margaret (Cox) Russell, 66.—Jan. 17, Earl F. Bowman, 35, Boston, Mass.—Feb. 8, Mrs. Elizabeth Lothrop, 80, W. Sumner.—Feb. 14, Mrs. William Chase, Yarmouth.—Mar. 3, Mrs. Robinson Dean, 58.—Mar. 12, Winslow Turner, 74, Auburn.—Mar. 19, Mrs. Josiah Hutchinson, 65.—Apr. 10, Luke Brown, 63.—Apr. 11, Harold V. Lowell, 1.—Apr. 14, Mrs. Chas. B. Harlow, William Monk, 87.—Apr. 21, Lena Coffren, burned to death.—Apr. 25, Mrs. Charles Twitchell, 61.—May 17, Alfred Shaw, 70.—May 15, James M. Johnson, 87, Mechanic Falls.—May 9, Mrs. Harriet F. Vose, 62.—July 22, Willis E. Pike, 46.—July 4, Mrs. Melissa Cole Allen, 65. July 6, Mrs. Hanson Brown, 77.—June, George Clinton Swallow, 82, Miss.—July 14, Seth Sieberling, 52.—July 25, Hiram Staples, 85.—Aug. 1, Mrs. Louisa Benson, 93.—Oct. 6, Mrs. Phebe Mason, 63.—Nov. 2, Aratus Farrar, 87.—Nov 12, George R. Coyle 58.—Dec. 10, Dr. Frank J. Bonney, Dentist, 49, Auburn—Dec 19, Harriet (Monk) Pearson, 63—Dec. 20, Emily Fletcher Hammond, 45.

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Jan. 10, Harry M. Chaffin, 28.—Jan. 8, Mrs. Almira A. Warren, 69, Pleasanton, Mich.—Feb. 5, Mrs. Huldah Bisbee, 100, Woodstock.—Jan. 19, Harry Davie, 32.—Feb. 13, Mrs. Arabella Bicknell Farrar, 74.—Feb. 23, Mrs. William Record, 80.—Feb. 27, Capt. John E. Bryant (Emma Spaulding's husband), Mt. Vernon.—Mar. 17, Chandler Damon, 82, Sumner.—Mar. 22, Miss Helen A. Ricker, 28.—Mar. 27, Mr. Reuben L. Farrar, 81.—April 3, Cyril Pearl Swallow, 58, Windsor Mills, Canada.—Apr. 8, Augustus G. Pearson, 66.—Apr. 10, Mrs. E. S. Mower (nee Caro Buck), 46, at Rome.—April, Mrs. Jennette (Record) Lord, 76.—May 17, Lewis Leighton, 76.—May 23, Mr. Rotheus B. Waite, 81.—June 5, Elijah Jordan, 83, at Mechanic Falls, George Long, 68.—June 7, Mr. Joshua E. Whitman, 81.—Dec. 15, Ernest L. Swallow, 31, Windsor Mills, Canada, his birthday.—Dec. 12, Mr. William H. Atwood, 74.—Dec. 29, Jason Mitchell, 85, at Mechanic Falls.

## APPENDIX.

## TOWN OFFICERS.

## Selectmen.

1794.  
Lemuel Crooker  
William Harlow  
Jonathan Roberts  
Benjamin Spaulding  
Dominicus Record

1795.  
Lemuel Crooker  
William Harlow  
Dominicus Record

1796.  
Benjamin Spaulding  
Samuel Andrews  
Lemuel Crooker

1797.  
Lemuel Crooker  
Samuel Andrews  
Abijah Buck

1798.  
Lemuel Crooker  
Samuel Andrews  
Abijah Buck

1799.  
Samuel Andrews  
Enoch Hall  
William Berry

1800.  
Lemuel Crooker  
Abijah Buck  
Dominicus Record

1801.  
Lemuel Crooker  
Abijah Buck  
Dominicus Record

1802.  
Dominicus Record  
Lemuel Crooker  
Abijah Buck

1803.  
Dominicus Record  
Benj. Spaulding, Jr.  
William Berry

1804.  
Dominicus Record  
Lemuel Crooker  
Alexander Thayer

1805.  
Dominicus Record  
Enoch Hall  
William Lowell

1806.  
Dominicus Record  
Enoch Hall  
William Lowell

1807.  
Enoch Hall  
Dominicus Record  
William Lowell

1808.  
Enoch Hall  
Dominicus Record  
Daniel Hutchinson

1809.  
Dominicus Record  
Enoch Hall  
Daniel Hutchinson

1810.  
Enoch Hall  
Daniel Hutchinson  
Benj. Spaulding, Jr.

1811.  
Enoch Hall  
Leonard Spaulding  
Benj. Spaulding, Jr.

1812.  
Enoch Hall  
Benj. Spaulding  
Leonard Spaulding

1813.  
Benj. Spaulding  
Leonard Spaulding  
Larnard Swallow

1814.  
Benj. Spaulding  
Larnard Swallow  
Josiah Parris

1815.  
Benj. Spaulding  
Larnard Swallow  
Daniel Chase

1816.  
Larnard Swallow  
John Swett  
Enoch Hall

1817.  
Larnard Swallow  
Enoch Hall  
Samuel F. Brown

1818.  
Larnard Swallow  
Enoch Hall  
Samuel F. Brown

1819.  
Enoch Hall  
Larnard Swallow  
Samuel F. Brown

1820.  
Enoch Hall  
David Farrar  
Thomas Long

1821.  
Larnard Swallow  
Thomas Long  
Benj. Spaulding

1822.  
Larnard Swallow  
Benj. Spaulding  
Enoch Hall

1823.  
Larnard Swallow  
Benj. Spaulding  
Enoch Hall

1824.  
Larnard Swallow  
Benj. Spaulding  
Enoch Hall

1825.  
Aaron Parsons  
Daniel Chase  
Benj. Spaulding

1826.  
Benj. Spaulding  
Daniel Chase  
Aaron Parsons

1827.  
Benj. Spaulding  
Enoch Hall  
Daniel Chase

1828.  
Benj. Spaulding  
Daniel Chase  
Enoch Hall

1829.  
Daniel Chase  
Benj. Spaulding  
Henry H. Hutchinson

1830.	1844.	1858.
Henry H. Hutchinson	Noah Prince	Ximenes Philbrick
Daniel Chase	Stephen Hutchinson	H. H. Hutchinson, Jr.
Noah Prince	Daniel Chase	Naphtali Mason
1831.	1845.	1859.
Henry H. Hutchinson	Noah Prince	Ximenes Philbrick
James Bonney, Jr.	Stephen Hutchinson	H. H. Hutchinson, Jr.
Noah Prince	Ximenes Philbrick	Naphtali Mason
1832.	1846.	1860.
Noah Hall	Ximenes Philbrick	Thomas Chase
Henry DeCoster	Stephen Hutchinson	Orin Farrar
Henry H. Hutchinson	Daniel Chase	Noah Prince
1833.	1847.	1861.
Noah Hall	Noah Prince	Thomas Chase
Henry H. Hutchinson	Ximenes Philbrick	Noah Prince
Henry DeCoster	Stephen Hutchinson	Orin Farrar
1834.	1848.	1862.
Henry H. Hutchinson	Noah Prince	Noah Prince
Daniel Chase	Joshua Irish	Merritt Farrar
Noah Hall	Dastine Spaulding	Josiah Hutchinson
1835.	1849.	1863.
Henry H. Hutchinson	H. H. Hutchinson, Jr.	Dastine Spaulding
Noah Hall	David B. Record	Chas. H. Berry
Henry DeCoster	Merritt Farrar	H. H. Hutchinson, Jr.
1836.	1850.	1864.
Henry H. Hutchinson	H. H. Hutchinson, Jr.	Dastine Spaulding
Noah Prince	Joshua Irish	Chas. H. Berry
Henry DeCoster	Merritt Farrar	H. H. Hutchinson, Jr.
1837.	1851.	1865.
James Bonney	H. H. Hutchinson, Jr.	H. H. Hutchinson, Jr.
Jonas Spaulding	Merritt Farrar	Thomas Chase
Joseph Turner	Lewis Mason	Thomas W. Bowman
1838.	1852.	1866.
Henry H. Hutchinson	H. H. Hutchinson, Jr.	H. H. Hutchinson, Jr.
Noah Prince	Merritt Farrar	T. G. Bicknell
Henry DeCoster	Ximenes Philbrick	O. F. Gardner
1839.	1853.	1867.
Noah Prince	James Bonney	Hiram Hines
Stephen Hutchinson	Daniel Fletcher	Almon C. Day
Henry DeCoster	Leonard Russell	Albion P. Bonney
1840.	1854.	1868.
Henry H. Hutchinson	James Bonney	H. H. Hutchinson, Jr.
Daniel Chase	Leonard Russell	C. D. Bradbury
Nathaniel Leonard	Nathan O. Storer	Alden Bessey
1841.	1855.	1869.
Stephen Hutchinson	Leonard Russell	H. H. Hutchinson, Jr.
Daniel Chase	Carlton Gardner	C. D. Bradbury
James Bonney	James Spaulding	O. F. Gardner
1842.	1856.	1870.
Stephen Hutchinson	H. H. Hutchinson, Jr.	H. H. Hutchinson, Jr.
Daniel Chase	Lewis Mason	Varanes DeCoster
James Bonney	Asa Taylor	Silas Mitchell
1843.	1857.	1871.
James Bonney	Addison G. Cole	H. H. Hutchinson, Jr.
Ira Gardner	Albion P. Bonney	Silas Mitchell
Lewis Mason	William Chase	Gilbert Barrett



1872.	1882.	L. C. Mason
Carlton Gardner	T. S. Bridgham	Albion P. Bonney
Chas. H. Berry	Albion P. Bonney	1892.
A. F. Mason	A. F. Mason	Stanley Bisbee
1873.	1883.	L. C. Mason
O. F. Gardner	Albion P. Bonney	Ellis Whitman
S. C. Andrews	A. F. Mason	1893.
A. D. White	Henry D. Irish	T. S. Bridgham
1874.	1884.	Albion P. Bonney
Carlton Gardner	T. S. Bridgham	V. P. DeCoster
Chas. H. Berry	Henry D. Irish	1894.
Alfred Cole	H. H. Hutchinson, Jr.	Carlton Gardner
1875.	1885.	Albion P. Bonney
Carlton Gardner	Albion P. Bonney	Walter H. Purkis
Alfred Cole	H. H. Hutchinson, Jr.	1895.
Lucius Young	A. S. Bessey	T. S. Bridgham
1876.	1886.	Walter H. Purkis
Carlton Gardner	Albion P. Bonney	Albion P. Bonney
Alfred Cole	Clarence E. Foster	1896.
A. G. Atkinson	Henry D. Irish	T. S. Bridgham
1877.	1887.	Walter H. Purkis
Alfred Cole	A. F. Mason	Albion P. Bonney
Gilbert Barrett	Albion P. Bonney	1897.
Merritt Farrar	Cyrus C. Spaulding	Walter H. Purkis
1878.	1888.	Ellis Whitman
Alfred Cole	Carlton Gardner	N. E. Morrill
Merritt Farrar	Ellis Whitman	1898.
H. H. Hutchinson, Jr.	L. C. Mason	T. S. Bridgham
1879.	1889.	E. B. Austin
Albion P. Bonney	Benj. Spaulding	L. C. Mason
Merritt Farrar	Ellis Whitman	1899.
A. F. Mason	V. P. DeCoster	E. B. Austin
1880.	1890.	L. C. Mason
T. S. Bridgham	Benj. Spaulding	J. B. Mason
A. F. Mason	Ellis Whitman	1900.
J. C. Heald	V. P. DeCoster	E. B. Austin
1881.	1891.	Henry Parsons
T. S. Bridgham	Benj. Spaulding	H. F. Irish
H. H. Hutchinson, Jr.		
Silas Mitchell		

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**Clerks.**

1794. Thomas Allen	1849. Dastine Spaulding
1804. Enoch Philbrick	1852. George Thomes
1814. Increase Spaulding	1854. James Murdock
1819. Samuel F. Brown	1857. Dastine Spaulding
1820. Stephen Phelps	1865. Carlton Gardner
1822. Zadoc Long	1867. Jason Farrar
1829. Nathan Atwood	1868. Josiah Hutchinson
1832. Virgil D. Parris	1871. Jason Farrar.
1833. Ephraim Atwood	1873. O. F. Gardner
1835. George Bridgham, Jr.	1875. Cyrus C. Spaulding
1841. Stephen D. Hutchinson	1883. Alfred Cole
1847. James Murdock	

**Treasurers.**

1794. Dominicus Record	1851. Sullivan C. Andrews
1798. Mark Andrews	1855. Axel Spaulding
1803. Benj. Spaulding	1856. Oscar F. Gardner
1804. Benj. Spaulding, Jr.	1857. Dastine Spaulding
1818. Larnard Swallow	1858. Orville Bridgham
1821. Josiah Parris	1860. Dastine Spaulding
1822. Larnard Swallow	1861. Albion P. Bonney
1829. Enoch Crocker	1862. H. H. Hutchinson, Jr.
1830. James Bonney, Jr.	1863. Amory H. Allen
1834. Jonas Spaulding	1865. Hiram Hines
1837. Henry DeCoster	1868. S. C. Andrews
1838. Jonas Spaulding	1872. R. C. Jewett
1839. Sidney Spaulding	1875. A. P. Bonney
1841. Thomas Chase	1880. V. P. DeCoster
1842. Sidney Spaulding	1881. Gilbert Barrett
1843. Jonas Spaulding	1882. A. P. Bonney
1844. Nathaniel Harlow	1886. Carlton Gardner
1845. David Farrar	1888. Chas. H. Prince
1847. Orville Bridgham	1897. Merritt Parsons
1849. Joshua Irish	1898. Benj. Spaulding, Jr.

Mr. Cole and Mr. Spaulding were in office after 1900.

**REPRESENTATIVES TO THE LEGISLATURE.**

To General Court of Mass.:		Ximenes Philbrick	1846-8
Samuel Andrews	1798	Joshua Irish	1850-1
Enoch Hall	1807--8-9	Ephraim Atwood	1852
Daniel Hutchinson	1810	Thomas Chase	1855
Benjamin Spaulding		Leonard P. Smith	1858
	1812-13-14-15-16	Lucius Loring	1861
To Legislature of Maine:		Thos. W. Bowman	1864
Enoch Hall	1820	Sullivan C. Andrews	1867
Benjamin Spaulding	1821-3-4-7	Nahum Moore	1870
Larnard Swallow	1822	George D. Bisbee	1872
Aaron Parsons	1826	Jason Farrar	1875
William Bridgham	1828	Henry D. Irish	1878
Henry H. Hutchinson	1829-31	Thos. S. Bridgham	1880
Virgil D. Parris	1832-3-4-5-6-7	Oscar H. Hersey	1890
Daniel Chase	1838-44	Virgil P. DeCoster	1898
Noah Prince	1839-40-1-2		

**SENATORS.**

Virgil D. Parris	1840-42	Gilbert Barrett	1878
(President of the Senate)		George D. Bisbee	1880
Noah Prince	1849-50-51	Albion P. Bonney	1884
(President of the Senate)		Oscar H. Hersey	1892
Thomas Chase	1864-5	Charles H. Prince	1900

**JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.**

Dominicus Record	Jan. 18, 1805	Ephraim Harlow	1836
Abijah Buck	July 3, 1805	Daniel Chase	1838
Daniel Howard	1805	James Bonney	1838
John Loring	Aug. 22, 1809	Wm. B. Bennett	1841
Nathaniel Howe	Feb. 16, 1811	Joseph Hall	1842
Henry Farwell	June 11, 1814	S. C. Andrews	1849
Samuel F. Brown	Oct. 15, 1814	George Thomes	1852
Larnard Swallow	June 19, 1816	J. W. Browne	1853
Benjamin Spaulding	1821	A. K. P. Small	1853
Enoch Hall	1821	George D. Bisbee	1865
Nathaniel Harlow	1822	Gilbert Barrett	1868
Stephen Phelps	1824	C. F. Whitman	1869
Aaron Parsons	1827	A. M. Austin	1872
Zadoc Long	1828	O. H. Hersey (Trial)	1875
William Bridgham	1829	T. S. Bridgham (Trial)	1877
Noah Prince	1832	Alfred Cole (Trial)	1880
John Bicknell	1833	Charles H. Prince (Trial)	1887
Henry H. Hutchinson	1833	Stanley Bisbee	1889
Henry DeCoster	1834	Charles P. Hatch	1890
Joseph Turner	1834	Merritt Parsons (Trial)	1894
Tobias Ricker	1834	F. R. Dyer	1895
Axel Spaulding	1835		

**NOTARIES PUBLIC.**

George D. Bisbee	1877	Alfred Cole	1899
Oscar H. Hersey	1890		

**POSTMASTERS.**

<b>Buckfield Village</b>			
Mark Andrews	Jan. 1, 1801	Isaac W. Shaw	Mar. 27, 1877
Benjamin Spaulding	July 15, 1813	Alfred Cole	Sept., 1885
Increase Spaulding	Feb. 1, 1820	Edwin F. Atwood	Jan. 1, 1890
Samuel F. Brown	Feb. 1, 1822	Alfred Cole	Jan. 1, 1894
William Bridgham	July 31, 1838		
Wm. B. Bennett	Oct. 28, 1840	<b>North Buckfield.</b>	
Samuel F. Brown	July 30, 1841	Hiram Andrews	Jan. 1, 1854
Orville Bridgham	Dec. 2, 1844	James S. Buck	Jan. 21, 1855
Samuel F. Brown	Aug. 22, 1849	Roscoe G. Buck	July 13, 1855
Lorenzo Atwood	Feb. 12, 1850	Washington Heald	Aug. 29, 1856
William Cresey	Dec. 26, 1850	Appleton F. Mason	July 16, 1875
Josiah W. Whitten	Mar. 25, 1852		
Jacob W. Browne	Jan. 23, 1853	<b>West Buckfield.</b>	
George Thomes	Jan. 25, 1855	Nathaniel Harlow	May 1, 1828
Chas. H. Prince	May 31, 1861	Ephraim Harlow	Oct. 16, 1849
James H. DeCoster	Feb. 27, 1866	Office discontinued	June 21, 1851.

**MILITIA OFFICERS.**

Mark Andrews, Captain, 1794; Major, 1799.  
 William Bridgham, Jr., Sur. Mate, 1807; Surgeon, 1809.  
 David Bryant, Ensign, 1812; Captain, 1812.  
 Moses Buck, Ensign, 1813; Lieutenant, 1814.  
 Daniel Chase, Lieutenant, 1810; Captain, 1812.  
 Isaac Ellis, Paymaster, 1819.  
 Henry Farwell, Major, 1807; Col., 1816, and Brig. Gen'l, 1818.  
 Nathaniel Harlow, Ensign, 1807; Captain, 1812.  
 Daniel Hutchinson, Ensign, 1816; Lieutenant, 1819.  
 James Jewett, Lieutenant, 1816; Captain, 1819.  
 Lucius Loring, Major Aid-de-Camp, 1818.  
 William Lowell, Ensign, 1805; Lieut., 1807, and Capt., 1810.  
 Josiah Parris, Lieutenant, 1799; Captain, 1800.  
 Enoch Philbrick, Ensign, 1800; Lieut., 1805, and Capt., 1807.  
 Eliphalet Packard, Captain, 1819; Buckfield Light Infantry.  
 James M. Pote, Ensign, 1816.  
 Job Prince, Jr., Captain, 1818.  
 David Record, Jr., Ensign, 1810; Lieutenant, 1812.  
 Dominic Record, Jr., Ensign, 1812; Captain, 1816.  
 Oren Record, Lieutenant, 1807.  
 Ephraim Ricker, Lieutenant, 1819.  
 Jasiel Smith, Lieutenant, 1794; Captain, 1805.  
 Benj. Spaulding, Jr., Ensign, 1794.  
 Leonard Spaulding, Captain, 1807.  
 Alexander Thayer, Cornet, 1805; Lieutenant, 1806.  
 Jesse Turner, Jr., Ensign, 1812; Captain, 1813.  
 Richard Waldron, Ensign, 1814; Quarter-Master, 1818.  
 John Warren, Ensign, 1818.  
 Obadiah Berry, Ensign, 1820.  
 Aaron Parsons, Captain, 1823; Major, 1826; Col., 1827.  
 Pelham Bryant, Captain, 1820.  
 Eliphalet Packard, Major, 1821; Col., 1824; Brig. Gen'l, 1825.  
 Levi Bryant, Lieut., 1821.  
 Robert Thompson, Ensign, 1821; Lieut., 1824.  
 Jonathan Buck, Ensign, 1821; Capt., 1824.  
 John Warren, Capt., 1821.  
 Ephraim Ricker, Capt., 1822.  
 Lucius Loring, Major and Aid-de-Camp, 1821-4.  
 Apollos Osgood, Lieut., 1822; Adjutant, 1823.  
 Isaac Turner, Lieut., 1823; Capt., 1825.  
 James Bowker, Lieut., 1822; Capt., 1825.  
 James Bowker, Jr., Cornet, 1822.  
 Joseph Turner, Ensign, 1823; Lieut., 1825; Capt., 1827.  
 Noah Prince, Ensign, 1824; Lieut., 1825; Capt., 1826.  
 James Bonney, Jr., Ensign, 1824; Capt., 1826; Major, 1827; Col., 1831.  
 John Shaw, Aid-de-Camp, 1825.  
 Ezra Morton, Ensign, 1825.  
 Bela Farrar, Lieut., 1826.  
 Ziba Thayer, Ensign, 1826.  
 Nathan Morrill, Lieut., 1827.  
 Daniel Chase, Jr., Ensign, 1827.  
 Bennett Bray, Brig. Q. M., 1828.  
 James Spaulding, Ensign, 1827; Capt., 1830.  
 Axel Spaulding, Ensign, 1829; Capt., 1832; Major, 1834.  
 George Bridgham, Capt., 1830.  
 James S. Buck, Ensign, 1830; Lieut., 1832.

Oaks Turner (?), Major, 1831.  
Seth Stetson, Chaplain, 1831.  
Samuel B. Perry, Lieut., 1831; Capt., 1834.  
David Farrar, Jr., Lieut., 1834; Capt., 1837.  
Richard Taylor, Jr., Lieut., 1834; Capt., 1837.  
Wm. Safford, Paymaster, 1832.  
Chris. C. Harlow, Lieut., 1833; Captain, 1835.  
Thos. Morton, Jr., Lieut., 1832.  
Edwin Buck, Ensign, 1832; Captain, 1834.  
Hiram Coburn, Ensign, 1833; Capt., 1838.  
Alexander Mayhew, Ensign, 1835.  
Asia Mayhew, Lieut., 1838; Captain, 1840.  
Virgil D. Parris, Q. M., 1836; Captain, 1843.  
Albert D. White, Ensign, 1834; Lieut., 1837; Capt., 1838; Lt. Col., 1840.  
Orville Bridgham, Paymaster, 1835.  
Albert DeCoster, Ensign, 1837; Lieut., 1838.  
Lucius Young, Ensign, 1838.  
Valentine Ripley, Q. M., 1838.  
Cyrus Cole, Ensign, 1838.  
Washington Heald, Lieut., 1834; Capt., 1835; L. Col., 1838.  
Sullivan Bicknell, Lieut., 1838; Capt., 1838.  
Rodney Chaffin, Ensign, 1838.  
Jonathan Buck, Jr., Lieut., 1838; Capt., 1841.  
Lysander Lowe, Ensign, 1838.  
Horace Hutchinson, Ensign, 1839.  
Tristram Warren, Ensign, 1839; Lieut., 1841.  
Benj. Jenkins, Capt., 1837.  
David B. Record, Capt., 1840.  
Josiah W. Whitten, Ensign, 1840; Lieut., 1841; Capt., 1842.  
Benj. Maxim, Capt., 1841.  
Alexander Cushman, Ensign, 1841.  
Wm. L. Cole, Ensign, 1841; Capt., 1843.  
William Andrews, Ensign, 1842; Lieut., 1843.  
Prescott C. Bridgham, Q. M., 1842.  
Josiah W. Whitten, Paymaster, 1842; Adjutant, 1844.  
Amory H. Allen, Lieut., 1843.  
Ozen Spaulding, Ensign, 1843.  
William Tuttle, Ensign, 1843.  
John L. Jewett, Aid, 1844.



## SETTLERS IN TOWNSHIP IN 1790.

First column, heads of families; 2d, number besides husband and wife; 3d, males; 4th, females.

Thomas Allen	6	3	3	Thomas Lowell	2	1	
Abijah Buck	4	2	2	James Mayhew	4	2	2
Nathaniel Buck	8	4	4	William Lowell	2	1	
John Buck	6	1	5	Stephen Lowell	2		
John Buck, 2d	2		1	Jonathan Philbrick	4	1	3
John Brown	2			Daniel Packard	6	2	4
John Brock	no family			Job Packard	3	3	
William Berry	7	3	4	Philemon Parsons	5	3	2
Amos Brown	6	4	2	Jonathan Roberts	2	1	1
Thomas Coburn	4	1	3	Joseph Roberts, Jr.	7	3	4
Jonas Coburn	6	3	3	Joseph Roberts	3	1	2
Lemuel Crooker	7	2	5	Joseph Roberts, 3d	3	1	2
Nathaniel Chase	2	1	1	Dominicus Record	5	3	2
Joseph Chase	3	1	2	Jonathan Record	3	2	1
Edmund Chandler	6	2	4	David Record	4	3	1
Daniel Crockett	3	2	1	Simon Record	8	5	3
John Clay	no family			Tobias Ricker	3	2	1
William Doble	7	4	3	Joel Rich	6	3	3
Gershom Davis	5	2	3	Israel Smith	2	2	
Joshua Davis	no family			Seba Smith	2	1	
Jonathan Damon	no family			Nathaniel Smith	5	4	1
John Elliott	2			Jotham Shaw	2	1	1
Joel Foster	1		1	Benjamin Spaulding	6	3	3
David Farrar	6	4	2	Benj Spaulding, Jr.	2		
Jonah Fobes	5	3	2	Benj. Spaulding, 2d (?)	5	2	3
Isaac Foster	4	2	2	Moses Stevens	2	1	
Nathaniel Gammon	5	3	2	John Swett	2	2	
Enoch Hall	3	1	2	William Silley (Cilley)	4	3	1
John Hussey	no family			Samuel Taylor	2	2	
Ichabod Hathaway	4	2	2	Samuel Taylor, Jr.	3	2	1
Andrew Harlow	4	2	2	Bani Teague	4	2	2
Jeremiah Hodgdon	3	2	1	Josiah Tilson	2	1	
John Irish	2	1	1	John Thurlo	6	5	1
John Irish, Jr.	6	1	5	David Warren	2		2
Ebenezer Irish	2	1		John Warren	5	1	4
Joseph Irish	4	2	2	Tristram Warren	4	3	1
Thomas Irish	5	3	2	Joshua Wescott	5	2	3
Thomas Joselyn	3	2	1	Jacob Whitman	6	4	
James Jordan	5	3	2	Caleb Young	3	1	2
Enoch Leathers	2	1		Joshua Young	6	4	2
John Mathews	7	4	3				
Valentine Mathews	2	1					
					294	160	134

No. of families, 77. No. without families, 5. Whole number of males, 242. Whole number of females, 211. In some of the families besides the children, were a few hired laborers, apprentices, or adopted children. One such person was in the family of Dominicus Record.

## LIST OF TAXPAYERS IN 1797

Mark Andrews	Nathaniel Gammon	Jonathan Roberts, Jr.
Samuel Andrews	David Gammon	John Roberts
Thomas Allen	Jonathan Gardner	Stephen Richardson
John Allen	Luther Gardner	John Richardson
Abijah Buck	Ephraim Hathaway	Tobias Ricker
John Buck	William Harlow	George Ricker
John Buck, Jr.	Enoch Hall	Luke Ryerson
John Buck, 3d	Amariah Harris	Jeremiah Rolfe
Nathaniel Buck	John Hussey	Stephen Rider
William Berry	Hatevil Hall	John Rider
Moses Bisbee	Nathan Hall	Consider Sampson
Amos Brown	James Hussey	Benj. Spaulding
Simeon Bicknell	Abraham Harding	Benj. Spaulding, Jr.
Ansel Bisbee	Holmes Doty	Leonard Spaulding
John Brock	Joseph Irish	John Swett
William Brock	Ebenezer Irish	Nathaniel Swett
James Bonney	Thomas Irish	William Swett
Gershom Cole	John Irish	Jasiel Smith
John Carr	Thomas Joselyn	Seba Smith
John Clay	Samuel Jenkins	William Silley
Daniel Crockett	James Jordan	Simon Silley
Morris Crockett	Josiah Keen	Benjamin Silley
Joseph Chase	Caleb Lombard	William Silley, Jr.
Nathaniel Chase	Thomas Lincoln	Peter Silley
Thomas Coburn	Walley Lincoln	John Symonds
Thomas Coburn, Jr.	John Lapham	Jotham Shaw
Levi Cushman	Abijah Lapham	Israel Smith
Lemuel Crooker	Thomas Lowell	Andrew Twombly
William Churchill	Enoch Leathers	Jesse Turner
John Carsley	William Lowell	Samuel Tyler
Stephen Drew	John Matthews	Samuel Taylor
Jacob Doty	Valentine Matthews	Joseph Tyler
William Doble	Daniel Merrill	Jabez Taylor
Gershom Davis	Jonathan Philbrick	Richard Taylor
Joshua Davis	Enoch Philbrick	Bani Teague
Jonathan Damon	Daniel Packard	Asa Thayer
John Drake	Job Packard	Alexander Thayer
Abial Drake	Jabez Pratt	Samuel Tobin
Jacob DeCoster	Philemon Parsons	Tristram Warren
Jacob Dean	Ebenezer Parsons	Edmund Warren
Robert Elliott	Henry Parsons	David Warren
David Farrow	Job Prince	John Warren
David Farrow, Jr.	Josiah Parris	James Waterman
Samuel Farrow	Dominicus Record	Ichabod Waterman
Jonah Fobes	David Record	Samuel Webb
Zadoc Fobes	Jonathan Record	Jacob Whitman
Benjamin Fobes	Oren Record	Joshua Wescott
Isaac Foster	Simon Record	Ephraim Wescott
Joel Foster	Jonathan Roberts	Caleb Young
Thomas Faunce	Joseph Roberts, Jr.	John Young
Thomas Frazier	James Roberts	Joshua Young
Dr. Samuel Frink	Joseph Roberts	

## Non-Residents.

Asa Lewis	Asa Bearce	William Cobb
Ebenezer Lane	William Beard	Charles Bisbee
Simeon Wells	John Woodman	Edward Packard
Ezra Brown	Jabez Cushman	

## HEADS OF FAMILIES IN 1800

	No. in Family		No. in Family		No. in Family
Mark Andrews	9	Jonah Fobes	5	George Roberts	4
Thomas Allen	10	Zadoc Fobes	5	Luke Ryerson	13
John Allen	3	Thomas Faunce	4	John Rider	7
Woodward Allen	5	Daniel Faunce	5	William Runnels	8
Abijah Buck, Jr.	5	Samuel Frink		Dominicus Record	6
Abijah Buck	3	Frost Gary	7	Oren Record	4
Jonathan Buck	2	Nathaniel Gammon	9	Simon Record	9
Nathaniel Buck	8	David Gammon	9	David Record	9
Nathaniel Buck, Jr.	4	Jonathan Gardner	8	Jonathan Record	5
John Buck	11	Luther Gardner	2	Stephen Richardson	9
Moses Buck	3	Enoch Hall	7	David Richardson	4
John Buck, 2d	9	Nathaniel Hall	6	John Richardson	4
John Buck, 3d	5	Noah Hall	2	Jonathan Roberts	5
William Berry	13	Abraham Hardin	7	Joseph Roberts, Jr.	11
James Bonney	3	Jeremiah Hodgdon	7	Joseph Roberts	2
Moses Bisbee	7	James Hussey	7	John Roberts	3
David Briggs	8	William Harlow	10	William Silley	3
William Brock	4	Ephraim Hathaway	8	Benjamin Silley	5
John Brock	8	Elisha Howard	5	John Swett	8
John Bicknell	6	Amariah Harris	2	Jotham Shaw	8
Simeon Bicknell	5	Timothy Hutchinson	4	Israel Smith	8
Amos Brown	8	William Irish	3	Ephraim Spencer	4
Thomas Berry	10	Thomas Irish	6	John Symonds	3
Nathaniel Chase	12	Ebenezer Irish	8	Benj. Spaulding	5
Joseph Chase	7	John Irish	2	Leonard Spaulding	5
Daniel Crockett	4	John Irish, Jr.	7	Benj. Spaulding, Jr.	6
John Carsley	7	James Jordan	11	Abel Spaulding	4
Jonas Coburn	7	Samuel Jenkins	2	Consider Sampson	6
Asaph Coburn	3	Samuel Jenkins, Jr.	9	Samuel Taylor	4
Lemuel Crooker	8	Thomas Joselyn	7	Jabez Taylor	4
John Clay	7	Jonah Keen	4	Bani Teague	3
Gershom Cole	12	Abijah Lapham	7	Richard Taylor	6
Jabez Churchill	8	Thomas Lincoln	5	Samuel Thomas	4
Eliphaz Curtis	4	James Lewis	5	Andrew Twombly	8
Levi Cushman	4	William Lowell	7	Israel Tucker	3
Thomas Coburn	6	Stephen Lowell	3	Samuel Tucker	7
Thomas Coburn, Jr.	3	Thomas Lowell	7	Jesse Turner	8
William Churchill	6	Joe Mayo	5	Asa Thayer	6
Gershom Davis	9	Benj. Milliken	8	Alexander Thayer	3
Joshua Davis	5	Elisha Morton	5	Samuel Taylor, Jr.	6
Abial Drake	6	John Mathews	9	Edmund Warren	3
John Drake	8	Daniel Merrill	4	Joshua Wescott	6
Jonathan Dammon	6	Josiah Parris	2	John Warren	9
Holmes Doty	4	Daniel Packard	8	Tristram Warren	4
William Doble	10	Job Packard	9	Tristram Warren, Jr.	4
Stephen Drew	9	Reuben Packard	2	James Waterman	6
Joel Foster	8	Daniel Packard, Jr.	10	Jacob Whitman	7
Nathaniel Foster	3	Philemon Parsons	2	Samuel Webb	3
Isaac Foster	4	Henry Parsons	4	Noah Waterman	7
Elias Fogg	6	Job Prince	7	Ichabod Waterman	7
Samuel Farrar	3	Eleazer Parsons	6	Caleb Young	9
David Farrar	9	Philemon Parsons, Jr.	6	John Young	3
David Farrar, Jr.	2	Jonathan Philbrick	6	Joshua Young	9
Nicholas Fernald	5	Tobias Ricker	8		

Phebe Brown is given as the head of a family, but she was the only member of it. Lydia Sprague was also named as the head of a family, of which there was one member besides herself, a female under 10 years of age. Total heads of families with Phebe Brown and Lydia Sprague, 164.

## CENSUS OF 1850

H. Atwood, Jr., mil.	27	2d M. Richardson	39	Ruel Gray	26
Mary Ann Atwood	26	Abby Richardson	9	T. Warren, 20, f.	42
Charles Atwood	1	T. Richardson	7	Jumalier Warren	43
Elisha Buck, 20, f.	54	Larnard Swallow, f.	42	Frances M. Warren	12
Caroline Buck	51	Drusilla Swallow	40	James A. Warren	7
Arminta Buck	20	Olintha A. Swallow	14	Esther Warren	67
Lonna Buck	17	Preston C. Swallow	12	Lucetta Warren	35
Lucretia Buck	13	Milton F. Swallow	10	John Cresey, car.	57
Albion Buck	11	Cyril P. Swallow	8	Hannah Cresey	54
Llewellyn Buck	9	Ada M. Swallow	6	Hannah Cresey	23
Samuel Buck, f.	59	Olive A. Swallow	4	John Cresey, car.	21
Mahala Buck	40	Sidney D. Swallow	1	Benj. Cresey, car.	18
Cynthia Buck	19	Deplura Bisbee, tr.	30	Isaiah Cresey, car.	16
Diantha Buck	17	Lydia Bisbee	25	Mary Cressey	13
Octavia Buck	16	Alforetta Bisbee	25	H. Hodgdon, f.	21
Celia B. Buck	5	Infant	6 mo.	Patience Hodgdon	19
Cyrus Record, f.	60	Luther Turner, sh.	62	Sylvia A. Hodgdon	10
Arvilla Record	47	Polly Turner	61	Henry Hodgdon	7
Bennett Record, sh.	15	Levi Turner, sh.	19	Jona. Dammon, f.	83
Julius A. Record	6	2d Lysander Monk	28	Mary Dammon	72
Julia Record	6	Betsy Monk	22	Hannah Dammon	76
2d Asa S. Record, f.	29	Levi Monk	2	Abigail Hodgdon	13
Sarah Record	32	S. Robinson, pow.	34	Philo Winslow, sh.	23
Edgar Record	6	Lavina Robinson	29	Laura Winslow	15
Martha Record	3	Horatio Robinson	4	Alfred Winslow, sh.	26
Wm. Henry Record	2	Thomas Dammon, f.	51	Eliza Winslow	17
James Spaulding, f.	47	Margery Dammon	50	Wm. Witham, min.	56
Cynthia Spaulding	48	Jonathan Dammon	20	Hannah Witham	57
Zilpha P. Spaulding	18	Betsey A. Dammon	13	Hannah Witham	29
Green. J. Spaulding	15	Polly D. Dammon	10	Eliza A. Witham	21
Emma F. Spaulding	6	Harriet Dammon	6	S. Dammon, f.	35
Wm. Bisbee, pow.	34	Susannah Dammon	4	Sarah Dammon	26
Emerline Bisbee	35	W. Heald, 25, mil.	46	Margaret J. Dammon	8
Francis M. Bisbee	11	Eliza Heald	45	Albina A. Dammon	5
Win. Spaulding	45	Geo. W. Heald, f.	21	Lanora M. Dammon	1
Jane Spaulding	37	Caroline D. Heald	16	C. Dammon, f.	32
Melissa Spaulding	17	Eliza Heald	13	Bethiah Dammon	29
Alex. Spaulding	15	William Heald	9	Lydia Dammon	11
Mary Spaulding	13	Benj. F. Heald	6	Mahala A. Dammon	10
Martha Spaulding	10	Enos D. Heald	3	Sarah Dammon	8
Aretus Farrar	38	J. C. Heald, mil. m.	20	Louisa Dammon	2
Diantha Farrar	33	Elias Monk, car.	31	Wm. P. Hammond	40
Emily R. Farrar	15	Eliza Monk	27	Lucy Hammond	37
James M. Farrar	13	Rosilla Monk	4	Roxanna Hammond	18
Diantha Farrar	11	Emma A. Monk	2	Arabella Hammond	16
Aramantha Farrar	9	Ronaldo Monk	1	Eliza Hammond	12
Mary M. Farrar	7	Dennis Bisbee, bl.	28	Edith Hammond	9
Wm. W. Farrar	3	Basheba Bisbee	32	Gideon Hammond	6
Abel Spaulding, g.	40	Mary M. Bisbee	6	Joseph Hammond	78
Hannah Spaulding	30	Dennis A. J. Bisbee	4	Lydia Hammond	72
John R. Given, sh.	26	Winslow Z. Bisbee	3	Ezekiel Dammon, f.	51
Judith A. Given	23	Lucetta Bisbee	1	Parmelia Dammon	55
John M. Given	1	Mary Rice	77	Diantha Foss	24
L. Spaulding, 25, f.	80	Elizabeth B. Rice	40	Mosley Dammon, f.	21
Margaret Spaulding	76	2d Jane Sprague	58	Merritt F. Dammon	18

Aratas Dammon, f.	15	America F. Mayhew	5	Samuel Harlow, f.	24
Elizabeth Dammon	12	Sylvia E. Mayhew	1	Melinda H. Harlow	18
James Hooper	11	2d Thomas Rowe, f.	26	Nath'l Harlow, f.	69
Alvan Foss, f.	29	Desire Ann Rowe	24	Lucy Harlow	48
Sophronia Foss	7	Christania A. Rowe	4	Nathl Harlow, Jr.	23
Infant	2 mos.	Jas. M. Johnson, f.	42	J. Turner, M.D.	21
Daniel Fletcher, f.	50	Ann Johnson	44	A. K. Ramsdell, f.	26
Mary Fletcher	50	Geo. H. Johnson	14	Lottie Ramsdell	25
Daniel Fletcher, Jr.	18	Simeon Johnson	12	James M. Ramsdell	4
Rebecca Fletcher	16	Samuel T. Johnson	10	Nancy D. Ramsdell	3
Omitta Fletcher	14	Phebe A. Johnson	6	Albert O. Ramsdell	1
Gideon Fletcher	12	Mary L. Johnson	1	Ansel Bisbee	76
James S. Buck, f.	44	Ann Tucker	76	Ephraim B. Swett, f.	31
Lydia Buck	46	John Dunham, f.	28	Dorcas Swett	28
Roscoe G. Buck	15	Susan W. Dunham	32	Sarah E. Swett	5
Mary Jane Buck	13	Charles H. Dunham	6	Henry W. Swett	3
Henry M. Buck	10	William F. Dunham	2	Isaac O. Swett	1
Hannah C. Buck	8	James Bicknell, f.	48	Dorcas Bailey	73
Austin Buck	5	Judith Bicknell	48	Benj. Maxim, f.	35
Martin Crockett, f.	48	Jas. F. Bicknell, f.	23	Susan Maxim	32
Prudentia Crockett	39	Virgil Bicknell	17	Maria L. Maxim	10
Geo. B. Crockett	3	Columbia Bicknell	15	Henry H. Maxim	9
Helen J. Morton	11	Levi Bicknell	12	Olban Maxim	7
Hiram Andrews, f.	40	Georgianna Bicknell	7	Wm. Wallace Maxim	5
Shuah Andrews	35	Isabella Bicknell	5	Benj. F. Maxim	3
Melissa Andrews	15	Juliette Bicknell	3	Amanda Maxim	1
Melvin Andrews	10	Sally Bowker	51	Rotheus B. Waite, f.	29
Adolphus Andrews	8	Bradford Morse, f.	35	Martha Waite	30
Sarah Andrews	4	Lydia J. Morse	34	Albion R. Smith	10
Shuah Bicknell	75	Sarah E. Morse	7	Asa Taylor, f.	50
Joseph Hall, f.	53	Roxy Jane Morse	3	Lavina Taylor	41
Peggy Hall	49	Merritt Farrar, f.	32	Rotheus Taylor	5
Sarah Hall	20	Arabella Farrar	24	Carroll Taylor	3
Justus C. Hall	6	Mary Farrar	62	Margaret Record	36
Keziah L. Hall	14	Orin Farrar, f.	42	John Thayer, f.	62
Joseph H. Hall, f.	26	Marcella Farrar	34	Susan Thayer	57
Jane H. Hall	29	Winslow Evans, f.	30	2d John G. Thayer	34
Ada F. Hall	3 mos.	Sophronia Evans	28	Mary Thayer	33
Melzar Buck, f.	46	Geo. M. Evans	6 mos.	Persis Thayer	4
Almeda Buck	40	Isaac Tucker, 20, f.	77	Isaac S. Thayer	2
Francis E. Buck	19	Hannah Tucker	69	Amos Winslow, f.	58
Vesta M. Buck	17	Isaac Tucker, Jr. f.	29	Ruhamah Winslow	57
Hannah L. Buck	13	Esther Tucker	25	Solomon Winslow	29
Addison Buck	10	Wm. Pearson, f.	59	Amos K. Winslow	15
Augustus G. Buck	9	Susan Pearson	59	Maria Churchill	84
Arabine E. Buck	6	Augustus Pearson	16	Otis Bicknell, f.	50
Romanzo K. Buck	3	Benj. Pearson, sh.	23	Martha Bicknell	46
Miller J. Buck	6 mos.	Susan Pearson	20	Charles Bicknell	25
I. Corthell, car.	58	Daniel Faunce, f.	84	Cynthia Bicknell	15
Sarah Corthell	53	Rebecca Faunce	76	Mary Bicknell	12
Stephen E. Corthell	13	Rebecca S. Faunce	51	Ellen Bicknell	7
John Brock, f.	53	Jacob Allen, f.	64	Martha Bicknell	2
Tamar Brock	63	Freeman Allen, f.	34	Janet Bicknell	22
Jos. Mathews, ta.	45	Ann Allen	30	Jas. N. Waldron, f.	45
Alex. Mayhew, f.	36	Margaret Allen	16	Sarah Waldron	39
Mary Mayhew	33	William Roscoe	13	Olive Ann Waldron	19
Mary Ann Mayhew	13	E. Harlow, 20, min.	61	Sarah J. Waldron	17
Armitta B. Mayhew	10	Laodicea Harlow	60	Linton Waldron	15
Frances M. Mayhew	7	Loadicea Harlow	30	Milton Waldron	13



Josephine Waldron	11	Mary Hall	64	Joanna Haskell	25
Frederick Waldron	9	Eunice Hall	36	Otis D. Haskell	1
Ashbyline Waldron	7	Andrew J. Hall, f.	25	Alex. Cushman	37
Clarence B. Waldron	5	Philip C. Mason, f.	63	Ruth J. Cushman	29
Julia Waldron	4	Lucy Mason	50	Lorenzo Cushman	5
Infant	7 mos.	Adoniram J. Mason	18	Mary Cushman	3
Wm. L. Taylor, f.	40	Bradley V. Mason	15	Cynthia Cushman	1
Drusilla Taylor	39	Melvina H. Mason	12	Timothy Record, f.	65
Albion Taylor	15	Emily C. Mason	7	Abigail Record	65
Laura Taylor	9	2d Jas. Waterman	85	Stephen L. Record	29
Jabez Taylor	84	Keziah Waterman	80	Emery T. Record	22
Dorcas Taylor	76	Naphtali Mason, f.	33	Abigail Mayhew	27
Albert Record, l.	40	Arvilla S. Mason	38	Alexander Mayhew	8
Shepherd Churchill, f.	59	Appleton F. Mason	9	Emery Mayhew	3
Mary Churchill	59	Orissa A. Mason	5	Jacob Leonard, f.	55
Josiah Churchill, f.	25	Ethic Farrar, f.	39	Nathaniel Leonard	57
S. Churchill, Jr., f.	21	Betsy Farrar	37	Hope Leonard	53
Lucy Ann Churchill	16	Hannibal Farrar	15	Susannah Leonard	48
Martin Churchill, f.	40	Miranda E. Farrar	13	Perez Stubbs, f.	32
Betsy Churchill	36	Roana J. Farrar	11	Mary Stubbs	27
Nathaniel Churchill	16	Samuel W. Farrar	9	Henry H. Stubbs	5
Hannah Churchill	14	Charles Farrar	7	Laurette Stubbs	4
Emily Churchill	12	Floriette Farrar	1	Julia M. Stubbs	2
Amanda Churchill	10	Brainerd Towle, f.	32	Charles N. ———	15
Clarinda Churchill	5	Ellen Towle	22	Levi Jordan, l.	30
Asaph Churchill	2	Henrietta D. Buck	49	Caleb Cushman, 30,	71
Rose Churchill	1 mo.	Henrietta Buck	11	Polly Cushman	67
Martin Thomas, f.	60	Louisa Buck	5	Gideon Cushman, f.	35
Almira Thomas	58	2d Samuel T. Buck,	35	Eveline Cushman	28
Charles Thomas	24	Miriam B. Buck	37	Amanda Cushman	10
Rebecca Thomas	22	Julia C. Buck	10	Samuel Cushman	8
Sampson Thomas	9	Charlotte A. Buck	7	Julia F. Cushman	6
Solomon Doble, f.	34	Sarah J. Buck	3	Cordelia Cushman	3
Phebe V. Doble	34	Moses Brown	8	Nathan Maxim, f.	39
Daniel Mason	24	Susannah Brown	36	Arvilla Maxim	40
Edwin G. Doble	9	William F. Brown	15	Nathan Maxim, Jr.	13
Jerusha R. Doble	8	Lucius Brown	12	Adaline Maxim	14
Angelia M. Doble	6	Moses Brown, l.	37	Sarah Maxim	10
Flonna A. Doble	3	Susannah Brown	5	Charles Maxim	5
Thomas Faunce, f.	80	Hiram Hathaway, f.	60	Rachel Maxim	3
Mary Faunce	71	Ira Gardner, 40, f.	55	Isaac Turner, f.	59
Jos. Turner, f.	55	Naoma Gardner	51	Margaret Turner	54
Sophronia Turner	44	Oscar F. Gardner	24	Lucinda Turner	20
Julia Turner	18	Ephraim Lowe, f.	48	Decatur Turner, sh.	19
Calvin Robbins, f.	58	Maria Lowe	45	Harriet Turner	14
Ruth Robbins	49	Horace Lowe	20	Luther Turner	12
Luther Robbins, sh.	19	Delphina Lowe	14	Elijah Jordan, Jr., f.	32
George Robbins	8	Dexter M. Lowe	12	Relief Jordan	32
Calvin Robbins, Jr.	4	Ozias M. Lowe	10	Henry M. Jordan	14
L. Edgecomb, car.	34	Sewall F. P. Lowe	8	Samuel K. Jordan	10
Lucy E. Edgecomb	27	Infant	6 mos.	Rosanna Jordan	8
L. Lowe, 20, f.	37	Alex. Robinson, 20,	37	Alfred Monk, f.	61
Sarah J. Lowe	30	Adaline Robinson	36	Relief Monk	58
Romanzo C. Lowe	1	Elmer Robinson	12	Levi Monk	21
James Lewis	76	Caroline S. Robinson	5	Melissa A. Monk	19
Betsy Lewis	79	Sylvia Robinson	22	Isaac J. Monk	12
Betsy Lowe	57	Sarah F. Andrews	14	Sam'l B. Churchill	41
Mary Lowe	41	Marshall J. Haskell	34	Lavina Churchill	41
Noah Hall, 20, f.	70			Cordelia Churchill	16

Ezra Churchill	13	E. D. Whitman, f.	35	Barnabas C. Perry	20
Charles Churchill	9	Julia A. Whitman	29	Albinus P. Perry	16
Mary E. Churchill	4	Abel C. T. Whitman	11	Abigail C. Perry	11
Julia Churchill	8 mos.	John C. Whitman	10	Martha D. Perry	7
N. B. Marston, f.	46	Elizabeth Whitman	8	Bethiah T. Perry	83
Martha M. Marston	35	William S. Whitman	6	Ezekiel Record, f.	64
Geo. D. Marston, sh.	16	Eliza Ann Whitman	2	Almira Record	60
William W. Marston	13	Stephen Davis, f.	77	Mary E. Record	20
N. C. Marston	10	Hiram Fogg	41	David Record	17
Bela Churchill, g.	61	Elizabeth Fogg	24	Jonathan Record	15
Sarah Churchill	61	Miriam E. Fogg	2	Susan Record	22
Moses Merrill, f.	23	Polly Davis	58	Thomas Record, f.	59
Joan Merrill	23	Bethiah Dammon	16	Abigail Record	50
O. F. Merrill	9 mos.	Moses Packard, f.	62	Otis F. Record	28
2d Thos. Merrill, f.	23	Betsy Packard	60	Betsy Record	20
Jane Merrill	19	A. G. Packard, f.	23	Lucy W. Record	14
Fred Merrill	8 mos.	Betsy J. Packard	20	John P. Record	11
Martin Turner, f.	30	Jere. Packard, f.	28	George B. Record	8
Rachel Turner	27	Rebecca Packard	28	2d Dana M. Record	34
Josephine Turner	3	John Packard	1 mo.	Lucy H. Record	31
Wesley Turner	2	Edward Lothrop, f.	61	Ximenes Philbrick	42
Infant	5 mos.	Rebecca Lothrop	59	Rachel Philbrick	42
Chas. Turner, f.	33	Delana Lothrop	33	Preston Philbrick	16
Rachel Turner	30	Rebecca Lothrop	29	Andrew J. Philbrick	15
Mary J. Turner	8	Abby Lothrop	26	Enoch Philbrick	13
Otis G. Turner, f.	32	Bethuel K. Lothrop	23	Sarah Philbrick	10
Sophia A. Turner	27	Bethiah Lothrop	20	Annis Philbrick	7
Benj. J. Turner	6	Elhanan W. Lothrop	18	Sarah Philbrick	74
Otis G. Turner, Jr.	3	Louisa A. Lothrop	16	Miles Long, f.	45
Benj. Jordan, Jr., f.	26	Lorinda V. Lothrop	19	Anna Long	39
Sylvia A. Jordan	25	2d Margaret Libbey	21	Geo. W. Long	17
Louisa A. Jordan	3	Nancy J. Libbey	4	Charles M. Long	16
2d Benj. Jordan, f.	61	Jesse Packard, f.	52	Henry C. Long	12
Anna Jordan	56	Joanna Packard	47	Eliza A. Long	10
Moses Jordan	32	Daniel Packard	26	Sally L. Long	8
Narcissa Jordan	20	Benjamin Packard	19	Persis C. Long	6
Anna Jordan	16	Jesse Packard, Jr.	17	Thankful C. Long	3
Adelbert S. Jordan	9	John Packard	16	John H. Skillings	50
Samuel Chesley, f.	50	Betsy Packard	14	Mary Skillings	46
Sarah Chesley	49	James Packard	12	Ann Skillings	22
Betsey Chesley	25	Joanna Packard	10	Mary Skillings	20
Caroline Chesley	24	Jennette Packard	8	Hannah Skillings	18
Adaline Chesley	24	Elsie Packard	6	John Skillings	15
James M. Chesley	21	Florence I. Packard	1	Susan F. Skillings	12
Sarah L. Chesley	11	C. G. Packard	2 mos.	Lucy J. Skillings	9
Sarah Chesley	83	Margerie Lothrop	27	James Skillings	7
Joshua Whitman, f.	62	Melissa A. Lothrop	5	Miles L. Holmes, f.	69
Catharine Whitman	50	Elias A. Lothrop	3	Louisa Holmes	70
Russell S. Whitman	24	Nancy R. Lothrop	1	Samuel Holmes, f.	26
Andrew J. Whitman	20	Elijah Jordan, 20, f.	58	Sally Jack	30
Ozias Whitman	19	Besheba Jordan	53	Danville Jack	6
Dora P. Whitman	12	Mary Jordan	16	Levi Turner, f.	65
Rose C. Whitman	16	Celinda Jordan	9	Annis Turner	63
2d J. E. Whitman	31	2d Arad Jordan, f.	28	Eliza J. Whitman	12
Phebe Whitman	28	Eunice Jordan	24	Libbeus Robbins, f.	56
Henry W. Whitman	7	Sylvia A. Jordan	5	Mary M. Robbins	32
Alden C. Whitman	3	Sam'l B. Perry, 20,	49	Emily E. Robbins	11
Charles F. Whitman	2	Sarah Perry	45	Thomas Long, 20, f.	79
Ellis Whitman	2 mos.			Bathsheba Long	74

Wm. W. Bacon, f.	33	Thankful Jenkins	81	Leonard Russell, 23,	39
Thankful Bacon	31	Rebecca Gilbert	50	Lavina Russell	39
Jonathan Irish, 20,	41	Polly Moody	48	Jason Russell	14
Isabella Irish	36	Stephen Hutchinson	63	Edwin Russell	12
Geo. P. Irish	8	Janet Hutchinson	55	Thurston Russell	11
Elizabeth S. Irish	6	Gusta Hutchinson	21	Amanda Russell	8
Mary Jane Irish	5	Freeman Record, l.	32	Ellery Russell	6
Franklin S. Irish	1	2d Mark Hutchinson	30	Alvarado Russell	5
Elizabeth Irish	80	Eliza Hutchinson	37	Laura J. Russell	3
Thos. Irish, f.	50	Infant	1 mo.	Melvin Russell	1
Eveline Irish	34	Josiah Hutchinson	22	Simon Record, f.	58
Henry D. Irish	14	Martha Hutchinson	29	Catherine Record	59
Jonathan N. Irish	12	Hannah Hutchinson	47	Levi Record, car.	24
Emily Irish	9	Lucius Young, f.	33	Philo Record, l.	21
Lewis Record, f.	63	Salina Young	32	Wm. Record, sh.	26
Phebe Record	40	Ellen M. Young	11	Henry Record, sh.	19
Sarah Record	26	James H. Young	8	Eliza Ann Record	17
Lewis Record, f.	22	Lucius L. Young	5	William Irish, f.	57
Lucius Record	15	Lizzie Young	3 mos.	Submit Irish	54
Melissa Record	17	Moses Young, f.	60	Susan Hall	80
Mary Record	13	Vesta Young	58	Moses Lowe, f.	50
Charlotte Record	11	H. H. Hutchinson,	60	Margaret Lowe	45
Aurelia Record	9	Carrie Hutchinson	58	Louisa Lowe	21
Sophronia Record	6	2d H. Hutchinson	36	Jefferson Lowe	18
Fostina Record	4	Ruth S. Hutchinson	38	William W. Lowe	16
Benj. Record	1	Caroline Hutchinson	12	Calista J. Lowe	12
Infant	8 mos.	Phronia Hutchinson	10	Cordelia H. Lowe	10
Jona. Gammon,	53	Geo. D. Hutchinson	6	Julia A. Lowe	7
Margaret Gammon	52	Elkanah Irish, f.	56	Helen M. Lowe	5
Jas. E. Gammon, f.	21	Polly Irish	55	Persis I. Lowe	3
Mary F. Gammon	17	Mary Ann Irish	26	Noah Prince, f. 25,	sta.
Margaret J. Gammon	8	Thos. A. Irish, f.	21	agt.	53
Ebenezer Snell, f.	40	Jacob C. Irish, f.	18	Sarah Prince	46
Remember H. Snell	30	Samuel R. Irish, f.	18	N. Kimball Prince	22
Calvin W. Snell	10	Sally Decoster	57	Augusta M. Prince	18
Eleazer Snell	7	Charles Merrill, f.	25	Ardelia H. Prince	14
Charles D. Snell	4	Sarah Merrill	21	Charles H. Prince	13
Moses Snell	1 mo.	Daniel M. Merrill	2	Mary R. Prince	9
Delphina Davis	63	David Record, f.	66	Deering Mayhew, f.	37
Robert Dunlap, f.	64	Fanny Record	62	Polly Mayhew	27
Polly Dunlap	54	Mercy Record	40	Cordelia Mayhew	9
Israel M. Elliott, f.	37	Almon Record, f.	28	Augustus Mayhew	6
Caroline Elliott	37	David A. Record, f.	20	Charles E. Mayhew	2
Harriet A. Elliott	10	Jotham Roberts	62	Philip Mason, f.	25
Daniel H. Elliott	4	Thos. J. Roberts	24	Mary Ann Mason	28
And. Cushman, fish	70	Rebecca Roberts	20	Rodolphus W. Mason	8
Polly Cushman	63	Augustus Roberts	17	Wm. E. Mason	7 mos.
William Cushman	17	Hubbard Lowell, f.	26	Dan. D. Spaulding	30
William Brown, f.	35	Annie Lowell	22	Roxy M. Spaulding	29
Martha Brown	38	Infant	8 mos.	Gustus Spaulding	4
Eva I. Brown	4	2d Mark Lowell, 20,	58	Alonzo D. Spaulding	2
Samuel Darling	47	Lydia Lowell	49	Infant	1 mo.
Samuel Darling, f.	47	Laura J. Lowell	19	Chas. Stephens, 35,	33
Wm. H. H. Jenkins	—	Lydia E. Lowell	11	Eveline D. Stephens	31
John Darling, f.	80	Ebenezer Record, f.	62	Charles Stephens	6
Sarah Darling	59	Nancy Record	49	George W. Proctor	14
Olive Gilbert	54	Alonzo Record	16	Edmund S. Dean	29
Alvah Gilbert, f.	51	Lorenzo Record	12	John Buck, f.	30
Sally Gilbert	53	Lewis Manly, bl.	79	Abbie Buck	23

LeRoy Buck	1	Oscar B. Hall	14	Edwin DeCoster	11
Ellen Buck	48	Susan J. Hall	12	Cyrus DeCoster	6
Susannah Buck	23	Zach. Gammon, f.	33	G. DeCoster	5 mos.
Benj. F. Buck	19	Nancy Gammon	34	Sally Morton	73
Nancy Ann Buck	18	Joseph Gammon	11	Cyrus Irish, sh.	35
Abijah Buck, f.	38	Thos. Lincoln, f.	49	Catherine Irish	29
Arvilla Buck	35	Lucinda Lincoln	39	John C. Irish	7
Florilla A. Buck	13	Betsy L. Gammon	9	Infant	1 mo.
Rebecca J. Buck	11	Isaac Shaw, f.	44	Sylvanus Irish, f.	69
Martha O. Buck	8	Joanna Shaw	40	Mehitable Irish	65
Zadoc A. Buck	5	Sabrina E. Shaw	18	Benj. Irish	20
Benson Cushman, f.	62	Angelia J. Shaw	15	Benj. H. Record, f.	31
Elizabeth Cushman	55	Eliza F. Shaw	10	Phebe Record	27
Mary E. Cushman	24	Mary A. Shaw	9	Sylvira Record	9 mos.
Ardelia Cushman	22	Sarah Shaw	86	Jesse Shaw, f.	60
Charles C. Cushman	17	Ervin Merrill	16	Catherine Shaw	58
David Farrar, f.	48	H. Sylvester, Jr.	45	Maria Shaw	29
Cynthia Farrar	45	Noa Sylvester	47	Jotham Shaw	24
Livona Farrar	24	Dolly Taylor	53	Jotham Shaw, sh.	24
Sarah C. Farrar	17	R. Thompson, 20, f.	53	George W. Shaw	17
Emily C. Farrar	14	Betsey Thompson	49	Abel Irish, f.	31
Jason Farrar	11	Geo. H. Thompson	20	Adeline Irish	29
Clarinda Farrar	10	E P. Thompson, sh.	18	Jerome Irish	1
Barzilla Latham, f.	72	Adeline Thompson	17	Daniel Thompson, f.	63
Polly Latham	69	M. Ann Thompson	10	Sybil Thompson	62
Susan B. Latham	25	Harriet B. Thompson	8	Frank S. Thompson	19
2d A. S. Latham, f.	40	Joseph Chase, f.	54	Mary Thompson	26
Judith Latham	42	Almira Chase	58	Lewis Mason, f.	41
Chas. D. Latham	17	Lewis M. Chase, sh.	20	Harriet Mason	33
S. Bradford Latham	11	Eunice H. Chase	25	Albina Mason	12
Arthur B. Latham	7	Julia E. Chase	1	Albert Mason	9
Aurilla S. Latham	3	Nancy Gilbert	80	Arrington F. Mason	7
Ebenezer Lincoln, f.	55	Lucian Philbrick, l.	34	Charles Mason	3
Elizabeth Lincoln	55	Miriam Philbrick	28	Lewis C. Mason	10 m.
2d Otis Andrews	33	Almira J. Philbrick	7	Sam'l B. Yeaton, f.	38
Sarah C. Andrews	28	Joseph F. Philbrick	5	Parmelia Yeaton	35
Sarah E. Andrews	7	Zenas S. Philbrick	2	Samuel Yeaton	14
Ebenezer L. Andrews	3	Xim. Philbrick	8 mos.	Joshua Yeaton	12
Mary Andrews	5 mos.	Thomas Chase, f.	43	Charles H. Yeaton	10
Silena Forbes	71	Esther M. Chase	38	Stephen C. Yeaton	8
Chas. C. Dailey, sh.	21	R. Malona Chase	15	George Yeaton	7
Mary Austin	35	Roscoe G. Chase	12	Simeon Yeaton	5
Daniel Austin, f.	50	Abby F. Chase	10	Ruth C. Yeaton	3
Prudence Austin	38	Charles Chase	9	Thomas F. Yeaton	1
Vesta G. Austin	17	George H. Chase	6	Simeon Keen, f.	53
Leonard Austin	16	Howard A. Chase	3	Sally Keen	48
Julia S. Austin	12	Lucy A. Chase	1	Lot Keen	15
Rosanna Austin	10	Nath'l Chase, min.	88	Mary Keen	11
Esther A. Austin	9	Joanna Chase	69	Josiah Keen	85
Daniel Austin	8	Amos Shaw, f.	56	Mary Ellwell	76
Grenville Austin	4	Mary Shaw	50	James Hussey, f.	43
Alonzo Austin	3	Wilson Shaw, sh.	23	Dorcas Hussey	45
Ebenezer Austin	82	Eleanor Shaw	21	Simeon Hussey, bt.	18
Mehitable Austin	81	Stephen D. Chase	35	Emily A. Hussey	14
Jonah Hall, 35, f.	55	Olive Chase	35	Caroline Hussey	13
Anna Hall	54	Ozias DeCoster, f.	41	Sarah J. Hussey	11
2d Albion K. Hall, f.	34	Elizabeth DeCoster	40	Henrietta E. Hussey	8
Dorcas A. Hall	28	Mazeppa DeCoster	16	Rebecca H. Hussey	4
Delphina P. Hall	23	Ozias DeCoster, Jr.	14	Tobias Ricker, 20, f.	61



Kezia Ricker	54	Isaac W. Shaw	5	Brittannia Forbes	22
Algenon Ricker	16	Sarepta A. Shaw	4	S. O. Record, f.	27
Cyrus Ricker	11	Aaron Cox, f.	31	Sally B. Record	25
Abigail Ricker	86	Elizabeth Cox	21	Emily J. Record	4
2d J. S. Benson, f.	29	Edward Cox	2	Charles C. Record	3
Sarah A. Benson	27	Judith Parsons	88	Abial Drake, 30, f.	48
Arabine F. Benson	3	Lucy Cox	63	Nancy Drake	54
Flora S. Benson	1	Judith Cox	42	Melvina N. Drake	16
Lysander Robinson	37	Lucy Cox	24	Dolly Drake	85
Jane W. Robinson	33	Peter R. Tileston	34	Martin L. Page	5
Katy Robinson	10	Phebe Tileston	37	Martin Drake, 30, f.	55
Charles A. Robinson	8	Flora J. R. Tileston	3	Celia Drake	55
Mary E. Robinson	4	Levi Gammon, 20, f.	52	Achsah M. Drake	21
Marinda Robinson	1	Eliza Gammon	39	Celia V. Drake	18
Axel Spaulding, f.	47	Eliza Ann Gammon	16	Esther M. Drake	11
Clarissa Spaulding	50	Hiram Gammon	14	E. C. Record, bt.	36
F. A. Spaulding, f.	24	Charles Gammon	12	Miriam Record	31
Amanda Spaulding	20	Mary J. Gammon	10	S. Roscoe Record	7
Dominicus Record	61	Levi Gammon	9	Mehitable E. Record	3
Prudence S. Record	52	Whitney Morton, sh.	30	Clark Record, bt.	23
Susan J. Record	19	Mary Morton	25	Silas Shaw, bt.	28
Nath'l Shaw, 30, f.	63	John DeCoster, f.	69	Amanda Shaw	24
Martha Shaw	64	Louisa Benson	44	Geo. W. Holmes, f.	40
N. T. Shaw, f.	27	Isabel Benson	6	Louisa Holmes	37
Amanda B. Shaw	24	Arabella Benson	6	George F. Holmes	15
Obadiah Berry, f.	60	2d Jas. C. Dow, min.	32	Nancy M. Holmes	13
Abigail Berry	58	Hannah G. Dow	25	James M. Holmes	11
Joanna M. Berry	31	Mariah Dow	5	Kinsman Holmes	8
John A. Berry	20	Sarah E. Dow	4	Elizabeth E. Holmes	5
Jonah Forbes, f.	37	James J. Dow	2	Charles K. Holmes	2
Sylphira Forbes	30	Hannah B. Dow 5 mos.		Wm. Robinson, 24,	51
Clinton H. Forbes	11	Varanes DeCoster	38	Sabrina Robinson	51
Betsy H. Forbes	9	Louisa DeCoster	34	Susan E. Robinson	28
Henry B. Forbes	5	Francisco DeCoster	11	Wm. F. Robinson	21
Slvie Forbes 7 mos.		Wm. B. DeCoster	9	Allen Pompilly, 20,	51
Lucy A. Hall	23	Georgianna DeCoster	5	Eleanor Pompilly	45
Edward Shaw, f.	32	Virgil P. DeCoster	2	Chas. B. Pompilly	21
Jerusha Shaw	29	Virginia DeCoster	2	James W. Pompilly	17
Joseph F. Shaw	9	Henry DeCoster, f.	51	F. B. Pompilly	16
Burton Shaw	7	Abigail E. DeCoster	52	Judah T. Pompilly	13
Emma Shaw	5	Edmund DeCoster	19	Wm. Chase	38
Milford Shaw	3	James H. DeCoster	12	Vesta Chase	37
Asa R. Shaw 3 mos.		Mary A. DeCoster	10	Persis Chase	13
Joshua Irish, b.	55	Bethiah E. DeCoster	9	Frances Chase	8
Joanna Irish	46	Joseph F. DeCoster	4	Peter Berry, f.	54
Samuel F. Irish	19	Wm. Eaton, ped.	47	Jane Berry	45
Varanes D. Irish	13	Esther Eaton	41	John F. Berry	13
William H. Irish	12	Abby Ann Eaton	13	Everson D. Berry	7
2d Chas. D. Irish, f.	27	Abigail Gammon	67	Jacob W. Berry	4
Zeruch Irish	24	Henry Cox, f.	44	Lucy Berry	49
George H. Irish	3	Rebecca Cox	43	Betsy Whitney	80
Ann E. Irish	1	Margaret Cox	19	Nathan Morrill, 40,	46
Jotham Shaw, f.	48	Charles H. Cox	13	Miriam Morrill	46
Sarepta Shaw	44	Arza Forbes, f.	68	Horace Morrill	18
Mary E. Shaw	20	Rebecca Forbes	61	Ellen Morrill	16
John A. Shaw	18	Silas Forbes, sh.	28	Isaac Morrill	11
Charlotte F. Shaw	16	Nathan Forbes, f.	23	Rasselas Cole, f.	40
Charles A. Shaw	10	Melvander Forbes	29	Jane Cole	34
Jotham W. Shaw	9	Richard Forbes, f.	30	Mary Cole	5



William Morrill, f.	39	Polly Cox, pau.	74	Lucius Loring	52
Matilda Morrill	24	Wm. Brock, pau.	81	Sally Loring	48
Clarissa Morrill	16	Sarah Brock, pau.	80	Jennette Loring	24
Carroll Morrill	13	Betsy Lapham, pau.	58	Carroll Loring, tr.	17
Mary Morrill	11	Rania Foster, pau.	70	Hiram Jones, sh.	49
William Morrill, Jr.	9	A. Hodgdon, pau.	62	Clarissa Jones	47
Walter B. Morrill	1	Isaac Foster, pau.	60	2d Ozen Spaulding	28
Daniel Chase, f.	65	Azel Forbes, pau.	67	Martha Spaulding	22
Diadamia Chase	55	Ezekiel Forbes, pau.	40	Jos. W. Willis, har.	33
Cyrus G. Chase	31	Olive Austin, pau.	40	Lydia Willis	28
Elisha Thompson	12	S. Bosworth, pau.	43	Ellen I. Willis	7
2d Zenas Shaw, bt.	30	Jesse Turner, f.	36	Lupira Willis	4
Jane Shaw	24	Elsie Turner	21	2d A. A. Manning	29
Wm. F. Spaulding, f.	28	Edna Turner	61	Eliza A. Manning	29
Miriam Spaulding	54	Arvilla Tobin	15	Nina E. Manning	5
Charles Reed	54	Rolan Foster, f.	45	John Morril, bl.	50
Cynthia Reed, 20, f.	47	Polly Foster	43	Esther E. Morrill	42
Amanda Reed	19	LaFayette Foster	17	Chas. W. Morrill	13
Edwin Reed	17	Virgil D. Foster	14	Hanson Brown, l.	40
Edgar Reed	17	Mary Ann Foster	12	Sarah Brown	28
Mark Reed	14	Rolan A. Foster	8	Henry Brown	10
Sophia J. Reed	13	Phebe Foster	83	George Brown	7
Chas. A. Reed	11	Hezediah Foster	59	Josiah Parris, 30,	89
Mary Reed	74	Henry Hodgdon, sh.	42	Sarah Parris	65
Dexter Record, sh.	29	Joel Foster, sh.	53	Val. Ripley, bl.	41
Delphina Record	18	Mercy Foster	55	Lavina Ripley	38
Jonathan Record	100	Abijah Foster	19	Eliphaz Ripley	16
Abigail Record	84	Hezediah Foster	15	Persis Ripley	15
Phebe Record	64	Clark W. Foster	13	Clinton Ripley	13
Margery Leavitt	41	John Brown, Jr.	42	Hannah Ripley	11
Jonathan G. Leavitt	16	Ursula Brown	34	Lavina Ripley	7
Nehemiah Leavitt	14	Alonzo Brown	12	Ella Ripley	5
William B. Leavitt	12	Fernando Brown	9	Addison Ripley	3
Phebe A. Leavitt	10	Henry Brown	7	Adrian Ripley	1
Edmund M. Warren	17	Henrietta Brown	7	Geo. Thomes, clo.	56
William D. Warren	16	Rhoda Brown	5	Rebecca Thomes	53
Dorcas J. Record	25	James Brown	2	Moses Thomes, bt.	27
Thos. F. Record, sh.	22	Polly Brown	1	Sophronia Thomes	25
2d Briggs Record	45	Morris Brown, l.	40	Jennette Thomes	17
Phebe S. Record	40	Fanny Brown	37	Jas. Murdock, ta.	34
Asubah Berry	22	Elvira Brown	13	Jennette Murdock	27
Wm. Record, sh.	25	Lucy E. Brown	5	Amanda F. Murdock	7
Mary J. Record	28	Alonzo Crockett, l.	24	James H. Murdock	3
Jonas S. Record	8	Betsy Crockett	18	Geo. W. Murdock	1
R. E. Jennings, den.	39	Alonzo Crockett 3 mos.		Loyd Buck, sh.	24
Diana Jennings	39	Rodney Chaffin, 30,	41	Orville Buck, sh.	22
Helen F. Jennings	12	Mary Chaffin	40	Thos. Bridgham, tr.	46
Clara L. Jennings	7	Mary A. Chaffin	17	T. Jeff. Bridgham	17
Mary L. Jennings	4	Sarah J. Chaffin	13	Ambrose Buck, s. k.	28
Jona. Dammon, Jr.	56	Julia J. Chaffin	12	Mary G. Buck	29
Bethiah B. Dammon	58	Emily T. Chaffin	6	Mary F. Buck	7
Hannah Dammon	21	Agnes W. Chaffin	4	Amanda J. Buck	5
Cinderilla Dammon	11	Jas. Jewett, 25, f.	60	Standish Buck	2
Elijah Turner, 30, Town Farm	29	Vesta Jewett	53	Caroline Buck 5 mos.	
Lucy Ann Turner	21	Ralph C. Jewett, tr.	23	Henry Walker, ost.	20
Eben. Irish, pau.	87	James F. Jewett	12	Eph. Atwood, 45, tr.	41
Anna Irish, pau.	76	Betsy Bonney	20	Asa Atwood, cl	16
Polly Webb, pau.	90	John Loring, tr.	80	Emily Atwood	13
		Jennette Loring	76	Wm. Wallace Atwood	8

N. O. Douglass	35	S. C. Andrews	25	Eveline Cushman	10
Jane Douglass	35	Lewis Chase, eggs	20	Rosetta Cushman	6
Cephas H. Douglass	10	Nelson Daggett, sh.	38	Wm. L. Cole, eng.	30
Greenleaf Bray	34	Clarissa Churchill	26	Cordelia Cole	28
Eliza Bray	33	Eliza Ann Irish	26	Maria C. Cole	7
Harriet E. Bray	12	Lupira Cole	56	Bertrand Cole	5
J. H. Davis, mil.	32	Aurelius Cole, cab.	23	Alice I. Cole	3
Achsa Davis	26	Rotheus M. Cole	19	Florian Cole	9 mos.
2d Ezra Bisbee, mil.	29	Melissa S. Cole	16	Margaret Allen	16
Margaret J. Bisbee	23	Mary L. Cole	12	Meck Farrar, f. 70,	43
Lewis O'Brion, ta.	21	Mariah L. Marble	25	Arminta Farrar	40
Barnum Coburn	17	Sarah E. Marble	5	Lucius L. Farrar	19
Jos. Blake, k. m.	18	Franklin N. Marble	3	America A. Farrar	17
3d Allen Tuttle, cab.	24	A. G. Cole, 50, cl.	38	Arminta M. Farrar	13
Almeda Tuttle	23	Eliza B. Cole	36	Larkin W. Farrar	2
Artemas F. Cole, tr.	50	Julia A. Cole	9	Adoniram Mason, l.	18
Hepsibath Cole	44	William A. Cole	7	Morris Brown, l.	25
Josephine Cole	14	Sarah A. Cole	5	John O. Bean	21
Wm. H. Atwood, tr.	23	Cyrus W. Cole	2	Abigail C. Bean	55
Helen M. Atwood	23	F. A. Warren, h. m.	31	2d Simon P. Bean	17
Ruth H. Atwood	52	Sylvira Warren	34	William Andrews	30
Chas. B. Atwood, tr.	25	Walter F. Warren	5	Martha D. Andrews	24
Emily D. Atwood	23	Alphonso F. Warren	3	John O. Andrews	3
Chas. Atwood	8 mos.	Enoch P. Bartlett	24	Infant	10 mos.
Sidney Spaulding, f.	43	Isaac Morton	19	George Bennett	42
Eliza Spaulding	38	Zadoc Long, 25, f.	49	Emma L. Bennett	5
Benj. Spaulding	14	Julia Temple Long	43	George O. Bennett	3
Cyrus C. Spaulding	12	Persis S. Long	22	Sylvia F. Cole	36
William Spaulding	9	Zadoc Long, Jr. cl.	16	Lebbeus T. Allen, p.	30
Flora A. Spaulding	4	John D. Long	11	Paulina E. Allen	26
2d Chas. Hall, k. m	24	2d A. Stevens, car.	27	Mary E. Allen	5
Rosetta Hall	21	Mary Stevens	25	Chas. A. Allen, p.	21
Adoniram Chaffin	30	Jonathan Stevens	19	Robert Vose, car.	24
Lydia Jane Chaffin	27	L. Atwood, 24, tr.	37	Relief Vose	24
Nancy Chaffin	7	Lucy Atwood	37	Henry F. Vose	3
Abby A. Chaffin	4	Josephine Atwood	13	Seth B. Horton, 20, sea	39
John Chaffin	74	Eunice Ann Atwood	11	capt.	39
Nancy Chaffin	70	Isaac H. McDonald	26	Jane Horton	30
Samuel Thomes, tr.	30	Clarinda McDonald	25	Ariel W. Horton	5
Brittannia Thomes	26	Clarence McDonald	2	Harriet Horton	3
Gardner Thomes	2	Elsada McDonald	1	Infant	3 mos.
Benj. Spaulding, 25,	81	Sarah H. Morton	52	Amos Tucker, car.	52
Dastine Spaulding	31	Susannah Morton	16	Lucretia Tucker	46
Clarinda Spaulding	28	James McDonald	18	Orville P. Tucker	14
John Taylor, 40,	43	C. C. Harlow, b. m.,	38	Carmelia A. Tucker	13
Olive H. Taylor	36	Miriam Harlow	37	2d S. J. Murdock	23
Henry L. Taylor	15	C. C. Harlow, Jr.	17	Phebe J. Murdock	20
Howard Taylor	11	Miriam M. Harlow	15	3d Ira Ames, leather	26
Mary F. Taylor	5	Americas D. Harlow	13	Lucretia Ann Ames	24
Jas. Morrill, f.	81	Freeland F. Harlow	11	Amory Allen, tr.	38
Anna Morrill	72	Noah P. Harlow	1	Zilpha Allen	31
Michael H. Hall, tr.	25	Aaron Parsons	62	William W. Allen	9
Albion Child, tr.	23	Eunice Parsons	56	Joanna B. Allen	5
John Stanworth	30	Maria Parsons	21	Walter F. Allen	1
Geo. Fickett, f.	30	Frances E. Parsons	11	John Hogan, l.	30
Albert A. Spaulding	35	Caleb Cushman, Jr.	40	Naomi Hogan	27
Josiah Battles, s. d.	27	Eveline Cushman	38	Margaret Hogan	5
Luton Farrar, s. d	25	Lucy Ann Cushman	13	Mary Ann Hogan	3
Carlton Gardner	23	Charles Cushman	10	Joanna Hogan	4 mos.

Wm. Bridgham, 90,	69	Susan Hayford	20	2d Hiram Tuttle	24
Hannah Bridgham	70	Rosina Hayford	12	Cornelia Tuttle	19
Aurelia Bridgham	36	Cordelia Cushman	30	Mary B. Tuttle	6 mos.
Mary Ann Bridgham	24	Levi Cushman	2	C. D. Mayhew	23
2d O. Bridgham	39	Milton Farrar, cab.	21	2d Sophira Mayhew	20
Mary H. Bridgham	21	Danville Bisbee	30	Howard Waldron	23
George H. Bridgham	1	Martha Ann Bisbee	22	Caroline Waldron	21
Caroline Crooker	43	Van Buren Ellis	19	Hannah Tuttle	55
Emily S. Crooker	17	David W. Swett, 40,	52	Jos. C. Tuttle, cab.	33
Albion P. Bonney, f.	24	Almira Swett	49	Wm. Tuttle, sh.	17
Mary Ann Bonney	23	Florinda H. Swett	17	Helen M. Tuttle	10
Infant	3 mos.	2d Wm. Allen, bl.	27	Clinton Gilbert	7
2d Jas. Bonney, 35,	50	Almira Allen	20	2d Lincoln Allen	19
Bethania Bonney	48	Frederick Foster	37	Lyman Stratton	25
Andrew J. Bonney	16	Loretta Foster	30	Amanda Stratton	22
Sally Bonney	75	Frederick F. Foster	6	Infant	8 mos.
Sarah E. Bonney	14	Floretta Foster	2	Wm. Creasy, car.	29
John Doe, l.	25	Josiah W. Whitten	28	Mary Creasy	24
Mary Doe	25	Lydia Whitten	25	Emily M. Creasy	5
John Doe, Jr.	3	S. Bridgham	42	John Creasy, Jr.	21
Mary Doe	2	Lucretia Bridgham	40	C. H. Coolidge	50
Infant	3 mos.	Sarah L. Bridgham	16	Mary Coolidge	39
W. P. Bridgham	33	Thos. S. Bridgham	12	Sabine Coolidge, cl.	19
Delphina Bridgham	23	Chas. B. Bridgham	9	Chas. D. Bradbury	21
Ella H. Bridgham	3	Wm. H. Bridgham	3	Wm. Daggett, sh.	30
Infant	6 mos.	Clara A. Bridgham	20	Julius M. Gardner	—
2d Judith Hayford	51				

NOTE: There were 275 dwelling houses and 321 families; "2d," preceding names indicates the second family in same house; letters, occupation, etc., as f. for farmer; g. for gunsmith; ta., tailor; tr., trader; bl., blacksmith; min., minister; pa., pauper; cab., cabinet maker; pow., powder maker; sh., shoemaker; bt., boot maker; c. d., cattle dealer; st., student; car., carpenter; m., mason; mil., miller; p., painter; k. m., keg maker; b. m., brick maker; h. d., hardware dealer, etc. The figures following names indicate the number of hundred dollars the person estimated the value of his real estate at, none given here less than \$2,000.

## COUNTY ROADS.

## PETITION FOR FIRST COUNTY ROAD.

TO THE Honorable Court of General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Cumberland, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

The Petition of a number of the Inhabitants of two towns, one called Bucktown, or No. 5, the other called Butterfield, or No. 6, in the County of Cumberland.

Your Petitioners humbly sheweth, That the Committee appointed by the Hon. Gen. Court for selling unappropriated lands in the County of Cumberland, have sold the above said two towns and there being between seventy and eighty families settled in said townships; That they labor under great inconveniences for want of an open and established Road from Bucktown, as far as the Great Bridge on the Little Amaris-coggin River in Bakerstown. The Road that is used now is frequently filled up by persons who wish it to be differently laid out. Some say it to be in one place and some in another.

Your Petitioners therefore Humbly Pray, that your Honors would be pleased to send a Committee (or appoint some other way) so there may be an open and established Road from Bucktown to the Great Bridge abovesaid, that they may pass and Repass, without so many fences, and other incumbrances, and as in duty bound, will ever Pray.

May 16, 1786.

Abijah Buck	Joseph Robinson
Jonathan Tyler	Increase Robinson
Nathaniel Buck	Elisha Bisbee
Benjamin Spaulding	Noah Bosworth
Jonathan Record	John Bonney
Isaac Foster	Wm. Tucker
Jonas Coburn	Meshack Keen
William Irish	James Keen
John Brown	John Keen
John Buck	Oliver Cummings
David Record	Moses Buck
Thomas Coburn	Simeon Barrett
Edmund Chandler	John Briggs
Caleb Young	Hezekiah Stetson
Joseph Roberts	Isaac Bonney
Amos Brown	Asa Robinson
Bani Teague	Benjamin Heald
David Warren	Charles Bisbee
Joseph Chase	Charles Foard
Nathaniel Chase	Moses Harris
Enoch Hall	John Crockett
Jonathan Philbrick	Daniel Oldham
James Thurlo	
Jonah Fobes	
Dominicus Record	
John Warren	

The names of the Buckfield settlers who signed this petition are in the first column.

What action was taken on this particular petition we do not know but it is said that the first county road laid out through the township was built and extended to New Penacook now Rumford in or before 1788.

The proprietors' records show that a county road had been laid out before April 1, 1789. It entered the plantation in the southeast section from Hebron and passed through what was later called the Lowell Corner and over North Hill to the Mills, and from there into Sumner past the Col. James Bonney place. In 1805 after the county of Oxford was organized, William Lowell and others petitioned for the location of a highway from his "store in Buckfield (at the Lowell Corner) over the bridge on the Twenty Mile River passing by the place of Rev. Nathaniel Chase to Federal Corner and through Hartford, on the east side of the Whitney Pond to Jay Point" now Canton Point.

The prayer of the petitioners was granted and the road was located and built. The "Great County Road" was laid out in 1819. It extended from the New Hampshire line, between Fryeburg and Conway to Augusta. In Buckfield the following owners of land, localities and places are mentioned in the report of the committee which laid out the road: Josiah Bailey, Ephraim Harlow, Capt. Nathaniel Harlow, Noah Hall, Waterman's Bridge, Job Prince, Mayhews', Buck's Bridge, Squire Buck's, The Liberty Pole, Spaulding's, Village Bridge, Corner Foster's House, (tavern), Dominicus Record's Heirs, Josiah Parris, John Loring, Benjamin Milliken, Henry Farwell, Hall's Bridge, Guide Board, Turner Lower Road, past Drake's to schoolhouse and county road, past Decoster's to Lincoln's, Nathan Hall, Herman Wood to Hartford line. From Hall's Bridge, the road was afterward changed to pass by Enoch Hall's and through Turner by a different location. In 1833, T. Waterman and others sought to have the road changed to avoid the Hall Hill, and also to have an alteration made in Turner. They set forth in their petition, that

"In the first place Hall's Hill is well known to all, who have ever passed it, as a long, tiresome, and tedious hill, and not unfrequently somewhat hazardous, owing to its roughness and the impracticability of keeping it in repair. \* \* \* \* \*

Now as a remedy for this mischief, we would request, that an alteration be made, commencing at or near the easterly end of Hall's Bridge, and from thence running in a direct line, so as to come out, at some place on the present road between the dwelling house of Jonas Spaulding and the base of said hill."

The hearing was had July 1st at Capt. Daniel Chase's and Enoch Hall attended as agent of the town to oppose the alteration. Apparently he was much more interested personally than as a town official.

The alteration asked for was not granted, but the change desired in Turner near Isaac Chase's was made. In 1837 (Enoch Hall being dead) Isaac Chase and others petitioned to have the change made "in order to avoid loaded teams having to pass over Hall's Hill." The hearing was at "Bridgham's Tavern" on the 10th of October. The prayer of the



petitioners was granted and the change made. Col. Aaron Parsons, Samuel B. Perry, Ximenes Philbrick, Hiram Hall and Simon Record were awarded damages.

In 1848, on petition of James Hersey, 3d, and 342 others, a county road was laid from "near Thomas S. Bridgham's Tavern House," over substantially what is now the road bed of the Rumford Falls Railroad, to "the road leading by the house of Charles Bearce" in Hebron. The Buckfield Branch Railroad having shortly after been located and built, this road was discontinued.

As showing the land owners in Buckfield, over which the road was located, we give the name of those who were awarded land damages:

Rodney Chaffin	Town of Buckfield
Caleb Cushman	Charles Reed
Levi Turner	Lebbeus Robbins
Moses Packard	Hiram Fogg
Joshua Whitman	

At some period, we think, the road leading from the village through the Foster and Lothrop neighborhoods on the westerly side of South Pond in Buckfield, and the DeCoster neighborhood ("Sodom") in Hebron, to West Minot village, must have been laid out as a county road. It has been quite a thoroughfare from very early times.

In 1849 on petition of Daniel Parsons and others, a way was located "from Sumner down the Valley of the East Branch to a point near N. O. Douglass' store in Buckfield Village." James Bonney, Nathaniel Shaw, Heirs of William Cole and Dominicus Record were awarded damages. On petition of E. G. Harlow and others in 1850, an alteration in the county road from Buckfield village to North Turner, was made. The following Buckfield parties were awarded damages:

America Farrar	Addison G. Cole
Martin Drake	Abial Drake
William Irish	Stephen O. Record
John DeCoster	Cyrus Irish
Varanes DeCoster	

In 1851 on petition of Charles B. Atwood and others, a way was located from "near G. B. Horton's house on the road leading to Hall's Bridge and running nearly south to the county road leading to West Minot." It was located over lands of S. G. Horton and James Jewett.

The same year an alteration was made in the county road "leading from Sumner Corner to Buckfield village around and easterly of Castaway Hill, so called in Buckfield." Sydenham Bridgham, D. W. Swett and Frederick Foster were awarded land damages.

On petition of Amos Winslow and others in 1851, a new county road from Buckfield village to South Paris was located. That part from the road leading by Amos Winslow's to the road passing by the dwelling houses of the Chases, was discontinued. But James N. Waldron and 104 others in 1857 petitioned to have a location made from the Taylor Corner in Buckfield to the Paris Hill road running past the

Sturtevant place in Paris, which was granted. In 1875 on petition of Asa Atwood and others, the South Paris road was graded, near the Austin Royal place, the Leonard schoolhouse, the Maxim Hill and other localities. On petition of the selectmen, in 1892, a change was made in the way leading from "Shaw's Bridge in Buckfield past East Branch Farm to Hartford." George D. Bisbee was awarded damages. At different periods, several small changes have been made, in those ways, which pass through a very small portion of the town.

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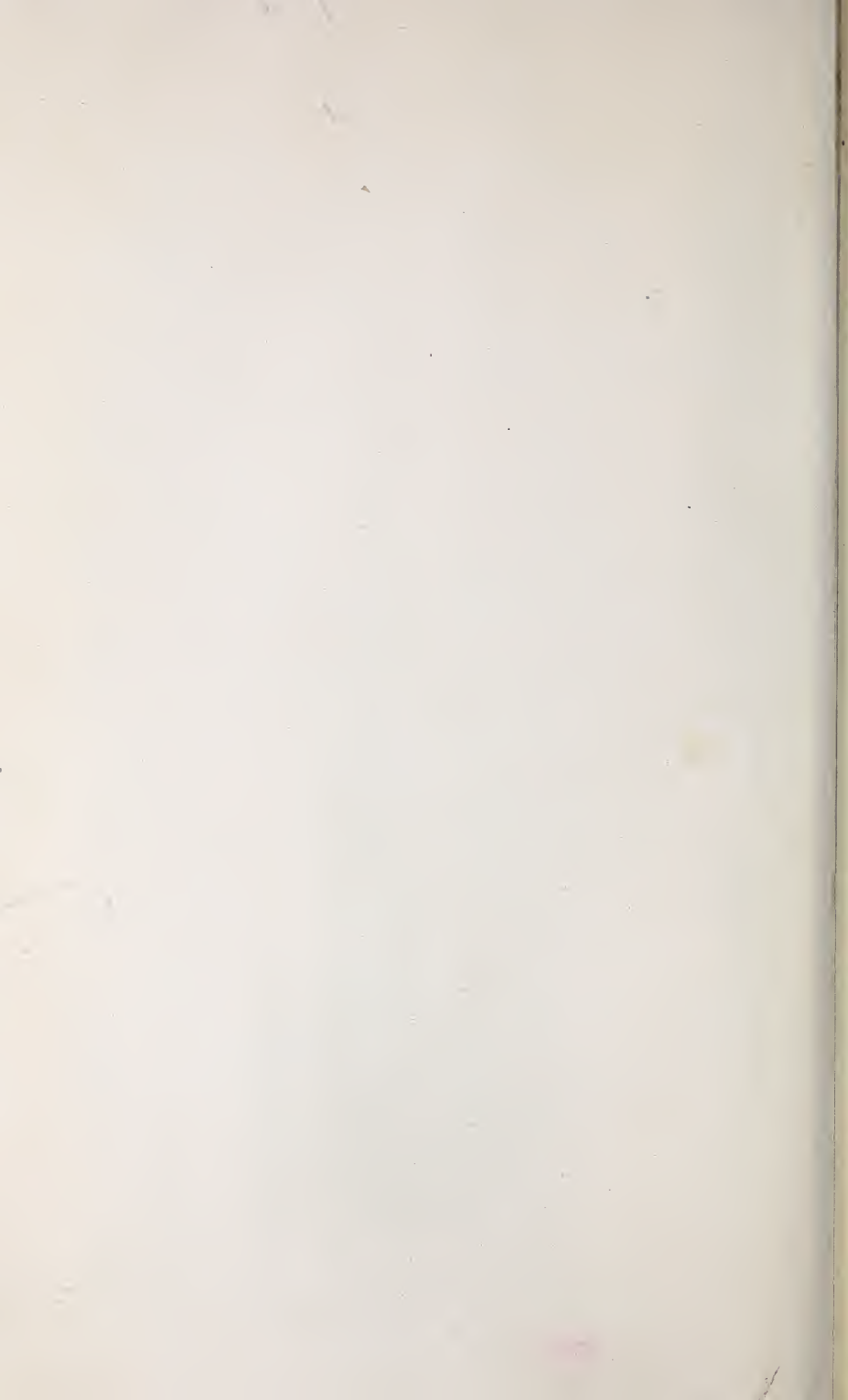


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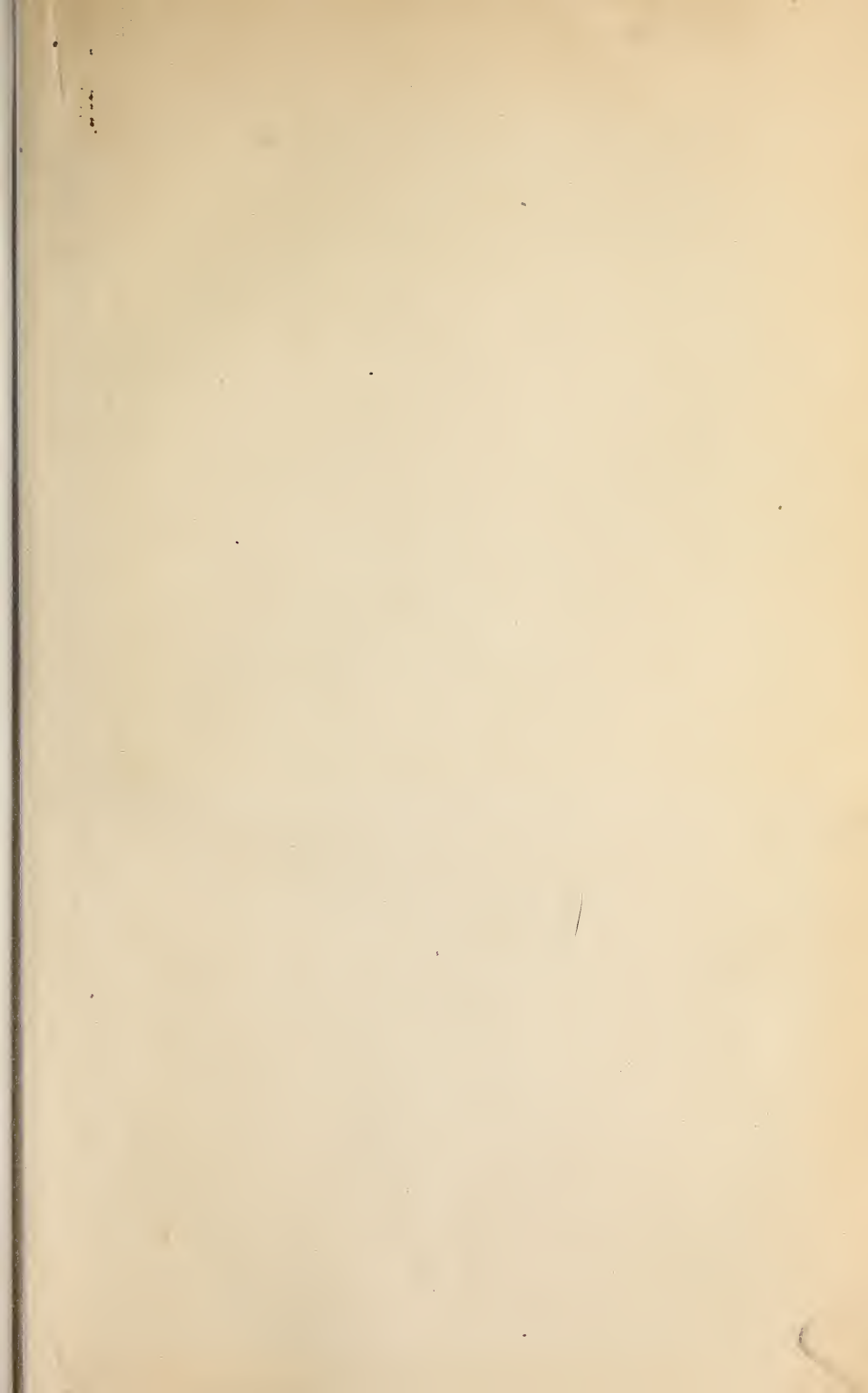
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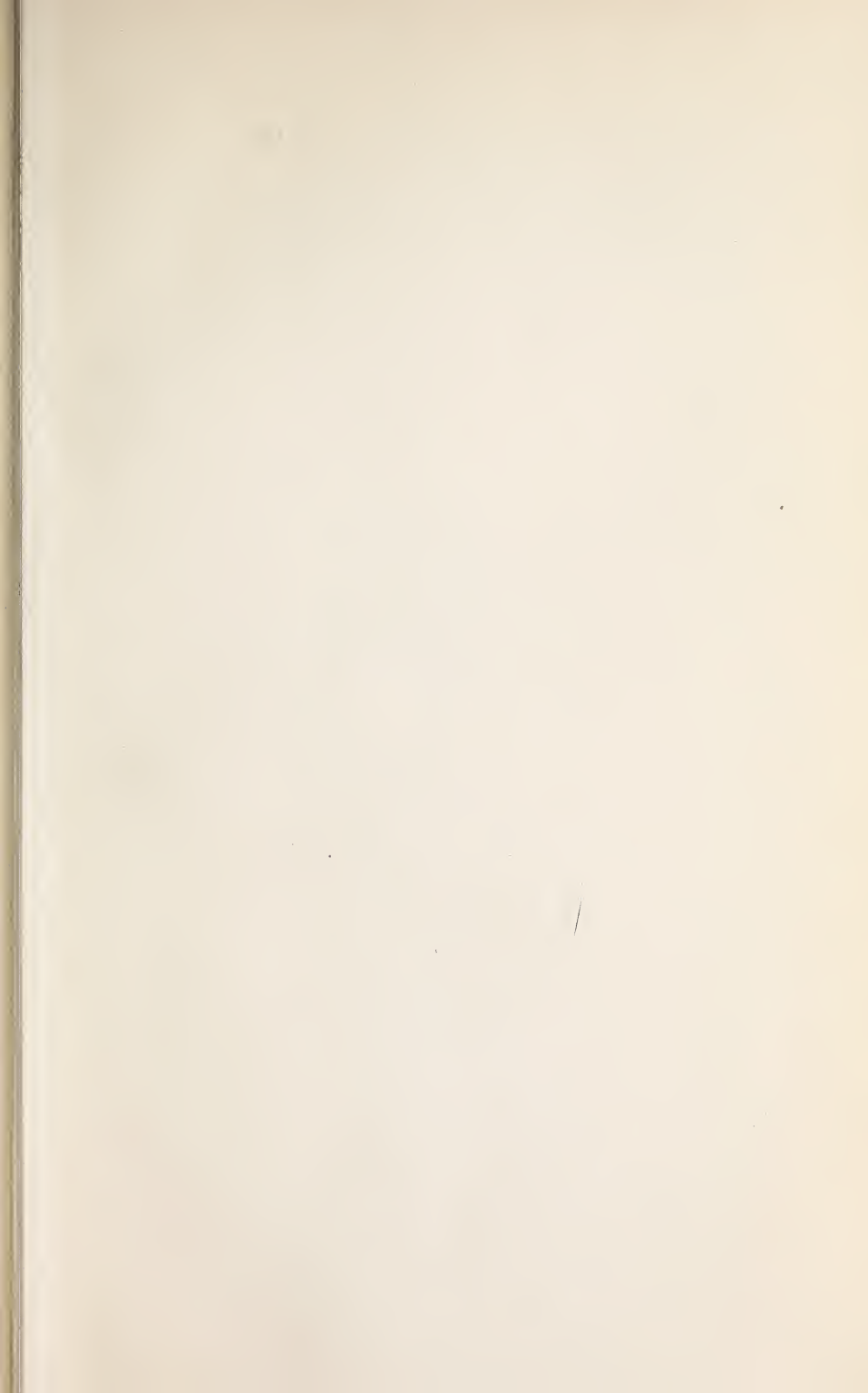


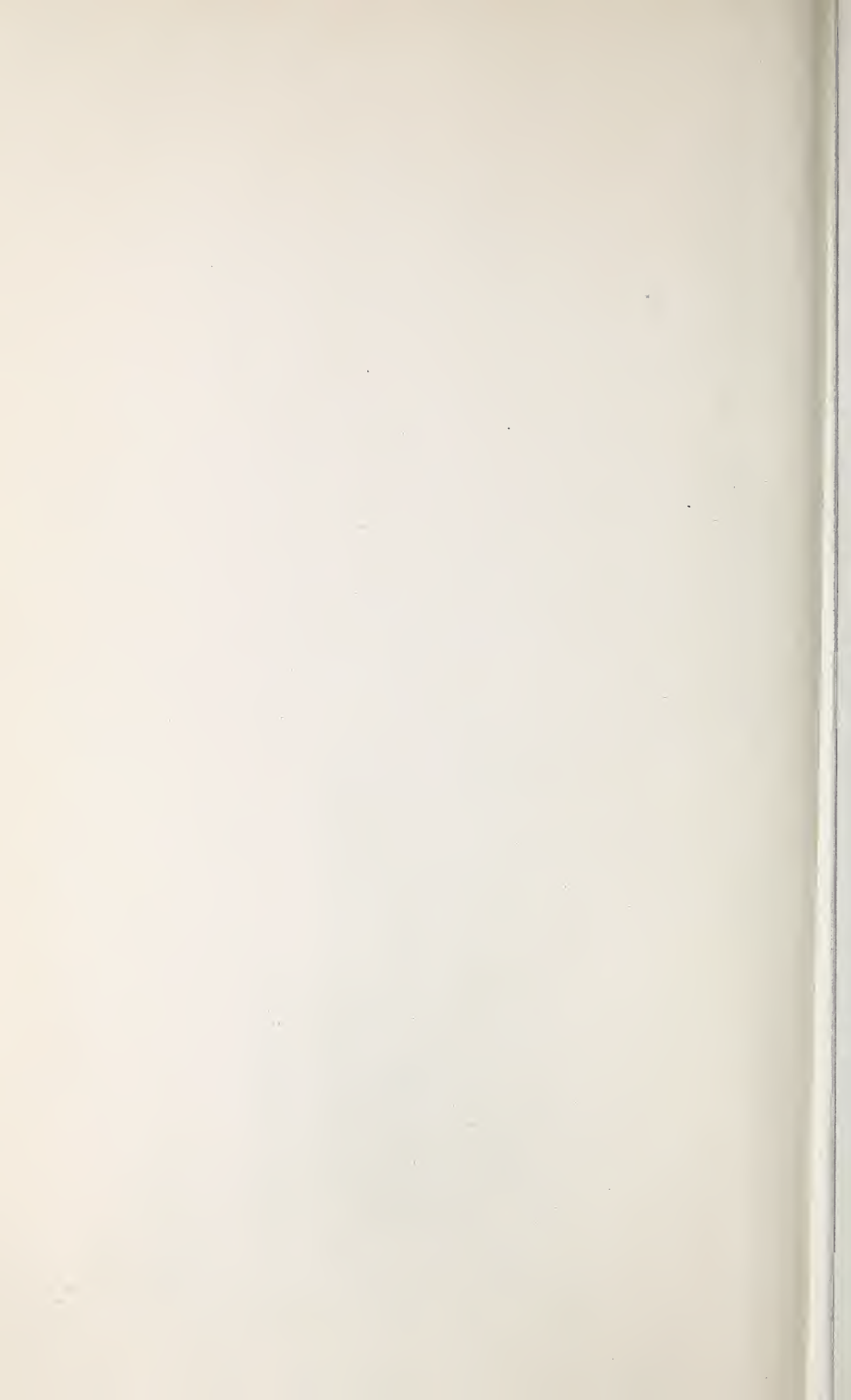


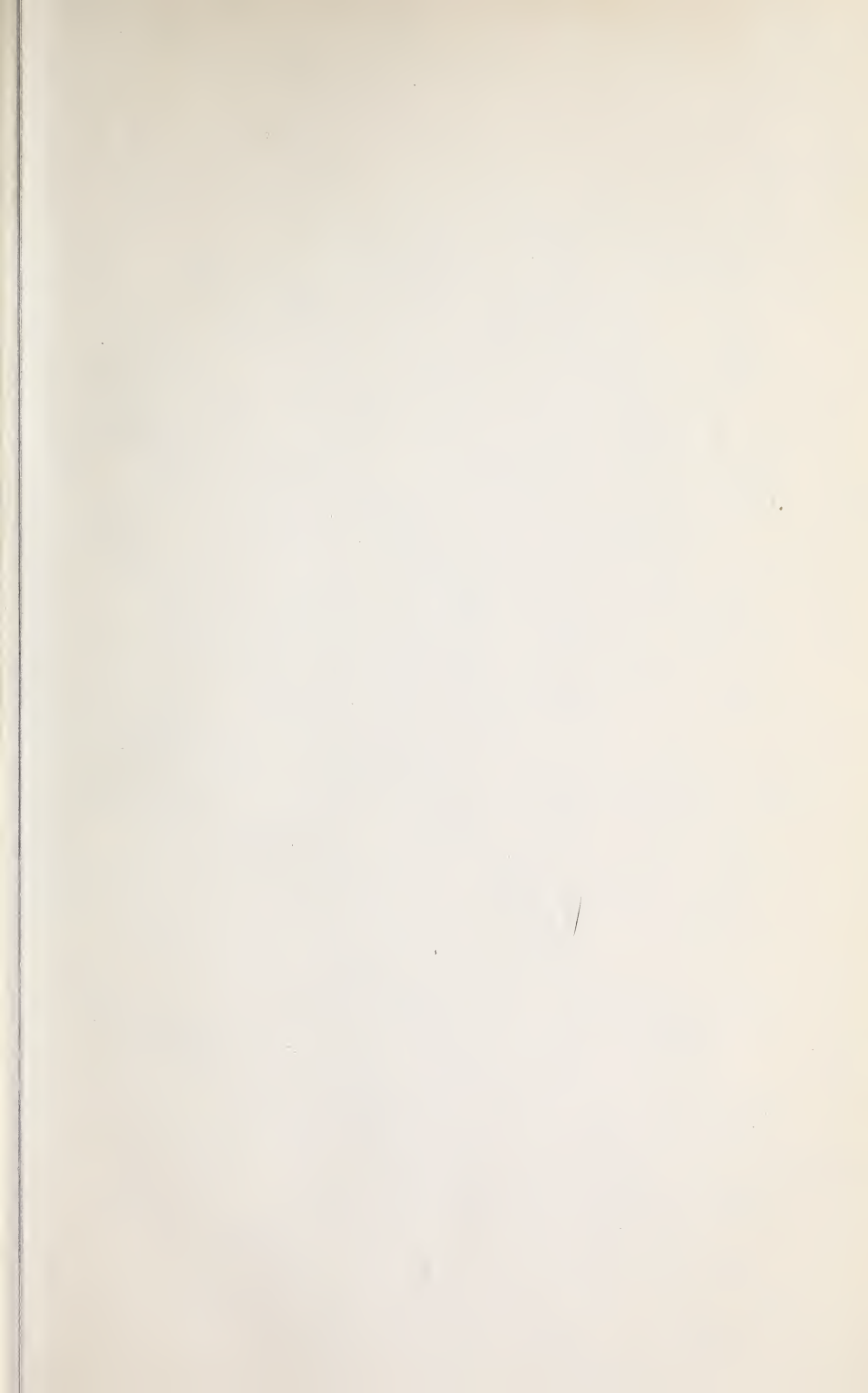
















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this little village pursuing the same round of study, daily attending in the chapel, the morning and evening devotions, and then going out into the great world elsewhere to return. My mind at last returned the familiar faces, which I have so lately seen in these seats and I wonder how many will be found on earth when another fifty years have rolled their rounds and fifty classes more have left these seats. It brings a feeling of sadness over one's mind to think of it, but it is but an episode of life's great story from the days of Adam. Generations after generation have had their birth, have passed the great ordeal of joy and sorrow, and have passed away to give place to the next, and soon we too shall be numbered with them; a generation that was, but is no more.

R. H. W.  
Meriden, N. H., March 1st, 1867.

Randolph Town Meeting.

The ordinary March meeting, on Monday 24th inst., came on a very disagreeable, rainy day, notwithstanding which the hall was very well filled; most of the important articles in the warrant remaining for consideration. The moderator took the chair at 9 1/2 o'clock and proceeded to business. Article 1th was taken up, and on motion of Mr. Benjamin Thayer was passed over.

Article 5th was then considered, and on motion of Mr. Benj. Thayer, \$5,000 was appropriated for the repair of highways and bridges, to be expended at the discretion of the selectmen.

Under Article 6th J. White Belcher, esq., chairman of the selectmen made a statement showing that \$16,000 would be needed to defray the general town expenses, and that amount was accordingly appropriated.

Under Article 7th the committee appointed at the last meeting submitted a report, recommending that a school house be built in district No. 8, estimating the expense at \$15,000 and upwards. A motion by Mr. M. P. Pike to accept the report of the committee, with an amendment by Mr. W. E. Jewell, that the recommendation of the committee to build a house be adopted, was carried.

The whole subject was debated by Messrs. Benj. Thayer, Charles Baker, G. Howard, Jr., Henry Newcomb, M. C. Bond, W. B. Thayer, W. E. Jewell and others.

Voted, That a committee of ten be appointed by the chair to nominate a building committee, not to exceed five in number.

The committee on nominations was appointed as follows:

- 1. A. A. Belcher, 6. Charles McCarty,
  - 2. B. K. Flanders, 7. Walter French, Jr.,
  - 3. Ephraim Stone, 8. William L. Berry,
  - 4. Gideon Howard, Jr. 9. Henry Newcomb,
  - 5. Amos Clark, 10. John A. French.
- The committee subsequently reported the names of the selectmen with those of Royal W. Turner and William J. Howe. The report was rejected, and the names of the School Committee with that of Mr. Ebenezer Motion substituted and adopted.

Voted to pass over Article 1th.

Under Article 8th, Mr. Royal Abbott moved that the town instruct the engineers to prepare a proper building for the engine known as Independence No. 3, to be located between the junction of Warren with West and Lafayette streets, to be ready for occupation by July 1st 1867, the cost for land and building not to exceed \$1,000.

Mr. P. Webster Thayer, moved to amend the motion by adding that the town also build a house for Fire Engine No. 3, the cost of land and building not to exceed \$1,000.

The amendment and the original motion were both adopted.

opinion, who have been counted on the quota furnished by the town of Randolph who have never received that amount of town bounty and that the same be submitted by the selectmen, as stated by Capt. Hiram Shaw, to the Attorney General for his decision. If the shall decide the same to be illegal, then the selectmen shall petition the present Legislature to legalize the same, and state in said petition the action of the town thereon.

Article 12th. The jury list was adopted. The names of J. Frank Clark, B. Deckerman, Jr., L. N. French, Wm. Gray, and Apollon Wales, being dropped by request.

Article 13th was indefinitely postponed.

Article 14th was adopted.

Article 15th. The plan of next year was adopted.

Articles 16th 17th 18th were adopted.

Article 19th was then taken up. Voted, That the selectmen be directed to take the necessary steps towards securing from the Old Cape and Newport Railway Co. a flagmen to be stationed at the crossing on Warren street.

Voted, That the School in to close by the 1st of March and that the annual town meeting take place the Monday in April, 1868.

Voted, That the School Committee be instructed neither to let the school houses nor allow them to be used anything but school purposes. This motion was opposed by Messrs. H. Newcomb and Joseph Jones, and sustained by Benj. Thayer, Seth King, and others. A motion to indefinitely postpone the motion was rejected.

Voted, That the selectmen be directed to notify the inhabitants of Randolph annually by posting notice and publishing in the East Boston Register at least four weeks before the close of the financial year, requesting all persons holding bills against the town to present the same to the selectmen, payment on or before that date.

Moved by Mr. Gideon Howard, That the salaries of the school teachers be reduced twenty per cent. An amendment by Mr. H. C. Allen, "If by judgment of the committee it will justify the full parties," was adopted. The motion as amended was adopted.

Ebenezer Bond esq., asked to be excused from serving as Surveyor of Highways and the town granted his request.

After considerable spirited bidding, taxes were struck off to Mr. Ebenezer Bond, at three and one fifth mills of a dollar. Mr. Bond was then unfamously chosen collector.

Voted, That the selectmen proceed to be placed in Stetson Hall, that the expense be paid out of the credit appropriation.

Voted, on motion of Seth T. esq., That our representative in General Court, J. Winsor Pratt, be and he is directed to use every endeavor to prevent the passage of any act granting the city of Boston to the city of Boston as petitioned for by the many parties of the cities of Boston and Roxbury.

Voted, on motion of Mr. T. That the Town Auditor be instructed to examine the accounts of the Seamen as well as the Treasurer the following year.

Voted, To raise \$2000 to pay Randolph men.

The meeting was then dissolved.

Correspondence.

Braintree March 23, 1867.  
Mr. Norton.—The spell is broken thanks to the young people for the

The second evening, being present, I can write more understandingly. A large number were in attendance. The entertainment commenced with music by the orchestra. Mr. Conner conducted, which maintained at intervals during the evening, to the enjoyment of all present. Next came the "Crowning of the May Queen," performed by several young Misses attired in fairy costumes, reciting songs and tableaux. The song by the quires was good, and given with unusual self-possession by one so young. Miss Mary A. Holbrook gave a thrilling recitation, entitled "The Minnie," in a very creditable manner. Miss Apple and Mr. Perkins each delivered beautiful addresses with a beautiful touch, and were loudly cheered. "The Seafarer's Triangle" was somewhat novel in its character, classical in its groupings, in its language, and in its sentiment. The subject of the dialogue of the piece was sustained by Miss Niles and Mr. Curtis, who gave evidence of dramatic ability to a rare degree, for amateurs. The tableaux, interspersed, were given by Mrs. Thayer and the Misses Howard and Fogg, in graceful and artistic style. The "Showerman in love," a comic tableau by Miss Cushing and Mr. Bond, brought forth much merriment from the young men in town (see). The "Cupid Loves," a laughable farce, was given as "natural as life" by Mrs. Thayer, and Mr. Cushing. It contained many heart thrusts during the passionate colloquy, many of the unsmiling, seemed to exaggerate themselves, and were not so, but as it approached its denouement it was so sweet, that the dissolution of single life became doubly desirable, in contrast with the cheerful warmth of domestic love. The "Dissolution of the 'Eternity,'" was beautiful in its scenic effect; the names of those who took part I am unable to give. A committee to speak of an excellent poem (see my report) by Mrs. M. D. Holbrook, recited by Miss George Donaghy, both the composition and recitation are highly spoken of. Hon. F. A. Hilditch, in behalf of the "Mount Pleasant Committee," was heard with chosen remarks, thanking the performers and the patrons for their effort to increase the "Frank Shaw" trust, a successful effort to please and benefit.

E. A. A.

East Braintree, March 23, 1867.

Mr. Norton.—The second lecture of the Course was delivered at Lincoln Hall, March 21, by Rev. Mr. Leonard of Chelsea. The subject: "Sons among the Alps."

It was, of course, entirely descriptive, offering little opportunity for denunciation or oratorical effect; and none was attempted. The lecturer was excellent on ardent lover and a thorough student of nature, who had travelled much, and so furnished himself with the material of his regions of both the new and the old worlds, that he could institute comparisons and discuss their relative beauties as easily and as appreciatively as one of our expression could tell the difference between the red and the white Hill in Dorchester and that over Plover's Hill in Quincy.

He dealt not so much in facts and figures, altitudes and distances, though these and were mentioned incidentally, as in word pictures, the coloring being so happy in our minds the scenes being in full grandeur of which he seemed to be an eyewitness. In this way was a measure successful, as all who listened with unobtrusive interest, and they have more vivid and tangible ideas of Alpine heights, glaciers, rocks, and adventures than any amount of reading could have given them. At best, however, a description of natural scenery is but an approximation, valuable only so far as it suggests an idea.

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