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Except some very fragmentary outlines of the Rev. John Cotton's line, very little has been published concerning the families of this name. For many years Mr. Nathaniel Cotton of Cambridge, Mass. [35-i], patiently collected records and traced many lines. An honest and intelligent seeker after truth, he did more than any other toward a good genealogy of the American Cottons. None of his work was put in print, but the compiler of this article has had the benefit of his faithful labors, and desires the coperation of all interested in any family of this name, in the effort to complete the work so well begun by him.

The prominence of the Rev. John Cotton and his immediate descendants in early New England history has led many to claim descent from him, who belong to other families, not connected in any way with his, so far as known. In many families, indeed, this belief has existed for so many generations that it is very hard for some to accept the truth. In reality there are many independent families of the name in this country. Undoubtedly the most numerous to-day is the one whose early records are presented in this article; its nearest competitor being that of the Rev. John

Cotton.

1. WILLIAM¹ COTTON of Strawberry Bank (now Portsmouth, N. II.), on the "last day of March in ye year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred & fifty," bought of Anthony Brackett his dwelling house and farm, "situate at Strawberry Bank, next unto ye house of Walter Abbott along by ye water side." This is the earliest record found of the ancestor of more than half the New England Cottons. Of his origin we know nothing. The deliberate destruction, by the early town officers, of the first book of town records, in 1652, may have deprived us of information upon this point.

Among the associates of Gorges and Mason in the Laconia Company, under whose auspices were made the first permanent settlements at Strawberry Bank and vicinity, were John and William Cotton, merchants, of London, sons of Sir Allan Cotton, Lord Mayor of London in 1625-6, and their brother-in-law and nephew, Thomas and Eliezer Eyre. Though neither of them came to New England, and their interest in the Company was sold to Mason in 1634 (at which time William Cotton was deceased), it seems surely a plausible supposition that William Cotton of Strawberry

Bank may have been of the same family.

Another theory connects him with the family of Sampson Cotton of London, whose daughter Elizabeth was the wife of Edmund Sheafe, ancestor of the Portsmouth Sheafes. (See Waters's Gleanings, Vol. 1, p. 345.) No proof of either connection, however, has yet been discovered,

William¹ Cotton married Elizabeth, daughter of William and Honor William Ham came probably from Devonshire, in a fishing venture to the coast of Maine, whence, in 1636, he came to Portsmouth, or possibly first to the Isles of Shoals and soon after to Portsmouth.

William Cotton died in 1678, and his property was distributed, by probate order of Dec. 29th in that year, among six children. The date of his

wife Elizabeth's death is not known, but she survived him.

Children:

2. i. JOHN,2 the eldest son; d. 1714.

3. ii. WILLIAM, d. 1737.

iii. Solomon, a grantee, with his brother William, in a deed by William

Ham, May 16, 1671. He probably d. before his father.

SARAH, m. Edward Beale, mariner, of New Castle, who d. in 1706, iv. leaving four children: John, Sarah (wife of William Wayne of Boston), Elizabeth, and Martha. THOMAS, a minor in 1678; d. before Sept. 27, 1706, as shown by

deed of Edward Beale. Joseph, a minor in 1678; does not again appear in records.

4. vii. Benjamin, a minor in 1678; d. 1724.

John² Cotton (William¹), born probably in Portsmouth, about 1650, was the eldest son, receiving a double portion in the distribution of his father's estate. He was a farmer in Portsmouth. His wife was Sarah, daughter of William Hearle, or Earl, of Portsmouth. liam Hearle, in his will, dated May 17, 1689, left all his property to his son-in-law John Cotton and "his wiff my daughter Sarah, to go after their death to their oldest son William Cotton. John Cotton died in 1714, his will being dated Sept. 14 and proved Dec. 9, in that year. His wife Sarah survived him. On Dec. 13, 1716, Henry Nicholson of Williamsburg, Va., was married, in Portsmouth, to Sarah Cotton, but whether she was the widow or daughter of John Cotton, or the daughter of his brother William, has not been ascertained.

Children:

WILLIAM.3 5. i.

6. ii. SOLOMON, d. 1754.

JOHN, d. 1723. 7. iii.

8. iv. THOMAS, d. 1770.

ELIZABETH, m. George Thompson before Aug. 8, 1707, when she united with the North Church in Portsmouth. George Thompson, perhaps their son, with wife Elizabeth, had children bapt. in Portsmouth between 1722 and 1729.

vi. Mary, m. Moses Paul. Their children, Moses and Mary, were bap-

tized Aug. 8, 1707, when she united with the North Church. vii. Joanna, m. John (?) Jones, and removed to Scarborough, Me. Their dan. Mary became the wife of Lieut. Samuel Libby of Scarborough. Nathaniel Jones, possibly their son, with wife Joanna, had children bapt. in Portsmouth between 1733 and 1745.

viii. Saran, unmarried in 1714; may have m. Henry Nicholson, in 1716. See account of her mother.

ix. Hannaii, m. Dec. 2, 1708, John Mead of Stratham. One child,

Abigail, was living in 1722. ABIGAIL, lived with her sister Hannah at Stratham, and d. there in

1722, unmarried.

xi. Margaret, m. Jan. 30, 1714-15, Moses Caverly of Portsmouth. Five children, William, Moses, John, Thomas and Hannah, are given in the Caverly Genealogy.

- xii. Susanna, m. May 27, 1722, William Young. She was previously betrothed to Ebenezer Wallingford of Dover, who d. in Aug. or Sept., 1721, making her executrix and principal legatee of his
- 3. WILLIAM² COTTON (William¹) was a tanner in Portsmouth, a man of considerable property and influence, and a member of the New Hampshire Provincial Assembly. He is styled in various deeds, "tanner," "innholder," "yeoman," and "gentleman." He was married about 1678 or 1679. The surname of his wife, Abigail, has not been ascertained. Some have supposed that she was a sister of Capt. Stephen Greenleaf of Newbury, because in a deed he is called "brother-in-law" by William Cotton; but as the same deed contains a different explanation of the term "brother-in-law," there seems no good reason for thinking that she was a Greenleaf. She was living July 13, 1733, when William Cotton made his will, but deeds executed by him in 1736 do not have her signature. On July 28, 1736, he deeded all his real estate in Portsmouth to his son Thomas, on condition that he pay the legacies mentioned in the will referred to above. William Cotton died in 1737. His will was proved June 6, 1737.

Children, the first seven of whom were baptized Aug. 19, 1696:

William, b. 1679 or 1680; d. Feb. 28, 1717-18. John. Nothing known of him after 1696. 9. i.

iii. Elizabeth, m. July 31, 1707, William, son of William and Elizabeth (Langdon) Fernald of Kittery. He was a shipwright in Kittery, b. May 11, 1686, and d. Jan. 12, 1727-8. She d. in 1761. Children: Mary, b. Mar. 13, 1711, m. — Mendum; William, b. Feb. 19, 1713; John; Elizabeth, m. Joseph Lowd; George; probably also Abigail.
iv. Joseph. Nothing known of him after 1696.

Abicam, m. John Hardison, between 1717 and 1720. (William Cotton deeded a house and land to his dau. Abigail Cotton, Oct. 30, 1717.) Children: Mary, bapt. Dec. 4, 1720; Stephen, bapt. July 21, 1723.

10. vi. THOMAS, d. 1745.

vii. MARY, b. 1696; m. in June, 1715, Stephen, son of Capt. Stephen and Elizabeth (Gerrish) Greenleaf of Newbury, b. Oct. 21, 1690. She d. May 29, 1733; and he m. (2) Anne, dau. of Rev. John and Mary, (Batter) Emerson, by whom he had three sons and a daughter. Children, by whom he had three soms and a daughter. Children, by wife Mary: Sarah, bapt. Apr. 15, 1716; Elizabeth, bapt. Feb. 2, 1717-18; Abigail, bapt. Apr. 30, 1720; William, bapt. Feb. 8, 1722; Stephen, bapt. Oct. 15, 1724; John, bapt. Dec. 25, 1726; and Mary, bapt. Mar. 16, 1729.
viii. Sarah, bapt. Apr. 18, 1697; does not again appear, unless she was the Sarah who m. Henry Nicholson, Dec. 13, 1716.

Benjamin² Cotton (William¹) was a "house carpenter" in Ports-4. mouth. After his father's death, in 1678, he was placed under the guardianship of "Mr. John Hunkin." His wife Elizabeth signed deeds in 1701 and 1715, and was assigned a pew in the meeting house as early as 1693. He died in 1724, and his estate was administered by his four sons-in-law.

Children:

SARAH,3 m. (1) Dec. 20, 1716, Capt. Thomas Waldron of Portsmouth, who d. in 1725; m. (2) Samuel, son of John and Elizabeth (Munden) Pickering of Portsmouth. She d. in 1752. By her first

husband she had sons Thomas (d. before 1752), and John; and by her second husband she had Mary (m. Samuel Tobey of Ports-

month), Sarah, and Samuel.

MARY, m. in June, 1715, Matthew Nelson of Portsmouth. Children: ii. Matthew (probably; a Matthew Nelson had children bapt. in 1737 and 1740 in South Church), Elizabeth, m. Philip Babb of Portsmonth; and James.

iii. ELIZABETH, m. Dec. 1, 1715, Nathaniel Peverly of Portsmouth, a "house carpenter," Children: Abigail, bapt. Oct. 3, 1724; possibly also William, Thomas, Nathaniet, Mary and Elizabeth.
iv. Deborah, m. Sept. 24, 1719, John Devorson of Portsmouth. Chil-

- dren: John, bapt. Dec. 4, 1720; Abigail, bapt. Nov. 11, 1722; Thomas, bapt. May 2, 1725; Benjamin, bapt. Nov. 19, 1727; and Sarah, bapt. May 31, 1730.
- WILLIAM⁸ COTTON (John, William¹) was a "gunsmith" in Portsmouth. He married in Boston, Nov. 6, 1699, Anne, daughter of Ralph and Susanna Carter of Boston. One child, Sarah, was born in Boston, Aug. 11, 1702, of whom nothing further is known.
- Solomon's Cotton (John, William') was a shipwright, living, for some time after his first marriage, in Kittery, then in Portsmouth until after his second marriage. He then kept an "ordinary" at Greenland until 1727, in which year he moved to Stratham, being an innholder there until nearly the close of his life. He married, first, May 14, 1702, Margaret, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Langdon) Fernald of Kittery, born Mar. 27, 1681, died Jan. 12, 1719-20 (or possibly 1718-19); and married second, Dec. 3, 1721, Judith, daughter of John and Sarah (Martyn) Cutt of Portsmouth, and widow of Joseph Purmort, son of Philemon. She was born in Portsmouth, July 10, 1683, and died in Stratham, Mar. 5, 1744. Solomon Cotton returned, a few years later, to Portsmouth, where he died in 1755. His will was dated Mar. 25, 1754, and proved Mar. 27, 1755.

Children:

Jane, 4 m. (int. rec. at Kittery, Feb. 16, 1727-8) Stephen Pendergrass. They lived in Durham, N. H. He made his will Aug. 31, 1753. She survived him. Children: Margaret, Stephen, Edmund, Ann,

Solomon, Bridget and John.

ELIZABETH, m. Dec. 27, 1722, Capt. William, son of Edward and Elizabeth (Tucker) Cate of Greenland, N. H. They moved to Barrington, about 1730. She was living in 1754. Children: Margaret, b. in Greenland, Sept. 29, 1723; Elizabeth, b. in Greenland, Apr. 4, 1725; Solomon, b. in Greenland, Nov. 12, 1727; William, bapt. in Dover, Oct. 6, 1734; Sarah, bapt. in Dover, Feb. 15, 1739; John, bapt. in Dover, June 14, 1741; possibly others. Another William Cate was living in Greenland at the same time, and had children baptized there.

11. iii.

John, b. July 17, 1712; d. Nov. 5, 1778. Sarah, m. Nov. 20, 1744, at Boston, Mass., Isaac, son of John and Mary (Woodle) Dafforne, b. in Boston, Nov. 30, 1680, and died iv. there Apr., 1760. Children: Isaac, b. Oct. 19, 1746; probably d. before 1760; John, b. May 13, 1749, a painter, d. 1787.

Joseph, bapt. June 24, 1716,; d. 1800.

13. vi. Benjamin, bapt. Dec. 21, 1718.

vii. Solomon, bapt. Mar. 10, 1722-23; probably d. young.

JOHN³ COTTON (John, William) was a butcher in Portsmouth, in partnership with John Downing. He married, May 6, 1714, Elizabeth, daughter of Timothy Davis of Portsmouth. She signed a deed with her husband in 1720. He died in 1723, and administration on his estate was granted to William Cotton and John Davis. The widow, Elizabeth, probably married second, Aug. 16, 1725, John Gilden of Kittery.

Children:

John,4 b. about 1715, bapt. Aug. 28, 1720; probably d. early.

William, b. probably, Dec. 11, 1717, bapt. Aug. 28, 1720; was a shipwright in Portsmouth; m. May 6, 1741, Esther, dau. of Sampson and Sarah Babb of Portsmouth, who was bapt. there, Feb.

ELIZABETH, b., probably, June 16, 1720, bapt. Aug. 28, 1720; m. (int. rec. in Kittery, Mar. 1, 1739) George Knight of Kittery, a

shipwright.

14. iv. TIMOTHY, b., probably, in 1721; d. 1759.

Mary, b., probably, Mar. 5, 1723-4.

Thomas² Cotton (John,² William¹) was a "joiner" in Portsmouth and Gloucester. He married at Gloucester, Mass., July 28, 1718, Comfort, daughter of John and Ruth (Wheeler) Riggs of Gloucester, who was born there, May 3, 1698. Thomas Cotton made his will Jan. 2, 1768, and it was proved Sept. 7, 1770.

Children:

Comfort,4 b. at Gloucester, in 1719; m. Aug. 25, 1738, William, son of Samuel Wallis of Rye. Children: Samuel, William (b. 1742), and Spencer. She died before 1768.

SARAH, b. at Gloucester, in 1721; m. June 25, 1741, Thomas, son of Thomas and Mary Seavy of Portsmouth.

iii. Ruth, b. at Gloucester, in 1722; m. - Ayers.

iv. ELIZABETH, b. at Greenland, in 1724; m. John Sherburne.
v. Thomas, b. at Greenland, in 1726; d. Sept. 24, 1803.

15. v. vi. MARY, b. at Greenland, in 1728; m. Richard Tarleton, probably son of Elias and Mary, of New Castle and Portsmouth.

vii. ABIGAIL, b. at Greenland, in 1730; d. before 1768.

- viii. John, b. at Greenland, in 1732; d. in infancy. ix. John, b. at Greenland, in 1733; d. before 1768.
- Martha, b. at Greenland, in 1735; d. before 1768. xi. WILLIAM, b. at Greenland, in 1736; d. Aug. 27, 1812.

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- xii. Adam, b. at Rye, in 1738; d. about 1830. xiii. Nathaniel, b. at Rye, in 1740; d. Feb., 1785.
- WILLIAM³ COTTON (William, William), called Captain, was born in Portsmouth in 1679 or 1680. He was a tanner in Portsmouth, and was an active and prosperous man. He was married in Boston, Oct. 31, 1706, by the Rev. Cotton Mather, D.D., to Elizabeth, youngest daughter of George and Elizabeth Clark of Boston and Roxbury. She was born in Boston, Nov. 12, 1686. Capt. William Cotton died in Portsmouth, Feb. 28, 1717–18. The widow married second, James Clarkson, by whom she had sons Andrew, James and Walter. She died in Portsmouth, Mar. 10, 1746. Mr. Clarkson afterward married Mrs. Sarah Holland of Boston, and died in Oct., 1773.

Children:

i. John, b. 1707; d. Sept., 1759.

ii. Abigail, m. Sept., 1729, Rev. Willard Hall of Westford, Mass., son of Stephen and Grace (Willis) Hall of Medford. He was born Mar. 11, 1703; graduated at Harvard College, 1722; was ordained at Westford, Nov. 15, 1727; and died Mar. 14, 1779. Mrs. Hall died Oct. 20, 1789. Children: Willard, Elizabeth, Abigail, Ann, Mary, Martha (d. young), Stephen (see 20-V.), Willis, Josiah or Isaiah, Martha, and Grace. (See "Halls of New England.")
WILLIAM, b. 1719; d. Dec. 8, 1768.

20. iii.

ELIZABETH, b. 1712; m. at Portsmouth, July 15, 1731, Thomas, son iv. of Samuel and Mary (Evans) Hart, who was b. Aug. 30, 1708. She d. Sept. 18, 1761; and he m. (2) Anna — He d. in Aug. 1708. Children: Elizabeth, bapt. May 9, 1732, d. Sept., 1795; Mary, bapt. Mar. 7, 1735; Ann, bapt. Jan. 1, 1737–8, d. Nov., 22, 1802; William, bapt. July 29, 1799; Abigail, bapt. Nov., 1742; Lydia, bapt. Apr. 13, 1746; and James, bapt. Mar. 3, 1750–51.

MARY, m. - Jackson. She was called Mary Jackson in the settlement of the estate of her step-father, James Clarkson. A Mary Cotton m. at Dorchester, Mass., Mar. 26, 1730, Christopher

Jackson.

- vi. Martha, m. (1) Obadiah Marshall of Portsmouth, b. 1709, d. Sept. 12, 1746, by whom she had Obadiah, and a dan, who m. and left issue, but d. before 1782; and m. (2) as his second wife, Edward, son of Edward and Elizabeth (Tucker) Cate of Portsmouth.
- THOMAS' COTTON (William, William), born probably about 1693 or 10. 1694, was a shipwright in Portsmouth. His father gave him a farm in Portsmouth, Mar. 24, 1719-20. It was probably about this time that he married Elizabeth Jackson, a sister of Joseph Jackson of Portsmouth, and of Johnson Jackson of Boston, and their parents were probably Thomas and Hannah (Johnson) Jackson of Portsmouth. Thomas Cotton died in 1745. His will was dated Nov. 2, and proved Dec. 25, in that year. The widow, Elizabeth, married second, Nov. 7, 1753, John Churchill of Portsmouth, and died about 1775.

Children:

- ELIZABETH, 4 b. probably in 1720; bapt. Aug. 14, 1726; m. before 1745, Daniel Davis.
- ii. WILLIAM, b. probably about 1722; bapt. Aug. 14, 1726; named in his grandfather's will in 1733, but d. before 1738.
- iii. ABIGAIL, b. probably about 1724; bapt. Aug. 14, 1726; probably d.

JOSEPH, bapt. Oct. 9, 1726; d. young. iv.

- 21. v. THOMAS, bapt. June 8, 1729; d. May 3, 1801. vi. EPHRAIM, bapt. Oct. 24, 1731; d. young. CATHARINE, bapt. Sept. 30, 1733; d. young. vii.
- 22. viii. William, b. Feb. 24, 1738; d. Sept. 8, 1821.

Mary, bapt. May 20, 1739; m. Aug. 16, 1762, Henry Greenleaf. ix. X.

ABIGAIL, m. Dec. 30, 1763, John Marden, a mastmaker of Portsmouth, perhaps son of James, bapt. Feb. 19, 1743-4.

DOROTHY, m. June 11, 1763, John Snell, who d. before 1777. xi. dren: A daughter, bapt. Apr. 15, 1764; John, bapt. July 27, 1766; Elizabeth, bapt. Jan. 23, 1768; and George, bapt. Feb. 28, 1771.

xii. Saran, b. 1745; m. Sept. 9, 1767, Samuel Hutchings, who was b. 1744, and d. Dec. 16, 1815. She d. Jan. 17, 1830, leaving a son Samuel, and probably others.

11. JOHN⁴ COTTON (Solomon, 3 John, 2 William) was born at Portsmouth, N. H., July 17, 1712, and was baptized in the North Church of that town, in Sept. of the same year. He was married at Portsmouth, Dec. 15, 1742, by Rev. Mr. Fitch, to Mary, daughter of John (Jr.) and Susanna (Ayers) Cutt of Portsmouth, who was born Aug. 10, 1716, and died at Boston, Sept. 4, 1799. (John Cutt, Jr., was brother of Judith, second wife of Solomon³ Cotton, 6.) John Cotton removed to Boston soon after his marriage, and established himself there as a blacksmith. He acquired considerable property near Fort Hill, and by diligence and wise foresight he and his descendants built up a large industry in the iron business. He died in Boston, Nov. 5, 1778.

Children, all born in Boston:

Mary, 5 b. Jan, 19, 1743-4; m. in Boston, Jan. 7, 1768, Adam, son of Adam and Susanna (Cazneau) De Chezeau of Boston, b. June 26, 1735. They removed, during the Revolution, to Halifax, N. S., where she d. June 6, 1777. Children: Mary, b. 1748, d. Feb. 25, 1863; Adam, b. 1771, d. July, 1847; and Susan, b. 1775, d. Mar. 27, 1837; all d. unmarried, in Halifax. ii.

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23. iv.

JOHN, b. Oct. 18, 1745; d. Oct. 14, 1746.

JOHN, b. Oct. 18, 1745; d. Oct. 14, 1746.

JOHN, b. May 19, 1747; d. Aug. 21, 1747.

SOLOMON, b. Aug. 21, 1748; d. Apr. 15, 1812.

HANNAII, b. Jan. 14, 1749-50; m. in Boston, Apr. 19, 1775, Samuel, son of Samuel and Sarah (Emmons) Gray of Boston, b. there July 13, 1738, d. there Sept. 12, 1784. She d. Oct. 21, 1818. Children (Long) 1878. v. dren: Sarah, b. Sept. 5, 1776, d. June 6, 1792; John Cotton, b. May 24, 1778, d. at New Haven, Conn., Apr. 7, 1825; *Hannah*, b. Feb. 7, 1780, d. at Boston, July 26, 1831; *Mary Cotton*, b. May 7, 1782, d. June 17, 1783; and *Samuel*, b. May 5, 1784, d. Oct. 20, 1830.

vi. William, b. Jan. 9, 1750-51; d. Dec. 25, 1751. vii. Edward, b. Nov. 3, 1752; d. Apr. 15, 1776, at Georgetown, Me. viii. Joseph, b. July 23, 1754; m. in Boston, Jan. 17, 1782, Hannah, dau. of Philip and Rachel (Gibbons) Masters, who was b. 1755, and d.

Oct. 9, 1839. No children.

MARGARET, called "Peggy," b. Aug. 26, 1755; m. Apr. 2, 1787, Joseph, Jr., son of Joseph and Rebecca (Hart) Howe of Boston, b. Mar. 4, 1753, d. 1818. She was his second wife. His first wife was Sarah (Davis), who bore him three sons; and after the death of his wife Margaret, which occurred Aug. 17, 1788, he m. (3) Sarah Simpson, by whom he had one son and three daughters. Child by Margaret; Mary, b. Apr. 6, 1788; m. William Rogers of Billerica; d. Jan. 4, 1841, without living issue.

X. JOHN, b. Oct. 17, 1757; d. July 10, 1758.
XI. SAMUEL, b. July 30, 1763; d. Aug. 28, 1763.

JOSEPH⁴ COTTON (Solomon, 3 John, 2 William¹), baptized in Portsmouth, 12. June 24, 1716, was a boat builder in Portsmouth. He bought a house and lot in Portsmouth in 1740; and he and his wife Susanna were members of the North Church in 1747. He was one of the original trustees of the Third or Independent Congregational Church, in 1758. Rev. Joseph Walton was pastor of the church from 1789 until his His son Joseph Walton informed Mr. Nathaniel death in 1722. Cotton that Joseph Cotton's first wife "was a Noyes, from Newbury," and his second wife a sister of Rev. Joseph Walton's wife, who was a Couch. I am inclined to think that he may have been mistaken as to the first wife, as a Joseph Cotton married, Oct. 23, 1738, Susanna Newmarch of Marblehead. His second wife, Jane (Couch), survived him. His will, dated June 10, 1797, proved Oct. 17, 1800, mentions children: Joseph, who learned the trade of boat building with his father; Joanna, who married - Seward, and had a son George Seward; and a daughter who married - Hill, and had a daughter Susanna Hill.

Benjamin⁴ Cotton (Solomon, ³ John, ² William¹), baptized in the South 13. Church, Portsmouth, Dec. 21, 1718, was a farmer in Stratham. He bought land in Nottingham, in 1764, and probably moved, not long after that time, with his younger children, to Bow. He married, Oct. 23, 1740, Elizabeth Leavitt of Stratham, who died about 1760. Children:

John, b. Aug. 12, 1741; d. Jan. 30, 1742.

MARGARET, b. Oct. 5, 1742. A Bible record gives the date of her marriage, May 19, 1763, but does not give the name of her husband. ELIZABETH, b. Mar. 6, 1744.

24. iv. Solomon, b. May 25, 1745; d. July 25, 1805.

- Jane, b. Sept. 8, 1746; is said to have married Durgin.
- vi. Abigail, b. Sept. 27, 1747; is belived to have married Folsom. 25. vii. John, b. June 20, 1749.

- 26. viii. William, b. Oct. 5, 1751; d. Mar. 29, 1813. Маку, b. Sept. 1, 1753; d. Dec. 15, 1837. Richard, b. Jan. 25, 1755; d. Jan. 25, 1758. ix.
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- 27. xi. Benjamin, b. May 14, 1758; d. July 13, 1846.
- 14. Timothy Cotton (John, John, William) was a joiner in Portsmouth, where he died in 1759. His wife Mary administered his estate.

Children:

Mary, b. Jan., 1745, bapt. Jan. 20; d. in infancy.

ELIZABETH, b. June 13, 1746.
 iii. JOHN, b. Feb. 13, 1748.

MARY, b. May 30, 1750.

iv. WILLIAM, bapt. Sept. 13, 1751; d. in infancy.

vi. WILLIAM, b. Dec. 6, 1752 (or 1753).

THOMAS COTTON (Thomas, John, William) was born at Greenland, N. H., in 1726. He was called "3d," and was a farmer living first in Rye, then in Portsmouth, until 1767, when he removed with his family to North Hampton, buying the farm now occupied by Mr. George D. Cotton. He married, Oct. 27, 1747, Sarah, daughter of Noah and Abigail (Partridge) Broughton of Portsmouth, who was baptized at Portsmouth, Nov. 18, 1722, and died at North Hampton, in 1810 (buried Sept. 2). He died there, Sept. 24, 1803.

Children:

ABIGAIL, b. at Rye, Aug. 26, 1748; m. Dec. 6, 1770, Josiah, son of John and Elizabeth (Moulton) Batchelder of North Hampton, N.H., b. there, Mar. 7, 1745, d. there, Apr. 5, 1803. She d. between Nov., 1809, and Mar., 1810. Children: John, Comfort, Josiah Moulton, Polly, Sally, Abigail, Betsey, James, and Edward Chapman.

29. ii. John, b. Oct. 28, 1750; d. Aug. 14, 1820.

iii. Comfort, b. Oct. 15, 1752.

30. iv.

THOMAS, b. May 6, 1754; d. Dec. 31, 1801. NOAH (or MARK?), b. Dec. 15, 1755; probably d. young. The name v. is almost illegible in the only record found.

NATHANIEL, b. Jan. 10, 1757.

vii. Sarah, b. May 1, 1759; m. in North Hampton, Apr. 22, 1779, Stephen Batchelder of Deerfield, probably son of John and Apphia (Philbrick) of Deerfield, b. Jan. 19, 1755; resided in North Hampton, and Effingham, N. H., and later in Wellington, Me. Children:

Stephen, Molly, John, Cotton, and Sarah Leavitt.
viii. Mary, called "Molly," b. Apr. 16, 1762; m. Nov. 30, 1780, John, son of James and Mehitabel (Dalton) Batchelder, b. Oct. 6, 1757, d. Aug. 6, 1835. Children: Abigail Dalton, Sarah Broughton, Mary, Sarah, Ann Sherburne, Charlotte, James. Martha Brown, Jeremiah, Asenath H., Thomas Cotton, and John Taylor Gilman. She d. Apr.

3, 1807.

WILLIAM4 COTTON (Thomas, 3 John, 2 William1), born in Portsmouth, in 1736, was a farmer at Brunswick, Me. He married first, in Portland, Me., Nov. 5, 1761, Lucy, daughter of Thomas Pennell of Brunswick; married second, at Branswick, June 6, 1786, Joanna Ferrin; and married third, Mary Sweetser. He died at Brunswick, Aug. 27, 1812.

Children by first wife:

31. i.

Thomas,5 b. Oct. 31, 1762; d. Apr., 1840.

Lucy, b. Aug. 21, 1764; m. Nehemiah Allen; resided at New Gloucesii. ter, Me.

32. iii. WILLIAM, b. Aug. 12, 1766; d. June 26, 1841.

SARAH, b. Aug. 15, 1768; m. at Harpswell, Me., Apr. 13, 1788, Seth Phinney; resided in Lisbon or Bowdoin, Me. iv.

33. v. Jeremiah, b. July 12, 1770; d. July 20, 1840.

vi. MARTHA, b. about 1772; m. David Flagg, a brickmaker, of Topsham,

vii. RACHEL, b. about 1775; lived with her sister Sarah; d. unmarried. viii. John, b. May 6, 1777; d. at sea, about 1797. ix. COMFORT, b. May 4, 1779; m. Jotham Chick; resided at Litchfield,

A DAUGHTER, d. in infancy, unnamed. x.

Children by second wife:

xi. Hannah, b. July 9, 1787. xii. Adam, b. Sept. 6, 1788; went to sea, and was never heard from again. xiii. Levi, b. Dec. 3, 1789; a farmer in Brunswick; m. Hannah Ross, and had one sony William, who d. without issue. xiv. Mary, called "Molly," b. Sept. 27, 1791. xv. Joanna, b. Feb. 17, 1793. xvi. Ebenezer, b. Sept. 27, 1794; d. without issue.

Children by third wife:

xvii. Elizabeth, called "Betsey," b. Apr. 9, 1797.

xviii. and xix. Two CHILDREN, names unknown; d. young.

17. Adam4 Cotton (Thomas, John, William1) was in early life a mariner, and married Judith Haskell of Gloucester, Mass. About 1763, Gloucester people started a new settlement in Maine, and called it New Gloucester. Adam Cotton was one of the subscribers to the first parish organized there, about 1770. He died about 1830, at the home of his son-in-law Giles Morrill, in Hebron, Me.

Children, order of birth unknown:

i. Jacob, ⁶ of New Gloucester; had son Jacob, ⁶ of Foxcroft, Me.
 ii. Ruth, m. Nov. 29, 1787, Bela Hammond of New Gloucester.
 iii. Judith, m. Dec. 4, 1787, Giles Morrill of New Gloucester, afterwards

of Hebron, Me.

Tabitha, m. Mar. 5, 1788, Joseph Bradbury.

SARAH, m. Jan. 16, 1794, John Preble of Lewiston, Me.

vi. to ix. Four daughters, names not known.

NATHANIEL⁴ COTTON (Thomas, John, William), baptized in Rye, 18. Aug. 3, 1740, was a farmer in Portsmouth. He married first, Sept. 1, 1762, Elizabeth Berry; and married second, Oct. 27, 1770, Hannah (Elkins) Beck, widow of Thomas Beck. After the death of Nathaniel, who died in Feb., 1785 (buried Feb. 5), she married third, Daniel Moulton of Scarborough, Me., where she died, Sept. 4, 1814.

Children:

- COMFORT, 5 bapt. May 22, 1763; m. Dec. 30, 1784, Joseph, son of Elias i.
- Tarleton, who was bapt. Oct. 30, 1762, and d. Apr. 6, 1852.
 ELIZABETH, called "Betty," bapt. Feb. 24, 1765; m. at North Hampton, N. H., Jan., 1787, James Foss of Brentwood (?), N. H.
 THOMAS, b. Feb. 7, 1767; d. Nov. 18, 1828. ii.
- 34. iii.
 - HANNAH, bapt. Dec. 11, 1768; m. Thomas Norton, cordwainer, of iv. New Market.
 - SARAH, called "Sally," b. in Portsmouth, Aug. 3, 1771; m. June 10, v. 1790, at Scarborough, Me., Charles, eldest son of Ebenezer Bean, who was b. at Saco, Me., Jan. 5, 1767, and was a prosperous farmer at Limerick, Me., where he d. June 29, 1847. She d. there, Dec. 20, 1832. Children: Catharine, b. at Scarborough, Jan. 3, 1791, d. Jan. 18, 1854; Daniel, b. at Limerick, Feb. 7, 1793, d. May 15, 1873; Nathaniel Cotton, b. Dec. 26, 1794; Eli, b. Sept. 4, 1796, d. Dec. 20, 1819; David, b. July 5, 1798, d. Nov. 14, 1815; Mary, b. June 27, 1800, d. Nov. 29, 1819; Sally Cotton, b. Mar. 23, 1802, d. Aug. 2, 1848; Cotton, b. Mar. 6, 1804; Harriet E., b. July 30, 1806, d. July 12, 1843; Eliza T., b. July 19, 1808, d. Dec. 4, 1832; Charles, b. Jan. 3, 1811; Sylvanus, b. Jan. 3, 1811, d. Jan. 11, 1814; Ruhama,
- b. July 16, 1813; Nancy, b. Nov. 8, 1815. HENRY ELKINS, b. Nov. 27, 1773. 35. vi.
- vii. Nathaniel, bapt. Sept. 8, 1776; d. unmarried, Aug., 1799.
- JOHN⁴ COTTON (William, William, William) was a tanner in Portsmouth. He married first, Aug. 4, 1731, Mary, daughter of Edward and Hannah (Avers) Toogood of Portsmouth, who was baptized Apr. 19, 1713. She was probably the mother of four of his children, the others being children by his second wife, Bethiah ----. He died in Sept., 1759, and his half-brother Andrew Clarkson was executor of his estate.

Children, by first wife:

- Mary, 5 prob. bapt. July 21, 1734; m. in Portsmouth, Nov. 6, 1761, Phineas Eames; settled at Bucksport, Me.; and had a son Phineas, and other children. She d. before 1794.
- 36. ii. WILLIAM, bapt. Aug. 1, 1736, the eldest son.
 - iii. John, living in 1759, but prob. d. before 1787.
 - MARTHA, m. Oct. 3, 1770, John Pike. She was living, a widow, in iv. 1790, at Rochester, N. H.
 - ELIZABETH, prob. bap. May 29, 1744; m. Veach; d. in 1783, leaving two minor children, Elizabeth and Sarah.
 - vi. CLEMENT, named in his father's will, in 1759, a minor; prob. d. before 1787.
- 37. vii. Joel, bapt. July 22, 1750.
 - viii. ABIGAIL, bapt. by Rev. S. Haven, in 1752 or '53; m. in Feb. 18, 1773, Ebenezer, son of John and Margery (Brown) Sullivan of Berwick, Mc., and brother of Maj. Gen. John Sullivan and Gov. James Sullivan. He was b. Oct. 3, 1750; was capt. and maj. in the Revolution, and afterward practised law in South Berwick, Me. Hed. in Charleston, S. C., June 3, 1799. Children: John, m. Mary Yeaton; Margery, m. Robert Rodgers; Moses, d. young; Sarah, d. unmarried; and Lydia, m. William Emery.
 - SARAH, bapt. July 7, 1754; m. when aged about fifty, Alexander Mc-Intire, a schoolmaster, of Berwick.
- 20. WILLIAM⁴ COTTON (William, William, William, William), born in 1710, was a tanner in Portsmouth, until about 1732, when he removed to Falmouth, now Portland, Me., where he conducted the same business. He was selectman thirteen years, and deacon of the First Church from 1744 until his death, which occurred Dec. 8, 1768.

His first wife was Sarah, daughter of Nicholas Fletcher of Portsmouth, who was born about 1705, and died May 3, 1753. He married, second, Nov. 2, 1753, widow Martha Hudson, who was born about 1719, and died Dec. 10, 1784.

Children:

SARAH, b. about 1736; m. (1) at Falmouth, July 19, 1763, William Thomes (or Thomas), mariner, of Falmouth, who was b. about 1741, and was lost at sea, Mar. 26, 1768. She m. (2) in 1774, Elisha Turner, a "caulker," who was b. about 1721, and d. in Portland, Feb. 1, 1816.
 She d. there Feb. 1, 1815.

38. ii. WILLIAM, b. Oct. 24, 1739.

39. iii. John, b. 1741.

iv. ABIGAIL, b. 1742; m. in Falmouth, Mar. 23, 1763, Ebenezer Owen, a tailor, who d. in Portiand, Aug. 26, 1817, aged 79. She d. there May 20 (or 26), 1798. Children: Mary, Joseph, Ebenezer, Abi-

gail, John, Sarah, Rebecca, and Cotton.

- v. Marr, b. 1754; m. (1) at Falmouth, May 7, 1771, Moses Holt, Jr., a schoolmaster, grad. at Harvard, 1767, who d. Jan. 26, 1772, aged 28; m. (2) in 1778, her cousin, Stephen, son of Rev. Willard and Abigail (Cotton) Hall, who was b. May 28, 1743, grad. at Harvard, 1765, tutored at Harvard, 1771–1778, then removed to Portland, Me., studied theology but was never settled in the ministry. Children; Martha, b. Oct. 10, 1779, d. young; John Hancock, b. Jan. 21 (1781); Mary, b. Dec. 13, 1783, d. Aug. 26, 1844; William Augustus, b. Oct. 6, 1785, d. 1812; Willard, b. June 5 (or 6), 1788, d. 1818; Martha Cotton, b. Jan. (or July) 26, 1792, d. Nov. 26, 1847.
- 21. Thomas⁴ Cotton (Thomas, William, William), baptized in Portsmouth, June 8, 1729, was a farmer in Portsmouth, until about 1778, when he removed with his brother William to Wolfborough. He remained there but a short time, however, and settled, before 1779, in Sandown, where he died May 3, 1801. He married Abigail Beck of Portsmouth, who died in Portsmouth, Jan. 9, 1785, aged 54. No complete record of his children has been found, but he is known to have had the following six sons, order of birth uncertain.

Children:

- 40. i. Samuel.⁵
- ii. WILLIAM. 41. iii. Thomas.
 - iv. John.
 - v. Joseph.
- 42. vi. NATHANIEL.
- 22. WILLIAM⁴ COTTON (Thomas, William, William) was a farmer in Portsmouth, until about 1778, when he removed with his family to Wolfborough. He was a soldier in the French War, and a colonel in the militia for several years. He married, Oct. 30, 1761, Mary Clark of Portsmouth, who was born Dec. 17, 1737, and died at Wolfborough, Mar. 17, 1798. The intention of marriage between William Cotton, of Wolfborough, and Ruth Page, of Wakefield, was published Jan. 28, 1800. I have not learned whether the marriage was ever consummated, or whether it was Col. William, or his son William. Col. William died at Wolfborough, Sept. 8, 1821. Children:
 - 43. i. William, b. Feb. 7, 1763.
 - 44. ii. John Pickering, b. Jan. 26, 1765.
 - 45. iii. Thomas, b. Nov. 16, 1766.

46. iv. James, b. Jan. 8, 1769.
v. Mary, b. Feb. 20, 1770; d. in infancy.
47. vi. Isaac, b. Feb. 13, 1772.

48. vii. George Osborne, b. May 10, 1774.

viii. Jemma, b. May 17, 1776; d. in infancy.

ix. Mary, b. Oct. 3, 1777; d. Sept. 23, 1832; m. May 6, 1798, Robert Pike of Middleton, N. H. Children: Mary Cotton, m. Jonathan P. Fernald; Joanna, m. Calvin Tibbetts; Hannah, m. David Chamberlain; Jacob; George; Henry; Thomas; Robert; William; and Dudley.

49. x. Samuel, b. May 29, 1780.

- xi. Daniel, b. Aug. 3, 1782; d. in infancy. xii. Elizabeth, b. July 3, 1784; d. in infancy.
- SOLOMON⁵ COTTON (John, Solomon, John, William) was born in Boston, Mass., Aug. 21, 1748. He was associated with his father in the blacksmithing and iron business in Boston. They built up an extensive and prosperous business, accumulated considerable property, and were public spirited and progressive. Solomon⁵ married at Exeter, N. H., Sept. 20, 1770, Mary Green, who was born about 1752, and died in Boston, Aug. 11, 1819. He died of consumption, Apr. 15, 1812.

Children, all born in Boston:

John, 6 b. June 9, 1771; a painter in Boston; m. Susanna, dau. of Rev. Nathan and Susan (Gee) Davies of Dracut and later of Boston, by whom he had nine children; d. Nov. 25, 1837.

iii.

- MARY, b. Jan. 10, 1773; d. Feb. 9, 1773.

 Solomon, b. Apr. 6, 1774; d. Aug. 12, 1775.

 Solomon, b. Dec. 12, 1775; d. at Baltimore, Md., in Aug., 1806.

 WILLIAM BUTLER, b. Oct. 1, 1777; made his home in Baltimore, Md., where he m., in 1802, Susan B. Levely, and had one dau, iv. Elizabeth Green, who m. Dennis Claude; d. in Boston, Sept. 19,
- 1813. vi. Edward, b. Oct. 25, 1779; was a bookseller in Boston; m. Lucy Davies, who d. three months after marriage; d. in Boston, Aug. 13, 1819.
- vii. Joseph, b. Mar. 3, 1781; was a blacksmith, shipsmith, and iron merchant in Boston; m., in Boston, Mary Catherine Levely of Baltimore, Md., by whom he had five children; d. in Boston, Nov. 29, 1863.

viii. Margaret, b. Aug. 30, 1782; d. Sept. 7, 1783.

ix. Alexander, b. Sept. 21, 1784; was in business with his brother Joseph; d. unmarried, Aug. 14, 1819. MARY, b. Apr. 21, 1786; m. Josiah Pollard Blanchard; d. without

issue, Oct. 31, 1868.

- MARGARET Howe, b. Dec. 2, 1788; m. George, son of Samuel and xi. Mary (Dixwell) Hunt, of Boston; had two children; d. Dec. 24, 1865. xii.
- Anna West, b. Mar. 18, 1790; d. unmarried, Nov. 25, 1872. xiii. David, b. Aug. 11, 1791; d. Oct. 31 (or 13), 1807.

xiv. ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 16, 1792; d. Apr. 7, 1802.

A Son, unnamed, b. and d. Mar. 2, 1796.

xvi. Henry, b. Ang. 26, 1799; d. of consumption, Sept. 3, 1818.

xvii. Charles, b. Sept. 22, 1802; d. Jan. 8, 1803.

Solomon⁵ Cotton (Benjamin, Solomon, John, William), born in Stratham, N. H., May 25, 1745, was a cabinet maker in Portsmouth, and deacon of the South Church for many years. He married, Aug. 3, 1769, Mary Tucker or Mary Holmes, according to records in different branches of the family. Probably she was the

daughter of John and Elizabeth Tucker of Rye (near the Portsmouth line), who was born Feb. 29, 1739-40, and who may have had a first husband, Holmes. One record states that she married a Ball after Solomon⁵ Cotton's death, which occurred in Portsmouth, July 28, 1805. She died, according to family record, Jan. 23, 1812 (1821?). A widow Cotton, aged 81, was buried Jan. 25, 1821, in Portsmouth.

Children:

- ELIZABETH, ⁶ b. Apr. 20, 1770; m. Capt. Edmund Quincy, son of John and Sarah Wendell of Portsmouth, who was born Mar. 4, 1769; d. in Portsmouth, Mar. 30, 1827. Children: John, Sarah Sargent, Olive Cotton, Elizabeth, Mary Cotton, Martha Jane, and Edward Sargent.
- MARTHA, b. July 27, 1772; m. (Daniel?) Muchmore; d. Jan. 17, 1864.

iii. Benjamin, b. Apr. 19, 1775; d. Feb. 8, 1777.

iv. Jane, b. Feb. 12, 1778; m. — Dennett; d. Apr. 3, 1805.

v. OLIVE MARDEN, b. Oct. 8, 1780; d. July 5, 1795.

vi. Joseph, b. Sept. 8, 1784.

JOHN⁵ COTTON (Benjamin, Solomon, John, William), born June 25. 20, 1749, was a farmer in Gilmanton, N. H., where he settled about 1771. He served in the Revolution, at West Point, from Aug. to Dec. 1781, going from Gilmanton. He married, Mar. 10, 1771, Lydia Griffin of Deerfield, N. H.

Children, born in Gilmanton:

Benjamin. 6 b. Nov. 12, 1771; m. Salome Howard, who was born in Conn. (Hebron or New London?), Jan. 4, 1769, and d. Mar. 18, 1855. Children: Lydia, Abel, and Artemas. NANCY, b. Mar. 13, 1773; d. unmarried.

- ELIZABETH, called "Betsey," b. Apr. 16, 1775; m. (Asa?) Innis.
 Children: Asa, Lavinia, Lydia, Margaret, Milly, Clark, John, Eliza, and Eleanor.
- iv. Joseph, b. Apr. 2, 1777. A Joseph Cotton m. Nov. 29, 1798, Sally Libby of Gilmanton.
- ELIPHALET, b. Jan. 13, 1780; lived in Hope and Union, Me.; had a son Samuel,7 who was a carpenter in Boston, Mass., and a dau. Charlotte.
- vi. John, b. Jan. 20, 1783; d. Sept. 19, 1841; m. (1) Oct. 11, 1807, Fanny Knight, who d. May 10, 1816; m. (2) Sept., 1817, Betsey Smith. Children, by first wife: Asa, Lydia A., Fanny, and by second wife, Samuel Smith, Nancy J., Betsey T., Mary W., Charles S., and Joseph T.

vii. EBENEZER SMITH, b. Feb. 16, 1785; m. and had four children; d. July 20 (or 31), 1865.

viii. Lydia, b. May 2, 1787; probably m. Joseph Corliss; d. Mar. 11, 1844. ix. Margaret, b. Mar. 13, 1789.

- x. Polly, b. Sept. 5, 1791.xi. Sally, b. Oct. 11, 1793.
- William⁵ Cotton (Benjamin, Solomon, John, William¹), born Oct. 5, 1751, was perhaps the William who served in Capt. Rey-26. nolds's company, Col. Peabody's regiment, in 1778; and he was probably the William who settled, after his first marriage, in Waterbury, Vt. He married first, Ruth Cram, probably the daughter of Joseph and Hannah Cram; and married second, Sally, daughter of Joseph McPherson of Richmond, Vt. About 1807 he moved to Potsdam, N. Y., where he died, Mar. 29, 1813.

Children:

- Joseph, 6 m. Betsey Hubbard; d. in Norfolk, N. Y., about 1870. Children: Cordelia, Hannah, Adelaide, Julia Ann, and Daniel.
- ELIZABETH, called "Betsey," b. 1784; m. Jesse Benjamin; d. at Madrid, N. Y., Nov. 1861. Children: Ruth M., John, and Lysander. John, m. Waitstill Austin; d. at Parishville, N. Y. Children:
- iii. William, Sarah, John, Charles, Mary, Harriet, Julia, Elvira, and
- iv. Solomon, b. June 15, 1790; m. in 1810, Ruth, dau. of Nathaniel and Lucy (West) Montague of Potsdam, N. Y. Children: Philemon,7 Philetus, Almon, Norman, Daniel Moulton, Jeresie, and John West.
- Wadleigh, m. Lovantia Rickerson; lived in South Edwards, Potsdam, and Copenhagen, N. Y.; a mesmerist and clairvoyant.
- HANNAH, m. Daniel Clark. Children: John, Sally, Hannah, Daniel, Jane, and James.
- vii. Lemuel, m., and had a son Stephen, d. in Madrid, N. Y.
- viii. Leonard (?).
- ix. Lucy (?).
- WILLIAM, "the youngest son."
- 27. Benjamin⁵ Cotton (Benjamin, Solomon, John², William¹), born May 14, 1758, moved from Bow to Gilmanton, in Feb., 1775. He enlisted in Col. John Stark's regiment, May 8, 1775, took part in the battle of Bunker Hill, and served almost continuously throughout After the war, he settled in Wentworth, N. H., where he the war. married, Oct. 12, 1785, Dolly Smith, who was born April 3 [or 30?], 1766, and died Feb. 27, 1852. In 1818, he moved to Truxton, N. Y.; and in 1834, to Milton, Wayne Co., Ohio, where he died July 13, 1846.

Children:

- Hannah Williams, b. Apr. 11, 1786; d. June 4, 1816.
- ii.
- Benjamin Noyes, b. Aug. 25, 1787; settled in Lowell, Mass. Solomon, b. Feb. 11, 1789; d. in Warren, N. H., in 1861; m. Anna iii. Bixby. Children: Hannah, Dudley Bixby, and Joseph Bixby. Dolly, b. Sept. 24, 1790.
- Lydia, b. June 4, 1793; d. Aug. 13 [or 157], 1819. Abigail, b. Mar. 22, 1795; d. Apr. 24, 1822.
- vii. Jonarhan Shirth, b. Dec. 8, 1796; m. Feb. 24, 1819, Polly Kingsley; d. at Seville, Ohio, Dec. 11 [or Nov. 8?], 1859. Children: Eliza Ann, Betsey Jane, Smith, Jane Emily, Thankful, Rhoda Ann, William, Alvin, Thomas, Polly Maria, Melissa, Austin W., and Orville Delos.
- viii. George Washington, b. Sept. 18, 1798; d. in Elyria, Ohio, Mar. 28, 1865; m. (1) Jan. 2, 1821, Rachel, dau. of Josiah and Martha (Taylor) Smith; m. (2) Feb. 7, 1850, Eliza Ann, dau. of Willis George and Sally (Davis) Hecock. Children: Jerome George, Charles Washington, Martha Rachel, Newton Lycurgus, George Jerome, Mara, Myra, Jerome Carleton, Viola Ina, Nora Hannah, Lynn, and Curtis Grant.
- ix. William David, called David, b. Apr. 21, 1800; m. at Lansingburgh, N. Y., May 22, 1822, Hester Baker; d. at Seville, Ohio, Nov. 9, 1882. Children: Roxana, Alphonso, Westley, William Fletcher, Hester Ann, Harriet Jane, James, and Eveline.

 THEODORE, b. Sept. 24, 1801; d. at Saranac, Mich., in 1884.
- xi. Wiseman, b. July 23, 1803; d. at Creston, Ohio, Sept. I, 1892; a farmer in Milton, Ohio; m. (1) Sept. 5, 1829, Flora Brown, of Truxton, N. Y; m. (2) Apr. 11, 1846, Matilda, dau. of Jonathan Conklin, of Oswego, N. Y. Children: George Hamilton, Lyman Smith, Amelia Content, Newton Brown, Wiseman Henry, Flora Lucetta, Ellen A., Hiram Alonzo, Ella Francelia, and Frank S.
- xii. ELIZABETH, b. June 13, 1805; d. Nov. 21, 1821.

xiii. Joseph, b. Apr. 6, 1807; d. Sept. 18, 1815.

xiv. WILIAM P., b. Nov. 18, 1810; m. (1) Aug. 21, 1834, Rebecca Brown; m. (2) in 1842, Rhoda Brown. Children: Benjamin A., I Lydia A., Flora M., Elizabeth, Rachel, Lucy, and William H.

28. John⁵ Cotton (Timothy, John, John, William¹), born in Portsmouth, N. H., Feb. 13, 1748, settled in Swanzey, Mass., and married, Mar. 23, 1775, Abigail Mason, who was probably a daughter of James and Mary (Coggeshall) Mason.

Children:

Mary, 6 b. Feb. 19, 1776; d. Dec. 23, 1833.

CONTENT, b. Sept. 5, 1777; d. Aug., 1800.

iii. Sally, b. 1783; d. Aug., 1803.

iv. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 6, 1788; m. John Gray of Swanzey, as his second

- wife; d. in Swanzey, April 14, 1837.

 John Slade, b. Swanzey, Feb. 26, 1795; was a merchant in Fall
 River; m. (1) June 16, 1825, Avis, dau. of Samuel Gardner of
 Swanzey, who d. Jan. 6, 1843; m. (2) Apr. 2, 1844, Elizabeth, dau. of Joseph and Avis (Anthony) Gray, of Somerset, Mass. Children: John Slade, Elizabeth Slade, Avis Gardner, Mary Ann, Susan Buffington, Caroline, Abigail Mason, Elizabeth Gray, Mary Kingsley, and James Mason.
- 29. JOHN⁵ COTTON (Thomas, Thomas, John, William), born in Portsmouth, Oct. 28, 1750, removed with his father to North Hampton, in 1767. He served in the Revolutionary war in 1778; and removed to Gilmanton in 1783, settling in that part of the town which was afterward set off as Gilford. He married first, in 1773, Abigail, daughter of John and Abigail (Drake) Taylor of Hampton, who was born Apr. 15, 1755, and died May 1, 1790; and married second, Aug. 9, 1790, Hannah, daughter of Simon and Sarah (Robie) Lane of Hampton, who was born Mar. 1, 1768, and died May 28, 1837. He died at Gilford, Aug. 14, 1820.

Children by first wife:

EDWARD CHAPMAN, 6 b. Dec. 19, 1773; was a miller in Saco, Me.; m. in 1805, Mrs. Jane (Jellison) Robinson; d. Mar. 19, 1837. Children: John, Mary Batchelder, Abigail Taylor, Edward, Benjamin Robinson, Thomas Cutts, and Sarah Hannah. Thomas, b. aud d. in 1776.

iii. JOHN, b. June 10, 1778; was a farmer in Meredith, N. H., where he settled in 1806; m., July 23, 1805, at North Hampton, N. H., Sarah, dau. of Deacon David and Abigail (Marston) Philbrick, of Sanbornton, N. H., who was b. July 25, 1785, and d. Dec. 6, 1837; d. at Meredith, July 7, 1823. Children: John, David Philbrick, Abigail, Sally, Mary, Nathan, Hannah, Isaac, Ruth, Mark Fernald, and Nancy.

ABIGAIL, b. Aug. 7, 1780; d. May 8, 1802.

- v. Sally, b. Apr. 12, 1783; d. Oct. 30, 1803. vi. Polly, b. Aug. 10, 1785; m. Feb. 9, 1812, Jonathan James of Gilmanton; d. Oct. 17, 1826. Children: Sally, Zoe, and Annis. vii. Elizabeth, called "Betsey," b. Feb. 21, 1788; m. Nov. 17, 1811,
- Henry. son of Simeon and Miriam (Morrill) Hoit, of Gilford; lived in Plymouth, N. H. Children: Jason, John, Polly, George W., Henry Edward, Betsey, James J., and Edward. viii. Hannah, b. Apr. 9, 1790; d. Feb. 8, 1814.

Children by second wife:

ix. Ruth, b. May 1, 1791; d. same day.

SIMON, b. June 1, 1792; was a farmer, inheriting his father's farm in Gilford; m. Dec. 13, 1813, his cousin Susanna, dau. of Simon

and Meribah (Taylor) Lane, of Hampton, who was b. Feb. 27, 1794, and d. Nov. 25, 1880; d. Mar. 9, 1858. Children: Hannah Lane, Henry Dearborn, Charles, Meribah Taylor, Susan Jane, Harriet P., Simon James, Mary Frances, John Oliver, and George Edward.

xi. Comfort, b. Feb. 8, 1794; m. Daniel Avery, of Campton, N. H.; d.

without issue.

xii. Samuel, b. Nov. 28, 1795; was for many years an apothecary's clerk in Dover, N. H.; m. (1) Mary Folsom, who d. Oct. 20, 1831; m. (2) Clarissa [or Charity?] Woodward(?). Children by first wife: Jonathan Folsom, Samuel Edwin, and John Oliver; by second wife:

Mary Ann, and Charles Henry.

xiii. Nathaniel, b. Nov. 28, 1795; was a carpenter in Gilford, Ellsworth, Runney and Nashua, N. H., and New Bedford, Mass.; m. (1) Jan. 31, 1819, Haunah, dan. of Joseph and Sally Eastman of Deerfield, N. H., who d. April 15, 1838; m. (2) Šophronia, dau. of Joshua Seaver of Brookline, N. H.; d. July 31, 1872. Children by first wife: James Abraham, Alvah Nathaniel, Sarah Prescott, Catharine Augusta, Charles Henry, and George Edward; by second wife: Helen Sophronia.

xiv. JEREMIAH, b. Nov. 21, 1797; lived in Meredith and Rumney, N. H.; m. Mar. 26, 1820, Lavinia Pease of Meredith, who d. in 1876: d. in 1879. Children: James, Mary, Lavinia, Jeremiah, John Sul-

livan, who d. in infancy, and John Sullivan.

xv. Nancy, b. Dec. 2, 1800; m. ——Rundlett; d. Oct. 10, 1852.

xvi. Cynthia, b. Aug. 17, 1802. xvii. Morris, b. Aug. 22, 1805; was a farmer in Gilford, N. H.; m., Feb., 1831, Hannah Libby, dau. of James Dillpratt and Olive (Libby) Bartlett, of Centre Harbor, who was b. July 27, 1810, and d. June 7, 1886; d. Dec. 14, 1871. Children: Olive Bartlett, and Abbott

Morris.

- XVIII. OLIVER, b. Oct. 11, 1811; was a master machinist in Boston for some years, and at Portsmouth Navy Yard during the Civil War; in later life he was Postmaster, for several years, in Northwood, N. H.; m. at Boston, Apr. 7, 1836, Sarah, dau. of John and Olive (Batchelder) Furber, of Northwood, N. H., who d. there July 29, 1872, aged 59; d. at Northwood, Oct. 3, 1887. Children: Sarah. John Furber, Emma, Hazen, d. young, William Hazen, and Arthur Everett.
- 30. THOMAS⁵ COTTON (Thomas, Thomas, John, William¹), born in Portsmouth, N. H., May 6, 1754, was a farmer in North Hampton, He served in the Revolutionary war, in Capt. Parson's company, Col. Gilman's regiment. He married Abigail, daughter of Morris Lamprey, of North Hampton, who was born Sept. 29, 1752, and who, after his death, married Simon Leavitt, and died May 18, 1844. Thomas⁵ died at North Hampton, Dec. 31, 1801.

Children:

MORRIS, 6 b. 1775; d. Mar. 27, 1804; m. Huldah Webber, of Kennebunkport, Me., who, after his death, m. Tristram Dalton of North Hampton. Children: Jonathan,7 and Thomas. JONATHAN, b. 1777; d. Aug. 19, 1799.

iii. Anne, b. 1780; d. Sept. 4, 1800.

- iv. Thomas, b. 1783; d. May 8, 1804.
- Betsey, b. 1785; d. July 29, 1801.
- 31. THOMAS⁵ COTTON (William, Thomas, John, William), born in Brunswick, Me., Oct. 31, 1762, was a farmer in Pownal, Me. He married, Sept. 2, 1787, Mercy, daughter of Jacob Bailey, Sen., of Harpswell, Me.; and died in Lisbon, Me., in Apr., 1840.

Children:

THOMAS, 6 b. about 1788; was a farmer in Richmond and Lisbon, Me.; m., Nov. 17, 1812, Sarah, dau. of James Blethen, of Durham, Me.; d. at Lisbon, Me., in 1850. Children: James, Thomas, Sarah,

Lucy, Julia, Africa P., George, and Albion B.

Macos, Janes, Africa P., George, and Atom B.

JAcob, b. at Poland, Me., Feb. 5, 1791; was a farmer in Pownal,
Me.; m. Jan. 3, 1813, his cousin Ruth, dan. of Jacob and Mercy
(Pinkham) Bailey, of Harpswell. Children: Mercy, Phebe, Henry
Warren, Albion, Cynthia, d. young, Christiana T., Jacob H.,
Cynthia Jane, and Thankful Pinkham. ii.

iii. John, b. at Poland, Me., in 1793; was in the U.S. service during the war of 1812, and afterward second mate on the ship "Perfect

of Boston; d. in Liverpool, Eng., unmarried, in 1821.

iv. Jeremian, b. at Durham, Me., July 8, 1801; was a carpenter in Bath,
Me.; m. (1) Oct. 10, 1821, Salome-Sylvester, of Freeport; m. (2)

Nov. 25, 1848, Betsey, dau. of John and Rebecca (Bowker) Tucker, of Bath; d. at Bath, May 19, 1874. Children: Eliza Ann, Horatio Quincy, Charles Emery, John Bisbee, Jeremiah Freeman, Augustus Winfield Scott, Ellen Frances, d. young, Edward Anderson, and Ella Frances.

ELIZABETH, m. Zebulon Berry, and had: Solomon, Elizabeth, Mary, John, Emily, Lucinda, and Levi.
CYNTHIA, m. Theophilus Stover, and had: Mercy, Dorothy, and

Theophilus.

vii. Asa, a blacksmith, in Pownal, Me.; m. Priscilla, dau. of Samuel and Mary (Clark) Blake, of Harpswell, Me. Children: Calvin Stockbridge, Mary, Betsey, Susan, Catharine, Mary Abby, Eunice, and Henry.

WILLIAM⁵ COTTON (William, Thomas, John, William¹), born at Brunswick, Me., Aug. 12, 1766, was a farmer in Pownal, Me. married, at Freeport, Aug. 28, 1794, Margaret, daughter of John and Mary Walker, who was born Feb. 8, 1774, and died May 12, 1862. He died June 26, 1841.

Children:

Ammi Mitchell. ⁶ b. June 30, 1795; was a farmer and school teacher at Freeport, Madrid, Brunswick and Topsham, Me.; m. (1) at Freeport, Mar. 2, 1820, Sarah, dau. of Stephen and Abigail Pink-ham of Freeport, who was b. Oct. 20, 1791, and d. Apr. 19, 1825; m. (2) at Pownal, Apr. 23, 1829, Mary, dau. of John and Haunah Lake of Jay, Me., who was b. Apr. 9, 1799, and d. Aug. 29, 1878; d. at Topsham, July 24, 1872. Children: Abigail Pinkham, I Alfred Johnson, John Ammi, Sarah Chapin, Hannah Margaret, Mary Louisa, and Lois Alvira.

RUHAMAH MITCHELL, b. Dec. 20, 1796; m. her cousin, R. B. H. Walker; lived in Phillips and Madrid, Me.; had several children.

 PAMELIA JONES, b. May 16, 1798; d. at Pownal, Me., Feb. 13, 1875.
 ALFRED JOHNSON, b. Apr. 20, 1800; settled in Lawrenceburg, Ind., and later removed to Manchester, Ind.; was an active and versatile man, a preacher, poet and judge; published a volume called "Cotton's Keepsake," a somewhat peculiar mixture of personal reminiscences, poetry, humor and pathos; m. Feb., 1819, Dorothy Prince, dau. of Israel and Elizabeth Noyes, who also went to Indiana from Pownal, Me.; had five children.

Lewis, b. Mar. 20, 1802; was a seaman; m. Jane Manson, whom he survived; was lost at sea. Children: Elizabeth, Mary, Lewis, Henrietta, d. young, Henrietta, and Albert.

vi. RACHEL WOODMAN, b. June 7, 1805; m. George Weaver; lived in Portland, Me., and later removed to Wisconsin.

vii. Louisa Parsons, b. Pownal, Me., Mar. 8, 1808; m. May 19, 1833, Lemuel, son of Deacon James and Anna (Cobb) Strout, who was a boat builder; lived first at Portland, and later at Thomaston,

Me.; d. at Thomaston, June 1, 1887. Children: James Charles, Abba Ellen, Alfred Cotton, and Sarah Louisa.

viii. Ozias Blanchard, b. Sept. 25, 1810; was a farmer in Lisbon, Me.; with four of his sons he served in the Civil War; m. Mary Luce. Children: Andrew, Blanchard, William, James, Martin, Charles, d. young, Samuel F., Lewis, Charles, Albert, Sarah, and Phebe Jane.

- ix. SARAH CHAPIN, b. Pownal, Me., Nov. 30, 1814; m. Oct. 5, 1845, Nathaniel, son of Joseph Kenney, a sailor, and later a farmer in Pownal; d. in Pownal, April 24, 1893. Children: Samuel B., Louisa R., Joseph A., Edwin B., James E., and Stephen H.
- 33. JEREMIAH⁵ COTTON (William, Thomas, John, William), born in Brunswick, Me., July 12, 1770, was a tailor in South Boston, Mass. He married Betsey Loud, and is said to have had four children. A son Jeremiah died in South Boston, Nov. 25, 1829, aged 1 yr., 8 mos., and a daughter Naomi⁶ married Martin Russell, and lived in Worcester, Mass., where they had four children: Betsey Sophia, William M., Lucy Maria, and Ella E.
- 34. Thomas Cotton (Nathaniel, Thomas, John, William), born in Portsmouth, N. H., Feb. 7, 1767, settled in Dorchester, N. H., in 1793, and removed, in 1817, to Pembroke, N. H. He married first, Apr. 1, 1790, Judith, daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Marden) Clark, of Rye, N. H., who was born Mar. 22, 1768, and died Jan. 13, 1818; and married second, in Feb., 1819, Sarah Nevins, of Groton, N. H., who was born in Apr., 1789, and died Sept. 25, 1846. He died Nov. 18, 1828.

Children by first wife:

HANNAH,⁶ b. in Portsmouth, Feb. 2, 1791; m. (1) in 1808, Maj. George, of Bow, N. H., son of John and Mary (Fowler) Noyes, who was b. Dec. 18, 1784, and d. Apr. 19, 1838; m. (2) Samuel Fowler of Epsom, N. H.; d. Oct. 13, 1877. Children by first hns-

band: Thomas Branch, Francis Clark, and Nancy.

ii. NATHANIEL, b. Mar., 1794 [or 1795?]; d. Sept., 1795.

iii. Betsey, b. Oct. 14, 1797 [or 1798?]; m. Feb. 22, 1818, Zebulon Clark of Dorchester, N. H.

iv. NANCY, b. May 5, 1800; d. unmarried, Nov. 18, 1820.
v. THOMAS BRANCH, b. May 16, 1804; d. Aug., 1807.
vi. JUDITH CLARK, b. Feb. 15, 1807; m. Jan. 14, 1834, Samuel Lovejoy of Lancaster, N. H., who was b. in Conway, N. H., Apr. 6, 1805, and d. May 1, 1842; d. Apr. 28, 1895. Children: Thomas Cotton Noyes, George Freeman, Mary Weeks, and Samuel Sylvester.

Children by second wife:

- vii. Mary Farley, b. June 6 [or 21?], 1820; d. Jan. 1, 1829. viii. Sarah Nevins, b. Oct. 19, 1822 [or 1823?]; m. (1) Robert White of Bow; m. (2) in 1849, Charles E. Thompson of Concord; d. Oct., 1882.
- ix. Fanny S., b. Nov. 18, 1824; d. unmarried, Sept. 1, 1846.
- Henry Elkins⁵ Cotton (Nathaniel, Thomas John, William), born at Portsmouth, Nov. 27, 1773, was a housewright in Ports-35. mouth. He married, Oct. 27, 1798, Miriam, daughter of Simeon and Margery (Gunnison) Fernald, who was born at Kittery, Me., July 28, 1772, and died at Portsmouth, Dec. 15, 1828. He died at the same place, Jan. 19, 1831.

Children:

NATHANIEL, 6 b. Aug. 4, 1799; was a housewright, surveyor, and commission merchant, living for some years in Boston, and later in Cambridge; a member of the Bunker Hill Monument Association, of the Mass. Chartlable Mechanic Association, and was W.M. of the Massachusetts Lodge, F. & A. M., in 1830; m. June 4, 1826, Lydia, dau. of Samuel and Lydia (Winship) Hall of Charlestown; d. Dec. 6, 1875. Children: Cordelia Ann. Lydia Maria, Charlette Henrietta, Nathaniel, John Francis, Joseph Warren, Henry Norman, and Adora Octavia.

ii. LEONARD, b. Dec. 20, 1800; was a cooper in Portsmouth, N. H., and in Trinidad de Cuba; later a merchant in Portsmouth; m. Nov. In Trifidad de Cuox; ister a inercian in Tosmouta, in Ex-10, 1821, Martha, dau. of Hugh and Martha Clarkson of Ports-mouth, who d. May 12, 1847, aged 42 years; he d. at Portsmouth, Jan. 1, 1872. Children: Adriana Cecelia, Theresa Maria, George Washington, Leonard Mendoza, d. in infancy, Leonard Clarkson,

Charles Henry, and William Wallace.

iii. Charles Henry, b. Dec. 22, 1802; d. in Trinidad de Cuba, unmarried, Jan. 19, 1851.

iv. Mary Elizabeth, b. Nov. 23, 1805; d. in Portsmouth, unmarried, Dec. 30, 1860.

Amos Fernald, b. Apr. 8, 1808; d. Oct. 13, 1808.

vi. Margaret Fernald, b. Dec. 2, 1809; d. uumarried, June 27, 1887.

- WILLIAM⁵ COTTON (John, William, William, William, William), born in 36. Portsmouth, in 1736, was a tanner in Portsmouth. He married Catharine, daughter of John and Phebe Dennett of Portsmouth, who died there Dec. 28, 1803, aged 60 years. He died Feb. 11, 1791. Children:
 - Catharine, ⁶ b. about 1766; m. May 27, 1789, William Stavers of Portsmouth; d. at Boston, Mass., Nov. 1, 1841, and was buried at Mt. Auburn. Children: William Cotton, Mary Catharine, and Charles.
 - ii. Hannah, b. 1769; m. (1) Nov. 25, 1789, Maj. Joseph, son of Rev. Samuel and Sarah (Read) Drown of Portsmouth, who was b. Oct. 9, 1767, and d. Nov. 14, 1827; m. (2), when well advanced in years, - Haley of the Isles of Shoals; d. Nov. 14, 1856, at Isles of Shoals. Children, all by first husband: Catharine, William Cot-

ton, Samuel, Joseph, Mary, Sarah, and Hannah.

iii. EDWARD, m. (1) Aug., 1796, Susanna Perkins of Portsmouth, who was b. 1772, and d. Dec. 8, 1798; m. (2) Mar. 29, 1800, widow

Sally Seward of Portsmouth.

37. JOEL⁵ COTTON (John, William, William, William, William) was baptized in Portsmouth, July 22, 1750, but if the record of his death is correct, he was born five or six years earlier. He appears to have gone to Eastern Maine, some time before 1770, and was probably lost sight of by his relatives in Portsmouth. He lived for a time in Orland, Me., removing, after his first wife's death, to Machias, Me. He served 1 mo. 10 days in the Revolutionary army in 1777, being then a resident of Machias; and removed, not long after, to Newburyport, Mass. He married first, Mary Hatch of Penobscot, Me.; and married second, Sarah ——, probably of Machias. He died in Newburyport, Nov. 9, 1816, "aged 72"; and his wife Sarah died there Jan. 29, 1823.

Children by first wife:

Joel6; a mariner; d. in Newburyport, Jan. 30, 1817, aged 47. ii. Pierce, m. Susan Saunders; had a son Furber, b. Oct. 28, 1800, a shipbuilder in Bucksport, Me.

iii. Sarah Ann, d. unmarried.

Children by second wife, born in Newburyport:

- BENAIAH KENNEY, b. Apr. 16, 1783; d. 1810.
- WILLIAM, b. May 12, 1785.
- CLEMENT, b. Oct. 22, 1787. vi.
- vii. John, b. Nov. 15, 1792.
- WILLIAM⁵ COTTON (William, William, William, William, William, born in 38. Falmouth, Me., Oct. 24, 1739; settled, in 1760, in Gorham, Me. He was a tanner. He married, in 1759, Elizabeth Cobb, Children:
 - JOHN, 6 b. in Falmouth, Me., Feb. 16, 1760; d. in New Gloucester, Me., Oct. 15, 1847.
 - SARAH, b. in Gorham, Me., Dec. 4, 1761; m. Feb. 6 [or 5?], 1794, Jonathan Elwell, a widower with several children by two previous
 - marriages; had a dau. Abigail, who d. unmarried, Apr. 25, 1827.
 iii. EBENEZER COBB, b. Feb. 18, 1764; a farmer at West Gorham, Me.;
 m. Mar. 5, 1789, Elizabeth, dau. of Eleazer Clase, who d. May 11,
 1838. Children: Joseph, Susanna, Nathaniel, Polly, Lydia, and William.
 - Susanna, b. Apr. 17, 1766; m. Mar. 2, 1792, Nathan, son of John and Mercy (Freeman) Carsley of Gorham; probably moved, in 1793, to Harrison, Me.
 - Mary, b. June 7, 1768.

 - vi. Elizabeth, b. Aug. 10, 1770. vii. William, b. July 1, 1773; a sea-faring man; d. unmarried, in Gorham, Mar. 9, 1854.
 - viii. Abigail, b. Ang. 26, 1775; d. at Alfred, Me., Sept. 10, 1846.
 - ix. Dorcas Cobb, b. Jan. 11, 1778; d. at Alfred, Me., Dec. 17, 1821.
- JOHN⁵ COTTON (William, William, William, William, William), born in 1741, was a tanner with his brother in Gorham, Me., for several years, and later lived in Cornish, Me. He was a convert to the doctrines of the "New Lights," and became an itinerant Free Baptist preacher, gaining by his fanatical enthusiasm the soubriquet of "the mad preacher." He married, at Scarborough, Me., Aug. 22, 1769, Rebecca Bryant [or Bryan?].

Children:

- Eunice Pike, b. Sept. 29, 1770; d. unmarried in Troy, Me.
- LORNHAMA, b. in Gorham, Aug. 22, 1772; m. Dec. 11, 1791, John, son of Simeon and Eleanor (Huse) Coffin of Thorndike, Me., whe was b. June 11, 1766, and d. Feb. 1843. They went with the Shakers to Alfred, Me.
- WILLIAM, b. in Gorham, Oct. 5, 1776; was a farmer at Hiram, Me.; m. Hannah, dau. of Lemuel and Hannah (Clemons) Howard of Hiram; had sons William⁷ and Lemuel, of Hiram, and John H.,
- who moved to Lynn, Mass. Elisha, b. in Portland, Me., Apr. 25, 1779 [or 1778?]; was a farmer at Cornish, until 1819, when he moved to Brownfield; m. at Wells. Me., Jan. 25, 1800 [or Jan. 20, 1801?], Margaret, dan. of Thomas and Abigail (Johnson) Morrill of Berwick, Me., who was b. June 14, 1779, and d. June 16, 1865. He d. at Brownfield, Jan. 8, 1863. Children: Abigail, d. young, Eliza, Cyrus Snell, Abigail Johnson, Thomas, Elisha, Jacob Morrill, Daniel, John, Oliver Griswold, Sarah, and William.
- JOHN, b. Apr. 11, 1780. Either he or his father m. Eleanor, dau. of Simeon and Eleanor (Huse) Coffin of Thorndike, Me., who was b. Mar. 19, 1762, and d. in Canterbury, N. H. He d. at Troy, Me.
- Pamela, b. Oct. 16, 1782; d. in Alfred, Me., July 7, 1851.
- vii. Samuel, b. June 6, 1784; moved from Cornish to Troy, Me.; m.—Blethen; d. in 1829. Children: Lornhama, James, Rebecca, Benjamin, Ariel, Wealthy, and Esther.

40. Samuel⁵ Cotton (*Thomas*, ⁴ *Thomas*, ⁸ *William*, ² *William*) was a blockmaker in Portsmouth. He served in Capt. Titus Salter's artillery company at Fort Washington in 1775 and 1776. He married first, Martha ——, who died of yellow fever, between July 20th and Sept. 1st, 1798, aged 55; and married second, Nov. 3, 1799, Sarah, daughter of John and Sarah (Johnson) Robie of Hampton, who died in 1818. He died in 1813.

Children by first wife:

- SARAH, 6 m. June 29, 1795, Richard Phillips of Portsmouth; d. before 1813.
- MARTHA, b. 1776; m. June 16, 1798, her cousin Samuel, Jr., son of Samuel and Sarah (Cotton) Hutchins of Portsmouth; d. Mar. 6, 1827.
- iii. ELIZABETH, b. 1778; d. Mar. 8, 1798.
- iv. Samuel, b. 1780; d. Sept. 8, 1798.

Children by second wife:

v. ELIZABETH, b. 1800; m. in Hampton, Sept. 12, 1813, at the age of 13 years, Richard Phillips, as his second wife.

vi. SAMUEL, b. 1801.

- vii. Ann, b. Jan. or Feb., 1804; d. in Hampton, N. H., Mar. 20, 1818.
- THOMAS⁵ COTTON (Thomas, ⁴ Thomas, ⁸ William, ² William¹) was a farmer in Sandown, N. H. He married, in Sandown, Jan. 20, 1774, Sarah, daughter of Ichabod and Sarah (Moulton) Shaw.
 Child:
 - ICHABOD SHAW, 6 b. Oct. 1, 1774; a farmer at Sandown; m. Abigail, dau. of David Carleton, who was b. 1776, and d. Oct. 28, 1849; d. Feb. 25, 1834. Children: Sarah, 7 Thomas, Carleton, Abigail, and Sophronia.
- 42. NATHANIEL⁵ COTTON (Thomas, Thomas, William, William) is probably the Nathaniel who, born in Portsmouth, N. H., about 1761, took part in the battle of Saratoga in 1777, was wounded in one ankle, remained in the woods three days and then went down the Hudson river to Coxsackie, where he remained ten years, teaching school in winter and weaving in summer. He married there, about 1788, Maria, daughter of Nicholas and Maria (Van Vechten) Spoor, who was baptized in Coxsackie, Jan. 8, 1769. With his father-in-law and family he moved to Albany, thence to Schenectady, and soon afterward settled in what is now Charleston, N. Y. Children:

Children:

JUDITH⁶.

- WILLIAM, b. Oct. 12, 1792; a blacksmith; settled in Will County, Ill., in 1836; m. June 7, 1812, Parnell Russell; had fourteen children; d. Mar. 21, 1873.
- iii. NICHOLAS.
- iv. John.
- v. Maria. vi. David.
- vii. Lansing.
- viii. Eliza.
- WILLIAM⁵ COTTON (William, Thomas, William, William), born in Portsmouth, N. H., Feb. 7, 1763, was a farmer and schoolmaster in Wolfborough, N. H., until about 1807, when he moved to Castine, Me. He married first, Mary, daughter of John and Abigail

(Coffin) Fernald of Brookfield, N. H., whose grandmother was Elizabeth Cotton [3. iii.]; and married second, about 1808, Nancy Coombs of Islesboro, Me. He died at Castine, Me., Feb. 28, 1827. Children:

WILLIAM, 6 m. Mary, dau. of William (a Revolutionary soldier) and Sarah (Dudley) Page, who was b. Aug. 27, 1793. She m. (2) Joel Cook of Wolfborough, and d. June 29, 1859. William, 6 d. July 10, 1824. Children: Gen. Henry Pike, 7 of Nobleboro', Me.; Dudley Page, merchant, of Boston and the West Indies; Matidla Henrietta, m. Capt. Wilmot Seiders; Daniel; Mary, d. in infancy; Many Thurston, m. Isaac Rich; William True; and Mary Abby, m. (1) Ezra T. Kidder, and m. (2) James Redpath.

PAMELA, m. Tristram Nute of Wolfborough.

iii. Mahala, m. (1) Joseph Morgan; m. (2) Jacob Eastman; both hus-

bands of Wolfborough.

George Osborne, b. June 2, 1797; a Methodist minister of Wolfiv. borough; m. (1) Patience Whitehouse; m. (2) Elizz Rines of Middleton, N. H.; m. (3) Rebecca Pierce Kendall of Dover, N. H.; had one son, *George P.*⁷; d. in Feb.; 1851.

Isaac, b. Oct. 16, 1809; was a baker, and lived in Lee, Needham, SAAC, b. Oct. 16, 1809; was a baker, and lived in Lee, needham, Boston, and Malden, Mass.; in. at Boston, Sept. 12, 1829, Mary Smith Flagg, who was b. in Jay, Me., Sept. 17, 1801, and d. in Needham, Mass., Sept. 23, 1883; d. at Malden, Nov. 16, 1855. Children: William Henry, Tavina, d. young, Mary Nancy, Caroline W. P., Susan, Lavina Helen, Susan Fisher, Charles, and Isaac.

LAVINA, b. Nov. 27, 1812.

vii. Hannah, b. Apr. 13, 1815; m. (1) Sept. 6, 1835, Cyrus K. Banks; m. (2) William Alexander of East Berwick, Me.

viii. John Pickering, b. at Castine, Me., Aug. 6, 1817; was a pump maker in Dorchester, Mass.; m. three times; d. in Boston. Jan.

25, 1882. Parizanda, b. at Castine, Me., May 22, 1820; m. Jerome A. Engix.

lish; d. before 1848. ABIJAH, b. Feb. 22, 1823.

HARRIET C., b. Jan. 5, 1826; m. in Sept., 1848, Jerome A. English, as his second wife.

JOHN PICKERING⁵ COTTON (William, 4 Thomas, 8 William, 2 William), born at Portsmouth, N. H., Jan. 26, 1765, married Betsy Allen of Ossipee, N. H., who died Aug. 29, 1348. He died May 6, 1841. Children:

Sally, 6 b. Oct. 15, 1791; m. Walter Avery of Wolfborough.

GEORGE WHITEFIELD, b. Mar. 6, 1797; was a farmer in Wolfborough; m. Sept. 13, 1821, Anna Huggins, who was b. at Wakefield, N. H., Aug. 29, 1792, and d. Feb. 25, 1875; d. May 4, 1876. Children: Elizabeth Ann, John Woodbury, Nathaniel H., Charlotte, Hannah H., and Rebecca.

iii. Eliza, b. Apr. 20, 1799.

JOHN PICKERING, b. Aug. 16, 1801; a farmer in Wolfborough; selectman, and representative to the Legislature; m. Dec. 25, 1828, Mary B. Towle; d. Nov. 11, 1866.
SOPHIA W., b. Feb. 20, 1804; d. unmarried, Jan. 2, 1895.

v.

ELIOT, b. July 4, 1806; a farmer in Wolfborough; selectman, and representative; m. Sarah Libby; d. Apr. 9, 1874.

- vii. Mary Ann, b. Sept. 2, 1811; m. Lewis B. Canney. viii. William Pitt, b. July 9, 1814; m. (1) Mary Libby; m. (2) Lavinia Horne; m. (3) Ann S. Richardson.
- 45. Deacon Thomas Cotton (William, Thomas, William, William), born at Portsmouth, N. H., Nov. 16, 1766, was a farmer in Wolfborough, a deacon and occasional preacher of the Free Baptist

Church, and a man of very fervid religious character. He married, in 1791, Martha Furber, who died May 14, 1857, aged 89. He died Aug. 5, 1847.

Children:

Martha, 6 m. in Dec., 1815, Phineas, son of John Weeks; d. Feb.

MARTHA,* m. in Dec., 1815, Phineas, son of John Weeks; d. Feb. 16, 1869. Children: Martha, Phineas J., Salome C., Brackett Marshall, Adaline Elizabeth, Nancy F., and John Furber.
THOMAS, b. June 27, 1797; m. (1) Feb. 4, 1823, Nancy Dame of Tuftonborongh, who was b. Nov. 22, 1803, and d. Mar. 8, 1848; and m. (2) Jan. 20, 1856, Mrs. Hannah C. (Mason) Abbott; d. Sept. 28, 1875. Children: Elizabeth D., Thomas M., John Freeman, d. in 1857, Nancy, d. young, Martha E., William J., Isaac W., Loh Albert d. in informer. When W. Nava A. and John F. the Job Albert, d. in infancy, Albert W., Nancy A., and John F., the last two by second wife.

iii. John Furber, b. May 11, 1800; m. (1) Eunice Dame of Tufton-borough; m. (2) Mary Young of Effingham; d. Aug. 30, 1855. Children, by first wife: Alvin S., and Eunice Dame; by second wife: Mary, Elizabeth Emma, Alzira S., Mercy A., Timothy Young, John Colby, William Henry, Sarah Abbie Maria, and Edward

Daniel, b. July 5, 1803; m. Eliza K. Lang of Brookfield, N. H.; d. Oct. 20, 1865. Children: Susan L., Salome A., a son, who d. in infancy, Priscilla D., Eliza A., Daniel J., and Henry D.

SALOME, b. Dec. 23, 1807; d. Jan. 28, 1823.

vi. BETSEY, m. John Clark.

James Cotton (William, Thomas, William, William), born at 46. Portsmouth, Jan. 8, 1769, was a farmer in Wolfborough. He married first, Feb. 20, 1798, Betsey, daughter of Josiah and Anna (Neal) Robinson of Brookfield, N. H., who was born Oct. 24, 1767, and died June 6, 1818; and married second, Apr. 3, 1819, Jane, daughter of Daniel and Rachel (Carlisle) Edgerly. He died at Wolfborough, July 18, 1856.

Children:

Josiah Robinson, 6 b. Feb. 13, 1800; m. Lydia Doe; d. Jan. 8, 1838. Children: Elizabeth, Neal, Betsey R., Richard R., Abigail J., Charles G. R., Tamasin D., Fanny R., and Nancy D. James, b. Nov. 12, 1802; m. Abigail Knowles; d. July 12, 1867. Children: Albert Warren, Samuel Knowles, Betsey Abbie, James Sumner, Eliza Jane, and Sally An Leavitt.

ii.

WALTER NEAL, b. Feb. 20, 1805; a farmer in Alton, N. H.; m. Eleanor Clifton Chrischenson; d. Sept. 20, 1892. Children: Elizabeth Ann, Sarah Osborne, Ellen Jane, Charles Daniel, Hannah Emily, Susan Melissa, Sumner, and Mary Abbie.

WARREN BANNISTER, b. Sept. 6, 1808; m. Julia Ann Drake of Lacon, Ill,; had one son and one daughter; d. at New Rutland, Ill., Sept.

30, 1869.

ISAAC⁵ COTTON (William, 4 Thomas, 3 William, 2 William, 1), born at 47. Portsmouth, Feb. 13, 1772, and settled at Lancaster, N. H. He married, in 1799, Alice ["Elsie"] Marden of Wolfborough, and died at Lancaster, Feb. 14, 1844.

James, 6 b. Nov. 28, 1800 [or 1799?].

HANNAH, b. Sept. 20, 1801 [or 1802?]; m. Ira Cook of Wolfborough.

TEMPERANCE, b. Jan. 31 [or 28?], 1804; m. Joseph Moulton of Os-

ALICE ["Elsie"], b. Jan. 26, 1806; m. George Drew of Wolfborough.

v. Isaac Newell, b. at Wolfborough, May 16, 1808; m. Sophronia Willard, dau. of Douglas Spalding of Lancaster, N. H.; d. at Lancaster, Aug. 12, 1858. Children: Delphia A., George V., Phebe A., Isaac F., and Sumner S.

Sally, b. May 15, 1810; m. James Moulton of Ossipee.

vii. Joseph, b. Mar. 24, 1812; a farmer in Jefferson, N. H.; m. Martha J. Somers; d. at Jefferson, July 11, 1891; had sons Ambrose and Truman W., and probably other children.

viii. NANCY, b. Sept. 19, 1815; m. Jethro Horne of New Durham, N. H.

 George Osborne⁵ Cotton (William, Thomas, William, William), born at Portsmouth, May 10, 1774, married, in 1799, Sally Wiggin of Wolfborough. He died at Wolfborough, Nov. 30, 1839. Children:

WILLIAM WIGGIN,6 b. June 2, 1799.

RUTH P., b. Aug. 27, 1801; d. unmarried, about 1880.

iii. John S., b. May 23, 1804.

- ANN BURNELL, b. Dec. 19, 1807; m. Thomas J. Avery of Wolfborough.
- Samuel⁵ Cotton (William, Thomas, William, William), born
 May 29, 1780, married first, Apr. 26, 1809, Sally, daughter of John and Mary (Savage) Fernald of Brookfield, a neice of his brother William's first wife. She died June 15, 1830; and he married second, Mar. 16, 1831, Abigail, daughter of David Hobbs of Effingham. He died Feb. 8, 1852.

Children:

JOSEPH PECK, 6 b. Feb. 4, 1812; a farmer in Ossipee, N. H., Lynnville, Ill., and West Newfield, Me.: m. Jerusha Tucker of Ossipee; d. at West Newfield, Me., Ang. 6, 1883. Children: Joseph Cyrus, d. young, Samuel Clark, d. young, John Wesley, Joseph Clark, Samuel Cyrus, George Gilbert, d. young, and Maria Caroline.

Wesley, b. Feb. 5, 1816; m. Martha M. Furber; removed to Pennii.

sylvania; d. thene, Feb. 15, 1881.

 SAMUEL CLARK, b. July 27, 1820; d. Mar. 12, 1838.
 BRACKETT FERNALD, b. Sept. 30, 1826; a farmer in East Wolfborongh, N. H.; m. Susan Hannah Stanton of Brookfield, N. H. Children: Samuel Charles, Jacob Henry, Sarah Ann, d. young, [Abial] Clark, John Clarence, Nathaniel Frank, d. young, Eliot Ai, d. young, and Minnie May.

SARAH MARIA, b. Dec. 6, 1829; d. Aug. 1, 1845.

Note.—Elizabeth⁴ Cotton [8-iv.], page 7, m. Noah (not John) Sherburne (see REGISTER, vol. 58, page 235).







