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SAMUEL KENDALL BURBANK of Pittsford, Vt., a resident member since 1916, was born at Proctorsville, Vt., 15 March 1844, the son of Abel and Almira (Blood) Burbank, and died at Pittsford 21 January 1917. His paternal grandfather, Samuel Burbank, son of Samuel and grandson of Timothy, served as a captain at the Battle of Bunker Hill.

He received his education in the common schools, and devoted his life to business and to serving others in the spirit of Christian helpfulness. As town clerk and town treasurer of Pittsford, as a member of the Vermont Legislature in 1894-95, and as president, treasurer, and chairman of the Board of Directors of the MacLure Library Association, he was faithful in the conscientious performance of duty and won a multitude of friends. Loyal to his own church, he was always ready to coöperate with other churches in every useful work. Few among the citizens of Pittsford have been more unselfish, more versatile, more useful, and more beloved.

He married, 19 June 1872, Nancy J. Tottingham, who survives him.

ALFRED OTIS LARKIN of Portsmouth, N. H., a resident member since 1880, was born at Monterey, Cal., the son of Thomas Oliver and Rachel Haven (Holmes) Larkin, and died in Hong-Kong 21 January 1917. His paternal grandparents were Ebenezer and Mary (Oliver) Larkin, Mary Oliver being a descendant of Elder Thomas (Oliver) Larkin, who came to Boston from England in 1632. He was also descended from Richard Warren of the *Mayflower*. His father, Thomas Oliver Larkin, was United States consul at Monterey, before the acquisition of California by the United States.

Alfred Otis Larkin was educated at private schools in Washington, D. C., and was a student at the Harvard Medical School in 1868-69. He was a man of wealth, and never engaged in any active business or profession. After the death of his parents he made his home in Portsmouth, but spent his winters abroad. He was a great traveller, and had journeyed around the world several times. For many years he was a vestryman of St. John's Church (Episcopal), Portsmouth, and he was a member of the Portsmouth Athenæum and of a number of California societies.

He married, at Portsmouth, Mary Ball, daughter of Trueworthy M. and Alice Douglas (Sistare) Ball, and had one daughter, Alice Sistare Larkin, who was married, in September 1914, to Henry Wroughton Tonemin of St. Albans, co. Herts, England.

JAMES MACMASTER CODMAN, A.B., of Brookline, Mass., a resident member since 1894, was born in Paris, France, 17 April 1831, the son of Charles Russell and Anne (Macmaster) Codman, and died at Brookline 24 January 1917. He was a descendant of Robert¹ Codman, the immigrant, who was at Salem, Mass., in 1637, lived later at Salisbury, Mass., and in Connecticut, and died at Edgartown, then belonging to New York but later transferred to Massachusetts, in

1678, his line of descent leading through Stephen,² John,³ John,⁴ and John⁵ to Charles Russell,⁶ his father. His mother, born in London, England, in July 1798, was the daughter of James Macmaster of London and his wife, Anne Van Buskirk of New Jersey, daughter of Col. Abraham (Jacob, Thomas) and Jane (Dey) Van Buskirk. Jane Dey was of New York, and was the daughter of Anthony⁴ Dey (Richard,³ Anthony,² Richard,¹ who emigrated from Holland to New Netherland about 1635) and his wife, Hester Schuyler (Philip,³ Arnold,² Philip,¹ who emigrated from Holland to New Netherland in 1650).

James Macmaster Codman received his early education at Mr. and Mrs. Marshall's school, Bulfinch Street, Boston, at Cushing and Forbes's school, under the Park Street Church, Boston, at the Boston Latin School, and at Dr. Muhlenberg's school at Flushing, Long Island, N. Y. He entered Harvard College in 1847, and received the degree of A.B. in 1851.

In the year in which he received his academic degree Mr. Codman went to the East Indies, and afterwards, for a few years, he was engaged in Boston in business connected with the India trade. In 1858 he removed from Boston to Brookline, and thenceforth, until his death, this town was his place of residence. Much of his time, however, was spent in travel, and, in addition to the East Indies, he visited Japan, Egypt, many European countries, the West Indies, and various parts of the North American continent.

He was interested in agriculture and horticulture, and from his student days had made a study of the pedigrees of blooded cattle, especially of Guernsey cattle. He had visited the island of Guernsey, and was one of the first to import into America a herd of Guernsey cattle. He was for many years president, and afterwards president emeritus, of the American Cattle Club.

Literature and art also claimed his attention. For nearly twenty years he served as a trustee of the Brookline Public Library, and for two years he was one of the selectmen of the town. He was a member of the Union Club and of the St. Botolph Club of Boston.

He married, 19 October 1858, Henrietta Gray Sargent, who survives him, daughter of Ignatius and Henrietta (Gray) Sargent. Their children were: 1. Francis, born in 1859, died unmarried in 1885. 2. James Macmaster, of Brookline, A.B. (Harvard, 1884), born 20 April 1862, a lawyer practising in Boston. 3. Henry Sargent, born in 1864, died unmarried in 1893. 4. Philip, A.B. (Harvard, 1889), born 6 October 1868, died unmarried 28 October 1896. 5. Cora, born 12 July 1874, married, 24 July 1894, to William Ely of Providence, R. I.

JOHN FLETCHER MOFFETT of Watertown, N. Y., a resident member since 1915, was born at Paris Hill, Oneida Co., N. Y., 15 April 1841, the son of Charles Denny and Emily Hayman (Knollin) Moffett, and died in New York City 28 January 1917. He traced his descent from William¹ Moffat or Muffet of Newbury, Mass., through Joseph,² Joseph,³ Joseph,⁴ and Charles Denny,⁵ his father. He also numbered among his ancestors, on the paternal side, members of the Sargent,