

First Congregational Church of Guilford, Conn., his pastorate there extending from 1859 to 1865. Ill health prevented him from accepting another charge, and he resided in Granville, Mass., from 1865 to 1872, when he removed to Auburndale. In 1900 he took up his residence in Worcester, Mass., but returned to Auburndale in 1915.

Though without a pastorate, Mr. Smith was by no means inactive. During his first years of residence at Auburndale he was a member of the School Committee of Newton and was active in church and social work. In 1908 he was sent as a delegate to the International Congregational Council at Edinburgh, Scotland, and from there he was gradually led to continue his travels around the globe. He continued remarkably active in mind and body almost to the time of his death.

Mr. Smith published "Travel Notes of an Octogenarian," in the main a compilation from letters written by him during his tour of the world in 1908-9. In the last year of his life a number of his sermons preached at Guilford, Conn., were published under the title: "How One Church went through a War." He published also an address entitled "Sermon Reading," which he delivered without notes before the Congregational Club of Boston.

He married first, 26 October 1853, Elinor Mary Ladd, who died 16 August 1896, daughter of Henry Ladd of Portsmouth, N. H.; and secondly Mrs. Ellen M. (Grant) Gould, widow of Rev. George Gould, D.D., of Worcester. She died in 1915. Three daughters survive him: Ella B. Smith, Mrs. Dean A. Walker, and Mrs. Waldo W. Cole.

MRS. ANNA BUCKHAM (WRIGHT) MOORE of New York City, a resident member since 1913, was born in New York City 29 July 1859, the daughter of George Wellman and Georgianna (Buckham) Wright, and died there 30 January 1916. She was a descendant of Dea. Samuel¹ Wright of Springfield and Northampton, Mass., through Samuel,² Eliezer,³ Benoni,⁴ Capt. Moses⁵ of Rockingham, Vt., Dr. Ebenezer⁶ of Plainfield, N. H., John Stratton,⁷ and George Wellman,⁸ her father. On her mother's side she descended from some of the prominent Dutch families of New York.

She was educated in Boston, New York City, and Paris, and was a member of many patriotic-hereditary societies.

She was married, 23 June 1908, to Russell Wellman Moore, who survives her.

WILLIAM HENRY DAVISON, A.M., of Pensacola, Fla., a resident member since 1914, was born in Boston 24 October 1824, the son of Andrew Cunningham and Nancy Thomas (Corbet) (Iverson) Davison, and died at Pensacola 31 January 1916.

He was always deeply interested in genealogy, and spent much time in tracing the career of the Davison family back to the old Scotch Davison clan. He claimed descent from Malcolm Davison of Dingwall, Scotland, through his son Nicholas and grandson Nicholas (Nicholas¹ of the New England family), who was born in 1611 and is recorded at Charlestown, Mass., in 1639, being one of the prominent men of the town and agent for Governor Cradock. This second Nicholas

had by his wife, Joanna Miller, among other children, a son, Daniel,² born 9 January 1650/1, who became a merchant at Newbury, Mass., where he married in 1673 Abigail Coffin. Their son Nicholas,³ who was born at Newbury in 1680, had a son Daniel,⁴ who married Margaret Ogelby in 1733 and had, among others, a son, Henry⁵ of Boston, who was born 12 August 1744 and died 7 March 1807. This Henry⁶ married Mary Greenleaf, daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Cunningham) Greenleaf, and their fourth child, Andrew Cunningham⁶ Davison, who was born 5 June 1789 and died 27 January 1856, was graduated at Harvard in 1815 and became a schoolmaster in Boston, where he married, 16 May 1819, Mrs. Nancy Thomas (Corbet) Iverson, widow of Capt. John Iverson. Their child, William Henry⁷ Davison, at first called Benjamin Rice Davison, is the subject of this sketch.

A touching proof of Mr. Davison's respect for his ancestors was his interest in the hallowed spot where many of them lie buried, the old Granary Burial Ground in Boston. About ten years ago, when in Boston, he had his old family tomb there put in thorough order, and the names of his forbears cut upon the outside, with the dates of their births and deaths, and at the bottom of the list he, the last survivor, cut his own name and birth date and then deposited with a friend sufficient money to cut upon the tomb the date of his own death. In fact, it was probably his veneration for old-time New England that led him to join this Society at the advanced age of ninety.

He was graduated at Harvard in 1845, and received the degree of A.M. from his *alma mater* in 1851. He always took a keen interest in the College, returning often for the Commencement exercises, and at the time of his death he was almost the oldest living alumnus, there being but one member of the Class of 1844 and two of his own classmates alive. Always a reader of the best literature of all ages, he preserved to the last his love for the classics, which showed itself in his conversation and his letters.

He was a civil engineer, a profession that is apt to take a man to many different parts of the country; and therefore he early left New England for the Southwest and about 1860 took up his residence in Florida, and served for a time in the Engineer Corps of the Confederate Army. For a number of years he was city engineer of Pensacola and county surveyor, and he laid out and constructed the line across the Tensas Swamp, from Tensas to Mobile, Ala. In relating his experiences a few years ago he wrote:

"In 1871 I for the first time in the history of engineering made use of No. 12 steel piano forte wire in measuring bridge spans, and it was such a complete success that it spread at once over this country and in the old world, and, I doubt not, was the cause of the use of steel wire in the deep sea soundings of the exploring ship 'Challenger.' At the time I regarded the discovery as merely an incident of my work, but you know how ideas spread."

He married at Oakfield, near Pensacola, in the sixties, Mrs. Jeanie Cameron (Anderson) Dow, daughter of Hon. Walker Anderson, a judge of the Supreme Court of Florida, and widow of Warren Quincy

Dow. Though he had no children of his own, his stepchildren and grandchildren were as his own to him, and he passed a happy old age in their company.

By HENRY WINCHESTER CUNNINGHAM, A.B., of Boston, Mass.

WILLIAM GARDNER SPEAR of Pembroke, Mass., a resident member since 1896, was born at Weymouth, Mass., 26 October 1852, the son of Lowell Quincy and Eleanor (Kennedy) Spear, and died at Framingham, Mass., 31 January 1916. He traced his lineage from George¹ Spear of Braintree, Mass., through Samuel,² John,³ Seth,⁴ Lemuel,⁵ and Lowell Quincy,⁶ his father.

He was educated in the public schools of Weymouth and Quincy, Mass., and in Brooklyn, N. Y.

He made his home at Quincy in the seventies, and lived there until 1903, when he moved to Pembroke, where he had bought an old farm on North River. There he lived until a few weeks before his death.

From 1875 to 1890 he was engaged in various enterprises that took him over much of the eastern and southern parts of the United States. In 1892-93 he interested Mr. Charles Francis Adams and others in forming the Quincy Historical Society, a work which was accomplished in the autumn of 1893. He became the librarian of the Society, a position which he held until his removal to Pembroke. He superintended the restoration of the old Adams House, which was given to the Society by Mr. Adams and is now its headquarters.

Mr. Spear early evinced a deep interest in town and family history, although he by no means confined his researches to those fields of investigation. He devoted the last thirty years of his life to seeking after truth along historical, genealogical, and antiquarian lines, and he shared the knowledge thus gained with many who resorted to him for information. An intimate friend speaks of him as a staunch and loyal friend and as one whom all who really knew loved.

He married, in 1903, Annah Goodridge of Quincy, who survives him.

MRS. LUCY ANN (LANE) NORCROSS of Boston, made a life member by vote of the Council and Society in 1912, was born on Poplar Street, Boston, 13 October 1816, the daughter of George and Sarah Merritt (Homer) Lane, and died at 9 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, 13 February 1916, aged 99 years, 4 months. She traced her descent from John¹ Lane through John Merrifield² Lane and her father, George³ Lane, and from John Homer through her mother as well as through her father's mother, Mary (Homer) Lane, — all of Boston.

She was educated at Miss Hastings's school and the Bowdoin School. She was a life member of the American Unitarian Association and of the Bostonian Society, and a member of and a contributor to numerous charitable and educational societies. By her will she left \$100,000 in public bequests, after the termination of certain life estates.

She was married at 10 Allen Street, Boston, 9 December 1835, by Rev. Samuel Barrett of the Twelfth Congregational Church (Unitarian), to her cousin, Otis Norcross, son of Otis and Mary Cuning-

ham (Homer) Norcross, a leading merchant of Boston, whose successor in business is The Jones, McDuffee & Stratton Company. Mr. Norcross was mayor of Boston in 1867, and was also a life member and a benefactor of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. He died 5 September 1882, and a memoir of him was published in the REGISTER, vol. 37, pp. 208-209. Of Mrs. Norcross's eight children, three survive her: Laura (Norcross) Marrs, widow of Kingsmill Marrs, Otis Norcross, and Grenville Howland Norcross.

LIEUT.-COL. FRANCIS SNOW HESSELTINE, A.M., of Newtonville, Mass., a resident member since 1910, was born at Bangor, Me., 10 December 1833, the son of Peter Heald and Sarah Hamlin (Snow) Hesselstine, and died at Newtonville 17 February 1916. He traced his descent from Robert¹ Hesselstine of Rowley and Bradford, Mass., through Abraham,² Jonathan,³ Nathan,⁴ Follansbee,⁵ and Peter Heald,⁶ his father. He was a descendant on his mother's side of Nicholas Snow, who came to Plymouth in the *Ann* in 1623 and married Constance Hopkins, who came over with her father, Stephen Hopkins, in the *Mayflower* in 1620.

At the outbreak of the Civil War he was a student at Waterville College (now Colby College), Waterville, Me., and enlisted in April 1861, serving three years and four months. He aroused the enthusiasm of the students, and, raising a company of volunteers, was chosen captain of Company G, Third Maine Infantry (Col. Oliver Otis Howard's regiment). He was in the First Battle of Bull Run and received honorable mention for his services there. On recommendation of General Howard he was promoted to be major and afterwards lieutenant-colonel of the Thirtieth Maine Regiment, and was sent to the Department of the Gulf. One of his most remarkable achievements occurred 29 December 1863, at Matagorda Bay, on the Texas coast, where, with one hundred men, he successfully repulsed and escaped from a brigade of Confederate cavalry. For his bravery in this exploit Congress in 1865 awarded to Colonel Hesselstine the Congressional Medal. From Waterville College he received the degrees of A.B. (1863) and A.M. (1866), and was elected to membership in the Phi Beta Kappa Society.

In 1865 he was admitted to the bar at Augusta, Me., and from 1865 to 1870 practised his profession in Savannah, Ga. In the latter year he returned to the North and settled in Melrose, Mass., where he continued to reside until a few months before his death. He had a law office in Boston, and for many years was corporation counsel for the city of Melrose. Occasionally he contributed stories to popular magazines.

He married first, 2 October 1853, Carrie M. Curtis of Bucksport, Me., who died 11 June 1856; secondly, at Waterville, 7 November 1861, Mrs. Rebecca Melinda (Stark) Crosby, a widow, who died at Melrose in 1893; and thirdly, 21 February 1900, Caroline Georgie McNutt, daughter of John Johnson and Margaret (Hall) McNutt, who survives him, together with three children by his second wife: Norman Francis, Gertrude Rebecca, and Marion Elizabeth. A child by his first wife died in infancy.