GENEALOGY

OF THE

Hobson Family

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INTRODUCTION.

The following work, though of small pretensions, has involved in it more labor than any one unacquainted with such work would naturally suppose. We have aimed to be accurate, and yet it is not to be expected that no mistakes have inadvertently crept in. All the apology we have to make is that we have done the best we could under the circumstances.

We first attempted to make out that the Buxton Hobsons descended from John Hobson, of Rowley, who had so much to do with the early history of the town, and who was besides an "honorable" man, serving his town and country in various capacities for many years. But John had no son William, and there was not time for another generation to intervene. The Rowley records were so imperfect that it seemed impossible to determine who was the father of Wm. But upon the examination of the Probate court records at Salem, Mass., this point was satisfactorily determined. Instead of descending from Wm. and Ann Reynor through John, he descended from them through Wm., the third son, and Jere. his son, so that Wm. of Buxton was the son of Jere. of Rowley, the son of Wm., who was the third son of Wm. & Ann Reynor.

In the investigations necessary to secure accuracy in this matter we have been surprised to see how little people know even of their own father's family. None of the oldest members of this family could tell the name of their great grandfather—the father of William who lived to a great age, and whose anecdotes they could relate. This is not a peculiarity of this family. It is simply because that in the whirl of business no attention is given to this matter. But there is a satisfaction in a knowledge of history, and especially the history of our own immediate ancestry. If this little book will contribute to this end its object will be accomplished.

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GENEALOGY.

First Generation.

The first Hobson in this country, of whom we have any authentic account, came over from England and settled in Rowley, Mass., about 1650. His name was William. The town was settled and incorporated about ten years before, taking its name from Rowley, England. Rev. Ezekiel Rogers, with sixty families, commenced the settlement in 1639. A church was organized and Mr. Rogers installed the same year.

Whether Wm. Hobson brought his wife with him or was married after he came over we are not informed. We only know that his wife's name was Ann Reynor, by whom he had three sons, Humphrey, born 1655, John, 1657, and William, 1659.

We find no record of William's death, but Ann Hobson, his wife, administered on his estate in 1694. At that time only one son, Wm., was living, and two grandsons who represented the other branches of the family, Humphrey, the son of Humphrey, aged 10 years, and John, the son of John, who was 14 years of age. The property was divided equally between the three. Mrs. Hobson died the same year.

Second Generation.

1. Humphrey married Elizabeth Northend, 1683, by whom he had one son, Humphrey, born 1684. The father died the same year, aged 29.

2. John was a Narraganset soldier in 1675. He married Sa-

rah Varnum, 1679, and had one son, John, born 1680. John, senior, died 1683, aged 26. The inventory of his property was taken the next year and his wife made oath to it, but she did not administer on it until after the death of John's mother.

3. William, son of Wm., married Sarah Jewett, 1692. The children were Wm., born 1693, and died an infant, Sarah, born 1695, Mary, 1699, Wm., 1701, Martha, 1703, Caleb, 1705 and died 1706 and Jeremiah, 1707. Wm., senior, died 1725, aged 66 and Wm., junior, 1727, aged 26.

Third Generation.

1. Humphrey, son of Humphrey, married Mehitable Payson, by whom he had two sons, Humphrey, born 1718, Samuel, 1728; and two daughters, Elizabeth and Mehitable. Elizabeth married Thomas Lambert and had one son, born 1748, and two daughters. Humphrey, senior, was Deacon of the first church of Rowley nineteen years. He died 1742, aged 58.

2. John, "son of John," was a member of the legislature twenty years, one of the committee of the legislature on the Narraganset townships several years, and Speaker of the House, 1741. He figured extensively in the early history of Buxton, though he never resided there. For ten years he was clerk of the proprietors of the township Narraganset No. 1, was appointed on various committees by them, helped survey it, acted as assessor and collector for them, and drew half a dozen lots of land for his father and others. He married Dorcas Pearson, 1699. The children were Hephzibah, born 1700, Humphrey, 1702 and died 1704, Moses, born 1704, John, 1707 and died 1719. Losing his wife, "Hon. John Hobson, Esq., married Mrs. Mehitable Hidden, 1757." He died 1770, aged 90. He made his will the year before, and speaks of himself as "old in years but of a sound mind." He left a son Moses, a daughter Hephzibah, a grandson John, and a granddaughter Martha, whom he remembered in his will.

3. JEREMIAH, son of Wm. married Jane Dresser, 1729. The children were Wm., born 1730, Ann, 1732, Joseph, 1734 and died, Elizabeth, 1736, Joseph, 1738, Sarah, 1740. Jeremiah died 1741, aged 34. His will gave his wife all his "personal property, housings and land for improvement," until Wm., who was eleven years of age, should be 21, when he was to have his portion. She was to have the rest until Joseph became of age, when he was to receive his part; the mother retaining the third portion, which, after her decease, was to be divided equally between the two sons. Wm. was to pay $300 to Ann when she was 20 years of age, and $300 more when 22; also, $300 to Elizabeth, to whom Joseph was to pay $300; and, to pay Sarah $300 when she was 20, and $300 more when 22. The estate was prized at some over $13,000.00.

Joseph was drowned when twenty-eight years of age and Wm. was appointed administrator of the estate, from which he must have received considerable, being the sole, male heir.

Fourth Generation.

HUMPHREY, son of Humphrey, married Priscilla Jewett. They had one son, Humphrey, born 1757, and three daughters. Humphrey, senior, was town clerk 18 years and representative 9 years. He died 1773, aged 55.

MOSES, son of John, married Lydia Lancaster, 1725. Their children were John, born 1729, Samuel, 1731, Daniel, 1732, Moses, 1735, David, 1739, and three daughters. Samuel, Daniel and Moses died in 1739.

WILLIAM, son of Jeremiah, is the one in whom we are more especially interested, as he was the oldest settler in Buxton of the Hobson name, though his sons, Joseph and Samuel, came into town before him. He married Hannah Johnson, 1753. Their children were Jeremiah, born April 9, 1754, and Hannah, Sept. 13, 1756. His wife dying, Wm. married Lydia Parsons, 1759. Children, Wm., born May 9, 1760, and died in infancy, Joseph,

born June 11, 1762, Samuel, Sept. 29, 1763, Andrew, July 12, 1765, and Lydia, May 16, 1768. Losing his second wife about the time he came to Maine, he married again and his wife died in Buxton before he did.

Wm. was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, was taken prisoner at King's Bridge by the British and carried into New York City, where he remained a prisoner of war for eleven months.* Afterwards he was at the surrender of Burgoyne, and had the pleasure of marching into the city at its evacuation. He died at Buxton. 1827, aged 97.

Fifth Generation.

Humphrey, son of the last Humphrey, married Sarah Mighill. There were two sons, Humphrey, born 1790, Nathaniel, 1792, and two daughters. The father died 1808, aged 51. The oldest son, Humphrey, graduated at Dartmouth College, 1814.

John, son of Moses, married Mrs. Martha Pool, 1753. One son, Moses, born 1754.

David, son of Moses, married (1) Elizabeth Clark, 1764, who died, 1766, and he married (2) Hannah Bishop, 1768. He enlisted in a Rowley foot company 1757. He was connected with the army 1779, and found dead in a pasture, 1811, aged 72.

Of the sons of Wm., Jeremiah, the oldest, was in the battle of Bunker Hill. He married Lucy Ellsworth, 1778, and settled in Amherst. N. H. Their children were Joseph, Jeremiah, Jonathan, Lucy, Moses and Jane. There were living of this family in 1873, Joseph, Pike Co., N. Y., and Jane (Hoyt) Hillsborough, N. H. Also a daughter of Jeremiah the second son, and Harrison, a son of Jonathan, in Nashua, N. H.; and Moses, son of Moses, in Concord, Mass.

Of the other sons of Wm., Andrew went to New York, Joseph and Samuel came to Buxton when young men, somewhere

* The town of Rowley voted to pay him ten bushels of corn per month for the time he was detained prisoner after the expiration of his term of enlistment.

about 1785, and became the progenitors of the two families of Hobsons in Buxton and vicinity. They first settled near the Lower Corner.

Before this, John Hobson, son of John the Narraganset soldier, drew lots of land, Nos. 10 and 12, Range B., near Pleasant Point, above Union Falls. Also, No. 2, Range E., on which the Lower Corner church now stands, and No. 19, below Peter Emery's. Also, No. 9, 2nd division, Range A., on which stands the house formerly occupied by Lewis Goodwin; and No. 1, Range D., now occupied by Charles Hobson, grandson of Samuel.

Joseph married Rebecca Sawyer, of Buxton. How long they lived at the Lower Corner we cannot tell, but they were settled on the above lot, No. 1, before 1800. Their children were Joseph, born 1788, Jabez, 1790, Lydia, 1793, Andrew, 1795, Jeremiah, 1797, Rebecca, 1800, James, 1802, Joanna, 1804, Adeline, 1808. Joseph, senior, died 1830, aged 68.

Samuel married, Rachel Lane, of Rowley, 1788. Children, Samuel, born 1789, Betsey, 1792, Rachel, 1793, William, 1796, Amos, 1799, Joseph L., 1801, Nancy, 1803, Thomas M., 1805, Alvin, 1807, Enoch Billings, 1809.

Samuel married (2) Mrs. Mary Morton. He lived in 1800 down the river from W. Buxton, where Mr. Partridge now resides, where his father died, and where he died, in 1839, aged 76.

It is worthy of note that in the above family we have the first occurrence of double names.

Sixth Generation.

Moses, son of John, married Sarah Jewett, 1778. Their children were Nathan, Eliphalet, Moses and Aaron, (twins) and Jewett. We find the names of Nathan and Eliphalet among the soldiers in the war of 1812.

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH HOBSON.

1. Joseph married Mary Townsend, 1811. Their children were Almon L., born 1812, Lydia M., 1814, Joseph, 1816, Mary F. S., 1818, Isaac T., 1821, Nancy T., 1825, Ethelinda, 1827, Emily R., 1830, Rebecca A., 1833. Dea. Hobson died in Buxton, 1859, aged 71. His wife died, 1874, aged 88.

2. Jabez married Betsey Hancock. Ten children, Sewall Rebecca, Eliza, Eliza A., Almeda, Ellen, Jabez H. The others died young. Jabez died, 1875, aged 85.

3. Lydia married James Marr. One child, Betsey, (Marr.)

4. Andrew married (1) Adeline Marr. Children, Peletiah M. and Sarah M.
" " (2) Statira Hamblin. Children, William, Andrew, William, Andrew and Jeremiah. William, Andrew and Jeremiah died young.
" " (3) Jane L. Heath.

5. Jeremiah married (1) Abagail Lord. Two children, Harriet N. and Susan A. Harriet N. died unmarried.
" " (2) Mrs. Olive Merrill.

6. Rebecca died unmarried.

7. James married (1) Climena Marsh. Eight children, Jabez H., Amanda, Adeline, Hannah J., Edwin, Jeremiah, William, and an infant.
" " (2) Mrs. Sarah Sanborn.

8. Joanna married Archibald Smith. Nine children, Andrew H., Harriet N. H., Alvin H., Lydia M., George A., Henry F., Wm. H., who was starved in Libby prison and died in the hospital at Washington soon after he was exchanged in 1863, aged 23, Sarah A., who died in '64, and an infant (Smith).

9. Adeline married Tobias Lord. Five children, John D., Jeremiah H., Abbie H., Mary F., and Tobias (Lord).

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL HOBSON.

1. Samuel married Hannah Sawyer. Nine children, Ste-

phen, Elizabeth, Mary G., Nancy, Samuel, Thomas M., John, Albion and Amanda.

Stephen, Mary G., Thos. M., John and Albion are dead. The last died in the civil war.

2. Betsey married Dennis Gilkey. Children, Reuben, Samuel and Joseph (Gilkey.) The last died.

3. Rachel married Jeremiah Stickney. Three sons, Jeremiah, born 1822, Edward S., 1831, Thos. M., and five daughters, Mary, Martha, Elizabeth, Rachel and Ann (Stickney).

4. William married Anna Townsend. Ten children, Wm. F., Nathan, Jeremiah, Jeremiah S., Joseph L., Charles, George, Alvin, George W., and Lydia Ann. Both Georges and Lydia Ann died young.

5. Amos married (1) Mary Gilkey. One child, deceased.
" " (2) Martha Gilkey. Five children, Mary Ann, James G., Charles H., Ellen R., and Martha J.
" " (3) Mary Gowell. One child, Edwin A.

6. Joseph L. and Nancy died unmarried.

7. Thos. Mighill married Bethiah Atkinson. Four children, Marantha, Frederic, Thos. M., and Julia. All but the last died unmarried.

8. Alvin married Mary Ann Morton. One child, Emily A.

9. Enoch B. married Nancy Strout. Eight children, Arvilda L., Simeon S., Simeon S., Samuel, Stephen W., Aurelia A., Frank A., and Emma M.

Seventh Generation.

FAMILY OF DEA. JOSEPH HOBSON.

1. Almon L. married Betsey Baker. Children, Mary, Harriet N., A. Lewis, Elizabeth, and Frederic.

Mary and A. Lewis died young. Elizabeth married Charles Varney and died 1875.

2. Lydia married Eben Adams.

3. Joseph married Jane J. Libby. Children, Frank O. L., Henrietta J., Ann E., Joseph W., George W., Elizabeth, Harrison J., Mary, and Alice M.

Ann, Elizabeth, Harrison and Mary died young. Frank, Henrietta and Jos. W. are married. Frank has one child, Henrietta three children.

4. Mary F. S. married S. P. Lane.

5. Isaac T. married Frances Brewer. Children, Henry D., John, George P., and Mary. John died young.

6. Nancy T. married Wm. L. Johnson. Children, Edward R., Margaret, William A., and Frederic J. (Johnson). Oldest two died.

7. Ethelinda married Rev. J. M. Bailey. Children, Joseph J., and Almon L. (Bailey). Joseph J. died, 1873, aged 25.

8. Emily R. married Rev. G. W. Howe.

9. Rebecca A. L. married William J. Briant and died 1870.

FAMILY OF JABEZ HOBSON.

Sewall married (1) Martha Buzzell. Six children.
" " (2) Mrs. Ann Thompson. One child.

Rebecca married Dr. James M. Buzzell.

Eliza A. married Samuel Bangs. Two children.

Almeda married Ivory Harmon. Four children.

Ellen married Ingalls Payne. Three children.

Jabez H. married Eliza J. Smith. Five children.

FAMILY OF REV. ANDREW HOBSON.

Rev. Peletiah M. married (1) Hannah Mann. Three daughters.
" " (2) Mrs. Martha Nevins.

Sarah M. married Mark Came. One child, died.

Gen. William married Eliza Ann Coolbroth. Five children.

Andrew married Olive Coolbroth. Four children.

FAMILY OF JEREMIAH HOBSON.

Susan A. married Rev. D. P. Harriman. Six children.

FAMILY OF JAMES HOBSON.

JABEZ H. married Olive Goodale. Four children.
AMANDA married Mark Coolbroth. Four children.
ADELINE married Wm. Anderson. Four children.
HANNAH J. married Isaac Ridlon. Five children.
EDWIN married Maria Nute.
JEREMIAH died in the army.
WM. A. married J. Bancroft. One child.

FAMILY OF JOANNA HOBSON (SMITH).

ANDREW H. married (1) Mary Randall. One son.
" " (2) Almeda Smith. Andrew died, 1859.
ALVIN H. married Susan Rounds. Two children. He was killed in the battle of the Wilderness.
LYDIA M. married (1) F. Pitts. One child.
" " (2) Mr. Atkinson. One child.
GEORGE A. married Mary F. Crossman. One child.
HENRY F. married (1) Clara Briar.
" " (2) Clara Fernald.

FAMILY OF ADELINE HOBSON (LORD).

JOHN D. married Jennette Williams. Two children.
JEREMIAH H. married (1) Sarah, daughter of Rev. P. M. Hobson. One child.
" " (2) Lucy Eastman. Three children.
ABBIE H. married Dr. Wm. Cobb. Two children.
MARY F. married Col. Henry C. Wood. Two children. She died in Washington, D. C.
TOBIAS married Emma Eastman.

FAMILY OF SAMUEL HOBSON.

ELIZABETH married Samuel Banks, whose first wife was her sister, MARY G. HOBSON, who had one child that died.
NANCY married D. Mentor. Two children.

SAMUEL married Mary Sawyer. Eight children.
AMANDA married Melvin Ellis. Six children.

FAMILY OF WILLIAM HOBSON.

WM. FREEMAN married (1) Aurelia Phinney. Three children.
" " (2) Mrs. Eliza Hutchings. One child.
NATHAN married Betsey Smith. Three children.
JEREMIAH S. married Susan Smith. One daughter. Jeremiah was killed accidentally.
JOS. LANE married (1) Frances Johnson. One daughter married, who had one child that died.
" " (2) Charlotte S. Googins. Four children.
CHARLES married (1) Dorothy Phinney. One child.
" " (2) Sarah A. Pease. Three children.
ALVIN married (1) Martha Marr. Two children.
" " (2) Sarah Johnson. One son.

FAMILY OF BETSEY HOBSON (GILKEY)

REUBEN married Sarah Edgecomb. Three children. One of whom married Simeon Tufts and has two children.
SAMUEL married Mehitable Stearns. Three children.

FAMILY OF RACHEL HOBSON (STICKNEY.)

MARY married Reuben Pratt. One child.
MARTHA married George Witherell. One child.
ELIZABETH married Michael Hunter. One child.
JEREMIAH married Olive M. Whittier. Three children.
RACHEL married Alfred R. Bradstreet. Five children.
ANN married Francis P. Hale. Two children.
EDWARD married Olive Day. Two children.
THOMAS died unmarried, aged 28 years.

FAMILY OF AMOS HOBSON.

MARY ANN married Daniel Bradbury. Three children.

James G. married Sophronia Swett. One child. James died in 1872.

Charles H. married Lucinda Earle who is deceased.

Ellen R. married Eben Davis. One child.

FAMILY OF THOMAS MIGHILL HOBSON.

Julia married George Hill and died, leaving one child.

FAMILY OF ALVIN HOBSON.

Emily A. married Albert Cressey and died.

FAMILY OF ENOCH B. HOBSON.

Arvilda L. married Jacob D. Wadleigh. Five children.

Simeon S. married Addie Bickford.

Aurelia A. married David Walker. One child.

The Hobsons finally settled about West Buxton some forty years ago, and most of them engaged in the lumber business with varied success. The first important emigration was to Steep Falls, ten miles up river, where they followed the same avocation. But within the last thirty years things have changed very much. This seventh generation, reckoning from Rowley, or fourth in Buxton, have scattered very much, so that there are none left there in the lumber business. Some pursue it elsewhere, but the most of them have gone into other business. Almon L., in Portland, Joseph in Saco, and Isaac T., in Wiscasset, and the Lords of Steep Falls are still quite extensively engaged in it, a large quantity of lumber passing through their hands annually. Some are merchants, some mechanics, some farmers, some ministers, &c. Rev. Andrew Hobson, of Steep Falls, is quite feeble with age; his son, Rev. P. M. Hobson, disabled by

poor health, was obliged to leave preaching for merchandise. Another son, William, a graduate of Bowdoin College, was wounded in the last battle of the Rebellion, while in charge of a regiment, and breveted Gen. He is now practicing law in Boston. Charles is a merchant at West Buxton, where his brother Alvin and his uncle Amos, with his youngest son Edwin, now reside. There are others in Boston, Portland, Saco, Wiscasset, Steep Falls, Limington. Great Falls, N. H., and elsewhere; and in a little while it will be difficult to trace the whereabouts of these families, but those having this book can on blank leaves follow down the genealogy of their own families to the latest posterity, to whom the book will be more valuable than to us, and this work will then, at least, be appreciated.

The graduates from college connected with this family are mostly of the seventh generation. Humprhrey belonged to the sixth. He graduated from Dartmouth, 1814. The husband of Ethelinda Hobson graduated from Dartmouth College, 1843, from Andover Theological Sem., 1846, and received the degree of D. D. from Hillsdale Coll. 1869. Rev. D. P. Harriman graduated from Bowdoin, 1843. Gen. Wm. Hobson from Bowdoin, 1849. Rev. G. W. Howe from Bowdoin, 1858. Also, Col. Henry C. Woods graduated from Bowdoin 1854. Dr. G. L. Goodale, husband of Henrietta J. Hobson, graduated from Amherst, 1860, and afterwards from Harvard Medical Coll. He became Prof. at Bowdoin, thence he removed to Harvard, where he is now acting Professor. Frank O. L. Hobson graduated from Bowdoin, 1861, and Geo. W., 1870. Drs. Buzzell and Cobb are medical graduates. Henry D. Hobson is senior in Harvard. Several have taken a partial course. Others, not having been to college, have become enterprising business men and occupied positions of honor and responsibility.

This sketch will enable any descendant of the family to trace back his genealogy to the original Wm. Hobson who came from England to Rowley, Mass., two hundred and twenty-five years ago.